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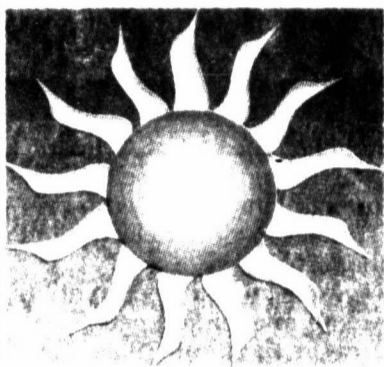
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PAMPA — Don't forget! The Junior Service League is sponsoring a charity ball this Saturday, March 6, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Trips and prizes will be given away and the proceeds from the event will go to Community Daycare, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Hospice of the Panhandle, CASA, Hospital Auxiliary and Tralee Crisis Center. Tickets are \$125 per couple. For more information call Donna Smith at 669-0623.

PAMPA — St. Mark CME Church will sponsor a community breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at the church at 406 Elm. The menu will feature pancakes, bacon sausage, eggs, coffee and juice.

AUSTIN (AP) — Just 31 percent of students who took the Algebra I end-of-course test last fall passed, according to preliminary results released today by state Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

That's up from 14 percent last summer but down from 39 percent who passed the test last spring, Moses said.

The number of students tested last fall was smaller than in the spring — 18,375 compared to 244,693 — and some were repeating the Algebra I course after having previously failed.

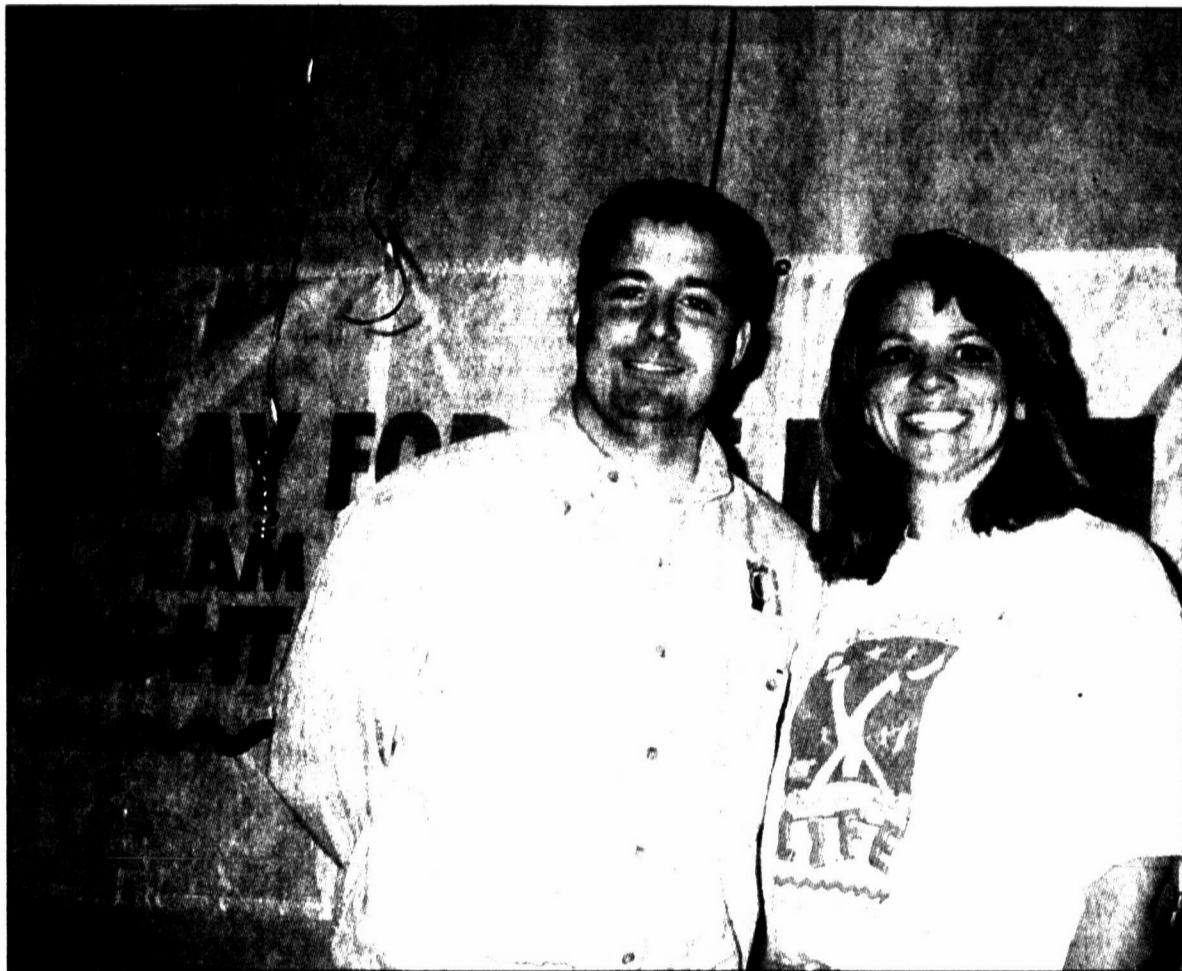
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Helping fight cancer ...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Chris Hurt, Sr. Field Representative for the American Cancer Society, and Relay for Life organizer Pam Dalton, take a short break during the kick-off luncheon for the fourth annual Pampa Relay for Life event.

Relay For Life Luncheon kicks off effort

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**
Managing Editor

"How many of you in here are survivors?" A handful of the people gathered in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building raised their hands.

"How many know of a cancer survivor?" Many more raised hands dotted the room. "My prayer is that I will ask that question and no hands will be raised," said Pampa's Celanese Plant Manager Riley Kothmann.

Kothmann and Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage were two of the community leaders who took part recently in the kick-off luncheon for the American Cancer Society's upcoming Relay for Life event.

The fourth annual Relay for Life in Pampa, the event calls upon citizens to gather donations and participate in a 24-hour relay at Recreation Park to help the ACS continue to provide research and services for cancer patients and their families in Roberts and Gray Counties.

"Last year, the Gray/Roberts unit of the American Cancer Society provided 136 local patients with 620 services at an estimated dollar value of \$15,316," announced Relay for Life organizer Pam Dalton Friday afternoon.

"Services provided include equipment, loans, gift items, transportation, educational

and support programs," she said.

Relay teams comprised of at least 10 people will begin the trek at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 11. The event ends the next day at 1 p.m., however, the Pampa Relay for Life will include many other activities involving the entire community.

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Want to take part?

Here's What to Do

1. Contact Pam Dalton at 665-0356 or the American Cancer Society at 806-353-4306 to get your team information/registration packet.

2. Start putting together your team of 10-12 runners and walkers.

3. Team captains will have meeting to finalize plans and see how your team is doing.

4. Each team member is responsible for raising a minimum of \$50 in sponsorship money to qualify for a Relay for Life t-shirt. Additional prizes are available for walkers raising \$100 or more.

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Good instincts produce pivotal theft case clues

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

The sharp eyes and instincts of a sheriff's dispatcher combined to provide the clues needed to break a burglary case in which about \$10,000 worth of merchandise was stolen.

As a matter of fact, Sheriff's Dispatcher Rhonda Kidd related her suspicions to deputies before the crime had even been reported.

As a result, two men, Howard Ray Vance, 27, 2908 Rosewood, and Gregory Keith Lang, 29, 309 Jean, are in the county jail today accused of stealing property from a barn owned by Alfred Kelly. Among the merchandise taken were tools, a saddle, fishing gear and guns, according to Sheriff's Lt. Jim Scott.

A bulletin was issued last week for the pair and the blue Thunderbird they were driving. It netted results Thursday when police in Lawton, Okla., stopped, then arrested them. Both were returned to Gray County last night.

The two became suspects when they allegedly sold some of the

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All's on track for Y2K, SPS says

The lights will be on when Pampans and other SPS customers ring in the year 2000.

So says a spokesman for the power company who announced today the company will have all of its critical computer systems "Y2K ready" by the end of the summer.

The year 2000, or Y2K bug, refers to a problem with older computer software and microchips which might not properly recognize dates after rolling over to the year 2,000.

"SPS and its parent company, New Century Energies, made this issue a top priority back in 1996," said Bob Ray, year 2000 program manager for New Century Energies. "We're spending \$25 million updating our computer systems. It's a significant investment, but a necessary and critical one on behalf of our customers."

So far, Ray said, SPS and New Century Energies have achieved the following:

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Bush takes step toward candidacy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush says the formation of an exploratory committee — to raise money and measure voter support for the 2000 presidential campaign — won't distract him from his day job.

Moving to disarm potential critics, Bush said Tuesday that he plans to keep working in Texas until the Legislature ends its session on Memorial Day.

"I've told you all numerous times that I'm going to stay home, fight for the tax cuts, fight for a bill to ... end social promotion (of students) and do my job as governor," he said. "Then I will begin to travel around the nation and to listen to people."

Bush, who made his announcement the same day Republican Pat Buchanan declared himself a presidential candidate, declined to comment on President Clinton but did say he would set a different tone.

"I'll let the historians judge President Clinton. ... I intend to conduct myself in office the way I have here in the state of Texas, to

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DBA sponsors Easter contest

Calling all Easter egg decorators in the grades of Pre-K through second.

The Downtown Business Association is sponsoring an Easter Egg Decorating Contest in which Pampa Bucks will be awarded as prizes.

There'll be \$50 to the winner, \$25 for the second-place finisher and third place will win \$15.

The rules say each "egg" must be two feet in height and one-foot-four-inches in width made from cardboard or poster board.

To decorate, materials such as tissue paper, glitter, cotton balls, markers and crayons may be used. Be creative!

Bring the completed egg to one of the following merchants no later than 5 p.m. March 29: Pampa Office Supply, Best Finance and Rentals, The Pampa News, Texas Furniture, Rheams, Price and Friends, Duncan, Frasier and Bridges Insurance, Hobby Shop or Holmes Gift Shop.



This scene will be repeated Sunday, March 7, when the Knights of Columbus host its annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the new Knights of Columbus Hall, at 318 N. Cuyler.

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Photographs from the past

Gray County Memories

Marie Bartholomew



You see them at garage sales and swap meets. They sit in sad little piles, waiting to be claimed. There are adults, families and children all dressed up with no place to go. If you are like me, you wonder about their history and wish that these pictures could speak.

To me, it is a very depressing sight, all of these unclaimed pictures. Sometimes, if the price is not prohibitive, I buy pictures that have names written on the back in hopes they will find their rightful ancestor of the present. At least twice, I have been lucky enough to reunite pictures with their present families. Wouldn't it be nice if all these lost pictures were as lucky?

My grandmother left two suitcases full of these pictures. Some I could identify. Many I had to take to her sisters, only to find that each of them had different memories about who was whom. It has been a daunting task, but I'm getting there.

One was an 11x14 framed photograph of a stern looking man. For many years, this mystery man hung on my walls. I never gave up that I'd find out who he was. A few years ago, after making contact with a second cousin through the Internet, she sent me several pictures. Surprise, all these years I had been looking at my Grandfather William Rufus Winton.

I am as guilty as the next person of taking photographs, stor-

ing them and not taking the time to write information on the back. One of my New Years resolutions is to have all my photographs organized, named and stored safely for future generations to come.

This is a time consuming task. However, I hope that many of you in the following year will do the same for your family history.

Take a few moments to identify and organize your pictures, especially those that maybe only you can identify. This is a wonderful legacy your family will enjoy for many years.

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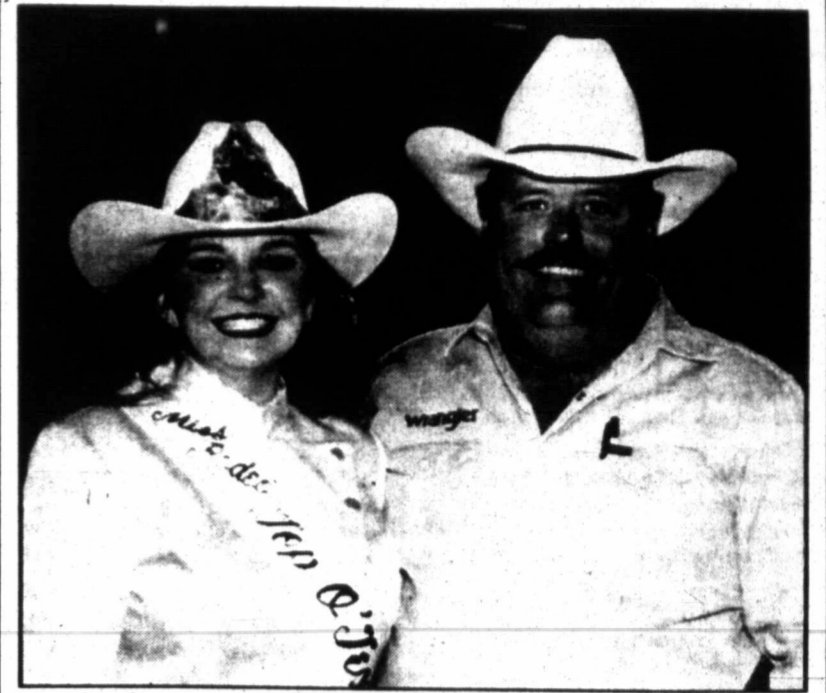
Spelling bee



(Special photo)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School students Monica Johnson, fifth grade, and Angela Mechelay, fourth grade, won the school-wide spelling bee recently. Both will now participate in the county meet on March 5.

Miss Top O' Texas



(Special Photo by Diane Jennings)

Miss Top O' Texas, Brandy Kempf (left), recently attended the benefit held for Rodney McCulloch (right) who was undergoing cancer treatments.

Panhandle Council of Car Clubs to hold annual show

The Panhandle Council of Car Clubs will have their annual car show on March 6 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and March 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation with a new addition this year. The PCCC has invited Coffee Memorial Blood Center to hold a blood drive on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

PCCC is an organization of 21 car clubs that has a long history of community service. This year marks the 15th year for the car show benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation with over \$500,000 donated to this worthy cause. In addition, they have provided long-time support to Meals on Wheels with the proceeds from their swap meets.

"In keeping with our emphasis on community service, we have asked Coffee Memorial Blood Center to join us and hold a blood drive. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in our Panhandle

community, and this is one way PCCC can help ensure that there is a safe, adequate blood supply for those who need the gift of life" said Barry Henson, show chairman.

In addition to the blood drive there will be all kinds of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and race cars; a model car contest for all ages; and monster truck mania with Pokey the Clown. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 free. All attending including blood donors will be charged the admission fee. For more information about the car show, call (806) 353-2024 or (806) 358-9900.

For more information about the blood drive, call (806) 358-4563.

Girl Scout Sunday

March 7 is designated as Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scouts will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday as they meet with their troops during the week and wear their Girl Scout uniform to places of worship. Girls will also wear their Girl Scout pin during the week.

Churches throughout the Panhandle will be recognizing Girl Scouts during March 7 services.

Today Girl Scouts is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world, with a national organization in 129 countries. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. alone serves nearly three million girls ages 5-17.

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, which serves girls in 17 panhandle counties, has as its mission "to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens."

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At the State Capitol
with
State Sen. Teel Bivins

Overcoming social promotion in state schools

For decades now a significant number of Texas school children have been falling through the cracks. In most cases, we've known who they were by the third grade but allowed them to fall behind through the practice of pushing them ahead. This is called social promotion. What does it mean? When it is clearly demonstrated that a student is not able to work at grade level but is promoted to the next grade level anyway, he or she is said to be socially promoted. They are promoted, but not for academic reasons.

Conventional wisdom in the field of public education in the last two decades maintained that if a student was retained they would be more likely to drop out of school. It was believed that, if the student was promoted to the next grade level, a different teacher might have some luck bringing the student along and thus preventing another dropout.

Conventional wisdom began to change once we started measuring student academic achievement based on the results of a standardized assessment instrument, the TAAS test. We now know that there is a high correlation between students who fail the eighth grade TAAS and students who fail the third grade TAAS. In other words, promoting a student who clearly cannot work at grade level just prolongs the inevitable. Based on this knowledge, the legislature definitely outlawed the practice of social promotion in 1995.

But, in 1997, state law notwithstanding, 90 percent of the third graders who failed the TAAS test were promoted to the fourth grade anyway. I believe that the practice of social promotion is a disservice to the student, their parents, their peers and their teachers.

I filed legislation to attempt to correct this problem. Thankfully, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry strongly shares my views and recognizes the significance of this initiative by assigning the social promotion legislation his highest designation, Senate Bill 1, the major emphasis of this legislation is on early intervention and intensive remediation for students who are having trouble reading. In support of Senate Bill 1, the state is prepared to make a major commitment of funds for teacher training and student remediation efforts.

Beginning with the entering kindergarten class of 1999, students will be assessed for reading difficulties and, when found, given intensive research-based instruction. This assessment and intensive remediation will continue, as needed, as these students move through the first, second and third grade.

By 2003, when children are in the third grade, they will be asked to pass the TAAS test. The third grade TAAS only assesses a student's reading ability. One of the requirements of the bill will be to get TAAS test results into the hands of teachers within one week of being turned in to Austin. This will allow time during the school year for intensive instruction. A child that fails the first administration of the TAAS and is given remediation will have the chance to take the test a second time before the end of the school year. If the child fails the second administration, the state will fund extended year or summer school for more intensive instruction. The child will have a third, final opportunity to pass the TAAS test in the summer.

If, after three attempts, the child is still unable to pass the test the state policy will be that the child be retained and, once again, offered intensive remediation with the goal of getting the child performing at grade level. But, because there can and will be a host of extenuating circumstances, I have put an appeals process in the bill where the child's parents can appeal to a grade placement committee composed of the parent, the child's teacher and the child's principal. This committee will have the ultimate authority on deciding whether to promote the child to the next grade level, and the vote must be unanimous. If the child is promoted through the appeals process, additional remediation will be available in the fourth grade to ensure the child gets up to speed and can perform at grade level.

Supporters of the status quo who argue against holding children back, say that giving the student the same curriculum in the same classroom with the same teacher one more time does no good. I agree with them, in part. If we were just holding them back and letting them have the same curriculum over again, we probably could not expect dramatic results. That's why in Senate Bill 1 there is such a heavy emphasis on intensive, accelerated remediation. Armed with new research in how students learn, with teacher training to diffuse this knowledge and with state funded remediation, I believe that we can teach those students who are now falling through the cracks and continue to improve student performance in Texas.

On Feb. 18, the Senate passed Senate Bill 1. It now moves to the House for consideration.

Thinking about thinking about it

This is to informally announce that I am considering a bid for the presidency.

In my formal announcement, to be made in Cowsbottom, Texas, and again later the same day on "Larry King Live," I will say the same thing without splitting the infinitive "to announce."


But since this is only an informal announcement, I can split any infinitive I want. I may even end a sentence with a preposition, if I can remember what one is.

Later this month, I will announce that I am meeting with my advisors to decide whether to announce that I am forming a committee to explore whether to announce that I am setting up a campaign organization, prior to announcing that I am running for the highest office in the land.

The meeting, the committee and the organization will all be staffed by more or less the same advisers (code names Larry, Curly and Moe). But by delaying the announcement of the formation of the organization, I won't have to pay them.

Thus, you should not take this informal announcement as an announcement that I'm actually running. No, no, no. You should take this informal announcement as an announcement that I'm thinking about thinking about it.

This follows my announcements, both formal and informal, at two-week intervals for the past two years to the effect that I was thinking about



Dan Rather
Syndicated columnist

thinking about thinking about it. These announcements are my little way to get my name in the papers, radio and television as often as possible without buying an ad. My only fear is that Larry King will get sick of me before I can formally announce that I'm exploring thinking about announcing. As I look out across the happy faces of the good people of the great state of (Choose one: Iowa, New Hampshire), I have already made up my mind to launch my campaign. But I'm not going to come out and say so. That would be telling. Therefore, informally, over the next few weeks, following the swimsuit and evening wear competitions, I will NOT announce that I have filed all necessary campaign papers, as well as financial records and sexual history, with the Federal Election Commission. As a possibly potential candidate, I've spent an average of 182.5 days per year here in the

great state of (Choose one: Iowa, New Hampshire) since 1996.

Sheer coincidence! So far, the single greatest obstacle to my candidacy is my beloved wife, who has no desire to see me in public office.

The second greatest obstacle to my candidacy is the American people, who also have no desire to see me in public office.

I've known flu germs who stood a better chance of being elected to the White House.

However, as recent events in Washington demonstrate, politics no longer has anything to do with what the public wants.

So unfurl the bunting! Who cares whether I've got my bunting license yet?

Campaign costs in the year 2000 are expected to exceed \$1 billion more cash than I have on me just now. So you may wonder, "How will Dan PAY for this potential bid?"

My response is, "I won't — YOU will." Armed representatives of my campaign staff will be going door to door for your contributions.

Some may protest, saying this violates campaign finance rules.

And my response is, "WHAT rules?" You didn't really BELIEVE all that stuff about regulation and reform, did you? Those guys in the Senate are such kidders.

In conclusion, I want to highlight an important difference between my possibly declarable, potential candidacy and all the others you read about: I'm joking.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, March 3, the 62nd day of 1999. There are 303 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.
On this date:
In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.
In 1847, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.
In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.
In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory.
In 1875, the Georges Bizet opera

"Carmen" premiered in Paris.
In 1885, the U.S. Post Office began offering special delivery for first-class mail.
In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.
In 1969, Apollo IX blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.
In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 inexplicably crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.
In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

Ten years ago: Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole suggested that Defense Secretary-designate John Tower be given the opportunity to appear before the Senate to answer allegations against him.
Five years ago: Amid continuing trade tensions with Japan, President Clinton issued an executive order reviving an expired provision of U.S. trade law known as Super 301, which provided a strict timetable for results.
One year ago: Presidential confidant Vernon Jordan testified before the grand jury investigating the Monica Lewinsky matter. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that his company wasn't a monopoly out

to crush rivals in the Internet software market. The Supreme Court ruled that local lawmakers' votes are immune to lawsuits even if they had been based on illegal or discriminatory motives. Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Former CBS News president Fred W. Friendly died in New York at age 82.
Today's Birthdays: Actor James Doohan is 79. Lee Radziwill Ross is 66. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 52. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 49. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 46. Actress Miranda Richardson is 41. Actress Mary Page Keller is 38. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 37.


Language can be used to distort reality

Yukio Mishima, the late Japanese novelist, said that words corrode reality. That's a true observation relevant to us in America. These days, we are wallowing in a turbulent sea of words.

Languages are just a set of symbols, aural and written, which stand for things and aspects of reality which exist both outside ourselves and independent of us and our symbols. The life form sticking up out of the ground which we, using the English code, call a tree is, so far as we know, unaware of both our existence and our code symbol.

Languages are just sets of codes, and there are many (Chinese, Spanish, English, etc.), but they all contain symbols of the same reality. The liquid form of hydrogen and oxygen is the same stuff whether we use the English symbol, "water," or the Spanish symbol, "agua." In fact, one of the advantages of learning a different language is that doing so forces us to recognize that language is just a code of symbols and not reality. It forces us to realize that while the codes are quite different, the people who use different codes are very similar. Reading translations of good literature will also reinforce that similarity.

It's very important to understand that the symbol is not the thing itself. It's important to understand that symbols are only approximations and can be very vague. For example, does being a "Republican" mean you are like Jesse



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

Helm and Strom Thurmond or like Olympia Snowe and Al D'Amato? As you can see, the same symbol can include people of quite opposite views and beliefs.

Because we think with language, we cannot think clearly and accurately unless we understand the nature of language. We can fall into the trap, for example, of believing in word magic. That's the belief that a symbol can have an actual effect on reality. The utterance of symbols, however, cannot hurt or help you unless you believe they can. A person who applies insulting words to you is not really describing you but is indicating to you that he has hostile feelings toward you. That is useful information to have, but the words he uses to indicate that are otherwise meaningless and of no importance.

Language can and is used to distort reality. The statement "Saddam Hussein is a threat to his neighbors" is not a description of reality. It

is speculation, a guess about the state of mind and future intentions of a man whom the people making the statement have never met. You can say, of course, that he invaded Kuwait and Iraq, which is true. But Israel has invaded Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Jordan. Yet nobody in Washington speaks of Israel as "a threat to its neighbors." We have invaded Granada and Panama. Are we a "threat to our neighbors"?

You will often hear from people who want to restrict private ownership of firearms that "guns kill." A gun, however, is an inanimate machine. Since the gun cannot move, much less load, aim and operate itself, the reality is that a human being has used a gun to kill another person. It is the human being, not the inanimate object, that should concern us. To shift responsibility from the human to the machine is to distort reality.

Keep in mind the difference between facts and opinions. A fact is a description of reality that is independently verifiable. An opinion represents a judgment. Speculation represents a guess.

Any time someone purports to know what is inside another person's mind, you can put it down as speculation. It is difficult to predict with any kind of accuracy what someone else's future actions will be. My high school principal assured my mother that I would be another John Dillinger but — so far — I have not robbed a single bank.

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BUSH

bring dignity and honor to the office," he said. The committee announcement surprised no one. Advisers had been putting out the word for more than a week, but it was the first public step Bush has taken toward a White House race. "I don't have a formal date in mind yet," Bush said of a final decision to run. "I do know that, first things first, I'm going to start raising money to determine whether or not there is an interest beyond just people coming to Austin." Raising money has not been a problem for the man polls rank among the front-runners for the Republican nomination. Records show he received about \$16 million in his 1994 challenge of Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, and \$17.7 million for last year's re-election campaign. Democrats quickly questioned the sincerity of Bush's pledge to focus on business at home. "As he has an exploratory committee, there will be more and more people coming in to visit," said Molly Beth Malcolm, chair of the state Democratic Party. "He has a day job that right now is the most critical thing — looking out for the citizens of this state who elected him as governor." Bush, 52, sounded the "compassionate conservatism" themes that have become his trademark. Alternating between English and Spanish, he said his national vision would echo his Texas record. "I'll have a plan to encourage prosperity. But I want to make sure prosperity is for everybody, not a handful," he said. "I don't want anybody left behind." Bush often has cited his worries about the impact of a national campaign on his wife, Laura, and their twin 17-year-old daughters.

Eight tourists hacked to death

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Two New Zealanders among the dead were identified as Rhonda Avis, 27, of Auckland, and Michelle Strathern, 26, of Timaru. Mrs. Avis' husband, Mark, escaped, said the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Rebel letters to Ugandan chiefs two weeks ago warned that Britons and Americans would be targeted, but the threats were not passed on to British tour operators or diplomats, The Express newspaper of London reported today. British diplomats in Kampala were investigating the report. The tourists were abducted at campgrounds on the edge of Bwindi National Park, known as the Impenetrable Forest, the starting point for visitors hoping to glimpse the 320 mountain gorillas that remain along the border mountain's slopes. The rebels are Hutu fighters who fled Rwanda after killing more than 500,000 minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus in the 1994 genocide there. They are angry at Uganda for supporting the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan government, and have been carrying out cross-border raids from bases in eastern Congo, often ambushing vehicles and kidnapping or killing passengers. The rebels abducted four foreign tourists and seven Congolese guides and porters on a trek to observe the gorillas in August. They later released a Canadian tourist and all the Congolese escorts, but two Swedish tourists and a New Zealander have not been seen since. Ugandan police initially said the tourists were killed in the crossfire of an army rescue attempt. But Uganda's deputy chief of military intelligence, Noble Mayombo, told The Associated Press today the account "was a mistake." Mark Ross, an American-born tour operator who was among the survivors, said in the capital, Kampala, that the rebels rounded up tourists from several camps and marched them through the jungle. He saw five bodies, their heads crushed and bodies deeply slashed, with no signs of gunshot wounds. "We are satisfied that Mark Ross' version of the story is true," U.S. Embassy press attache Virgil Bodeen said today. He said an FBI team was in Uganda and that an investigation was under way. The two dead Americans were Rob Haubner, 48, and his wife, Susan Miller, 42. Haubner's company, Intel Corp., said they were on their third trip to Africa. The family issued a statement saying: "We are shocked by this news and we are trying to cope with this devastating situation as best we can." The parents of one of the four British victims, Mark Lindgren, 23, said he graduated from university last year and was two weeks into a three-month tour of Africa. "Mark was kind-hearted, generous, bright and loved life," said his father, John Lindgren. British media identified a second British victim today as Steven Roberts of Edinburgh, Scotland, an amateur pilot who was traveling the world. Ugandan police identified the other two British victims as Martin Friend and Joan Cotton.

Court: student-led prayer at public school football games unconstitutional

By TERRI LANGFORD
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld limited prayer at public school graduation ceremonies but says student-led prayers at high school football games are unconstitutional. In a decision released Monday by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the majority ruled that student-led prayers were allowable at solemn events like graduations. But the court said football games don't share the "singularly serious nature" of graduations. "The prayers are to be delivered at football games — hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer," Judge Jacques Wiener wrote for the majority in the 2-1 decision. The Liberty Legal Institute, which supports prayer at school functions, called the ruling "an outrage."

"The government has no right to control the content of our children's prayers," Kelly Shackelford, chief counsel for the Plano-based group, said Tuesday. "The decision is wrong, flat wrong and extremely dangerous."

The case involves the Santa Fe Independent School District, which sought to allow prayers before football games and also wanted to remove restrictions against mentioning specific deities, such as Jesus, at graduation ceremonies.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent ruled in 1996 that the district outside Houston could not tamper with the restrictions on graduation prayers, but he allowed the same set of standards to be used for football games.

The 5th Circuit panel, ruling from New Orleans, agreed with Kent that restrictions on proselytizing and sectarian language may not be lifted but overturned his ruling allowing football game prayers.

Two unidentified parents brought the lawsuit against the district in 1995, claiming that football game prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

Anthony Griffin, attorney for the parents, said he believes the ruling applies not only to football games but to all school-sponsored athletic events. The 5th Circuit's jurisdiction covers Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. In his dissent, Judge Grady

Jolly said the majority ruling violated the First Amendment.

"Today, for the first time in our court's history, the majority expressly exerts control over the content of its citizens' prayers," Jolly wrote. "And it does so notwithstanding that the Supreme Court has never required, suggested, hinted, or implied that the Constitution controls the content of citizens' prayers in any context."

Lisa A. Brown, an attorney for the school district, said she did not know if the district would appeal.

The Supreme Court, which has barred compulsory prayer in public school classes since 1962,

ruled in 1992 that public schools could not require prayers in graduation ceremonies. Since then, advocates of school prayer have turned to student-led observances, with mixed results in the courts.

In 1997, U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent struck down an Alabama law that would have allowed "nonsectarian, nonproselytizing, student-initiated, voluntary prayers" at all school-related events. He said the law would be coercive and lead to "excessive entanglement" between religion and government.

The Supreme Court rejected the appeal filed by Alabama.

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Medical Tragedy Reveals Importance of Carrying I.D.

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen a letter in your column stressing the importance of always carrying identification, either in a pocket or attached to your clothing.

My neighbor spent last summer with her sister who lived several hundred miles away. During the visit, she suffered a massive stroke while shopping alone in a mall. Her purse was stolen and no one knew who she was. When she didn't return at the expected time, her sister became frightened and called the police, but the visiting sister couldn't be located.

Abby, a few nights later, her by-then frantic sister saw a news report about an unidentified woman who had a stroke in a mall and died two days later. She followed up on the story and discovered the "unidentified woman" was her sister!

Since then, I have been suggesting to friends and family that they carry identification on them at all times — and although many promise to do so, they "don't get around to it." Perhaps if they see this in your column, they'll realize how important the message is and do something about it.

ALICE JOHNS,
NORTH PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ALICE: I relayed that message to readers several years ago, but it bears repeating. It's also a good idea to carry essential medical information with the I.D. Should there be an accident or sudden illness that prevents communi-



Abigail Van Buren

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ating health problems, emergency personnel will know about allergies, possible drug interactions or pre-existing conditions.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Wondering Dad's" letter. I was widowed at 23 years of age with a 3-year-old daughter. A year and a half later, I'm still single.

I, too, worry that not having a "man of the house" will have repercussions later. People tell me that I should have a father for my daughter or she may not grow up right. Abby, my child is intelligent, outgoing and well-adjusted. Yes, there are some things that a father could teach her that I cannot, so I have enlisted my brother to spend time with her. Until I find someone who is perfect for the two of us, I will not rush into a marriage just to have a father for her.

I applaud you for the perfect answer you gave "Wondering Dad." Please let him know that as long as he gives his time and love, and teaches his son to respect and

appreciate people, he will grow up to be a well-adjusted young man.

THE WOMAN OF THE HOUSE
IN SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR WOMAN OF THE HOUSE: Selecting a spouse is not a decision that should be made in haste, because one size does not fit all. I'm certain that "Wondering Dad" will find your letter reassuring. Thank you for the input.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a bridal shower for a new family member. I accepted this invitation and later learned from my sister-in-law that the wedding was the following weekend.

She received an invitation to the wedding; I didn't. The wedding was billed as a "small, intimate family wedding." At the shower, I learned that my husband's aunt (the bride's mother) invited her close friends and only a few family members!

Is it proper to invite a member of the family to a bridal shower but not to the wedding?

INSULTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR INSULTED: Absolutely not. Since you were invited to the shower, you should have been invited to the wedding also.

on to rigid constraints. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Allow others to be rebellious; don't put your foot down. Creativity dominates as others seek you out. Open communication triggers new beginnings. Know what you want and where you are heading. Enjoy the unpredictable and/or going overboard. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Make a statement. Follow through on what you know to be right. Indulging another has its benefits, though you might want to establish limits for your own well-being. Reorganize your thinking. Work gives you freedom and energy. Tonight: Make that expenditure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others seek you. You could change your point of view dramatically because of what you hear. A child or loved one delights you with his spontaneity. Express your deeper feelings; allow more bonding to occur. Clearly, others want to be around you. Tonight: Shop and/or socialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Postpone a decision until additional information is revealed. A family member could surprise you with news. Not understanding the whole story limits your present options. Allow extra time for a money matter to develop; more data will become available. An associate means well. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your sense of direction keeps you on target, though you could take many twists and turns. Trust your judgment. Schedule a must meeting; touch base with others. Networking brings surprising re-

sults. You can deal with what comes up. Laughter and goodwill mark decisions.

Tonight: Browse a software outlet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Make decisions. Head in a new career direction. Your ability to see and make a needed adjustment empowers you. All eyes turn to you, professionally and emotionally. Security marks your domestic life, though you could go overboard. Tonight: Meet friends for a late dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your lightness and unpredictability draw others. You don't always have to have the right answer. Listen to feedback, take a risk. Your ability to take an overview and adjust priorities puts you in the winner's circle. Knowing what you want makes a big difference. Tonight: Escape work ASAP.

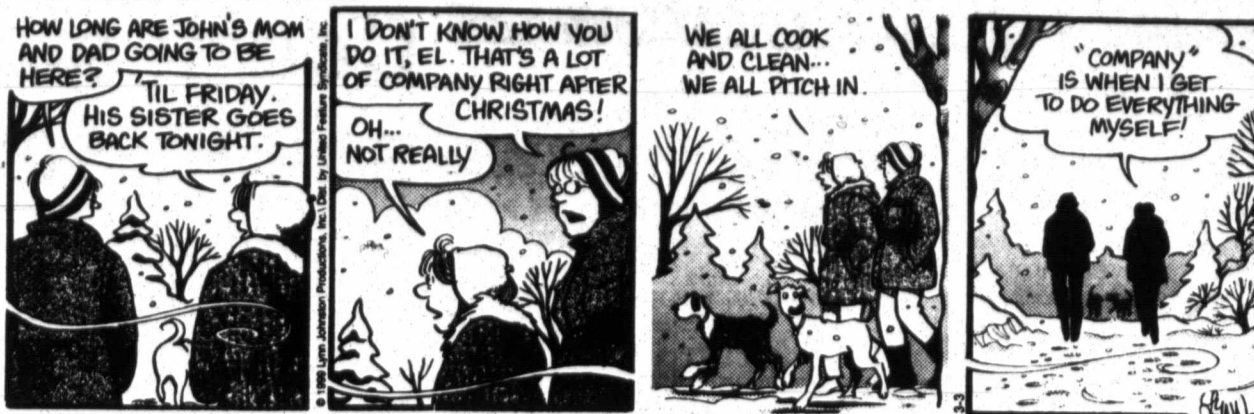
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Ask questions; make inquiries. A partner sees you a lot differently than you think. Surprising insights come, once you relax. Sometimes it is important to take in another point of view. Bosses work with you. You finally have the flexibility you want. Tonight: Talk turkey!

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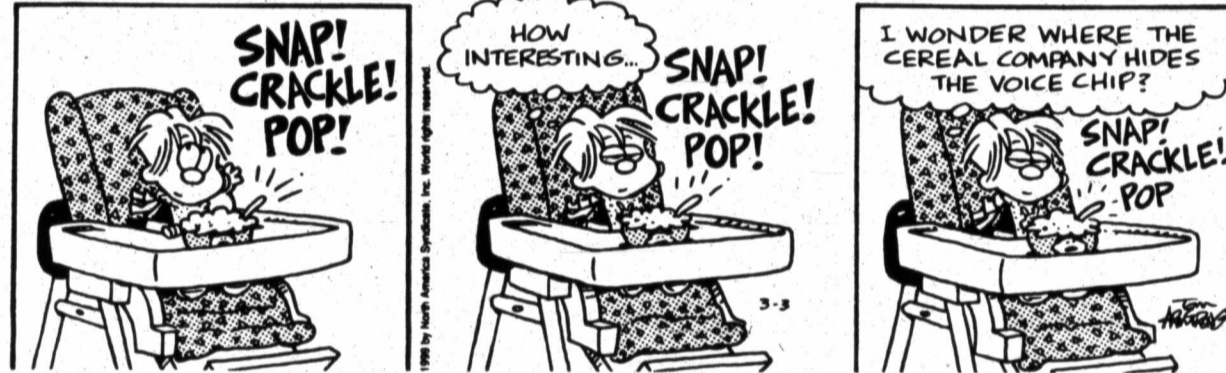
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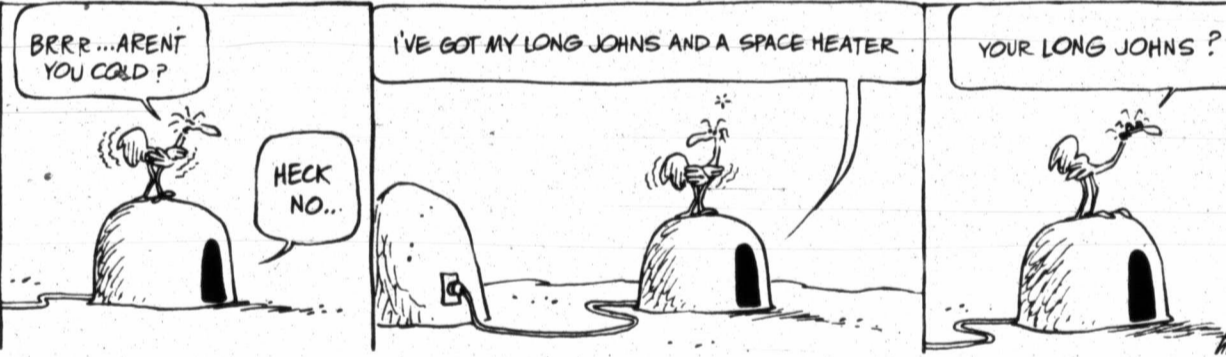
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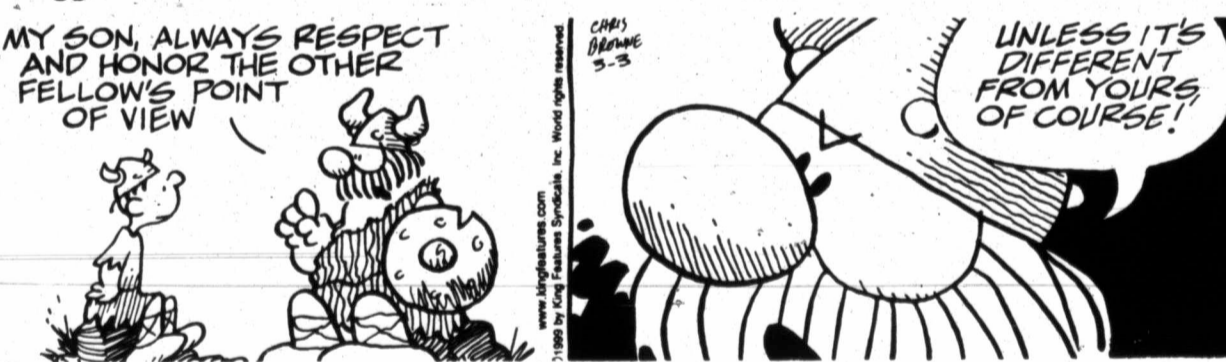
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, MAR. 4, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)

***** Others present different viewpoints. Rather than dismissing them, try to see them. Your perspective changes if you listen to another. Overindulgence marks interactions. There is a buoyant feeling between you and a partner. Tonight: Roll with the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Buckle down to work; don't let others distract you. Discipline yourself, as well. Get into the work ethic. Sometimes you don't see the big picture, especially when you are focused. A partner draws you in, especially over an emotional and/or financial matter. Tonight: Surprises simply happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Others prove exciting and challenging, simultaneously. Don't get locked into a struggle of wills. Smile at how everyone is different. Unexpected news from a distance takes you in an interesting direction. Enjoy discussions. Make important decisions. Tonight: Have a good time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Pace yourself. You simply might not be in the mood for work. Could a change help you enjoy your day-to-day life more? A home office, new computer or different schedule? Indulge yourself and don't hold

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Island nation
- 5 Church district
- 11 Baseball's Slaughter
- 12 Pilot
- Earhart
- 13 Canyon sound
- 14 Ship's kitchen
- 15 Brown shade
- 16 Slothful
- 17 Make amends
- 19 Mimic
- 22 Attacked
- 24 Map size
- 26 Trojan War hero
- 27 Spoken
- 28 "Ground-hog Day" director
- 30 Stratagems
- 31 RN's colleagues
- 32 Indian, for one
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- 44 Turns
- 45 Arduous journey

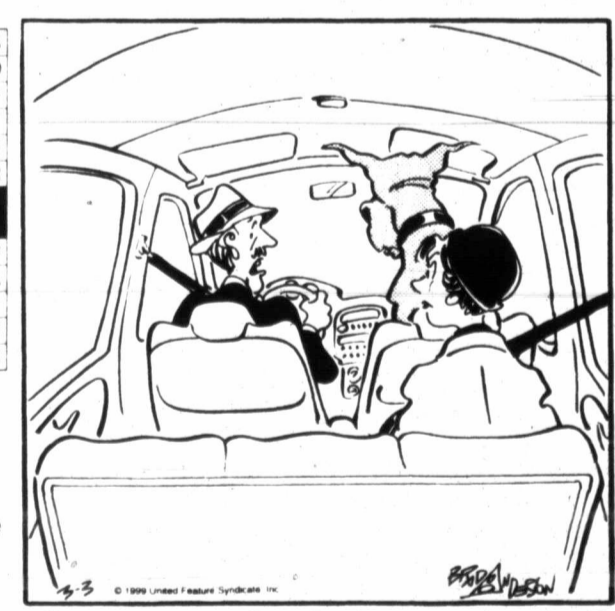
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- 3 First vice president
- 4 Equal Prefix
- 5 Heathen
- 6 Stuns
- 7 Depend
- 8 Under the weather
- 9 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 10 Cow chow
- 16 Park place
- 18 Head for the hangar
- 19 Third vice president
- 20 Theater offering
- 21 Slippery ones
- 22 Tough
- 23 Not quite shut
- 25 Fast food
- 29 Bard's quaff
- 30 Favorite work
- 33 Paint layers
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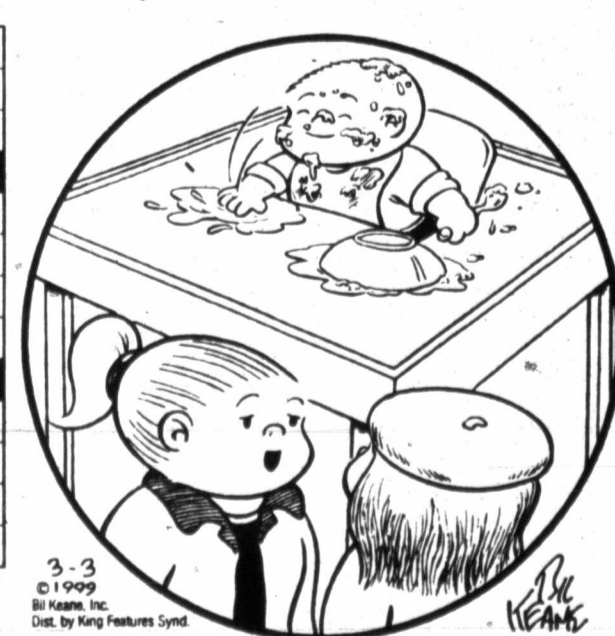


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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — An organizational meeting and mandatory classroom and field mechanics clinics to prepare for adult spring softball will be held on Tuesday, March 9. The location will be the Umpire Association building at the north end of Recreation Park with the clinic starting at 6 p.m.

The training is mandatory for all returning and interested new umpires. The test, which is annually required, is to be waived this year.

Spring ball begins on Saturday, March 27 with the USSSA 14th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For more information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes or Scott Hahn.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Pampa Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ready Room at the PHS athletic building.

Fund-raisers for the 1999 season will be discussed.

The public is invited to attend. Parents of football players are especially urged to come to the meeting.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Jazz beat the Lakers 70-62 in a Pampa Kids-Youth Club basketball league game.

Leo Ramirez had 30 points and Blake Hurst 25 to lead the Jazz scoring attack.

Adam Rodgers and David Jenkins had 20 points each to lead the Lakers. Ricky Addington added 12 points.

Others scoring for the Jazz were Trevor Muniz with 9 points and Shawn Stone 6.

Others scoring for the Lakers were Matt Driscoll with 8 points and Jacob Campos 6.

Hurst hit four 3-point goals for the Jazz while Muniz had 2 and Ramirez 1.

The Jazz has a 3-0 record while the Lakers are 1-2. The Jazz play Saturday at 7 p.m. All games are played in the MPAC building.

Basketball scoresheets are available at *The Pampa News* for persons who would like to turn in results of their games.

PAMPA — Pampa P.T. defeated Subway 88-58 in City Men's League basketball action Monday.

Dustin Miller led Pampa in scoring with 27 points while John Studebaker added 18. Two other players, Brian Raney (15) and Chris Roden (13) scored in double figures.

Leo Ramirez was high scorer for Subway with 24 points and Shawn Young followed with 15.

Others scoring for Pampa were Matt Shuler with 9 points, Todd Williams 4 and Scott Kirchoff 2. Miller had three 3-point goals while Raney and Shuler had 1 each.

Others scoring for Subway were Johnny Salazar with 8 points, Rene Granillo 7 and Andrew Ramirez 4. Leo Ramirez had a pair of 3-point goals while Young and Granillo had 1 each.

Pampa P.T. led at the half by a score of 37-26.

PHS team competes in McKinney tourney

MCKINNEY — The Pampa tennis team went against some stiff competition at the McKinney Tournament and several players had impressive results.

There were 12 teams entered in the tournament, which was held last weekend. Included were 5A schools McKinney, Dallas Pesh, Highland Park, Allen, Duncanville, Plano, Plano East, Pearce and Burleson. Pampa, Lake Highlands and Marcus were the 4A schools competing.

"It was a great experience playing in the Dallas area, seeing good players we never play," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles. "It was a beautiful setting, great weather and excellent competition. We improved a lot over the weekend and had some

outstanding finishes."

In boys' singles, sophomore Michael Cornelison finished in ninth place and won four of five matches. His only loss came against the No. 1 seed. Junior Ryan Mills placed 12th and won two of five matches.

In girls' singles, senior Mandy Wells placed third and won four of five matches. Her only loss came against No. 2 seed Katie Murdock of McKinney 6-4, 6-2. Freshman Ashley Stucki placed 19th in her first major tournament in the varsity division. She won two of five matches.

In boys' doubles, junior Matt Rains and sophomore Bryce Jordan placed fourth and won three of five matches. They lost one match to the No. 1 seed. Junior Kerry Turner and Matt

Tennis

Cook placed 14th, winning three of five matches. Freshman A.J. Smith and freshman Jared Spearman placed 17th, winning two of four matches.

In girls' doubles, Kellen Waters and junior Emily Waters placed second, winning four of five matches. They lost a close final to the No. 1 seed from Plano East 6-4, 6-4. Senior Valerie Lee and junior Emily Curtis placed sixth and three of five matches. They lost a heartbreaker in the quarterfinals to Plano East 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Freshman Michelle Lee and junior Jennifer Muns placed 21st, winning one of three matches. The varsity team travels to Altus, Okla. this weekend and

the varsity Two and junior varsity will host a tournament in Pampa on Friday and Saturday.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Second-seeded Patrick Rafter defeated Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic.

In other matches involving seeded players, No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic beat Scott Draper 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Justin Gimelstob defeated No. 7 Thomas Muster 6-4, 7-5; and Jerome Golmard ousted No. 8 Gustavo Kuerten 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Also, Fernando Vicente defeated Jason Stoltenberg 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; Mariano Zabaleta beat Slava Dosedel 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; and Jan-Michael Gambill beat Franco Squillari 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Frederik Fetterlein, a wild-card entrant, upset seventh-seeded David Prinosil 6-1, 6-4 in the first round of the Copenhagen Open.

In other matches, No. 4 Fabrice Santoro of France defeated Danish wild-card Thomas Larsen 6-3, 6-0. Daniel Nestor of Canada topped Adrian Panatta 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, and Rainer Schuttler of Germany beat Laurence Tieleman of Italy 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Connors began his quest for a third Nuveen Masters title with a 7-6, (9-7), 6-1 victory over longtime rival Guillermo Vilas. Connors, who won the tournament in 1995 and 1997, faces Yannick Noah on Wednesday.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Jimmy Story (6) and Aaron Childress go on the attack against Borger in District 3-4A boys' soccer action Tuesday night in Harvester Stadium.

Harvesters sweep Borger in soccer

PAMPA — Pampa blanked Borger 4-0 in a District 3-4A boys' soccer match Tuesday at Harvester Stadium.

Aaron Childress and Ryan Nash each scored goals in the first half for a 2-0 Pampa lead. Jeremy Hall added two second-half goals to put the finishing touches on the Bulldogs.

Hall and Ryan Chambers each had assists.

Goalie Jeremy Goode stopped several Borger shots to earn a shutout.

Pampa improved to 6-10 overall and 4-5 in district. The win kept the Harvesters in the running for the third-place playoff spot.

Canyon and Randall have already wrapped up playoff spots.

Borger falls to 1-8 in district and 1-14 overall.

Pampa plays at Palo Duro at 4:15 Friday.

In other matches, Caprock slipped by Palo Duro 2-1 and Canyon sneaked past Randall 2-1.

In the girls' division, Pampa

earned its first-ever playoff spot in girls' soccer by defeating Borger 3-0 Tuesday night. Jessie Maddox, Desiree Vigil and Cassie Meadows had one goal each for the Lady Harvesters.

Maddox, a two-time, all-district player, gave Pampa a 1-0 lead with her goal in the 10th minute.

Jessica Burns and Melissa Northcutt each had assists for Pampa.

Goalie Samantha Ford earned the shutout and had two saves.

The Lady Harvesters earned playoff spots along with Randall and Canyon out of District 3-4A.

Going into the final match of the season Friday at Palo Duro, the Lady Harvesters have a 6-3 record in district and 8-7 for the season. They can clinch the No. 2 playoff seed with a win.

Borger's record is 3-6 in district and 7-10 overall.

In other matches, Palo Duro downed Caprock 2-1 and Randall blanked Canyon 2-0.

Pampa beats Canyon in JV baseball

PAMPA — Pampa snapped a two-losing streak with an 11-4 win over Canyon in junior varsity baseball action Monday at Harvester Field.

Winning pitcher was Kyle Keith, who had a no-hitter going until the second batter of the fifth inning. He allowed one hit while striking out four and walking three. Adam Jones came on in relief in the fifth and finished the game with two walks and two hits while striking out seven.

Casey Meharg led Pampa's nine-hit attack with two hits. Others who had hits were Justin Barnes, Kevin Schaub, Gil Solano, Travis Lancaster, Juan Estrada, Adam Wright and Keith.

Tanner Hucks, Lancaster, Meharg and Schaub made several outstanding defensive plays.

Pampa's other losses came

against Plainview (9-8) and Randall (13-0).

"This was the best job our pitchers have done all year," said Pampa coach Troy Owens. "They stayed focused and put the ball where they had to. Justin Barnes, our catcher, did a great job. He worked our pitchers on every pitch and that is what it takes to be a great catcher. Our hitting finally got going after two games of terrible hitting. It was nice to see everyone hitting and swinging the bat like they are supposed to."

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Basketball

All-District 9-1A Team Boys

First Team

Josh Evenson, Groom; Daniel Treadwell, Groom; Dustin Monroe, Hedley; Cody Graves, Hedley; Jeremy Wells, Hedley; Ike Hanes, McLean; Artie Wright, Samnorwood.

Second Team

Chris Ollinger, Groom; Wyatt Weinheimer, Groom; Roger Wade, Hedley; Russell King, Hedley; Luke Carter, Samnorwood; Bill Waters, Samnorwood.

MVP: Dustin Monroe, Hedley, Girls

First Team

Carrie Davis, Groom; Karen Conrad, Groom; Jessica Stapp, Groom; Jessica Kepley, Groom; Ashley Hill, Hedley; Rachel Howard, Hedley; Rachel Galley, McLean; Vanessa Glass, McLean.

Second Team

Lora Llewellyn, Hedley; Amanda Cline, McLean; Kayla Coleman, Samnorwood; Candice Brewer, Samnorwood; MVP: Carrie Davis, Groom.

Kingsbury is Texas Tech QB

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The first-team Texas Tech offense will be in the hands of redshirt freshman Kliff Kingsbury during spring drills, following surgery that will sideline Rob Peters, team officials said Tuesday.

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The Golden Spread Boy Scout's recently went to the Land Office Museum in Austin. Setting from left, Michael Frels and Douglas Hamlin. Front row from left, Jeff Tufford, Willie Brice, James Stallings. Second row, Jake Albus, Levi Peterson. Third row, Neel Tufford, Andy Rogers. Fourth, Adam Brown, Michael Renfro, David Gray, John Kellogg.

McDougal's lawyers consider subpoenaing Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move that would intensify interest in her upcoming trial, lawyers for Whitewater defendant Susan McDougal are considering summoning Monica Lewinsky and another figure from the recent impeachment drama to testify as defense witnesses, sources familiar with the trial say.

The sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. McDougal's defense team is discussing whether to subpoena Ms. Lewinsky and Julie Hiatt Steele to testify about their experiences with prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Both women have been critical of the independent counsel's tactics.

Mrs. McDougal, the former business partner of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, is set to be tried next week in feder-

al court in Little Rock, Ark., on criminal contempt and obstruction of justice charges for refusing to cooperate with Starr in the Whitewater investigation.

The sources said that subpoenas have not yet been requested from U.S. District Judge George Howard, who is overseeing the trial, but that Starr's office was aware of the defense team's idea.

Deputy Independent Counsel Jackie Bennett said Tuesday he could not comment on the matter. Attorney Mark Geragos, who represents Mrs. McDougal, also declined to comment.

Summoning Ms. Lewinsky would transform Mrs. McDougal's trial from a sideshow in the long-running Whitewater investigation to a major event. Mrs. McDougal's lawyers proba-

bly would have to show that Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Steele have testimony directly relevant to the alleged offenses.

Mrs. McDougal, who along with her late ex-husband, James, formed the Whitewater land venture with the Clintons, is charged with defying a judge's order and refusing to answer Starr's questions before a federal grand jury investigating Whitewater.

The questions concern a Whitewater-related loan from the McDougals' savings and loan firm and Mrs. Clinton's work on a fraudulent Arkansas land venture called Castle Grande.

Mrs. McDougal has repeatedly said she refused to answer Starr's questions because she did not trust the prosecutor, a Republican, and believes Starr

has waged a vendetta against the Clintons.

She has said she believed Starr would prosecute her if she failed to deliver damaging evidence against the Clintons. She says she does not know of any wrongdoing on the part of the first family.

But her former husband, a longtime Clinton supporter who defended the first family for years, reversed course a year and a half before his death and testified that the president and first lady were involved in wrongdoing in

their Arkansas business dealings. The sources said Mrs. McDougal's legal team would like to use testimony from Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Steele to argue that their experiences bore out their client's fears about cooperating with Starr.

Who'll buy Monica book? Not me, say readers

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's memoir may make a big splash on best-seller lists, but many in the publishing world believe the hyped confessional — unlike the scandal that spawned it — will vanish quickly.

"Monica's Story" will likely ride the wave of Lewinsky media mania, which peaks with Barbara Walters' heavily promoted two-hour interview with the former White House intern on ABC tonight.

After that, industry experts say, sales could fall fast.

"It will be very popular for as long as it's being chatted about in the media, and then it will recede," said Bill Curry, a spokesman for Amazon.com, the Internet book-seller. "That's typical of a book that's kind of in and out of popular discourse."

"I think (the book's) shelf life is somewhere between yogurt and milk," said Lucianne

Goldberg, the literary agent who urged Linda Tripp to tape telephone conversations with Ms. Lewinsky. "It'll probably be about 10 days. ... There's a great curiosity about her, and I think it will be totally satisfied between the book and the Barbara Walters interview."

The book, which goes on sale Thursday, was off to a strong start, hitting No. 5 on the Amazon.com best-seller list Tuesday on the strength of advance orders. Publisher St. Martin's Press was shipping 450,000 copies to booksellers, and "we're ready to reprint in a second," said Sally Richardson, head of the company's trade division.

But readers claimed to be uninterested in seeing even a single word more about Ms. Lewinsky's affair with President Clinton.

"I think it's not worth reading and I wouldn't waste my time," Barbara Dolan said as she browsed in a midtown Manhattan bookstore. "I find it very sad that there is a market for this."

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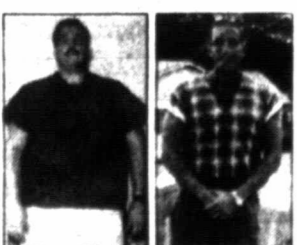
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