Bombs away!

Sergeant personalizes ordinance for

Pampa students who befriended him

Pampa Middle School stu- gum, toothbrushes and toothdents have heard from soldiers paste, sunflower seeds along they sent a package to in with homemade cookies and

Clerk Velma Earl learned this friend of Earl's son-in-law as week that there was a bomb they served together in the with Pampa's name on it dur- U.S. Air Force. He was also in

"Pampa Pride for Velma this past summer where he

The airmen were surprised to the students in the e-mail

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U.S. troops in the war in Iraq. article (from The Pampa

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items to some soldiers who hit me and brought things into

received from the Pampa stu- pictures to them from Iraq.

and crew" were the words became acquainted with the written on a bomb loaded onto. Earl family. He is a weapons

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ding with by e-mail. The items included beef jerky, lip balms,

In the e-mail received from

John

dents

his friend's wedding in Pampa

He expressed appreciation

(See BOMB, Page 3)

Johnson,

Staff Sergeant

thanked them

for the items

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Johnson is a

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By NANCY YOUNG

MANAGING EDITOR

In the first communication

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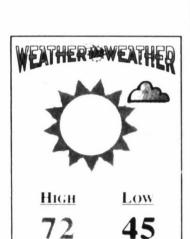
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Rocketry Team sets fund-raising dinner

MIAMI — Miami High School's Rocketry Team will hold a fund-raising dinner from 11:30-2 p.m., Sunday, April 27, in the school cafeteria. The menu will include: brisket, baked potatoes, bread, salad and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The team is raising funds to help with travel expenses to the national competition next month in Virginia.

DEATHS

James T. Bolin, 72, firefighter, painter, bricklayer. Erving Chase, 81, founder Chase Oil Company.

James Thomas Howard IV, 4, pre-schooler.

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Staff Sgt. John Wayne Johnson poses with the bomb destined for the war in Iraq that he personalized for a group of Pampa students.

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Wreckage of a residence-turned-office at 1810 N. Price Road continued to smolder today after an explosion and fire about 1:30 a.m. destroyed the unoccupied building.

House explodes

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Fire officials believe natural gas pooled beneath a house used as an office on Price Road west of Pampa caused it to explode early this morning.

"I don't have everything yet, but the indications are it was a natural gas explosion under the house," said Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens this morning.

"Hooked it over this morning, (The explosion) was so strong it about separated the garage from the rest of the house," he said.

At 1:37 a.m. today, Pampa Fire Department personnel were called to 1810 N. Price Road after calls started coming in that there had been an explosion and a house was

"The call came in as an explosion followed by a fire," said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell. "It was fully involved on arrival."

Although other houses and buildings were near the site of the explosion, Powell said there was enough distance between them all that they weren't threatened.

Powell said the building, which was being used as an office and storage area, is owned by Harold Lawley.

Four emergency fire vehicles and 11 fire-

(See EXPLOSION, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore) Pampa Fire Capt. Tim Kirkwood, red helmet, and Firefighter Charley Douthit extinguish hot spots in a house that exploded early this morning on North Price Road.

WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE





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Sgt. Jason A. Martin

Rank: Sergeant Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Job description: Ordinance, building and repair, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Length of service: Since 1997

Stationed: Fort Stewart, Ga.

Deployed: Kuwait, Iraq Family: Wife, Angela; children, Macie and Jacob, all of Burnsflat, Okla., and son, Christian, Borger; Darrel Martin, father, and Belinda Martin, Pampa; mother, Charlene Hart, Ferris; sister, Vikki Sigler; grandmother, Coela Martin, Pampa and grandfather, Chuck Nutter, Stinnett.

One jailed in car theft

By NANCY YOUNG

MANAGING EDHOR

bonds totaling \$2,500 after he been reported stolen earlier ran when contacted by Gray from a residence in the 1300 County Sheriff's officers block of Garland

about a stolen vehicle.

Deputies were in south Pampa on Varnon Drive early this morning when they spot-A Pampa man is in jail on ted a 2002 Lexus which had

When David Earl Fields, 32, 1139 approached a person to ques-Neel Road, remained in the tion him, he can from the offi-Gray County Jail this morning cers, said Gray County Chief on charges of evading arrest. Deputy Kelly Rushing. possession of a dangerous Rushing said Pampa Police drug and possession of drug. Officers and Gray County paraphernalia in connection deputies were involved in an with an early morning inci-extended foot pursuit before

(See THEFT, Page 3)

Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th & 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. Two players per team. \$65.00 fee per golfer. \$30.00 cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

Erving Chase, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died law, Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Chase was born July 22, 1921, in Medicine Mound, Texas. He came to Pampa in the early 1940s from East Texas.

He married Maxcine Cates on May 14, 1973, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He worked as a superintendent for Wilcox Oil Company for 25 years. He later founded Chase Oilfield Service in 1964 and Chase Colo.; a brother, Frank Chase of Comanche; Productions in 1971, retiring in 1990.

He ranched for 15 years in Ardmore, Okla., from 1978 until 1993.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of the Wells Street Church of Christ.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman.

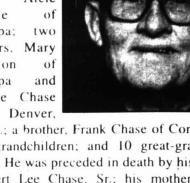
Survivors include his wife, Maxcine, of the home; two sons, Dwight Chase and wife Annette, and Bobby Chase and special friend Susan Hoelting, all of Pampa; three daughters, Shirley Chase of Alvin, Vicky Jones and husband Larry, and Belinda Lambright and husband J.D., all of Conroe; daughter-in-

1998-2003

CHEYENNE — James Thomas "Tommy" Howard, IV. 4, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at Roger Mills Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday at Reydon Community Building with the Rev. Margaret Friend officiating. Burial will be at White Rose Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Chevenne.

Born May 4, 1998, at Elk City, Okla., Tommy was attending pre-kindergarten at Reydon Schools. He enjoyed animals, playing on the computer and watching Scooby Doo

Rhoda Chase of Pampa; mother-in-Alcie law, Steele Pampa; two sisters, Mary Preston of Pampa Diane Chase



12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Chase, Sr.; his mother, Susie Chase; four brothers, Bob Chase, Wally Chase, James (Buddy) Chase and Gerald Chase; two sisters, Louise Sharp and Sue Smith; and a great-granddaughter, Ashley Montoya.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice Olivia's Angels, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX

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

JAMES THOMAS HOWARD IV

and Spiderman cartoons.

He was a member of Reydon United Methodist Church and recently received his shirt for the church's Straight Arrow program.

Survivors include his mother, Vicki Smith of Reydon; his father, James T. Howard, III, and wife, Teresa of Pampa; four sisters, Cheyenne Maree Greer of Unionville, Va., and Ashlie Cox, Marybeth Cox and Cori Cox, all of Pampa; and his grandparents, Richard R. Smith of Sayre, Okla., James T. Howard, Jr., and wife, Barbara, of Reydon; and Carole Howard of Tahlequah, Okla.

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrest and incidents:

POLICE

Monday, April 21

Cruelty to animals was reported on East Tyng under Loop 171.

Wednesday, April 23

N. Quinomes, 20, 50 S. Carr, was arrested on municipal warrants for no drivers license. expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and running a stop sign.

Threat of suicide was investigated in the 300 block of East Brown.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville. A lawn mower and trimmer was reported taken from a shed in a backyard. Estimate of loss was \$1,078.

Disruption of class was reported in a disorderly conduct by language incident at Pampa Middle School.

A juvenile was arrested and taken to the Juvenile Probation Office in connection with a burglary of a building in the 700 block of North Gray. A weed eater was reported stolen, but was recovered.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson. A purse was reported taken. Estimated loss was \$200.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, April 23

Amber Caviness, 20, 533 Doyle, was arrested on a municipal warrant for disorderly conduct-fighting.

Nicholas Brookshire, 23, 533 Doyle, was arrested on a municipal warrant for disorderly conduct-fighting

Koly W. Kirdland, 18, 822 Beryl, was arrested on municipal warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

David Earl Fields, 32, 1139 Neel Road,

was arrested for evading arrest. Christopher Lee Thomason, 27, 1031 N.

Sumner, Apt. 217, was arrested for a motion to revoke probation. Original charge was theft over \$20 and under \$500.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Wednesday, April 23

3:14 p.m. - Payton L. Baird, 16, 2605 Evergreen, was cited for failure to yield right of way when the 2002 Jeep Liberty he was driving was eastbound crossing Duncan. Charlene M. Gee, 32, 1308 E. Foster, was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado Suburban and was northbound on Duncan and the two cars collided.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, April 23

3:10 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision with no injuries reported at 25th and Duncan streets.

Thursday, April 24

1:37 a.m. - Four units and 11 firefighters responded to a report of an explosion followed by a structure fire at 1810 N. Price Road. (See related photos and information on

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ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, April 24

3:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Duncan and

25th but was disregarded by dispatch enroute. Thursday, April 25

12:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Murphy; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Price on fire standby.

SERVICES TOMORROW

JONES, Jessie Cecil — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery,

WRIGHT, McRoy "Okie" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

JESSIE CECIL JONES 1904-2003

Jessie Cecil Jones, 99, of Pampa, Texas, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 22, 2003, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery, with members of the family officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Jones was born Feb. 24, 1904, in Temple, Texas, to Virginia and Jess Bruce. She married Rufus Jones on March 4, 1920, in Estelline. They had 72 glorious years together before he passed away in November of 1992. They were blessed with two sons, Doyle Talmadge and Milford Ray of Pampa. She and Rufe moved from Plainview to Pampa in 1946 and made this their home.

She was a homemaker, and the joy of her life was her family. She loved having her children and their children around her, and that was when she was the happiest. Her family and home were her whole life.

She was a Baptist.

She will be greatly missed by all who loved her and knew her. A special thanks to Bob Lindsey with Crown of Texas Hospice for his gentle care and touch.

She was one of ten children, three brothers www.carmichael-whatley.com.

and six sisters who all preceded her in death. She was also preceded death by her son Doyle, one grandson Terry Jones Panhandle, one great-grandson,

Vandy Vanderburg of Pampa, and one great-great-greatgrandchild.

Survivors include a son, Milford Jones and wife Glorice of Pampa; six grandchildren, Sandy Vanderburg of Odessa, Becky Dalton, Michael Jones and Donna Slavick, all of Pampa, Jana Dutton of Colleyville and Suzanne Dunlap of Amarillo; 12 great-grandchildren; 12 great-greatgrandchildren; and five great-great-great-grandchildren

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX

-Sign the on-line register book at

JAMES T. BOLIN

1930-2003 James T. Bolin, 72, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Mr. Bolin was born June 1, 1930, at Lindsay, Okla. He married Denamay Leona Grayson on

He worked for Pampa Fire Department from 1962-74 and was painter and brick layer as well.

May 5, 1956, at Perry, Okla.; she died March

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Sue Patrick, and a brother.

Survivors include a son, John Bolin of Pampa; three sisters, Billie Bible and Joanne Cumbie, both of Amarillo, and Clara Mae Chisum of Canadian; three brothers, Tommy Bolin of McLean, Trent Bolin and Ronnie Bolin, both of Texhoma, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

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ACT I to stage next production

BY DARLENE BIRKES FOR THE NEWS

ACT I's current production of two one-act plays focusing on the military theme and reflecting the 1960s opens at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 25.

"Next" is a lively play by Terrence McNally, known on Broadway for his comedy. Probing both sensitivities and sensibilities, the playwright exposes fears and pretenses in an elevated piece full of action. The two ACT I veterans, Debra Sandefur and Jimmy Lindsay, aptly play their parts in the fast moving comedy.

Sergeant Thech, portrayed by talented Sandefur, is a snappy military nurse at the draft board abruptly pursuing her duties in a nononsense manner of examining the over-age candidate, Cheever, played by Lindsay. Pecking out her report on a manual typewriter, she completely ignores the inquiring Cheever, who is full of pretense and worried about the consequences. Lindsay's stage performance commands full attention, and Sandefur adds a humorous spunk that is most entertain-

"Private Wars" is a less spontaneous and appealing script written by a lesser known playwright, James McLure. The setting is on the terrace of an Army hos-

CORRECTION

In a front page article Thursday, it was incorrectly reported that the school board vote to name Barry Haenisch as the Pampa Independent School District superintendent finalist as 4-1. The actual vote was 5-1 with Lee Porter, Lance DeFever, Joe Martinez, Nancy Coffee and Jay Johnson voting "aye" and John Curry voting "nay."

pital where three recovering GIs are whiling away their mature audiences, each GI is affected and tormented by different problems as he sits in the comfort zone of the hospital.

Silvio, portrayed by Teddy Tolleson, is the macho Italian-American who is street wise and suffering from his supposed consequences of sister he helped raise help him?

played by Kasey Presson, is a rich kid from Long Island read during blackouts, give other two. Never successful, he is a misfit.

The slow Woodruff Gately, played by Howard Hayden, is time recovering from psycho- a muddler who occupies his logical as well as physical time working on a radio, the injuries. In the slow-moving parts of which are gradually play, a character study for disappearing. The three amuse themselves tormenting one another yet sometimes provide care and concern.

Kayla Pursley is director of ACT I's second production of the season. A charter member of ACT I with a theatre degree, she has starred and directed plays for many years.

The two plays will be pershrapnel wounds. Will the formed both Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m., April 25 and 26, and again The cocky Natwick, May 2 and 3. A matinee will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. Tickets are \$7 for whose letters to his mother, adults and \$3.50 for students. ACT I theatre is located at the his warped impressions of the Pampa Mall with entrance mid-way on the west side. he had joined the army, where For further information, call 665-9369 or 665-3820.

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AMARILLO J Panhandle Pr Royalty Owne has a full slate vention here including a co show host.

Scheduled through 29 at Civic Center, begins Tuesday an IHS produc look at artificial by Phillip Har Technologies; Association of briefing by Pau dent of the NA ter, and a sa James ConocoPhillips

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Fields wa Justice o Martinez se on evading on possessi drug and \$5 phernalia.

Rushing tion is conti theft and charges aga filed later to

30 years of service



(Pampa-News photo by Nancy Young)

Precinct Four Gray County Commissioner James Hefley recognized longtime county employee Bill Bradley for over 30 years of service upon his retirement. Bradley's wife Barbara looked on as Hefley presented him with a plaque.

Medved to speak at PPROA meet

including a conservative talk cutting edge.' show host.

Civic Center, the convention and policy. begins Tuesday, May 27, with Technologies; a National something new pops up." Buzan ConocoPhillips' Borger refin- said.

"We're continuing to look at BP Canada, senior vice presihas a full slate for their con- Wayne-Hughes, executive vice Central North Slope in Alaska. vention here in late May, president of the PPROA. "It's

Scheduled for May 27 vention will focus on what's

an IHS products workshop; a with increasing density regula- margins in the industry and look at artificial lift innovations tions our industry faces," what he expects to see in the by Phillip Hart with Ornega Hughes said. ery month future.

Association of Royalty Owners Tim Holt, vice president for Wednesday will feature briefing by Paul Covert, presi- the U.S. Onshore Business Unit Michael Medved, a nationally dent of the NARO Texas chap- of BP America Production, will syndicated conservative talk ter, and a safety update by be the keynote speaker show host. with Wednesday, May 28, Hughes

Holt served as president of Hughes said.

Panhandle Producers and information that's just over the dent of BP Exploration and Royalty Owners Association horizon in the industry," said H. Business Unit Leader for the

"We're really lucky to have Brad Chapman, an expert on He said speakers at the con- employment law," Hughes said.

Edward Kautz, president of through 29 at the Amarillo next in extraction technology the International Association of Drilling Contractors, will speak "The safety update deals on the increasingly narrow

The membership luncheon

"I'm really proud that Michael Medved is coming,"

Kennedy Space Center worker charged for allegedly stealing space shuttle debris

ee who helped search for debris accused of taking. arrested for alleged stealing part space center spokesman Bruce across, more than 2,400 square of the shuttle.

Michael Pankiewicz, 44, ately returned. was arrested late Wednesday federal investigators, said Carolyn Adams, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in 1 as it entered the atmosphere keeping shuttle parts.

Kennedy Space Center employ- shuttle part or parts he was seven astronauts.

after the Columbia disaster was A message left Thursday for parts have since been found Buckingham was not immedi-

and charged with embezzling and bond hearing for three-day amnesty period for government property, transport- Pankiewicz was expected later scavengers to turn in what they ing stolen government property Thursday. It wasn't immediate- found. Hundreds of pieces of and making a false statement to ly clear if he had an attorney debris were brought in then. who comment.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Orlando. She wouldn't say what 39 miles over Texas, killing all

More than 70,000 shuttle miles of Texas and Louisiana Looting was so widespread ini-An initial court appearance tially that authorities declared a Still, at least five people have The Columbia broke up Feb. been charged with illegally

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BOMB

perspective. First, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Second, you are the ones that make me proud. Y'all are half my age and you have a better grasp of what it means to be an American than

most. I'm just doing my job, but it's when sentiments like yours come to me that I feel the honor that flows from 'Old Glory' straight to my heart and makes me stand a little straighter, load a little faster, and salute a little sharper. People like you make this all worth it. As far as your

thanks, it is my honor and privilege to serve you, and you are very welcome," said Johnson.

Both the students and the soldiers have expanded their ranges since the war began, and both are looking forward to meeting when it is

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EXPLOSION

fighters responded to the scene to battle the intense fire. Rural/Metro Ambulance personnel stood by and Pampa police officers and Gray County Sheriff's deputies controlled traffic around the scene.

One unit and two firefighters remained on the scene early today, extinguishing hot spots the

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THEFT

Fields was apprehended. Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond of \$1,000 on evading charges, \$1,000 on possession of dangerous drug and \$500 on drug paraphernalia.

Rushing said the investigation is continuing into the car theft and that additional charges against Fields may be filed later today.

remained in the still-smoldering wreckage.

The front of the house that faces Price Road sustained the greatest amount of fire damage, but the building was obviously a total loss. The

steel roof that remained was buckled and doors and windows hung askew.

Fire officials said no one was in the building at the time of the explosion. No injuries were reported.



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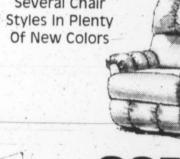
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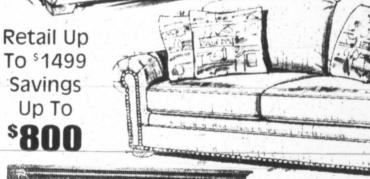


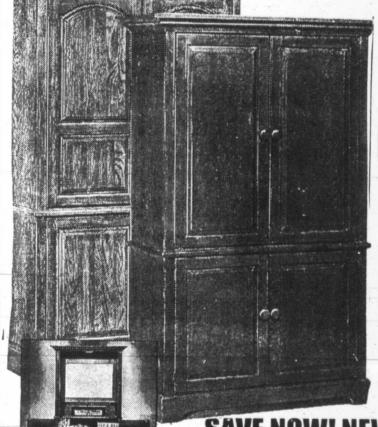
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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, April 24, the 114th day of 2003. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

On this date:

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1877, tederal troops were ordered out of New Orleans. ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South:

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Turkish Empire began the brutal mass. deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was

put down by British forces several days later.) In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, between Camp Parks, Calif., and Westford, Mass.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a week-long occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

Ten years ago. The Irish Republican Army exploded a truck bomb in the City of London financial district, killing one manand causing millions of dollars' worth of damage. Former Atrican National Congress president Oliver Tambo died in Johannesburg, South Africa, at age 75.

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Oil bribes not to be honored

Why do you think France, Russia and China sided with Saddam Hussein in the United Nations Security Council against the invasion of Iraq? It was because their support was bought and paid for by the Iraqi dictator. Now, in the ruins of his empire, the question is whether the world will honor his bribes.

In 1997, Saddam Hussein hit on a bright idea for obstructing American efforts to interrupt his grand design for regional domination. Needing United Nations approval to lift sanctions and allow unrestricted oil sales, he passed out oil bribes to France, Russia, and China so that they would vote his way in the Security Council.

The bribes were in the form of a contingent right to develop the major oil fields in Iraq. Sitting on top of the second largest reservoir of oil reserves in the world - after Saudi Arabia - Saddam gave companies from the three nations contracts letting them develop the fields once the sanctions were lifted.

Now the main beneficiaries of this dictatorial largesse are demanding that the new management in Baghdad honor these contracts made with the corrupt dictator for an evil purpose. TotalFinaElf, France's biggest oil company, which got contracts for two of the four oil fields, is fighting hard, in the words of Thierry Desmarest, its chief executive "in order to have the best chances for participating in the reconstruction of the country's [Iraq's] oil industry.



DICK MORRIS COLUMNIST

Marching in lockstep is Lukoil, the Russian oil company that secured contracts to develop some of Iraq's biggest petroleum fields. Leonid Fedun, the company's vice-chairman was quoted in The Financial Times as saying "From a legal point of view, those are our reserves. If Lukoil is squeezed out we will go to the arbitration court in Geneva, which will then immediately freeze the reserves."

His reserves? By what act? Are the contracts passed out of Saddam Hussein to parcel up Iraq's patrimony in return for Security Council support for his corrupt regime truly to be honored under international law?

The United States and the United Kingdom should announce that these contracts are null and void as are all other contracts entered into by Saddam Hussein's corrupt regime. We must start from scratch in allocating oil development rights and be guided by one basic principle: those who helped Saddam stay in power in their craven attempt to profit from his oil should not share in the fruits of his dethronement. In other words, we should tell the French, Russian, and Chinese oil companies

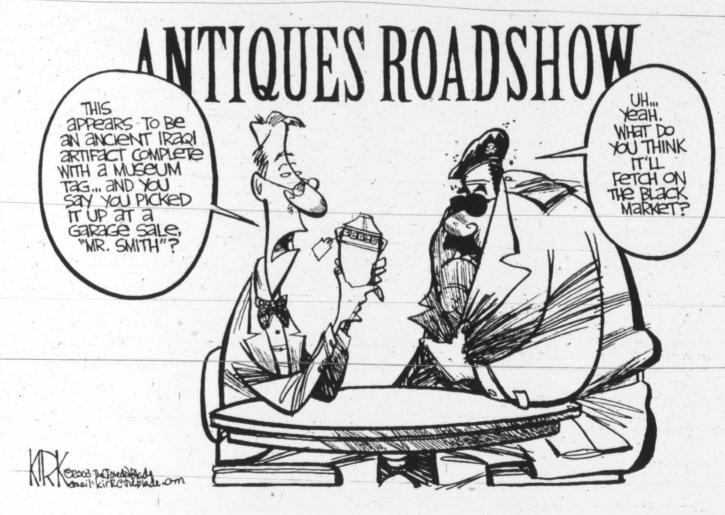
that entered into these contracts to take a hike.

On the other hand, President Bush must take great care not to be seen passing out spoils to his Texas oil cronies as souvenirs of his Baghdad invasion. To reward Republican Party stalwarts with oil goodies would demean the deaths of the brave Americans and British who fell, not to enrich Texas oil companies, but to free the people of Iraq and to liberate the world from Saddam's threats.

The U.S. and the U.K. should also make quick work of the ridiculous position of France, Russia, and co. that they will not co-operate voting to lift U.N. sanctions against the sale of Iraqi oil. Now that Saddam is done, there is obviously no rationale for these sanctions. If Paris and Moscow persist in their posturing, the U.S. should simply confirm the irrelevance of the U.N. and sell all the oil we want to whoever we want providing, of course, that the Iraqi people benefit from the money.

In a broader sense, the United States has a chance to show a doubting world how little money and oil mattered in our decision to invade Iraq. By refusing to regard Iraq's oil as patronage to be passed out to American companies and, equally, declining to honor Saddam's corrupt contracts, we can demonstrate a degree of selflessness which will stand in sharp contrast to the corrupt diplomacy of France and her friends.

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From whence comes income?

Here's part of a letter from a reader: "A hard-working, conscientious person can earn \$10,000 a year in a fast-food restaurant. At the same time, movie stars and athletes, who make very little contribution to society, can earn in excess of \$10,000,000 a year. A baseball player earns more with every swing of the bat than many people do in a year."

The reader's inference is that there's something unfair about income differences of such magnitude. It also reflects ignorance about the sources of income in a free society; that's music to the ears of political demagogues with an insatiable taste for command and control.

I think some of the ignorance and much of the demagoguery stems from the usage of the phrase "income distribution. It might make some people think income is distributed? in other words, there's a dealer of dollars.

The reason that some people have few dollars while others have millions upon millions is that the dollar dealer is unjust.

An alternative vision might be that there's a pine of money intended for all of us. The reason why some are rich and some are poor is that the greedy rich got to the pile first and took their unfair share.

Clearly, in either case, justice would require a re-dealing, or redistribution, of the dollars, where the government takes ill-gotten gains of the few and



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returns them to their rightful owners.

Most people, except a few congressmen, would view those explanations of the sources of income as nonsense. In a free society, for the most part; income is earned. It's earned by serving and pleasing one's fellow man.

Why is it that Michael Jordan earns \$33 million a year and I don't even earn one-half of one percent of that?

I can play basketball, but my problem is with my fellow man, who'd plunk down \$200 to see Jordan play and wouldn't pay a dollar to see me play. I'm also willing to sell my name as endorsements for sneakers and sport clothing, but no one has approached me.

The bottom line explanation of Michael Jordan's income relative to mine lies in his capacity to please his fellow man.

The person who takes exception to Jordan's salary or sees him, as my letterwriter does, as making "little contribution to society" is really disagreeing with decisions made by millions upon millions of independent decision-makers who decided to fork over their money to see Jordan play. The suggestion that Congress ought to take part of Jordan's earnings and give it to someone else is the same as arrogantly saying, "I know better who ought to receive those dollars."

Another part of the explanation for Jordan's high salary is simply a matter of supply and demand. If there were tens and tens of millions of people with Jordan's talents, you can rest assured he wouldn't be earning \$33 million a year. And similarly you can bet that if people really valued hamburgers and there were only a few people with those skills, they'd be earning much more than they currently earn.

We might think of dollars as being "certificates of performance." The better I serve my fellow man, and the higher the value he places on that service, the more certificates of performance he

The more certificates I earn, the greater my claim on the goods my fellow man produces. That's the morality of the market.

In order for one to have a claim on what his fellow man produces, he must first serve him. Contrast that moral standard to Congress' standing offer. "Vote for me and I'll take what your fellow man produces and give it to

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North Korea talks tough, negotiations enter second day

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea accused the United States of leading the region toward war Thursday in an apparent attempt by the communist nation to increase pressure on negotiators holding a second day of talks on its nuclear programs.

There was no indication whether any progress had come from the second day of meetings Thursday. The chief U.S. negotiator, Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, declined to answer questions upon returning to his hotel in the afternoon, saying only that the sides "had talks."

Discussions were scheduled to end Friday. Kelly was to fly to Seoul the same day to meet with South Korean offi-

North Korea continued to try to ratchet up the pressure and is believed to want economic aid in exchange for concessions.

U.S. moves to cut off oil shipments because of its suspected nuclear weapons program, and fears it is next on Washington's list for military action.

"The situation on the

Korean Peninsula is so tense that a war may break out any moment due to the U.S. moves," the North's KCNA news agency.

It said relations with the United States had hit "rock bottom" because President Bush named North Korea as part of an "axis of evil," along with Iran and Iraq.

KCNA said the war in Iraq had shown the only way for a country to protect itself was to have a strong military deterrent. Officials from Seoul and Washington say the swift U.S.-led victory in Iraq prompted North Korea to agree to the nuclear talks.

The North's Korea People's Army vowed to "put all people under arms and turn the whole country into a fortress" and urged its soldiers to become "human bombs and fighters ready to blow up themselves" to protect leader Kim Jong II.

"If the U.S. imperialists and their followers intrude into

High Plains International Youth Art Festival

even an inch of the inviolable sky, land and sea of the (North) ... the (army) will deal merciless deadly blows at the aggressors," North Korean Defense Minister Kim Il Cholwas quoted as saying by KCNA.

Still, North Korea said it was ready to settle the dispute over its suspected nuclear weapons programs and that the "master key" for successful talks was for the United States to drop its hostile poli-

cy toward Pyongyang.

Late Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Secretary of State Colin Powell talked by phone and agreed that the Beijing talks were beneficial, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The U.S. Embassy and Chinese Foreign Ministry said they had no details of Thursday's discussions. But ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said the talks were "conducive to mutual understanding and finding ways to resolve the North Korean

nuclear question peaceful-

North Korea and China fought against the United States in the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended without a peace treaty. North Korea and Washington have no formal relations and are still technically at war.

In a likely reference to North Korea's demand for a nonaggression treaty with Washington, KCNA said: "The U.S. should settle the talks from a sincere stand and strive to settle the essential issue."

Entries are currently being accepted for accepted – photography, painting, sculpture,

Entries are currently being accepted for the first-ever High Plains International Youth Art Festival slated from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 26, at several area locations including the Woody Guthrie Music Center in Pampa and the Community Center of Miami. Other locations will be announced at a later date.

The event, open to youth age 18 and under, will include art demonstrations, workshops, juried awards and youth art exhibits.

Exhibitors must bring their art to the festival along with some means of display (easel, table, etc.).

Cost is \$5 per artist. No limit is placed on the number of exhibits. The registration deadline is July 21. All visual media will be accepted – photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, etc. Since space is limited, exhibitors will be served on a first come basis. Artists may sell their artwork at the festival.

To register, go on-line to http://www.pam-pastribute.org/art_festival.htm on-line or call (806) 868-2094.

The festival is being sponsored by the following: Pampa Fine Arts Association, Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, Miami Economic Development Corp., Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Arts Alliance, Carson County Square House Museum, North Rolling Plains RC&D, Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council and International Child Art Foundation.

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Mandela's ex found guilty

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela, was convicted Thursday of theft and fraud involving \$120,000.

Madikizela-Mandela — whose financial adviser, Addy Moolman, also was convicted — could be sentenced to 15 years in jail.

The trial marked the latest setback for Madikizela-Mandela, who had played a role in the nation's successful anti-apartheid campaign led by Nelson Mandela.

Madikizela-Mandela, 64, and Moolman sat next to each other as Magistrate Peet Johnson read his verdict for two and a half hours.

He said MadikizelaMandela had not been honest
to the court and that her evidence that she did not know
about the fraud was "totally
improbable." On the theft
charges, Johnson said she was
an accomplice to Moolman.

Madikizela-Mandela and
Moolman had both pleaded
innocent to 60 charges of
fraud and 25 of theft involving \$120,000 at the African
National Congress Women's
League, which MadikizelaMandela leads.

The prosecution said letters on organization stationery that bore Madikizela-Mandela's signature were used to fraudulently obtain bank loans in the name of bogus employees, including her daughter, Zinzi.

The theft charges relate to money deducted from the bank accounts of loan applicants for a funeral policy that the prosecution says did not exist.

Concluding her testimony last month, Madikizela-Mandela said she signed the documents, handed to her by her secretary, without checking them.

Outside the court, Madikizela-Mandela was met by a group of about 30 students, chanting "Viva Winnie viva," with raised fists. She smiled at the group and raised her fist in return.

One young man who did not wish to be identified said he was, disappointed by the judgment and claimed the African National Congress had deserted Madikizela-Mandela. He said all she had been trying to do was help the poor.



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NEWS COMICS

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Couples Who Live Together Must Tie Up Legal Loose Ends

"Forever Single," the man who's in although he remembers nothing we from your sad experience. You love with "Kit," but never wants to did together that he loved to do have been, and continue to be, get married. He's not the only person like traveling, cruises, dancing a loyal and loving partner. You who would rather just live together.

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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-lead reladdressed envelope, plus something ever happens. I work for people want to take care of those we have two together. So we made nothing but memories sure if anything bad happens to one of us, the other has control over years. He didn't look out for my everything, and not our exes future, and now he can't. His chil-447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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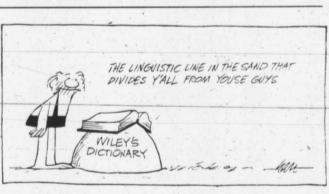






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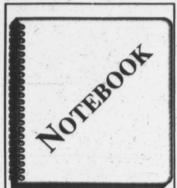
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PAMPA — Ladies are urged to come join the fun with the Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association, which starts summer playday on May 5. Tee time is 5:45 p.m. every Monday throughout the summer.

For more information, call Jackie Harper at 669-5790 or Brenda Kelly at 665-8000.

TRACK.

PAMPA — The Pampa Elementary School Track Meet will be held May 16 at Randy Matson Field. The meet will start out at 9 a.m. with field events, followed by running events.

Relay races will begin after the lunch break.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS - A poor start to the season has put two-time IRL champion Sam Hornish Jr. in the difficult position of hoping to turn his season around in the Indianapolis 500.

That could be a daunting prospect for Hornish, whose worst performances in winning the IndyCar Series titles the past two seasons have come at the IRL's biggest race.

In his first three tries at Indy, the 23-year-old wunderkind has finished 24th, 14th and 25th, and has yet to complete the full 200 laps on the famed 2 1/2-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval.

"I feel really good about our chances this year and I felt really good about our chances over the past two years and things just haven't worked out," Hornish said.

"We've had the car and had the setup to probably be in the top five at least the last two years, and we've just made mistakes. But, you know, the pressure is on. That's the race you want to win even more than you want to win any other race or the championship."

Hornish said the uncharacteristic mistakes at Indy may mean he's trying too hard there.

"Mostly, it's mistakes because I want to do well," he said. "I always try real hard, no matter what, but it seems like I haven't been able to get away with some of things that I have at other places."

The mistakes include crashing while trying to make a pass and spinning out on cold tires -- things Hornish never seems to do at other tracks.

"I don't know if it's got something to do with (the pressure) or it just wasn't my time yet."

The first three races of this season haven't been kind to Hornish either.

In the opener in Homestead, Fla., the handling was off all day on his Pennzoil Panther Dallara-Chevrolet and Hornish finished an undistinguished 10th, a lap off the pace.

He had a strong entry at Phoenix, but tangled with rookie A.J. Foyt IV on the 30th lap and finished 21st.

Harvesters honored at basketball banquet

Simon and Ryan Zemanek coach Schaeffer said. shared Most Valuable Player honors at the annual Pampa High boys' basketball banquet Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church-Fellowship

Simon and Zemanek were first-team All-District 3-4A performers for the Harvesters, who advanced all the way to regional quarterfinals this season. Simon was a post player while Zemanek played both the forward and guard positions.

The Hustling Harvester Award went to sophomoreguard Clayton Hall, who was all-district honorable mention.

Pampa head coach Jerry Schaeffer, who earlier announced his resignation, guided the Harvesters to their first playoff berth in seven years. Pampa finished second in district with a 9-3 record and was 18-14 for the season.

Schaeffer, who completed his fourth season at Pampa, plans to return to college and work toward a principal certification.

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PAMPA - Seniors Max Pampa, I'll feel blessed,"

He said this year's team brought rain to that sevenyear drought and pushed that boulder aside for future play-

"In the pre-season polls, Pampa was picked sixth in district and we ended up as one of the top 36 teams in the state. We accomplished great things. People expected us to be at the bottom of the conference, but insiders knew there was more to this team than what appeared on the surface," Schaeffer said.

The Harvesters won their last four 3-4A games to clinch a playoff spot as the No. 2 seed behind district champion Palo Duro.

The Dons were the only district team the Harvesters didn't beat.

Pampa advanced to the third round of the playoffs by beating Levelland 74-73 in bidistrict and El Paso Parkland 73-60 in the Area:

Frenship ended Pampa's season in the regional quarterfinals, 49-38.

Other 2002-2003 basketball award winners were:

Assist Award: Max Simon Rebound Award: Max

Free Throw Award: Chance Bowers

Visa Charge Award: Matt Robben James Silva I Am Third Award: Matt

Robben Phil Londagin Award: Self - Matt Robben.

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(Pampa News photo)

Basketball award winners were (front, I-r) Ryan Zemanek and James Silva; (back row, I-r) Clayton Hall, Chance Bowers, Max Simon, Matt Robben and Jay Bob Harp.

Ochiltree County schedules 4-H Club Rodeo

PERRYTON Riders 4-H Club is holding its annual rodeo at the fair-

compete for trophies in each place. All-Around trophies flags and calf riding.

10 a.m.

The will be given to each high-Ochiltree County Young point girl and boys in each 13-18, will have an added will be taken until 9:30 a.m.,

grounds in Perryton on age group are stick horse, but does involve throwing a under the age of 18 as of Jan, Saturday, May 3, starting at events of barrel racing, pole steer from a standing posi- 1, 2003. bending, flags, goat ribbons tion. Four age divisions will, and horseback barrel racing.

event with rosettes given events include barrel racing, group. from second through sixth pole bending, goat tying.

The oldest age group, ages close April 28. Late entries attraction of chute dogging, the day of the rodeo. Entries Events in the 5 and under which doesn't require a horse. are open to all youth who are

In the 6-8 and 9-12 groups, away roping in this age P.O. Box 647, Perryton, Tx.

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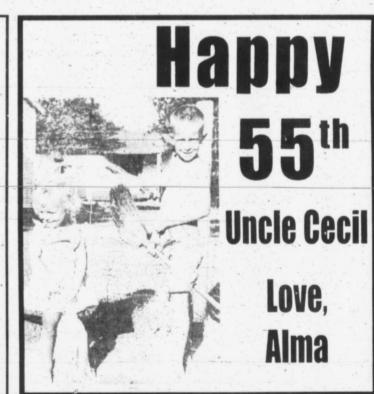


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Glo-Valve downs Celanese in 11-12 Cal Ripken opener

Freddie Ramirez led a 10-hit attack and Lane Douglass pitched a two-hitter as Glo-Valve Celanese Corporation 10-3 in Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League action Tuesday.

Douglass struck out 13 and walked eight in pitching the first complete game of his career. He gave up one earned run. Madison Wilson pitched the first three innings for Celanese. He was touched for three runs on four-hits. He struck out seven, walked two and hit a batter. Jeremy Busse relieved in the fourth inning. He allowed four runs on three hits. He struck out four and walked four John Luke Covalt finished up. He surhits. He struck out three while walking only one batter.

the second. Madison Wilson opened with a triple and scored on a wild pitch. Jamar Wheeler walked and came around on a passed ball and two wild pitches. Glo-Valve roared back in the top of the third when Heath Skinner laid down a perfect bunt and scored when the throw went into right field. Jade Wilson followed with a walk and scored on a double by Hayden Skinner. Skinner took third on the throw to the plate and scored on a single by Freddie Ramirez to stake Glo-Valve to a 3-2 lead.

With two out and Glo-Valve clinging to a one-run lead, Anthony Allen made the

Celanese took a 2-0 lead in Skinner, who blocked the towering triple to deep right plate and tagged out the run-

> Glo-Valve broke the game open in the fourth inning. Evan McElwain, Jose Ramirez and Heath Skinner drew consecutive walks to open the inning. Hayden Skinner scored McElwain and Ramirez with a single up the middle. Heath Skinner scored on an infield out. Hayden Skinner trotted home on a single by Freddie Ramirez for a 7-2 Glo-Valve lead.

In the top of the sixth inning, Glo-Valve added three insurance runs. Kade Wilson drew a walk and Douglass aided his own cause with a single up the middle to send defensive play of the game in the hustling Wilson to third. rendered three runs on three, the bottom of the third with a Douglass went to second on a relay from right field to pitch- fielder's choice. Freddie er Douglass to Hayden Ramirez responded with a run, had a hit or both.

field to plate both runners. He scored on a single by Allen to make the score 10-2.

The defending City Champions managed a run in the bottom of the sixth when Covalt walked, took second on a passed ball, third on an error and scored on a wild pitch.

Madison Wilson with a

triple and Casey Trimble with a double were the leading Celanese hitters. Freddie Ramirez had three hits, including a triple, four RBI and scored a run to lead Glo-Valve hitters. Mark Ruth had two hits for Glo-Valve. Hayden Skinner had a single, a double, three RBI and two runs scored to aid Glo-Valve's offensive efforts. Every Glo-Valve player either scored a Trimble gunned down a runner trying to steal and Covalt snagged a ground ball and fired to first for a close out for the defensive plays of the game for Celanese.

Kade Wilson hustled to the backstop, retrieved an errant pitch and snapped a throw to Douglass covering home to nab a Celanese runner trying to steal home. Freddie Ramirez fielded a ground ball at deep shortstop and fired a strike to a stretching Heath Skinner to catch a Celanese hitter by half a step at first.

In the early game, pitcher Wesleigh Hannah won his first game of the season with Rotary Club beating Cabot Corporation 10-2. Rotary broke up a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning with five runs, highlighted by Alex Torres' threerun inside-the-park homer.

Astros fall to Mets, 4-2

NEW YORK (AP) - Al Leiter enjoys fooling batters.

"It's fun to see the reaction of the hitters to pitching, using the changeup away and the two-seamer in," the New York Mets' pitcher said. "When both sides of the plate are working, it's fun no matter who you pitch against."

Leiter had a lot of fun out.

Wednesday night, pitching six strong innings in the Mets' 4-2 victory over Houston.

Leiter (3-0) was winless in five starts against Houston since Sept. 15, 1998, going 0-4 with a no-decision. He escaped a jam in the sixth when he struck out Craig Biggio with two on and two

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** * * Stay on top of work. Realize friends are is where you want to be. If you can leave the office early and start your weekend. A meeting proves to be beneficial Keep reaching out for others Tonight Where the gang is

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** * * * Make calls in the morning. when you'll find others more easily. You hand focus on getting the job done charge. Clear off your desk and finish any other work Tonight Touch base with an older relative

* * * * Learn to detach rather than e back more, this year you will need to ling. Schedule a meeting or make plans be proactive, both professionally and that could take you in a new direction. work and expand your immediate circle more you know, the better the choice.

the this fall. If attached, your relation- * * * Listen to an associate, knowing. Your perspective will change considership will take a positive turn in what it is you want from a situation, ably after you relax and hear someone September You will act like newfound. Together you make a strong team, even if else's message. Use your creativity and unpredictability. Use another's ideas to and dealing with those in your immediate maximize a professional situation. You circle. Tonight: At a favorite spot. could work later than you need to. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Tonight: Become a team.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * * Flirting comes naturally to the your personality to communicate. You more of what you want. Where your Libra, especially this morning. Try want things a certain way. You will do focusing some of this libido energy into whatever you need to do in order to have your work. Sooner or later the issue of it just so. Tonight: The world is your oyswork highlights your day. Dig in and get ter. the job done. Mobilize another's help. You work better as a team. Tonight: Buy BORN TODAY a favorite munchie on the way home. SC: RPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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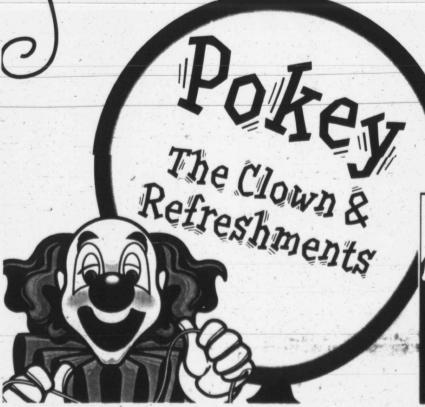
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