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Arts and crafts show set for this weekend

A Harvester Community Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22 at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler in Pampa.

A variety of arts and crafts will be on sale during the event and concessions will be available.

A door prize will be given away every hour, but participants must be present to win.

For more information, call Art Emporium (Trading Post) at 665-1245.

LOTTERY

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$5 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 21-27-35-39-41-42.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

DEATHS

Kenneth Linon Melton, 80, former Hide-Away owner.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 City of Pampa employee, Morris Long, uses a steam roller to smooth out a patch on Somerville Street Wednesday afternoon.

Volunteers help abandoned pups

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

People in Pampa are trying to save six tiny puppies in Pampa today.

The approximately two-week old cow dog-Labrador cross mix puppies were found near a convenience store by a Citizens on Patrol volunteer Wednesday afternoon.

The pups' eyes have not opened yet, and they were in a plastic garbage bag, said

Animal Control Director Sandy Burns.

Burns said the pups were taken to the police dispatcher where they were warmed up and given plenty of love. A local veterinarian was contacted and recommended a formula for hand-feeding the animals.

Several local residents have taken the young puppies to feed and hopefully save them.

"They are as healthy as

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Wanted: A few good men and women, too

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

The City of Pampa is looking for a few good men...and women.

During a work session earlier this month, the Pampa City Commission discussed the vacancies on various city advisory boards and commissions.

Of the city's 10 boards and commissions, City Manager Mitch Grant said all of them have a five year sunset provision. It is time to review them, he said. A couple of them could be dissolved.

"A lot of them are task

driven," Grant said.

They were formed to study specific problems that have been dealt with and rarely meet now, he explained.

There is also a problem on some boards, he said, finding members willing to serve.

Grant said that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Lovett Memorial Library Board stay busy while others rarely meet.

He noted, however, that some of the boards are required by law and others are the result of long-standing agreements.

"Some are quasi-judicial,"

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County raises courthouse annex rental fees

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Commissioners Court recently discussed changing some policies concerning the rental of the county's annex building and some needed repairs to the building.

County Extension Agent Joan Gray asked the commission in a December 2002 to establish some guidelines regarding the use of the rooms in that building.

Personnel in the extension office have been in charge of taking requests

for rental of the rooms. She said rentals are usually for family reunions, showers, birthday parties and similar functions.

Gray told them there are rarely problems, but occasionally there are damages and asked the commission for guidance.

County Judge Richard Peet reported a county employee checked one of the rooms in December after it had been rented the week-end before and found extremely dirty floors from mud on shoes, beer cans and evidence of smoking.

Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley met with the extension office staff following the meeting to evaluate the situation and determine updating required guidelines.

Current deposit of \$100 are not covering the rare damages that occur in renting the facility, he reported to the county commission.

Wheeley proposed continuing the current policy of asking for a check for the deposit, but to increase the required amount to \$350. He said on at least one occasion the damages incurred by a renting party exceeded the \$100

amount. He suggested if there was no damage to the facility that the check be returned to the renting party as is currently the practice.

He also suggested raising the rental fee from \$20 to \$35. Commissioners Court unanimously approved raising the fee and deposit to the suggested amounts.

Repairs to the rooms were also discussed. He said some cracks in the floor need to be repaired. He said there were cracks after the tornado which struck the community in 1995. He also

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Eye on the sky

City officials watch the weather while preparing for street work

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

It's with an anxious eye that Richard Morris watches the sky in the spring.

Snow storms in March and April can do a lot more damage to city streets than the winter cold.

"It's the constant freezing and thawing cycle," said Morris, director of public works for the City of Pampa.

The broad swing of temperatures with freezing nights and sunny days during the spring can play havoc with pavement.

Earlier this month, the Pampa City Commission approved about \$100,000 for a seal coating project to help protect the city's streets. Morris is hoping that the weather will cooperate and the

\$100,000 will do the job.

Because of the weather, the project won't begin until summer. By then, depending upon the frigid blasts coming down the Great Plains and the bright Texas sun over the next couple of months, there may be additional need for street repairs.

But the veteran public works director is hoping for the best and planning for the worst.

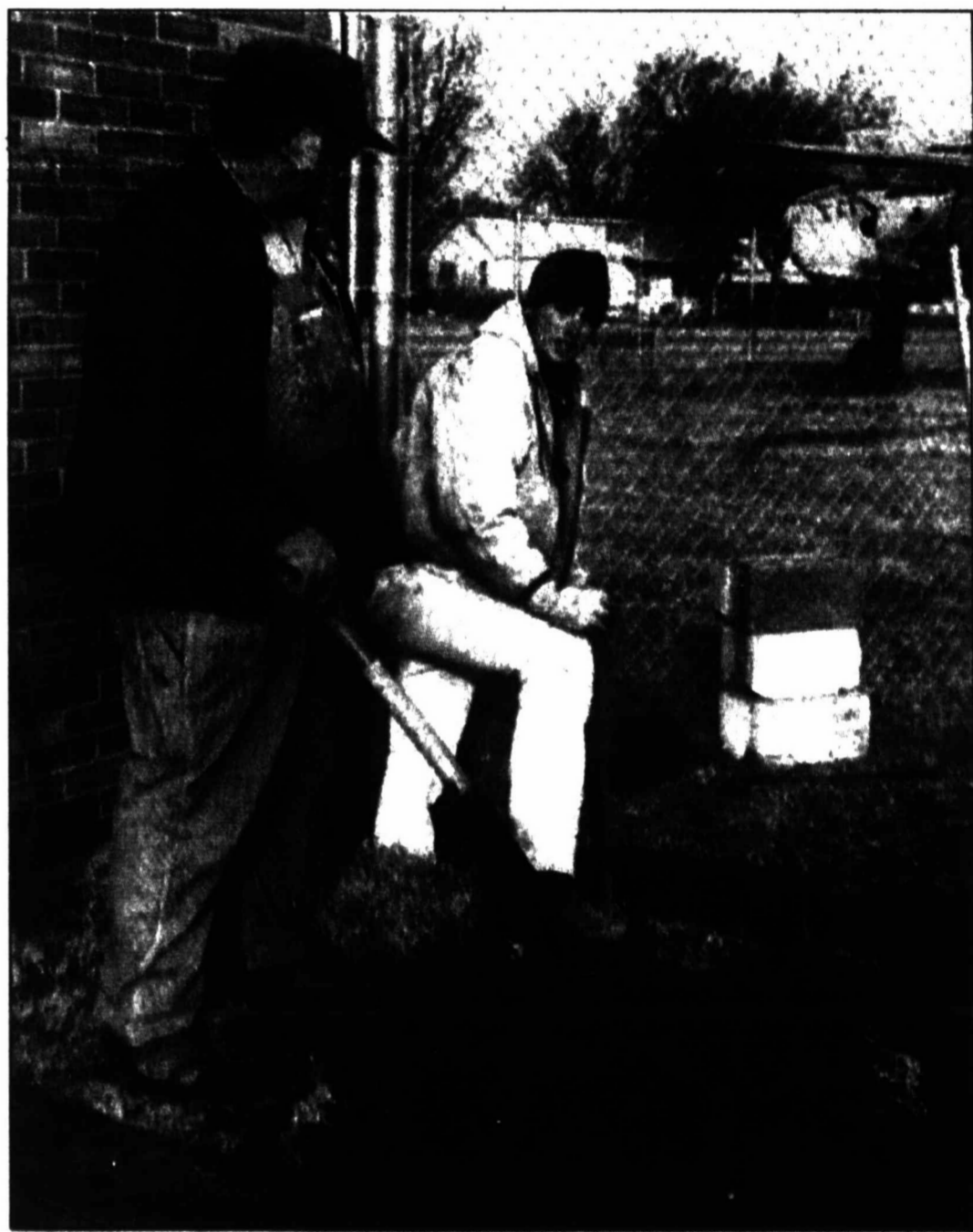
Included in the seal coating project is some rebuilding and patching of city streets.

In an effort to hold costs down, Morris is already planning a campaign against potholes in Pampa's streets.

If the weather and time allow, city crews will have much of the patching of city streets done before the work

(See STREETS, Page 3)

Breaking ground



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
 Bill Hagerman, left, and Bryce Taylor, right, began moving dirt Thursday morning at the Freedom Museum USA grounds on North Hobart. The museum containing military memorabilia is building on a 45 foot by 39 foot addition to display additional artifacts, said Museum Curator Mike Porter.

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OBITUARIES

KENNETH LINON MELTON
1922-2003

Kenneth Linon Melton, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Jim Beam, Jr., minister of the Church of Christ at Waxahachie, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Melton was born June 6, 1922, at Cement, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa for over 60 years. He married Jean Vaughan in Waxahachie. She preceded him in death on Oct. 17, 1993.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps where he was attached to the Marines First Defense Battalion. He was assigned to military transportation and was awarded a Certificate of Satisfactory Service and Honorable Discharge button.

He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal Bar, Victory Medal World War II and American Defense Medal. He served in the

Asiatic Pacific area from Feb. 22, 1941, until Oct. 8, 1945. He participated in action against the enemy at Wake Island from Dec. 8, 1941, until he was captured on Dec. 23, 1941, and held prisoner by enemy Japanese forces until his release on Sept. 2, 1945. He was a member of the Church of Christ, the VFW, National POW's and Wake Island Defenders.

He was a former owner of the Hide-Away Lounge.

Survivors include a nephew and wife, Kenneth W. and Lynn Melton of Greensboro, N.C.; three stepsons and their wives, Teddy and Mary Evelyn Vaughan and Eddie and Sissy Vaughan, all of Waxahachie, and Lonnie and Diane Vaughan of Pampa; and several great-nieces and great-nephews including Loretta Vaughan.

The family requests memorials be to VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a Church of Christ of your choice.

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



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Lewis Britt of Congressman Mac Thornberry's office, left, visits with Alan Eubanks of the Federal Land Bank in Pampa, center, and Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle extension specialist from Amarillo, during a break at the Future of Agriculture Symposium in Borger Tuesday.

SERVICES TOMORROW

MELTON, Kenneth Linon — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Jayson Williams, 29, 1040 Huff, was arrested for theft by check.

Jeffery Dewayne Hunt, 40, 605 Deane, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for failure to display valid drivers license.

Donald Richard Wright, 17, 1933 N. Dwight, was arrested for criminal mischief.

PD officers responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a possible neglect of a child.

An information report was taken in the 1700 block of Charles.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Earl Jiles, 36, 421 Magnolia, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and failure to obtain a Texas drivers license within 30 days. He was also arrested on municipal warrants for no liability insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

George Russell Luster, 37, 1044 S. Hobart, was arrested on a municipal capias profine open container warrant.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. Items reported taken were a stereo, VCR, gold chains, one silver chain and a diamond ring. No evidence of forced entry was found, according to the police report. Estimate of loss was \$895.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office today reported the following arrest.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Felix Rubert, III, 39, El Paso, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a bond forfeiture out of Culberson County. Original charge was possession of marijuana. Other charges were possession of drug paraphernalia, open container of alcohol and money laundering. He was also arrested on Culberson County warrants for speeding and

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 19

1:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

Thursday, Feb. 20

12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC); one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded on a mutual aid call with Lefors Emergency Medical Services; one patient was transported to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.33	VLO	36.71	-0.08
Milo	3.84	Halliburton	19.24	-0.16
Corn	4.38	Triad Hospitals	25.47	-0.10
Soybeans	4.98	NOI	21.40	+0.12
		KMI	45.92	+0.21
		XCEL	6.98	+0.02
		Kerr McGee	39.36	+0.03
		Limited	11.16	-0.28
		Williams	3.38	+0.48
		McDonalds	13.44	-0.06
		Exxon Mobil	33.77	-0.01
		Atmos	22.03	+0.01
		Pioneer Nat	24.82	+0.04
		Penney's	18.36	-0.07
		COP	49.05	-0.44
		Schlumberger	40.04	+0.20
		Tenneco	2.34	-0.02
		CVX	64.40	-0.01
		Wal-Mart	48.17	-0.60
		ORKE	16.76	+0.15
		NS Group	7.63	-0.01

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

BP	38.67	+0.21	New York Gold	349.65
Celanese	21.18	+0.51	Silver	4.63
Cabot Corp.	22.45	-0.47	West Texas Crude	37.35
Cabot Oil Gas	23.61	+0.46		
Coca Cola	40.38	-0.29		

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy, scattered rain showers with an areal coverage of 50 percent, highs in the mid 40s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain, lows in the mid 30s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

West winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Monday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

STATEWIDE

Fog and light rain moved across Southwest and Central Texas early Thursday and forecasters predicted some heavy precipitation as an upper-level low pressure system moved through northern and northeastern parts of the state.

The National Weather Service posted a severe thunderstorm warning for the San Antonio area and a flood

watch for all of North Central Texas.

Rain was also spreading into the South Plains.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s across the Panhandles to upper 30s and mid-40s elsewhere in the state.

Extremes were 24 degrees at Silvertown and 48 at both El Paso and Sanderson.

Rain was likely across Southwest Texas and the South

Plains through Saturday. Scattered showers and fog were expected across the Panhandle.

Precipitation totals could reach several inches in North and Northeast Texas.

Highs should range mostly in the 40s to mid-50s through Friday.

Lows overnight were expected in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Eastern winter storm affects local agriculture symposium

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

BORGER - It was a beautiful day in the Texas Panhandle, but snow in the nation's capital kept two speakers from appearing at an agricultural symposium at Frank Phillips College this week.

Dr. Gary Webber with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Jesse Majkowski with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture were supposed to appear at Future of Agriculture Symposium here Tuesday via video hookup from Washington, D.C., but heavy snows shut down the capital city and neither could make it to their offices inside the beltway.

Symposium goers heard from Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist from Amarillo, on emerging issues in the cattle industry and from Dr. Steve Amosson, extension economist with the Texas A&M

University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, on the cattle price outlook.

Dr. McCollum said that country of origin labeling would be a hot button issue in the beef cattle industry this year. He also said food safety, the use of antibiotics in feeding cattle, marketing, the beef checkoff program and agricultural terrorism would be issues cattlemen will be facing this year.

Dr. Amosson predicted stronger cattle prices on average than last year. He said that fed cattle would bring between \$73 and \$78 per cwt., on average, for most of the year. He said he expected 700 to 800 pound feeder cattle to bring between \$80 and \$85 on average. Feeder cattle in the 500 to 600 pound range should bring between \$91 and \$101 on average for the year.

Symposium goers also heard from Lewis Britt, a representative of Pampa's Congressman Mac Thornberry's office, on biosecurity.

NASA goes on with plan for space station orbiter

By JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — As investigators search for the cause of the Columbia disaster, NASA is moving ahead with plans to develop a new craft that would replace shuttles on space station missions by 2012 and respond quickly to space station emergencies.

The space agency released the first set of mission needs and requirements Wednesday for the orbital space plane, which would be designed to transport a crew of four to and from the International Space Station.

Although it includes few

The program's managers say NASA officials have told them not to alter Space Launch Initiative in light of the Columbia disaster.

specifics, the plan stipulates the orbiter will be safer, cheaper and require less preparation time than the shuttle. It would be able to transport four crew members by 2012 — though it would be available for rescue missions by 2010. NASA says the craft should be able to transport injured or ill space station crew members to "definitive medical care" within 24 hours.

The release of the requirements showed NASA remains focused on the long-term priorities of space exploration, even as questions linger concerning the loss of Columbia and its seven-member crew on Feb. 1.

Experts at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., have been working for years on a successor to the shuttle. The project, known as the Space Launch Initiative, was divided last year into two parts — one focusing on a future launch vehicle, the other on a space station orbiter. The orbiter is expected to be ready sooner.

The program's managers say NASA officials have told them not to alter Space Launch Initiative in light of the Columbia disaster.

"Obviously when the Columbia tragedy happened, it makes complete sense for us to go back and look at, is there anything we didn't think of, anything we could

do faster?" Dennis Smith, manager of the orbital space plane program, said earlier this month. "But, I'll tell you, we were looking at that anyway. Our NASA leaders have been very clear to us we need to keep moving."

President Bush asked Congress for about \$1 billion for Space Launch Initiative in 2004, funds that would be almost equally split between the Orbital Space Plane and Next Generation Launch Technology.

However, that money was requested before the Feb. 1 Columbia disaster, and some lawmakers — particularly those from Alabama — are concerned Congress might try to cut funds for future NASA programs to funnel more money into the shuttle. Alabama Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions say the program needs a funding boost.

"We're going to need more money," said Shelby, a member of the Appropriations Committee that oversees federal spending. "I've always said NASA was drastically underfunded considering the promise and all the good things that could come out of it. Many people realize we cannot compromise safety in any way, and I don't think we can compromise the future."

NASA is expected to release more detailed requirements of the new system later this year.

U.S.

UNITED — Iraq has taken part in banned material weapons programs, a Thursday.

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U.S.-Britain resolution gives Iraq final few weeks to cooperate

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq has given U.N. inspectors the names of people who took part in the destruction of banned materials from its biological weapons and missile programs, a U.N. official said Thursday.

In his report to the U.N. Security Council last Friday, chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said Iraq had presented a list of 83 participants "in the unilateral destruction in the chemical field, which took place in the summer of 1991."

He asked Iraq for a similar list of people who took part in the destruction of other proscribed items, especially in the biological field.

"Since then, the Iraqis have provided lists of individuals

involved in unilateral destruction of biological and missile items in the early 1990s," Blix's spokesman, Ewen Buchanan, said Thursday.

"Those lists are being studied, and clearly might be potential names for interviews," he said.

Baghdad handed over the lists comes as the Iraqi government is under intense international pressure to show that it is actively cooperating with U.N. inspectors.

Earlier, diplomats said the United States and Britain will shortly introduce a new resolution that would pave the way for military action and give Saddam Hussein a final few weeks to fully cooperate with weapons inspectors.

U.S. and British officials said Wednesday the short resolution, to be circulated later this week or early next week, would declare Iraq in "material breach" of its U.N. obligations to completely eliminate its weapons of mass destruction — a determination that can be used as legal justification for the use of military force.

"It is time for the Security Council to consider a resolution that says Iraq is in material breach," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte.

The Americans and British will then demand a decision on the resolution in two or three weeks, said the diplomats from the two nations, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The deadline would put all parties on notice that war was looming unless Iraq demonstrated it was actively cooperating with inspections, the diplomats said.

Details of the U.S.-British plan surfaced Wednesday at the end of a two-day Security Council meeting where more than 60 countries spoke out on the Iraq crisis. The vast majority called for continued inspections and intensified efforts to peacefully disarm Saddam, the same message sent by millions of anti-war protesters around the world this weekend.

But President Bush has made clear he will not be swayed by the protests — and the U.S. and British diplomats stressed that time for Security

Council action will be short.

"It will be a debate about a specific proposition and it will be on a timing that will concentrate people's minds," said British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock. "You've heard ministers in Washington and London saying weeks not

months, and that will be the framework for a debate."

The draft resolution will force the Security Council — whose members strongly support more time for inspections — to decide whether to authorize military action soon or to continue inspections.

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Grant said. "Such as the Construction Board of Appeals and the Board of Adjustment."

Decisions by the five member (two alternates may be appointed) Board of Adjustment can be appealed directly to state district court. At present, there is one vacancy on the board and both alternate positions are open.

The Construction Board of Appeals has a full seven member board, but only one alternate. The second alternate's position is open.

The seven member Cable Advisory Board has three vacancies.

The seven member Hidden

Hills Public Golf Course Advisory Board also has three vacancies.

The Lovett Memorial Library Board, with seven members, has one vacancy.

The M.K. Brown Auditorium Advisory Board also has one vacancy as does the seven member Planning and Zoning Commission and the seven member Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The Gray County-Roberts County-Pampa Joint Airport Zoning Board and Traffic Commission round out the boards and commissions.

Under city ordinances, appointments are made in September each year. Members are appointed generally for two-year terms, which are staggered so that

one-half of the membership is appointed or reappointed each year. Some of the boards have term limits. Others do not.

All boards and commissions, except for the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning, and the Gray County-Roberts County-Pampa Joint Airport Zoning Board, are advisory.

In most instances, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, members of the boards and commissions must be qualified voters, or at least residents, of the city, although that varies.

Except for the Construction Board of Appeals, for which members must have some knowledge of the building trades, most boards or commissions have

few professional requirements, she said.

"We need good people that are concerned about Pampa to serve on these boards," Jeffers said.

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ing some of the tables at the facility.

Roof leaks are also a concern at the building as roof tiles are exhibiting the signs of leaking.

In other action:

- Approval was given County Clerk Susan Winborne to purchase additional cabinets for preservation of records from her records management fund. She said she plans to have 100 books placed on micro film;
- Commissioners Court exercised a two

year extension on the county's bank depository;

- Approved insurance money from the sheriff's department wrecked car will be placed in the sheriff's budget;
- Approved accepting a bid on tax property located at 1240 S. Barnes;
- Recognized Veteran Service Officer Bob Dixon for completing his required training;
- Recognized Justices of the Peace Kurt Curfman, Margie Prestidge and Mary Ann Carpenter for obtaining continuing education requirements.

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they can be," said Burns. However, she said there was a more humane way of handling the puppies.

"Of course, I recommend animals be spayed and neutered above all," she said, "if people can't take care of the animals."

Burns said it is currently puppy and kitten season and

that if animal owners don't want these newborn animals or can't care for them that they may drop them in the night drop at the Animal Control offices.

"We can dispose of them in a humane manner and they won't suffer," she said.

She also said the mother of

the puppies needs to have her milk dried out and says veterinarians can provide what the mother needs.

"There's just a better way to take care of these situations than putting the animals in trash bags, drowning them, or placing them in dumpsters," said Burns.

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crews get to town to begin the seal coating.

Morris said he particularly wants to repair the intersections at Faulkner and 16th and Harvester and Hamilton.

"With the city street crews patching ahead of the contractor," Morris said, "there'll be some cost savings."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balloons, teddy bears, ribbons

To the Editor:
 We have become a nation most shallow. The balloons, the teddy bear, the ribbons are all employed to cure, heal or express our empathies and sympathies and to assuage ourselves when circumstances demand our attention to our own mortality for times when we weigh ourselves and come up lacking in substance.

Our self-esteem (self love) delivers a false impression that God loves us better than the guy across the street, our church better than the one across town, and the feeling that we will succeed in our endeavors to a greater extent than another because God is on our side and everyone knows what the other fellow's shortcomings are.

By leaning on our own understanding we face difficult explanations on judgment day. To come before our creator to justify following the dictates of The Supreme Court and use them as a tool in order to acquit ourselves of crimes against children and how we use our own understanding to justify the non-acceptance of people who appear different from ourselves, when their father is our father.

There will be so many things to explain or attempts made to do so. Those most fortunate may be able to offer excuses before the large window is closed and the sign affixed stating, "No addition explanations will be heard," any shrines of balloons, teddy bears and ribbons notwithstanding.

Bill Reeves
 McLean

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2003. There are 314 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard "Friendship 7."
- On this date:
 In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.
 In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.
 In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.
 In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.
 In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington D.C.
 In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.
 In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."
 In 1965, the "Ranger 8" spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

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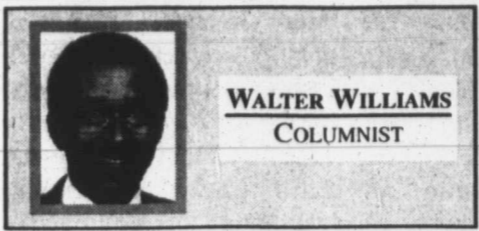
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If you're a poor adult in America, for the most part, it's all your fault. That's true, at least today, whether you're black, white, brown or polka dot.

According to the definition of the U.S. Bureau of Census uses, a family of four with an income over \$18,244 is not poor. The poverty cutoff for a single-person household is \$9,359, and that for a two-person household is \$12,000. With those definitions, the poverty rate was 11.7 percent, or about 33 million Americans living in poverty in 2001.

The greatest percentage of poverty is found in female-headed households. Over 70 percent of female-headed households are poor. A large percentage of poor people are children (17 percent); fully 85 percent of black children living in poverty reside in a female-headed household.

Is poverty pre-ordained? I think not. A married couple, both working full time at a minimum-wage job that pays \$5.15 per hour, would earn an annual income of \$20,600. Keep in mind that few adults earn wages as low as the minimum wage and those who do earn a higher wage after a few months on the job. If a married couple both working at the minimum wage had no children, they would not be poor; if they had two children, they wouldn't be living in the lap of lux-



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

ury, but neither would they be below the poverty threshold.

Let's look at poverty in female-headed households. Divorce and death of the father might explain a small part of why there're so many female-headed households. But the bulk of it is explained by people having children and not getting married in the first place.

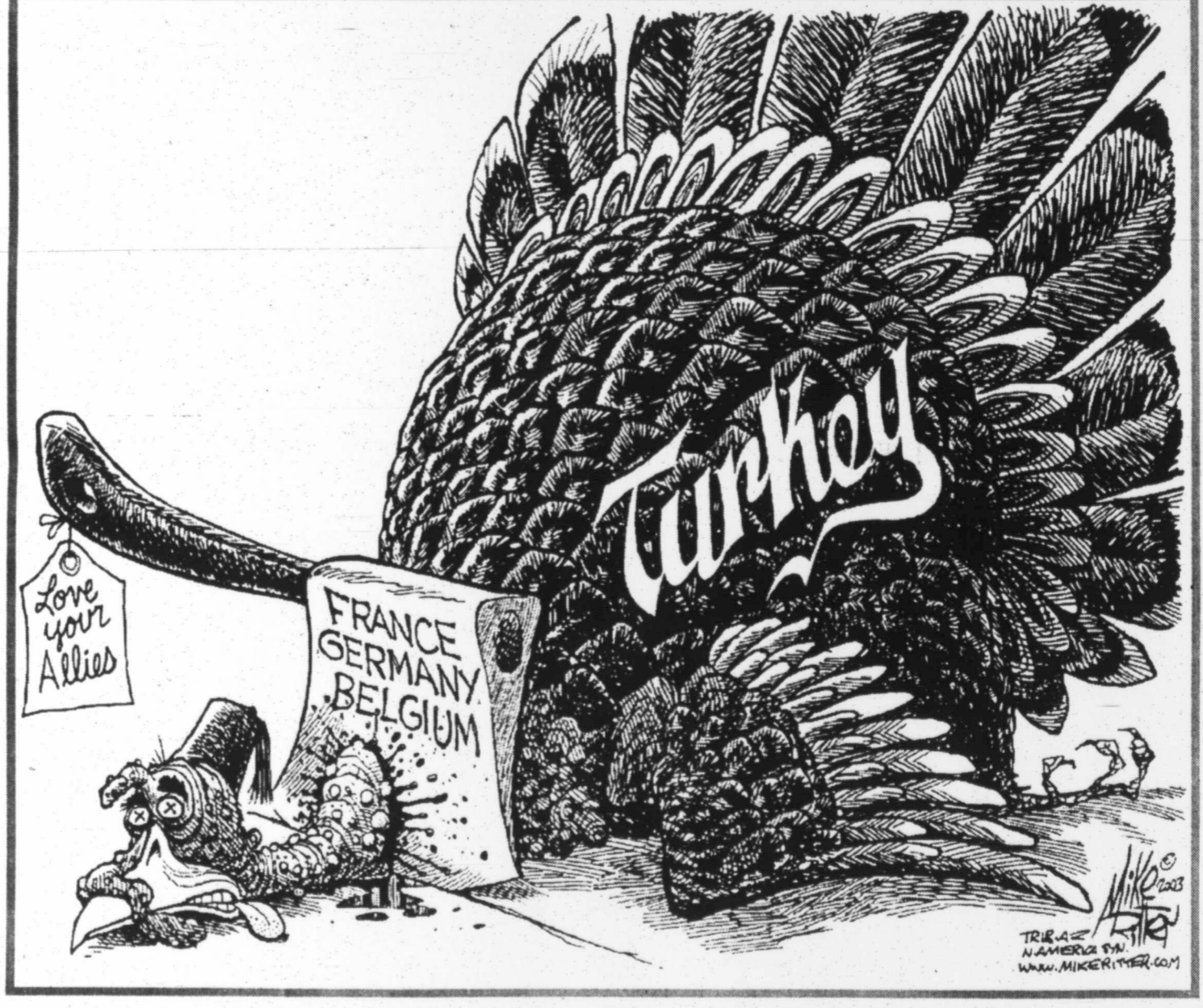
Having children is not an act of God. It's not like you're walking down the street and pregnancy strikes you; children are a result of a conscious decision. For the most part, female-headed households are the result of short-sighted, self-destructive behavior of one or two people. They might have bought into the nonsense of "experts" like John Hopkins University sociologist Professor Andrew Cherlin, who said, "It has yet to be shown that the absence of a father was directly responsible for any of the supposed deficiencies of broken homes." The real issue, according to Cherlin, "is not the lack of male presence but the lack of male income." That's a call for

fathers to be replaced by a government welfare check.

According to a NPR/Kaiser/Kennedy School Poll, the leading cause of poverty identified by both the poor (75 percent) and non-poor (65 percent) was drug abuse. Again, it's not like you're walking down the street and you're struck with drug addiction; to use drugs is a conscious decision. Drug-users tend not to be very productive. They drop out of school, abandon their families, have scrapes with the law and don't hold down jobs. Would anybody be surprised that poverty is one result of drug usage?

Most middle-class Americans, including black Americans, are no more than one, two or three generations out of poverty. How did they manage this feat; what's the secret for avoiding poverty?

I think it's a no-brainer. Finish high school and take a job, any kind of a job. Today, but not when I graduated in 1954, if a person graduates from high school, with even a C average, there is a college or some-kind of skills training program somewhere for him, and often financial assistance to boot. So if a person doesn't take advantage of today's available opportunities, particularly those during the boom of the 1990s, and engages in self-destructive behavior, whose fault is it?



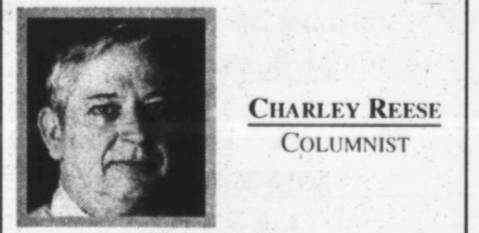
Wild animals can only be themselves

As some of you know, I have a group of friends who happen to be squirrels. I feed them unsalted peanuts on my patio, and in return they lighten my heart with their antics. They have learned what a soft touch I am.

In the mornings, one of them will come up to the glass door, press his nose against it and look for me. "Hey, fellow, we're hungry," he seems to say. He will retreat no more than a foot or two as I open the door and toss out some peanuts. The squirrels will pick up one or two, climb up on the chair or scoot over to a flowerpot, and eat them.

About this time of year, migrating birds begin to show up, particularly blackbirds. They seem to be able to see a peanut on the patio from 50 yards away, so these days, squirrels, blackbirds, cardinals and mockingbirds all chow down together. To my astonishment, this morning a blackbird walked up to the glass door and peered inside looking for the peanut man.

This will strike some of you as a strange hobby. I know some people dislike squirrels. I assume they are the same kind of people who dislike children and dogs. I cannot imagine how anybody can dislike a squirrel. Just looking at them makes me smile. Years ago, I shot them and ate them, but these days, I confine my appetite to beef, pork, fish and chicken. I couldn't pull the trigger on one of my squirrel pals and frankly can't understand how I did it



CHARLEY REESE
 COLUMNIST

before, except to blame it on the callousness of youth.

I am not a fanatic animal lover. Once, while doing a story on an animal trainer, I sat next to a full-grown tiger, outside of his cage and unchained. What you see in a tiger's eyes is utter indifference. You are, if anything, a piece of meat. There is not a speck of warmth in a tiger. The same is true of lions. I shared an elevator with a lion once. Fortunately, like the tiger, he wasn't hungry at the moment.

Dogs are trained using kindness, rewarding them with affection and tidbits. The same technique works for dolphins and whales. Big cats, however, are trained by dominating them. This professional animal trainer said you have to establish in the big cat's mind that you are the toughest cat in the pride. Show fear and you'll get attacked. And if a 500-pound tiger or lion attacks even a 200-pound man, it's no contest.

I have a friend who got chewed on by a lion cub that was no more than 60 pounds, but it took more than 130 stitches to sew my pal back together. He had been playing with the cub and it nipped him on the finger, drawing blood. The

smell of blood triggered the attack.

Some years ago, entirely tongue-in-cheek, I proposed that Disney movies be rated X so children couldn't see them and develop this distorted view that wild animals are really just humans in fur and feather suits. I also proposed, equally tongue-in-cheek, that children should be required to shoot a deer and skin it out. I got more furious reaction to that column than any before or since. The explanation for extreme animal lovers is quite simple: They hate people. When organizations like People for the Ethical Treatment of animals iken killing chickens to the Holocaust, that should tell you all you need to know about PETA.

But in today's world, unlike the world I grew up in, most children don't get the opportunity to get bitten and scratched by wild animals or bit or kicked by a horse or a mule. Yet, even a rabbit or my squirrel pals will show you what teeth and claws are for if you try to grab one. Wild animals are not pets. I can think just offhand of four cases where people, two of them children, have been killed in Florida by alligators. The thing to do with wild animals is just watch them and otherwise let them be. Brother Dave Gardner once observed that sharks don't get into his swimming pool and he wasn't going to get into theirs. Pretty good advice, I think.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

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SPORTS

EP Parkland is next up for Harvesters

PAMPA — Pampa will meet El Paso Parkland at 5 p.m. Saturday at Odessa College Sports Center in Odessa in the area round of the Class 4A play-offs.

"We don't know a whole lot about them yet, except they do have some good size," said Pampa head coach Jerry Schaeffer.

Parkland has a 22-7 record and drew a first-round bye after the Matadors won their second straight District 2-4A title this season.

The Matadors have a balanced scoring attack, led by guard Mike Schure (5-11 senior) who averages 14 points a game to lead their attack. Andy Hulsey (6-4 junior) and Horatio Haynes (5-11 senior) are both averaging 12 points. Dewayne Hall (5-10 sophomore) is one of the district's top newcomers. He averages 9 points a game.

Speaking of balanced scoring, the Harvesters certainly had it in their 74-73 win over Levelland in bi-district play Tuesday night.

Ryan Zemanek (6-3 senior) led the Harvesters with 27 points, while Max Simon (6-3 senior) followed with 19. James Silva (6-0 senior) chipped in 10.

"Eight of our guys scored and I loved that. If I had my way, we

would have seven guys in double figures every game, but we did just fine," coach Schaeffer said. "Everyone has contributed to our success."

Zemanek nailed five 3-pointers, but it was Simon's trio of treys that spoiled Levelland's game plan.

"I talked to coach Bridges after the game and he said he saw five game films on us and Max never did take a three-point shot. Max has really stepped up for us," Schaeffer said.

For Zemanek, it was his best scoring output of the season. His three-pointer and basket to start the second quarter trimmed Levelland's eight-point lead to just three.

Zemanek was also given the assignment of guarding Mark Romero, Levelland's top scorer.

"I'm really proud of Ryan," added Schaeffer. "It was a huge game for him. We challenged him to stop Romero and he had 27 points while guarding their top scorer."

Pampa's big win wasn't without its setbacks. Both Simon and Silva sustained injuries. Simon has a severe ankle sprain while Silva has a swollen knee.

"The trainer says Simon is going to be questionable for Parkland, but if I know Max he's going to be out there," Schaeffer

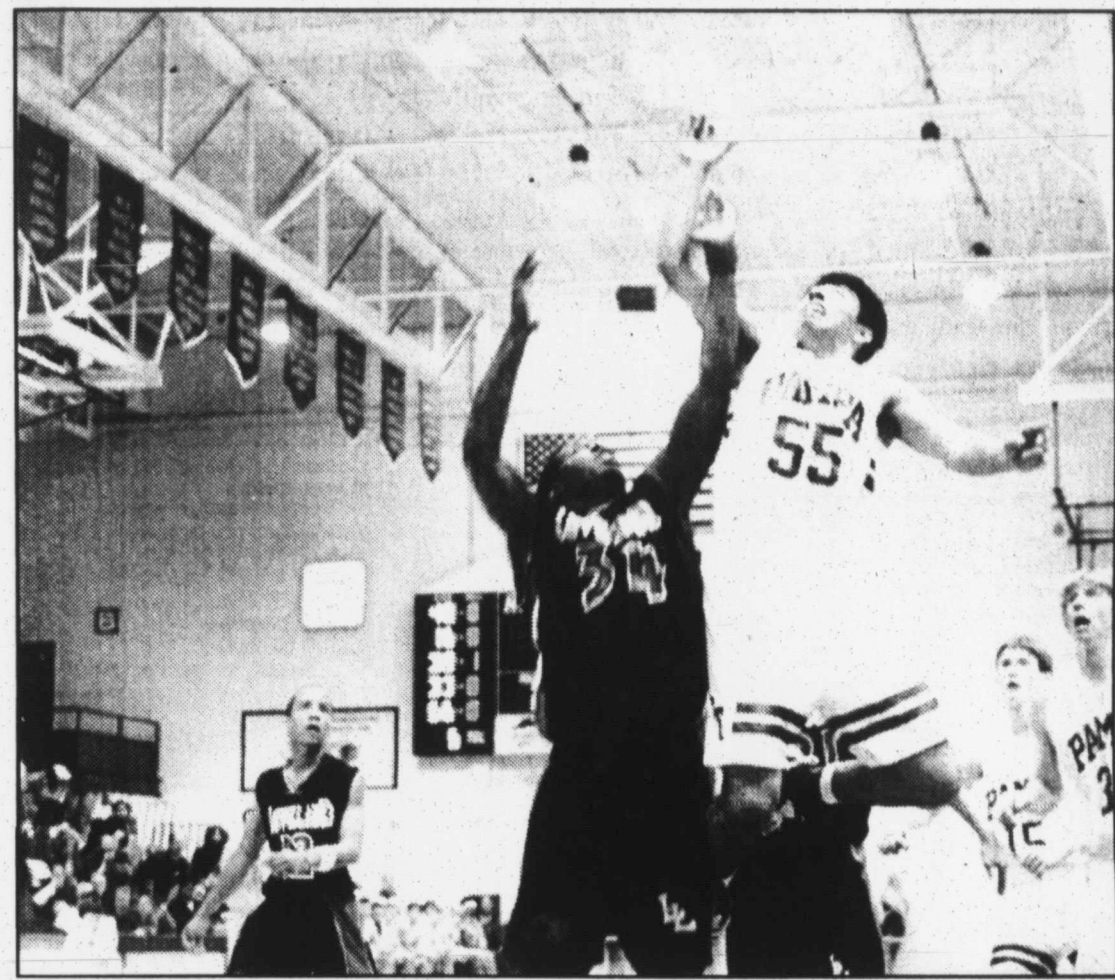
said. Silva is expected to be in the lineup Saturday afternoon.

The Harvesters have been injury-free throughout much of

the season.

"I feel fortunate that we haven't had any injuries during the season. Scott Lewis has been in charge of our strength

development and I give the credit to him for that," Schaeffer said. "I feel like he's the best strength coach in the state, if not in the nation."



(Photo by Jerry Heasley) Pampa's James Silva (55) challenges a Levelland player for a rebound in Tuesday's bi-district matchup.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Sammy Sosa made an on-time arrival at spring training, saying he was showing a commitment to his teammates and respect for new Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Pitcher Kirk Rueter agreed to a two-year, \$12 million contract extension with the San Francisco Giants that runs through 2005.

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Florida Marlins ace A.J. Burnett lost baseball's final arbitration case. He will make \$2.5 million this season, a 580 percent increase over last year's salary of \$367,500. Burnett, who led the major leagues last season with five shutouts, had sought \$3,075,000.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds had a 10-minute operation on his left elbow to remove a quarter-inch ball of scar tissue and suture from a previous surgery.

BOXING

TUNICA, Miss. (AP) — Mike Tyson gave the world a glimpse of the new tattoo on his face. What he didn't show was what kind of shape he was in or the shape of his often troubled mind.

Tyson's handlers said that made little difference, considering he was fighting Clifford Etienne on Saturday night in a comeback fight. They figure even a mediocre Tyson was enough to take care of a mediocre opponent.

The circuslike atmosphere surrounding Tyson moved Wednesday to the string of casinos along the Mississippi River, where the former heavyweight champion worked out behind closed doors before emerging to give the world a peek at his new tattoo.

On Thursday he's supposed to attend a press conference with Etienne to promote the fight. Of course, with Tyson that doesn't mean anything.

"Mike is Mike," manager Shelly Finkel said. "He's no different now than what he usually is."

Tyson had a bewildered look to go with the new tattoo on his face Wednesday as he headed quickly toward an elevator and the sanctuary of his hotel room.

His trainer said later that Tyson was discouraged about his return to training after a week out of the gym, and still feeling the effects of flu-like symptoms.

"His mind seemed to be in the right place," trainer Freddie Roach said. "I'm just worried about his body."

A day after Tyson woke up and decided to fight, it was Etienne's turn to wake up and change his mind about getting into the ring. Etienne decided nearly \$1 million was too much to pass up.

"I'm a fighter, not a coward," Etienne said. "I thought about it all night."

Controversy surrounds Tech over suspended players

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech basketball players Andre Emmett and Nick Valdez, suspended for a game this week, believe they were "set up" as punishment for their part in the team's losses, Valdez's father says in a published report.

Coach Bob Knight held Emmett, a junior guard and the Big 12's leading scorer, and senior forward Valdez out of Monday night's game at third-ranked Texas after the two players missed breakfast and the team's walkthrough that morning. The Red Raiders (14-8, 4-7 Big 12) lost 77-65.

Valdez's father, Joe

Valdez, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in an e-mail Tuesday that "Andre and Nick believe they were set up, purportedly for their irresponsibility toward the team, more likely their relative responsibility in the team's losses and resulting disappointment."

But Randy Farley, Knight's spokesman, said Wednesday the claim was "absolutely the most ridiculous thing" he has seen. He said the players had overslept and it was their responsibility to get up on time.

Knight did not have a response to the situation, said Farley, other than to say

he has rules and consequences for disobeying those rules. Farley said the players weren't available.

"If Mr. Valdez wants a litany of his (Nick's) irresponsibility or his irresponsible behavior over the last two years, then he doesn't need to be writing to a newspaper," said Farley. "He needs to be calling the coaching staff, and they can give him the entire list."

Knight, during his weekly radio show Tuesday, said the two players "have a long way to go in learning responsibility."

"I don't know why they're saying one thing

behind another," Joe Valdez told the newspaper by phone Tuesday. "If you're just disappointed in him, bench him. Don't destroy him, especially on national TV."

Valdez's father contended that Tech players routinely get wake-up calls or knocks on the door while on the road, but that Valdez and Emmett didn't on Monday. Farley said Knight has never had such a policy.

Emmett was back at practice Wednesday; Valdez was not. Farley didn't know why Valdez was absent, adding he had been expected at practice.

Valdez's father said he

didn't know why his son missed practice.

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Valdez's father, who lives in the Denver area, by telephone weren't immediately successful.

Tech Chancellor David Smith said he has talked about the situation with Tech President Don Haragan and Board of Regents Chairman C. Robert Black. University administrators will review the case with Knight, Smith said.

"We're going to have to look into all aspects of this story," Smith told the newspaper in Thursday's online edition.

Memphis picks up big victory against Louisville

By The Associated Press

Memphis won't get a chance to defend its NIT title. Just ask Louisville coach Rick Pitino.

The visiting Tigers beat Pitino's fourth-ranked Cardinals 80-73 Wednesday night for their sixth straight victory, one that put Memphis onto the list of those teams that have come close to locking up an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament.

"There is no more bubble for them," Pitino said after his team lost for the second time in three games following a 17-game winning streak.

John Calipari, who led the Tigers to the NIT title last season after they were snubbed by the NCAA selection commit-

tee, isn't so sure.

"I like where we're moving, I like the direction, but we've got to win every game," he said. "Any time we lose, it's going to be a devastating loss."

This was an impressive win. Antonio Burks had 16 points for the Tigers (17-5, 8-3 Conference USA), who had a 47-31 rebound advantage in handling Louisville (19-3, 9-2) its first loss in 12 home games.

"They just took us to the woodshed on the glass," Pitino said. "They deserved the victory."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was: No. 2 Kentucky 66, Arkansas 50; No. 5 Oklahoma 64, No. 16 Oklahoma State 48; No. 6

Kansas 94, Colorado 87; No. 8 Duke 75, No. 13 Maryland 70; No. 14 Xavier 93, La Salle 71; No. 17 Creighton 77, Indiana State 54; No. 19 Mississippi State 63, Auburn 46; Michigan 78, No. 24 Purdue 67; and No. 25 Dayton 70, Richmond 63.

Chris Massie had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Earl Barron added 11 rebounds for the Tigers.

Reece Gaines had 19 points on 5-of-18 shooting for the Cardinals. He was 1-of-9 from 3-point range and Louisville, the best 3-point shooting team in the conference, went 5-for-23 (22 percent).

"We shot way too many 3s," said Gaines, who hit a winning 3-pointer at Marquette on Saturday. "I shot

too many 3s that didn't go in. I thought they'd go in, but they didn't."

The Tigers led 74-67 with 50 seconds left, when John Grice stepped to the free throw line. He made the first, then made a throat-slashing gesture, drawing a technical foul.

Calipari screamed at Grice, while Simeon Naydenov hit the free throws for Louisville. Gaines added another one seven seconds later to draw Louisville within five.

"He doesn't understand when you do that throat thing, you don't look classy," Calipari said of Grice.

Erik Brown made two free throws with 35 seconds left to cut the lead to three, but Louisville got no closer. The

Tigers, the second-worst free throw shooting team in the conference, went 5-of-6 from the line over the final 20 seconds, including two by Grice.

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Baylor rallies to beat Kansas State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Playing on the road and going scoreless for nearly seven minutes during the first half, prospects seemed uncertain for Baylor Wednesday night before the Bears rallied behind Lawrence Roberts to beat Kansas State 66-57.

Roberts, a 6-foot-9 sophomore forward, hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to put the Bears ahead 32-29.

Then they pushed the lead to 54-40 midway through the second half before struggling Kansas State managed a bit of a rally.

Roberts finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds as

Baylor, which had lost 22 straight conference road games before edging Oklahoma State 74-72 last weekend, improved to 12-10 for the season and 3-8 in the Big 12.

The loss was ominous for Kansas State (12-12, 3-8), which has dropped 13 straight on the road in the Big 12 and will be away for three of its last five regular season games.

"I thought we were past the stage of playing like this," said guard Frank Richards. "We are in the midseason, almost to the end, and for us to come out and play like this is ugly."

"This is certainly the low

point of the season," said coach Jim Woodridge, whose team hoped a late-season push might lead to a post-season berth in the NIT. "I don't know if we've played this way all year. This is a bad time for this to happen."

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Rangers hope new spring training site means money

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Players are tossing baseballs and taking batting practice this week at the Texas Rangers' new spring training home, and the team is hoping the new facility turns a money-losing part of the season into profits.

After years of training in Florida, the Rangers this month opened a new \$48 million facility in Surprise, Ariz.

"We could make a couple of bucks versus losing several hundred thousand dollars in Florida," said Mike Cramer, president of Southwest Sports Group, which owns the Rangers. "It could be a

million-dollar swing." In Florida, the Rangers drew the smallest crowds in the Grapefruit League, fewer than 1,500 per game. In Arizona, the average attendance for Cactus League games is 5,000.

The Rangers get 80 percent of the ticket revenue from home practice games in Surprise, with the city getting the rest plus a \$1 surcharge on each ticket.

The Rangers' rent will fall from \$150,000 to \$100,000 if they and the neighboring Kansas City Royals average at least 5,500 fans per game.

If the teams draw 6,500 per

game, rent is waived. Cramer predicted the Rangers will draw 5,000 fans per game this year and could attract large enough crowds to win rent reductions in two or three years.

Concessions sales, programs and parking revenue are split 50-50 between the Rangers and the town. The team signed a 20-year lease with two five-year options.

The Rangers' ownership also hopes to get into the Arizona real estate business.

Cramer said that Southwest Sports Group has rights to a parcel of nearly 10 acres adjacent to the practice complex. There are no

immediate plans for the site, but it is well-placed for hotel development, he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Cramer compared Surprise, which is 30 minutes from Phoenix, to fast-growing Dallas suburbs such as Frisco. City Manager Bill Pupo said projections show the town's population could double in five years and grow to 300,000 by 2020.

Phoenix tourism officials expect 1.3 million people to visit the area during spring training this year.

"The more tickets we sell, the better it is for both of us," Cramer said of the club's relationship with

Surprise. The club is promoting spring training in new ways, including running spots during Dallas Stars games — the hockey club is also owned by Southwest Sports Group.

The baseball team has also developed spring training travel packages with the Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau and with the team's own travel agency.

Greg McElroy, executive vice president of marketing, said that Surprise is more convenient for fans than the team's former spring home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

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Boston	31	23	.574	5
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	7
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New York	23	29	.442	12
Miami	18	36	.333	18
Central Division				
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Detroit	36	16	.692	—
Indiana	37	17	.685	—
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	9
New Orleans	28	27	.509	1/2
Atlanta	20	34	.370	17
Chicago	19	35	.352	18
Pittsburgh	16	35	.314	19 1/2
Cleveland	10	44	.185	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
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San Antonio	37	16	.698	4
Minnesota	33	21	.611	1/2
Utah	32	21	.604	9
Houston	27	25	.519	1/2
Memphis	16	36	.308	1/2
Denver	12	42	.222	1/2
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Portland	34	18	.654	1/2
Phoenix	30	23	.566	6
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Arizona remains No. 1 team

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Arizona was No. 1 in the AP men's college basketball poll for the fourth time in five weeks Monday, while three teams moved in at the bottom of the Top 25, two for the first time this season.

The Wildcats (20-2) beat UCLA and Southern California by an average of more than 30 points last week to hold the top spot for a second straight week and 10th time this season.

Arizona received 59 first-place votes and 1,786 points from the national media panel, while Kentucky (20-3), which has the nation's longest current winning streak at 14 games, moved up one spot to second.

Kentucky, which beat Georgia and LSU last week, had the other 13 votes for No. 1 and 1,738 points.

The Wildcats have their highest ranking since they were No. 2 in the final poll of the 1995-96 season; they went on to win the national championship.

Utah, Purdue and Dayton moved into the rankings this week at Nos. 23-25, the first appearance for Utah and Dayton since the 2000-01 season.

Missouri, Connecticut and Saint Joseph's fell out of the poll, the first time this season Missouri and Connecticut have not been in the rankings. Both teams were ranked in the

Preseason Top 25, meaning 12 of the schools in the season's first poll are no longer ranked.

Texas moved up three spots to No. 3, while Louisville, which had its 17-game winning streak snapped last Wednesday at Saint Louis, dropped from second to fourth.

Oklahoma stayed at No. 5 and was followed by Kansas, Florida, Duke, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest. Florida was ranked No. 1 the one week Arizona wasn't in the last five polls. The Gators (20-4) dropped from first to fourth following a loss at Kentucky and then fell another three places this week after losing at Tennessee.

Marquette was 11th and was followed by Notre Dame, Maryland, Xavier, Syracuse, Oklahoma State, Creighton, California, Mississippi State and Illinois.

The last five ranked teams were Stanford, Georgia, Utah, Purdue and Dayton.

Utah (19-4) moved into the poll on a seven-game winning streak and has won 14 of its last 15 games, including the 51-49 victory that knocked Alabama from No. 1 in late December. The Utes, whose only loss in 2003 was 58-56 at San Diego State, were ranked in the preseason poll and for the first four weeks in 2000-01, getting as high as No. 12. Purdue (16-6) was ranked

No. 24 two weeks ago but fell out with consecutive road losses to Minnesota and Northwestern. The Boilermakers beat Illinois in their only game last week.

Dayton (18-4) came into the poll having won 11 of 12 games, the only loss at Xavier. The Flyers, who were ranked for one week early in 2000-01, started their recent run after an 85-74 loss at Duke with an overtime win over Marquette.

Missouri (15-6) fell out from 21st after losing 73-71 to Texas A&M and beating Kansas State 71-63, dropping to .500 in its last 10 games.

Connecticut (15-6), which was ranked as high as No. 3 this season, fell out this week after beating Syracuse and losing at Villanova, dropping to 4-5 in its last nine games.

Saint Joseph's (18-4) moved into the rankings last week for the first time this season but fell from 25th after beating Temple and losing at Dayton.

The teams in the preseason poll that no longer are ranked are: No. 8 Alabama, No. 9 Michigan State, No. 11 Oregon, No. 14 UCLA, No. 15 Connecticut, No. 19 Missouri, No. 20 Western Kentucky, No. 21 Indiana, No. 22 Gonzaga, No. 23 Cincinnati, No. 24 Minnesota and No. 25 Tulsa.

Two others — No. 10 Xavier and No. 16 Georgia — fell out during the season but returned to the Top 25.

Entry deadline is March 19 for spring softball signups

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church and Mixed Church. Entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church. Entry deadline is March 19 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 26 at the Recreation Office. Play will begin the week of March 31. Roster forms, fact sheets, and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have any questions or would like more information on the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 21, 2003: Much that goes on this year could be out of your control. Make this OK, and you just might enjoy what nature has up its sleeve. You often daydream and think about what might be. Staying present in your life is very important to your well-being and sense of direction. Your popularity mounts, especially after August. Network professionally. Be open socially. Eliminate confusion. If you are single, someone special could enter your life this year. Take your time making up your mind about him or her. If you are attached, your relationship flourishes, as long as you don't push your views on your sweetie. **SCORPIO** helps you understand different styles and ways.

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on overload. Confirm figures and facts at a later date. You might not be sure which way to go. Tonight: Take some personal time. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) *** Don't take any financial matter for granted. You could be overwhelmed or make a bad decision. Enjoy and work with associates. Eliminate pressure, recognizing an element of chaos. You could see a loved one differently because of the words he or she chooses. Tonight: Dance Friday night in. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You wake up with an idea or vision that sets the tone for your day. Follow through. Experiment and try something new. If a problem pops up, trust that the right answer will appear. Your sense of fun emerges with a child or loved one. Let it all hang out. Tonight: Avoid a hot discussion. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Realize more of what you want and expect from those around you. Step No. 1: Start asking. Your instincts head you in a new direction if you simply go with the flow. Understand more of what you expect from those in your immediate circle. Tonight: Don't allow a misunderstanding to get to you. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You sometimes overstep your boundaries. You could feel pushed by a loved one. Trust that you're not reading the situation correctly. You could be deceiving yourself or making a situation appear more to your liking. Take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Your treat. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might often feel challenged by the activities that surround you. Others might challenge you, not meaning to. Remember, you might be the only one who knows all the facts. You make your

own choices. Trust your intuition. Tonight: You are the action. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Know when to step back and make different choices. How you handle a child or loved one could change when you deal with new facts and information. You might not be sure what is the best way to deal with an issue that comes to light. Tonight: Take some time off. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You might not make sound money decisions, but you certainly have a great time on the way. Others seem to be in the mood to dote on you or to try different ideas. Avoid making major decisions and just work with the present moment. Tonight: Where your friends are. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You take charge in an unusual way, somewhat surprising others. You might be scattered, but at the moment, others remain quite indulgent. Understand what you might need to do to help quiet down someone's upset. Tonight: Don't worry. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Recognize when you have gone overboard when dealing with someone at a distance. An in-law could be a source of problems if you don't relax and take each day as it comes. Don't push others away. Stay together, even when others fall apart. Tonight: Visualize more. **BORN TODAY** Author Anais Nin (1903), singer Nina Simone (1933), record producer David Geffen (1943) ***

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Rockets keeping their edge

PHOENIX (AP) — In the pressure of a playoff race, the Houston Rockets are having fun and keeping their edge. After a 107-89 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night, Cuttino Mobley said he was treating his teammates to some home cooking before Dallas' visit to Houston on Friday night.

"My mom's going to cook," Mobley said. "I invited everybody over just to bond a little bit, because it's a rivalry thing with the Mavericks."

Glen Rice made seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points, Mobley had 22 and Yao Ming bested Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire in a test of two of the NBA's top rookies. Eddie Griffin contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Rockets to 57 rebounds, 22 on the offensive glass. "We gave them too many extra chances," the

Suns' Stephon Marbury said. "You can't play against a team like that, when they've got guys that can make shots, if you give them second opportunities."

The Houston bench contributed 47 points — including Rice's total, which tied his season high, 13 by Maurice Taylor and 11 by Moochie Norris — less than 24 hours after a disheartening, double-overtime loss to the Lakers in Los Angeles.

Stars 1, Flames 1

DALLAS (AP) — Scott Young's shot that would've made a knuckleball pitcher proud was all the Dallas Stars could get past Roman Turek. Young's goal, on a shot that changed direction, with 4:10 left in regulation lifted the Stars into a 1-1 tie with the Calgary Flames on Wednesday night.

"Nothing clean was going to beat him," Young said. "We should have got more traffic in front of him out he played great."



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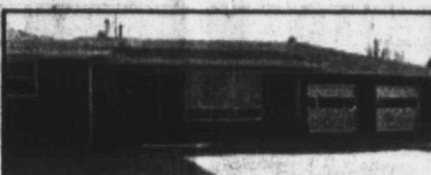
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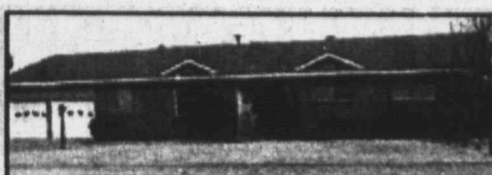
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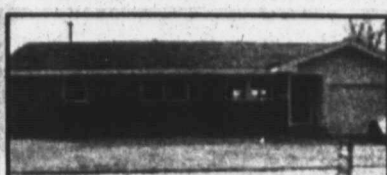
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 The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ronald D. Nickum, P.O. Box 1889, Amarillo, Texas 79105. Phone (806)371-8888
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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jim D. Carroll, Deceased, were issued on February 18, 2003 in Cause No. 8967, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to Vivian Godfrey.
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Better Late Than Ever To Pursue College Degree

DEAR FINALLY EDUCATED: Its success stories like yours that inspire others.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Jack of All Trades," who feels he is at a dead end because he has only a G.E.D.

I work for a college. Many of the students who come through our doors have G.E.D.s. We test the students to place them in classes for their level of learning.

"Jack" can get a degree, and he is never too old to start. Many older people are entering college for the first time today. He shouldn't hesitate. New classes begin all year long.

BEVERLY P., WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR BEVERLY: I hope "Jack" sees this column, because many people reached out to help him. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was in "Jack's" shoes at one time. I had little education, no family and no direction.

It took determination to change my situation. I was married to an abusive man, had quit high school in 10th grade and had very little family support. I decided at 25 that it was time to take back my life.

I went to night school to get my G.E.D., then went on to college for eight years. After receiving my B.A. degree, I left my abusive marriage, landed a great job, and today I'm enrolled in an MBA program.

Good luck, "Jack"! You can do it.
FINALLY EDUCATED
IN TAMPA

DEAR ABBY: This is in reply to the 32-year-old "Jack" who feels he has done nothing with his life. Sooooo? The average healthy American is living 80 or more years, which means "Jack" has about 50 to go. Now more than ever, nontraditional students are going to college for the first time. A college adviser is there to help in areas of financial aid and selecting a major — and support groups such as SOS (Student Opportunity Services) help nontraditional

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FEELING FATHERLESS
IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR FEELING FATHERLESS: Tell your father exactly how you feel. Your feelings are normal. Some family counseling sessions to ease the transition could be helpful for all of you.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

RON IN TOPEKA

DEAR RON: You have made an excellent point. A person who has difficulty concentrating or is disorganized should be evaluated for ADD.

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 15 Customs | 7 Book part |
| 17 LAPD issuance | 7 Speaker's place |
| 19 Price addition | 8 Actress Tyler |
| 20 In the style of | 9 First lady |
| 23 Ripper | 10 German article |
| 25 Hardly a neatnik | 16 Distorted |
| 26 Something to wait with | 17 In check |
| 28 Did more than pass | 18 Dove's love |
| 29 Crude shed | 20 "Women in Love" actor |
| 30 Word of accord | 21 "Little" girl of the comics |
| 31 Cabbage need | 22 Detest |
| 32 Saloon | 24 Blushing |
| 33 Songwriter Neil | 25 Vast expanse |
| 35 Ominous bird | 27 Entertained lavishly |
| 38 Mass language | 27 Entertained lavishly |
| 41 Saucer flier | 31 Dollar division |
| 42 January (Sp.) | 37 By way of |
| 43 Exhilarated | 39 Annoy |
| 44 Editors' places | 40 Some answers |

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.50 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Books, 2 P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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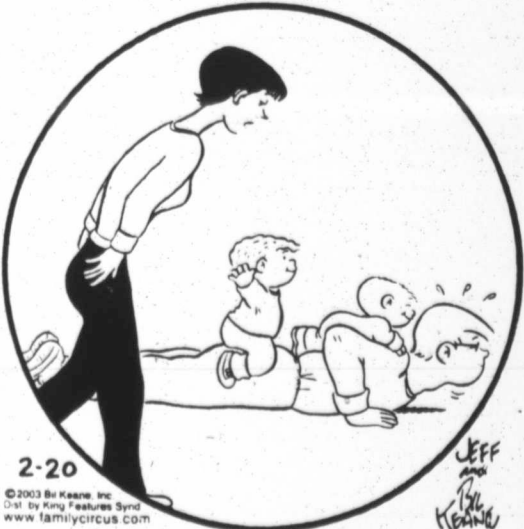
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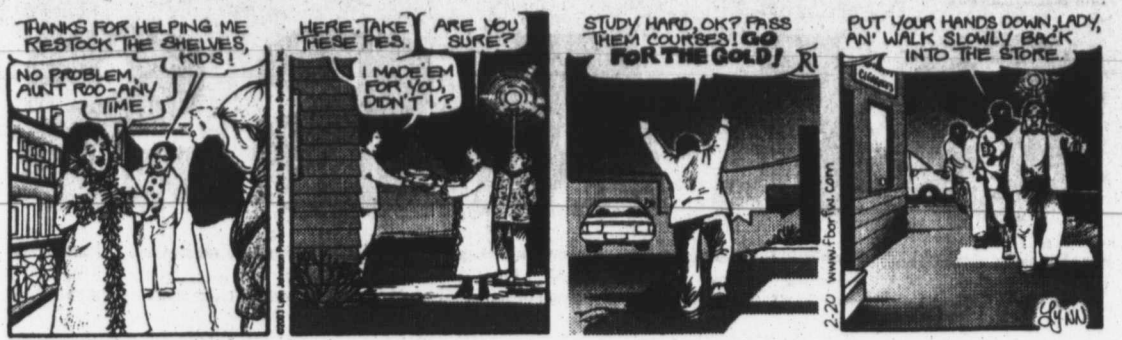
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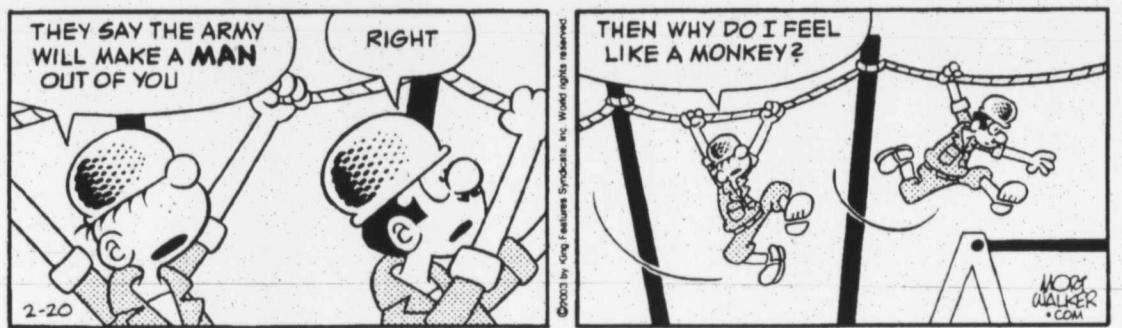
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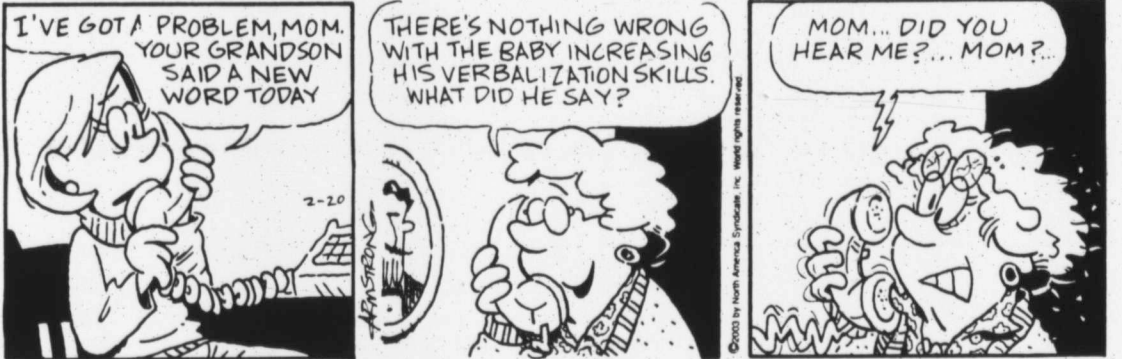
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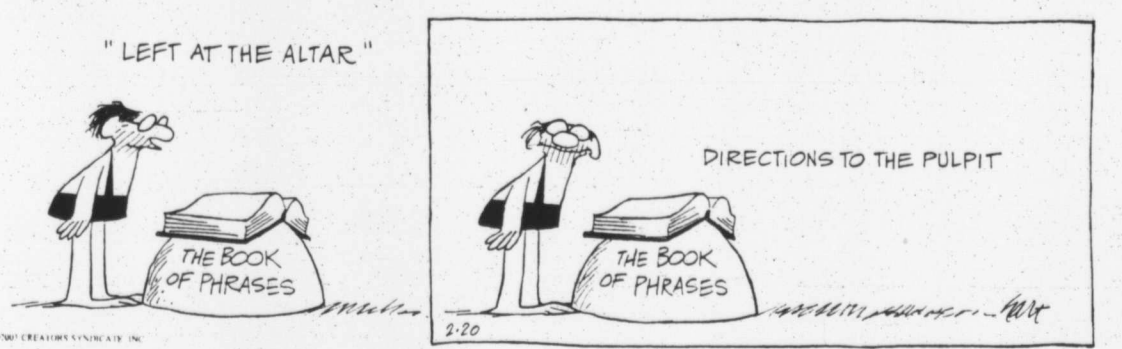
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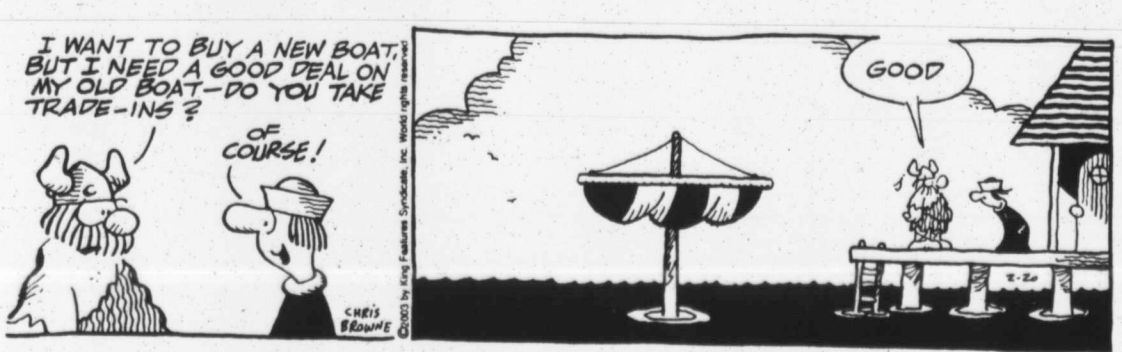
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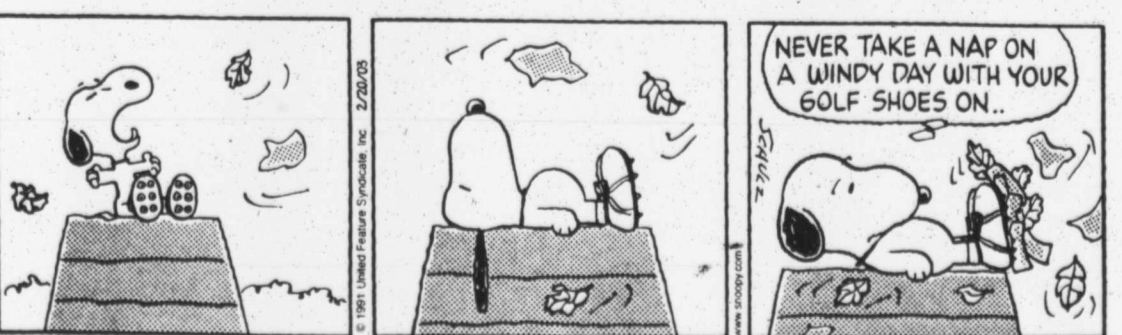
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