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Today's weather

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Deaths

William John Carter III, 37, former Pampan. Virginia Cunningham, 75, interior designer. Mary Nell Foster, 70, homemaker. Ella Ann Hanes, 71, businesswoman.

Local Briefs

Deadline for entering the 2005 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant is fast approaching, local Top O' Texas Rodeo Association

Multi-agency chase ends in arrests a Gray County Jail spokesperson a series of events Monday which deputies had joined in the hunt for By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Editor

Three burglary suspects who led law officers on a not-so-merry chase through the north end of Pampa Monday afternoon are now behind bars at the Gray County Jail, facing a variety of local and out-of-state charges.

William Walling, 30, of Shepherdsville, Ky., remains in jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$7,000 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. burglary of a motor vehicle, and evading arrest. Local officials are also awaiting information regarding Kentucky warrants naming Walling,

said today.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez this morning set bonds totaling \$3,000 for Gary Davis, 40, of Oklahoma City, Okla., on charges of evading arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Judge Martinez also set Wallings' bonds today.

A bond hearing has not been set for Sean Withers, 30, of New Albany, Ind., who is charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, evading arrest with a vehicle and burglary of a vehicle, jail officials said.

began about 2:30 p.m. with a report the red car and the suspects," of a robbery at Coronado Shopping Center, 1200 N. Hobart, according to a press release from Lt. Fred Courtney of the Pampa Police Department.

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"The suspects were believed to be two white males driving a small red car with Tennessee license plates," Courtney said in the release. Officers received a partial license tag number for the suspects' vehicle.

As police were en route to the call, the dispatcher redefined the offense as burglary of a vehicle.

"By this time DPS Trooper Randy The three men were arrested after Ratzlaff and several Gray County

Courtney said.

Courtney and Sgt. David Lee of the Pampa PD sent to the site of the burglary and spoke to the victim. Sgt. Lee also spoke to two witnesses who said they saw an African American male in the back seat of the car.

Trooper Ratzlaff spotted the car and the two white males stopped on 20th Street by an eveglass business. the release stated.

"One of the suspects was trying to take a license plate from a car parked

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County OKs tax refund to **Celanese Ltd.**

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners, in their morning meeting at the county courthouse today, unanimously approved payment of \$32,500.15 to addressed commissioners on the company for overpayment of their current property taxes. The refund became necessary when it was discovered that Celanese's original taxable value of \$85,100,951 had been deemed erroneous and lowered to \$78,453,698, a difference of \$6,647,253. Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley of Gray County Appraisal District told commissioners of the revised valuation at their Feb. 1 meeting. Celanese had paid their taxes based on the original valuation, and thus had overpaid, necessitating the refunds from three taxing entities, including Gray County. The other two entities owing refunds to Celanese are Pampa Independent District, School \$103,431.26, and Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, \$1,010.38.

have more to discuss later. But I suggest we go ahead and pay this back," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby this mornE

ing. Ann Davidson of White Deer Land Museum Celanese Ltd. as a refund to the need to repair the roof of

officials say. All entries are due at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, no later than 5 p.m. March 1. All entries must be complete and consist of entry fees, pictures and current Coggins papers for any horses to be used in the competition. Information packets for the June 2-4 pageant are currently available at the rodeo office. For more information, call the office at 669-0434 or contact Pageant Director Gina Greenhouse at 665-6093.

Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association is gearing up for its "Wild at Heart Gala" slated at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Pampa Country Club. Tickets are \$20 apiece. Proceeds will bene-American Heart fit Association. For more information, contact Veronica Kirkwood at 665-3816.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Roses, anyone?

Pampa High School Student Council Member Emily Luna hands out roses during homeroom on Monday. The organization uses Valentine's Day as a fundraiser by selling silk roses for \$1 a piece.

"I will tell you for the record right now, this was not Celanese's error. I will

the museum. She had an estimate from one company concerning proposed repairs, and commissioners voted to seek at least one other estimate before taking further action on the roof repairs.

Commissioners also decided to seek requests for proposals on the county bank depository, with the RFPs due April 1.

The county's current contract, with Bank of America, expires May 31st, said County Treasurer Lee Cornelison.

Five alarm, or "panic," buttons were approved for purchase at a cost of \$2,300 to augment the courthouse's current security system. The buttons are wireless and send signals directly to the sheriff's office if activated, said Sandra Martin of County Judge Richard Peet's office.

Funds for the purchase

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By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Funds under the control of the 31st District Attorney's office were moved Feb. 1 without notifying Gray County Treasurer Lee Cornelison, resulting in the county's being overcollateralized at the bank, Cornelison said in this morning's county commissioners' meeting in the county courthouse.

"A couple of the district attor-

readout. We have to collateralize \$875,000, Cornelison said. those accounts.

"Suddenly, Feb. 1, those accounts became zero balances, which left us with a huge abundance of collateral we didn't need.

"They moved funds without notifying me. But if they have a drug bust on I-40 and make a big haul, suddenly we're undercollateralized," Cornelison said.

The amount moved out of the

ney's checking accounts are on my two accounts is approximately

County Attorney Josh Seabourn left the commissioners' meeting briefly during the discussion of the two checking accounts, and returned to say he'd reached Assistant District Attorney Lynn Switzer by phone. He indicated that she had not known or realized the problems with collateralization. and that she would be addressing commissioners in the future.

resigned and I am the acting district attorney, that gives me authority over those accounts. We closed those accounts and opened new ones requiring new signatures." Switzer said in a telephone interview after the commissioners' meeting today.

She said the new accounts require two signatures, hers and that of Carey Mackie. the office manager and a legal assistant in the

"Now that Rick Roach has district attorney's office. The accounts had previously been accessible only to Roach, with no second signatures required.

"That money has to be collateralized. The county can be held responsible," said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

The county must maintain collateral to back up the value of its checking accounts. Collateral is property equal in value to the account being collateralized.

Local officials meet with Hig **Fround represe**

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

It was over lunch Monday that Pampa and High Ground of Texas officials discussed new business leads.

The City of Pampa took over the dues required to belong to the economic development coalition of and South Plains.

"The High Ground is a marketing coalition of com- High Ground for several munities and organizations years," said Pampa City market the region," said the EDC was voted out, the Lorie Vincent, executive chamber and industrial foundirector of the organization. dation have been paying the "It's a way for every com- dues. This year, the city more than 50 city, county munity, regardless of size, to commission voted for the

and regional entities spread leverage their resources to across the Texas Panhandle have a bigger impact on the national level."

"We've participated with who have banded together to Manager John Horst. "Since together that no one commu-

city to pay the dues. It's a big benefit to all cities, and it's the only way we have of getting leads for new businesses coming into town."

"We're able to do things said. "Things that no one community can afford by themselves."

A 12-year veteran of the

organization, Vincent has the been executive director for half of that time.

"Lorie really does work very hard to develop leads for all of the panhandle communities that are members of nity is able to do," Vincent High Ground," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Along with the city and

chamber. Pampa Industrial Foundation is also a member of High Ground.

Established in 1988, High Ground of Texas represents 54 counties in efforts to create new jobs and increase the Tax base of the area. They market the region, Vincent said, at national trade shows, direct mail projects and targeted events.

Obituaries

William John 'Bill' Carter III, 37

PAMPA — William John "Bill" Carter III, 37, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Memorial services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor, officiating.

Mr. Carter was born June 3, 1967, at El Centro, Calif., and had been a Pampa resident for 18 years prior to moving to Siloam Springs.

He married Michele Putman on Jan. 23, 1997, at Siloam Springs.

He worked at a plastics factory and was formerly a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, William John Carter, Sr.; and by his maternal grandfather, Lyle Stattler.

Survivors include his wife, Michele, of the home; a daughter, Jera Carter of Pampa; his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Kenneth Searl of Pampa; his father, William John Carter, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Putman of Michigan; and his maternal grandmother, Rose Stattler of Pampa.

The family will receive visitors at 1445 Dogwood and requests memorials be to MADD, 2710 Civic Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109.

She was an interior designer and owned

She is survived by her son,

Seth M. Cunningham II of

Borger; daughter, Loyce L.

Wright and her husband, Tracy

Virginia's Interiors. She was a member of

the Church of Christ at Borger, the 20th

Club.

Virginia P. Cunningham, 75

BORGER - Virginia P. Cunningham, 75, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Century Club, the Collectors Club, the the Church of Christ at Borger with Mr. Borger Music Club and the Borger Book

Stan Mitchell, pastor officiating. Interment will be in "The Garden of Love" at Westlawn Memorial Park the direction under of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Cunningham was born on May 12, 1929, in Tyler, Texas. She had lived in Borger from 1952 to 1954, and then moved back to Borger in 1975.

married Seth She Cunningham I, on May 25, 1952, in

death.

Services tomorrow

CARTER, William John "Bill", III — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Chur Pampa

FOSTER, Mary Nell — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Hart.

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Gray County Weather_

with a high around 63. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around between 25 and 30. East

Today: Mostly cloudy, and 20 mph, with gusts high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow before 9 Tonight: A 20 percent a.m., then a slight chance of rain.

Mostly cloudy, with a 32. Wind chill values high around 36. Wind chill values between 22 and 30.

Mary Nell Foster, 70

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at Plainview.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church of Hart with the Rev. Tom Long, pastor of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Foster was born Feb. 18, 1934, at Pampa, to the late John and Lavyrn Lindsey. She married Wamon Foster on Aug. 17, 1952, at Comanche.

Mrs. Foster moved to Hart in 1956. A homemaker, she was a member of Hart First

HART — Mary Nell Foster, 70, died at United Methodist Church, Golden Group Senior Citizens of Hart, Daughters of the American Revolution and DRT.

She taught high school math for four years and enjoyed genealogy.

Mrs. Foster was preceded in death by a son, Phil Foster in 1983; and a grandson, Chris Owen in 2002.

Survivors include her husband, Wamon of Hart; two daughters, Karen Heare of Pampa and Jean Hendry of Denver, Colo.; a son, Tim Foster of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hart First United Methodist Church or to Hart Fire Department.

Ella Ann Hanes, 71

McLEAN, Texas — Ella Ann Hanes, age 71, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at McLean. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery of McLean, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Ann was born Aug. 18, 1933, to Charles Patrick and Annie Mae Herndon. Ella Ann was a member of the Trinity Church in McLean.

Ann was a dedicated employee of C&H Supply, Inc., of McLean for 16 years. She loved her customers and co-workers as they did her. Nothing pleased her more than the accomplishments of her grandchildren. She was the best friend of her children, and will be missed by everyone.

Survivors include two daughters, Carla Kirkland (Butch) of McLean, and Elaine Merz (Myron) of Mineral Wells; one son, Marshall Hanes (Tammy) of McLean; two grandsons, Ike and Tyler Hanes of McLean; two granddaughters, Destiny Kirkland of Amarillo and Amanda Merz of Mineral Wells; her mother, Annie Herndon of McLean; five sisters, Louise Avery of Amarillo, Charlene Miller of Amarillo, Patsye Henley of Dumas, Natalie Meathenia (Kenneth) of Bloomingfield, N.M., and Kathleen Reynolds (Gerald) of McLean; and two brothers, Durward Herndon (Sue) of Dumas and Darryel Herndon (Jane) of McLean

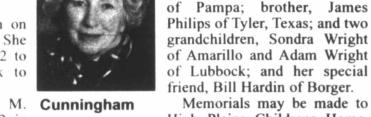
The family suggests memorials be to Trinity Church Youth in McLean, Texas, or to BSA Hospice in Amarillo, Texas.

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\$8 per yard, he said.

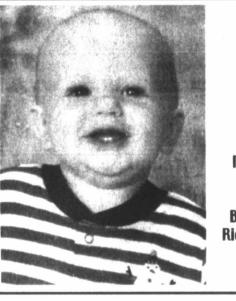
Racial profile reports were received and approved from the sheriff's office and receive 3,000 yards of Precinct 2 Constable Chris



Wichita Falls, Texas. He preceded her in the American Cancer Society or BSA Hospice.

grandchildren, Sondra Wright of Amarillo and Adam Wright of Lubbock; and her special friend, Bill Hardin of Borger. Memorials may be made to High Plains Childrens Home,

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ST. VINCENT DePaul Catholic School Fundraiser, BARTENDERS NEEDED Feb. 19th, Hot Tamales, \$6 doz. To order call 665-5665.

East wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipi-

tation is 20 percent. Wednesday Night: Patchy after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low near 28. Wind chill values between 21 and

will come out of the courthouse security account.

Action was postponed on a contract with Local Government Solutions. No representatives of the entity were present, and information was not available to enable commissioners to make a decision on the con-

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crushed concrete rock which is currently stored at the city landfill, in exchange for his help in repairing Albert Street, he said.

tract.

"That will save me \$24,000 cash" in road repair material, Willoughby said. The current price of the crushed concrete material is

An interlocal contract

with the City of Pampa was

approved. Willoughby will

Lockridge's office. County Clerk Susan Winborne and District Clerk Gaye Honderich were recognized for their completion of 20 hours of continuing education.

morning's meeting due to illness.

Peet was absent from this

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Feb. 14

Officers made 22 traffic stops, delivered one message, and served three warrants. Suspicious persons were reported in the 1000 block of West Alcock, 1500 block of Williston, 900 block of Gordon, 16th and Evergreen, and the 1100 block of Clark.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Randy Matson and Hamilton streets.

Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of Varnon and 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, 1000 block of West Wilks, Somerville and Hobart, and 1300 block of North Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 2200 block of Charles.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Barnes, Alcock and Hobart streets, and the 1200 block of North Faulkner.

An elderly person driving erratically was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

A possible theft was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee Street.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Found property, possibly drug paraphernalia, was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

A possible burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Kingsmill.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at 21st and Coffee streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of West Kentucky. Van windows, value unknown, were shat-

A traffic complaint involving a motorcycle was reported in the 900 block of Love.

A fight was reported in the 2500 block of North Hobart. Participants were gone by the time police arrived.

A possible runaway was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Loud music was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Eric Klink, 18, 1009 Terry Rd., was arrested for minor in possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sean Withers, 30, New Albany, Ind., was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, evading arrest with a vehicle and burglary of a vehicle.

William Walling, Shepherdsville, Ky., was arrested for evading arrest, burglary of a vehicle and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Sean Lewis Moree, 26, 417 N. Doyle, was arrested for failure to identify.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident. Sunday, Feb. 13

11:30 p.m. - A 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Antonio Carrasco Salgado, 19, of Pecos, collided with a wooden fence and a telephone pole in the 1000 block of North Sumner, causing approximately \$1,550 damage. The door of a residence behind the fence was also damaged by pieces of the fence. Damage to the door was estimated at \$200. Salgado was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Feb. 14

Gary Davis, 40, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested for evading arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Arturo Ruiz, 19, 415 Starkweather, was arrested on bond surrenders for assault causing bodily injury and burglary of a habitation.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Feb. 14

4:13 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a report of someone caught in an elevator. The person was out by the time firefighters arrived.

4:39 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Somerville streets. There were no injuries and no hazardous material spill.

6:30 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 900 block of South Wells.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 14

9:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

2:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.



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Business Review

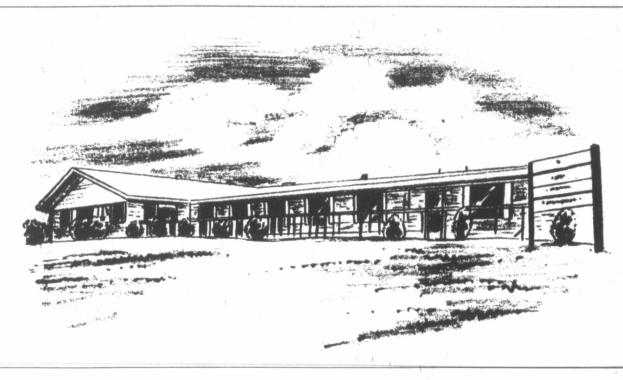
Pampa Nursing Center to host seminar

You wake up one morning and realize you can no longer care for yourself. Your family or friends stop by to check on you and realize they can not give you the time and care you need so you can continue living in your own home. The doctor delivers the news that you can no longer live at home because you have no one to take care of you.

Emotions flood your mind and soul. The first thoughts might be how much does nursing home care cost? Can I afford it? If it is a married couple, a question might be will there be enough money to keep one at home and one in a nursing home? How are we going to make it? Do I sell the house? Do we have to lose everything? How do I find the right care? Does Medicare or Medicaid pay for the care?

STOP! Take a deep breath and for the moment do nothing. You need information. Pampa Nursing Center would like to serve as one of your resources for that information. The staff is ready to assist you in finding the care that best fits your needs.

Each individual situation is unique and different. The Medicaid and Medicare programs are complex. There are many myths and much misinformation surrounding



Pampa Nursing Center

Medicaid as it relates to skilled nursing care. Pampa Nursing Center is keeping up with the current information and would like to offer it to you free. On Feb. 22, 2005, at 7 p.m. at Pampa Nursing Center, the center will be hosting a seminar by Senior Information Services of Texas.

The topics to be addressed include: Can Medicaid take my home? Do I have to spend all of my estate before receiving Medicaid benefits? Can I transfer my estate to my children Nursing Center residents.

without penalty or taxes?

They will answer any questions you may have concerning the cost of long-term care. The facility will provide you with information that will assist you in finding the right nursing home. The staff will share with you the resources available from the library provided by the Agency on Aging.

Pampa Nursing Center at 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. is open to serve. The staff is caring and dedicated to serving Pampa

Pampa Nursing Center invites you to stop by for a visit. They believe you will like what you see.

> **Remember Tuesday**, Feb. 22, 2005 7 p.m. Pampa Nursing Center 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. 669-2551





Lou tries, go help me sod and other spooners

Words are the tools of my trade, and when I misuse one, it's like a carpenter smashing his thumb with a hammer.

I made just such a blooper recently when I was describing the beginning of a Western movie to my husband, who had missed the first part of the film. I was explaining why the hero was picking himself up off the ground and dusting himself off while his riderless horse galloped toward the horizon.

"It sporked his hoose," I said as I ended my explanation.

There was an instant of silence, and then, needless to say, my warped words were more entertaining than any-

thing on the TV screen. Of course, what I meant to say was, "It spooked his horse."

What I did is called a spoonerism, which is defined as switching a letter or two, most often the first ones, of a couple of words. was

The name of this verbal vice-versa actually comes from a real person. William Archibald Spooner, an English clergyman and educator, lived from 1849 to 1930. He was apparently very prone to making the kind of speech error which now bears his name.

Some spoonerisms which have been attributed to their namesake include "go help me sod" for "so help me God" and "may sod rest his them. It works best if you soul."

I remember a comedy routine once performed on the classic "Hee Haw" variety television show. It

Marilyn the story of the **Powers** three little Staff Writer pigs, with spoonerisms insert-

ed. One line that sticks in my mind is ships and bruisers for a when the wolf threatens to huff and puff and "hoe your blouse down."

From this point on, I'll let you figure out the spoonerisms' correct words, and just indicate them by italicizing

goal" for "may God rest his listen to the words, rather than see them, so it may help to say them aloud if you get

> stumped. Think about how spoonerisms could lighten, just a little, the mood when



on a war. We could use cattle naval battle. Our weapons

could be described as being far advanced from the days of ears and sparrows. When our troops come home, we could have the hags flung out.

I'd like to tell you a little story that has nothing to distinguish it except for its spoonerisms. Here goes.

Debbie was an avid rice sickle bider, unlike her friend Pam, who drove a tarred for us.

Debbie took good care of her two-wheeled transportation. It was the most wellboiled icicle in town.

Debbie even gave her bicycle a name, Filed Wire. She sometimes liked to imagine that her bike was a grapple-day horse.

Even though she was a veteran cyclist, she avoided the why hay for safety reasons. She also stayed home when storm clouds threatened to roar down pain.

Debbie loved to go fishing, so one day she pedaled down Strain Meet to the bookstore. She had decided that she wanted to learn how to fly ties so that she could use them to catch fish.

Her goal was to catch the biggest barge-mouthed lass in the fishing tournament that was scheduled in a few weeks.

After getting the book she wanted on tie flying, she went to the supermarket to get fog dude for her log, Duke.

While she was at the supermarket, Debbie browsed through the video rentals, looking for a movie

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2005. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

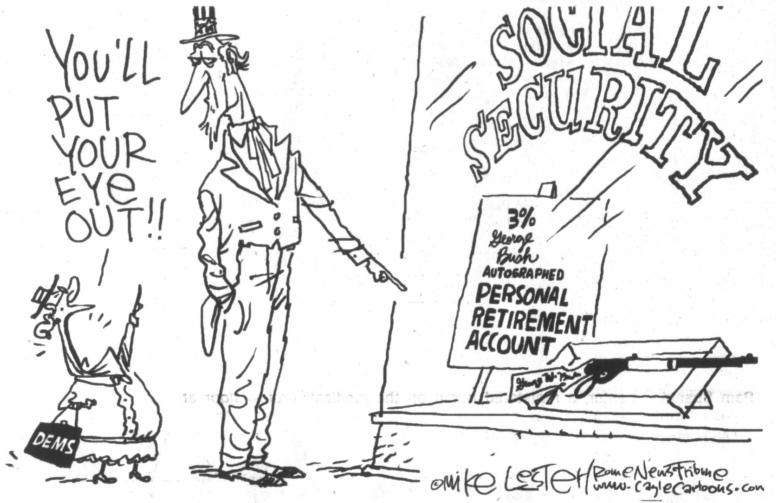
In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of

Chicago Mayor Anton J.

Cermak. In 1942, the British





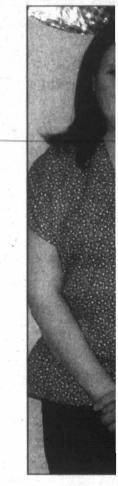
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Nothing is mine, I have only nothing but it is enough, it is beautiful and it is all mine."

- Katherine Anne Porter American author in Belgium.

colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II. In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en

route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707

In 1982, 84 men were killed when a huge oildrilling rig, the Ocean

Ranger, sank off the coast of Newfoundland during a fierce storm.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Ten years ago: The FBI arrested Kevin Mitnick, its "most wanted hacker," and charged him with cracking security for some of the nation's most protected computers. (Mitnick was later released after serving five years behind bars.) A fire roared through a three-story nightclub in Taichung, Taiwan, killing at least 64 people.

Five years ago: Republican presidential rivals George W. Bush and John McCain fought over campaign financing and the tenor of their nomination contest in a testy debate in Columbia, S.C., that included Alan Keyes. Fox aired "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" - a TV special which drew huge ratings and much notoriety.

One year ago: A pair of blazes in China killed at least 93 people. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Daytona 500 on the same track where his father was killed three years earlier.



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CNN should put up or shut up

A journalistic scandal tive columnist Williams, about getting his business involving payment of thou- who found himself in trouble sands of dollars has received after news reports revealed massive attention in the he quietly took \$241,000 mainstream media. One concerning the exchange of 30 pieces of silver has not, so far.

In January and early February, four American to promote journalists came under fire to various degrees, as indicated by the number of dicated tele-Lexis-Nexis mentions during the month beginning Jan. 8: Armstrong Williams, 1,133; Maggie Gallagher, 238; Michael McManus, 43; Eason Jordan, 12.

Let's start with conserva-

Too many Americans are

in favor of free speech only

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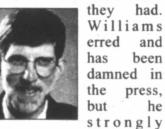
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Marvin Olasky Columnist

column. spokesman for Williams said he had no comment: "He's

back in order. ... Things have just gotten a little out of control."



believes in improving education, particularly in inner Journalists called him a cities, and let's hope he'll be back in some fighting capacity, this time with all financial information disclosed.

Two other conservatives

who write syndicated columns, Maggie Gallagher and Michael McManus, have also been outed for Indeed receiving \$21,500 and \$10,200, respectively, from had. the Department of Health been

and Human Services. Liberal journalists initially lumped the two in with Williams, but HHS was paying them for expertise, not punditry.

McManus, for example, is the president of Marriage Savers, which has helped churches in many cities to cut the divorce rate by

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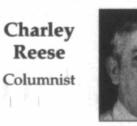
Freedom's for all or it's not free - a thousand scientists looking for a cure for cancer, or one health czar who claims he has the answer and nobody may disagree with him? The more minds brought to bear on any prob-

> Because I am a conservative, I have made it a practice to read liberal and progressive magazines. There is not much point in reading only people you agree with. You will learn nothing that way. We should always be willing to challenge our own assumptions and beliefs,

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Chase

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at the business," Courtney said.

When the trooper pulled up, the suspect got back into the passenger seat and the car sped away. The vehicle went back onto Hobart Street and turned between two businesses in the 2000 block of North Hobart, coming to stop behind an appliance store, according to the release.

The men left the vehicle and attempted to run away. The passenger, identified in the release as Walling, was caught by Lt. Kenneth Hopson of the Pampa PD. However, the driver, later identified as Withers, eluded the officers.

As officers set up a perimeter, Courtney said he saw an African American male sprint across the intersection of Hobart, 21st Street and Perryton Parkway. Knowing that the black male seen by the two witnesses had not been found, Courtney said he topped the man to identify him.

The man's explanation for why he was in the area was "not believable," Courtney said.

About that time, Lt. Hopson, while doing an inventory of the red car, found a pawn ticket from an Amarillo pawn shop with Davis' name and address on it. He was then taken into custody.

Dispatchers found a match of the plate of the suspect vehicle using the partial tag number given by the victim. Further investigation revealed the car has been stolen on Feb. 9 from Nashville, Tenn.

Pampa PD Officer Cade

Logue began a search of businesses, thinking the driver of the car might have ducked into one, Courtney said.

"His hunch proved correct when he saw a white male matching the description come out of the floor store in the 2100 block of North Perryton Parkway," the police lieutenant said. "The foot chase was on."

Logue followed the suspect west across Perryton Parkway, north down the alley behind a paint store, through a yard, west across Banks Street and another yard on the west side of Banks. Logue lost sight of the suspect at that point.

Officer Donny Brown of the Pampa PD saw part of the foot pursuit. He was able to get to the 2100 block of Faulkner and did not see the suspect cross Faulkner.

"Officer Brown knew (the

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suspect) was cornered," an alley.

All three were charged with burglary of a vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, according to the release.

Walling was found to have a warrant out of Louisville, Ky., for probation violation and Withers was charged with evading in a vehicle and evading by foot. Withers was also found to have warrants. from Louisville, Ky., for theft and for probation violation, the release stated.

"A strong cooperative effort between several local and area law enforcement agencies brought this incident to a successful conclusion," Courtney said.

"The arrestees had long records and the quick response by all officers probably kept other cars from being stolen and other burglaries from being committed."



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Valentines make good medicine

Pam Spangler, center, a registered nurse on the medical/surgical floor at Pampa Regional Medical Center, shows her Valentine bouquet to Angela Moxon, left, a CNA on the floor, and Tiffany Shadle, right, an RN on the floor.

Spooner

Courtney said.

Law enforcement officers

Assisting in the search

were Gray County deputies

Derek Peters and Carey

Rushing, Roberts County

Deputy Paul Sublett, Pampa

PD officers, Lee, Alvin

Johnson, Heather Ratzlaff,

Brett Watson, J. Heredia,

Detective Beverly Chace,

and Texas Ranger Sgt. Bart

Bivins. Pampa Police Chief

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County Sheriff's Chief

Deputy Kelly Rushing also

The first and second

sweeps of the block "proved

fruitless," Courtney said, but

"the third time was the

Sgt. Lee and Trooper

Ratzlaff found the suspect,

identified as Withers, hiding

in a garage that opened onto

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charm."

set up another perimeter to

close in on the suspect.

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rue tent. She had a nice plasma screen TV in her red boom that she liked to watch in the evenings.

She saw one starring Dairymore, but Brew remembered that she had seen it before.

Debbie decided to go to a video store for her movie rental, and rode to a Flockbuster bar out on the edge of town.

She found a sparking pace for her wheels, and rented a movie starring Arnold Schwartznegger and Jamie Curtis.

The name of the movie was "Lou Tries." The End.

(Of course, the movie's correct title was "True Lies," which in itself is another type of wordplay called an oxymoron. But that's another story.)

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CNN

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adopting a "Community Marriage Policy," and HHS was paying him to help organize other cities. He told his readers: "In retrospect, that was a clear conflict of interest. It was not by intent, but by omission. I am truly sorry. I ask your forgiveness."

That should be granted. Both columnists acknowledged that they should have disclosed their payments when they wrote columns supporting HHS marriage programs - but their situation as experts was clearly not that of a columnist paid to publicize, and the mainstream media feeding frenzy ended during the first week of February.

The frenzy over a far more serious breach should have begun then, but did not. CNN's Eason Jordan, who had previously come under scrutiny by media ethicists when he acknowledged that his network covered up aid and comfort to terrorists crimes of Saddam Hussein to protect its employees in Iraq, told an international audience on Jan. 27 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that U.S. troops had murdered some of the 63 journalists killed in Iraq since the war began. Davos officials through

Feb. 8 refused to release a video of the remarks, but Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who sat on the panel with Jordan, reported that the CNN head said "he knew of about 12 journalists who had not only been killed by American troops, but had been targeted as a matter of policy."

Jordan offered no evidence, and his accusation, which he may have tried to take back later, was too much for Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who was in the audience and said he was "outraged by the comments.'

Bloggers have reported the story extensively, often accusing Jordan of giving

the type of story that's harder to cover than one in which dollars clearly change hands, but it may be a more subtle form of bribery. Fox is beating CNN in the United States, but CNN is No. 1 around the world and wants to stay that way. What better way than to kiss up to Europeans and Middle Easterners than by telling them what they want to believe about those awful Americans?

and their appeasers. This is

The establishment media, instead of circling wagons to protect one of their own, should investigate. If anyone has evidence of soldiers knowingly targeting journalists, let's hear it.

If there is no evidence, Jordan should clearly and loudly apologize, and CNN should stop giving aid and comfort to the enemy. ***

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Free

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because, as I said, none of us has all the answers to all the questions. None of us knows everything there is to know about anything.

The demagogues making a mountain out of a previously obscure professor are taking the usual tact that he has a right to his opinion but not a right to teach in a public school. This is similar to a Jewish outfit trying to get rid of professors whose opinions about the Middle East don't iibe with those of Israel. Well, if you take that tack, then academic freedom is as dead as a squashed possum. If there is any place on Earth where people should be free

This notion that students have to be protected from

"wrong opinions" is an insult to the students. Unless a student is a psychological cripple in search of a guru, the student can decide for himself whether he agrees or disagrees with the professor's take on things.

I disagree with so many people that if I were to avoid them all, I'd have to become a hermit. If someone can show me new facts or point out errors in my reasoning, I'm open to change; if the person can't, then his or her different opinions roll off my own like rain on a tin roof. I freely admit that sensitivity has never been my forte. I try determine it, and how other columnist.

to disagree, it is the universipeople react is their business.

I'm strongly opposed to laws against so-called hate speech. Bigots must also receive shelter under the First Amendment. There is no such thing as a free society in which the government can control what people think and say and punish those with whom it decides to disagree.

Freedom is fragile. It is in peril every single day and therefore must be defended by those who cherish it, even if it means defending the rights of people we think are lunkheads or bigots or fools or fanatics. Freedom, like virginity, is either intact or nonexistent.

Charley Reese is a retired to tell the truth as best I can journalist and syndicated



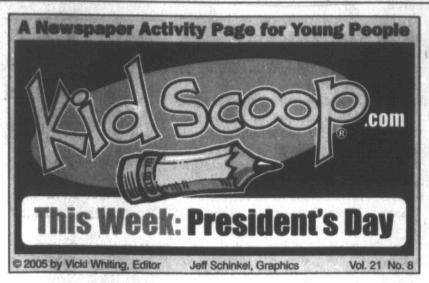
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Grace Changes Presidential Face

The year was 1860. Abraham Lincoln was traveling across the United States asking people to vote for him to be president.

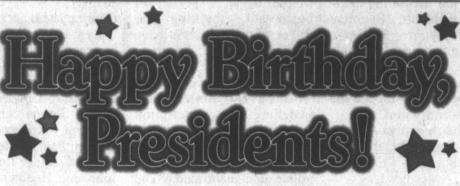
Dear Sir, My father has just returned from the fair and brought your picture and Mrs. Lincoln's. I am a little girl, only 11 years old, but want you to be president of the United States very much, so I hope you won't think me bold to write to such a great man as you are ... I have four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway - and if you let your whiskers grow, I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. Goodbye, Grace Bedell

Mr. Lincoln would have looked different to you that year. He didn't have his famous beard. He received this letter from an 11-year-old girl named Grace Bedell.

Lincoln grew a beard as Grace suggested. Grace's one letter changed the face of the president!

Is there something you would like to tell President Bush? You can write him at:

President Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20500



This week Kid Scoop celebrates Presidents Day - a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of two important American presidents, President Abraham Lincoln and President George Washington.

> Connect the dots and color in the space to put a beard on Lincoln's face. Standards Link: History: dentify the people honored n commemorative holidays

How many

stovepipe hats

can you find

on this page?

Weekly Writing Corner

If I Were President

If I were president I would lower taxes and fund schools. I would think of ways to make America a better place. I would like to be president because I would have control of a country.

Brenda, 5th Grade

If I were president, I would be the first woman elected to that office. I would be fair to everyone and I wouldn't go to war. (I would talk to the leaders of other countries about the problem.) Almost everyone would like me and I would be famous!

Dariella, 6th Grade

If I were president, I would make every school have healthy food. I want to be president because I want to make a difference and be the first girl president.

Caryn, 5th Grade

houses, food, water, clothes, all kinds of supplies.

> Christella, 4th Grade

If I were president, I would strive for peace with every nation I could. I would also try



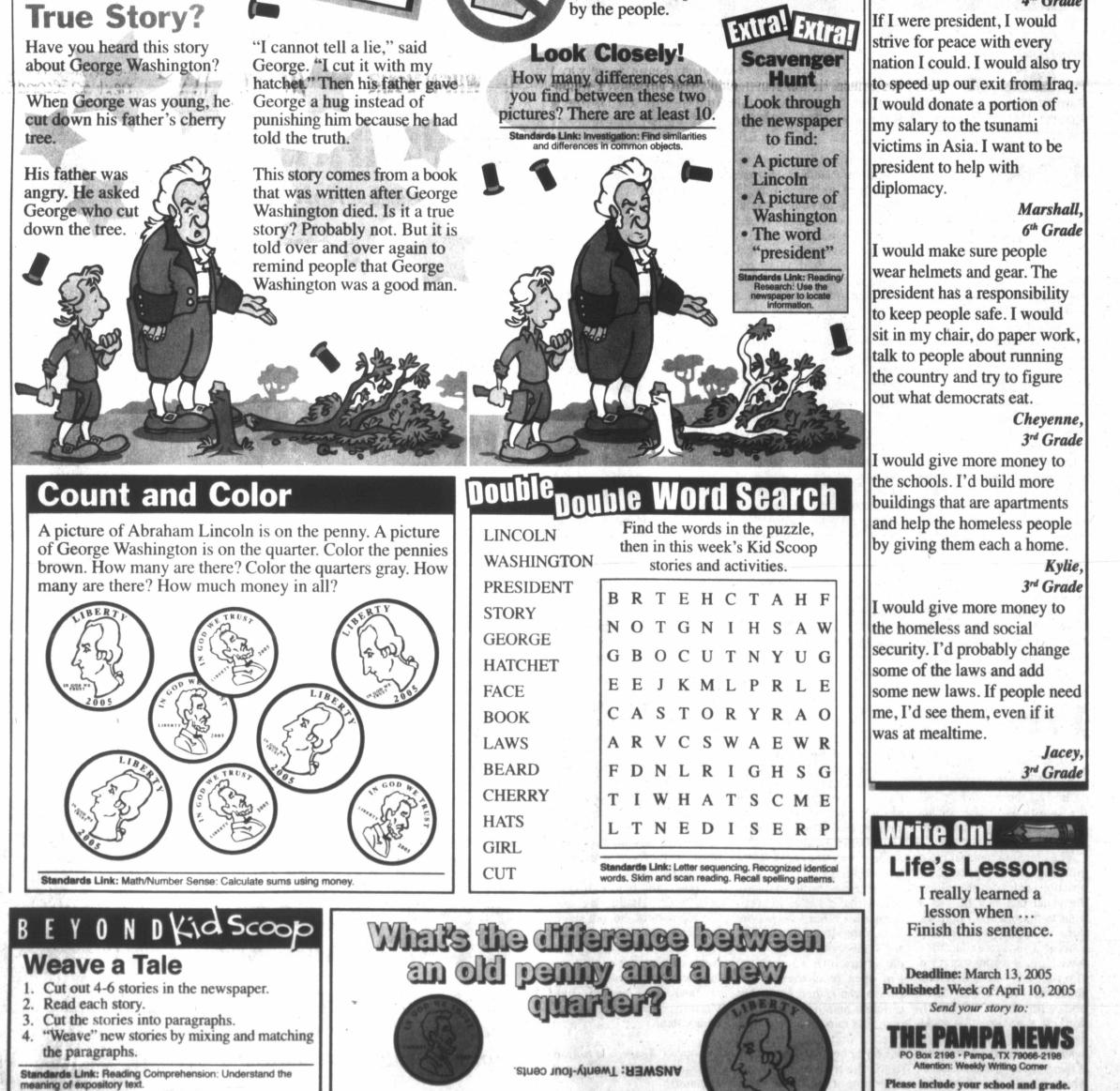
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The Man Who Would NOT Be King

As first president of the United States, George Washington I would help poor people get helped to make the laws and policies that formed our country. Some people wanted shoes, toys, games, books and him to be the king of the United States. He refused because he believed it was better to have a president who was elected



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DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and involved with a man who is younger than I am. When we started our relationship, he was awesome and very kind. Now, six months later, he has changed. He is always yelling at me and telling me what to do. When I do what he says, it's still not right, or

good enough. After we were together for one month, we moved back to my home in New Mexico, and that's when the problems started. At first, it was only name-calling. I have tried to break up with him, but he won't let me. He keeps me awake, and won't let me leave the room to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water until I agree to stay with him. He has even laid

his hands on me at times. He throws it in my face that he can't leave because he has nowhere to go since we're so far from his home. Abby, he's the one who wanted to come here. I'm afraid of him. I'm convinced he will seriously hurt me sooner or later. -- SCARED IN NEW-MEXICO

DEAR SCARED: So am I, because his abuse is escalating. Pick up the phone and call the toll-free number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233. They will help you formulate an escape plan. Please do not wait - do it today.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of nights ago, my husband, "Irving," and I went out to dinner with "Ray," a friend of his who was visiting from out of town. This morning, I stumbled upon an instant message Irving had left open on his computer between himself and Ray. I couldn't help but see the first sentence my hubby had written. He was commenting on the number of "hot,

couldn't stop myself. It described one woman in particular whom he found attractive, a tall blonde two tables over, directly in his line of sight.

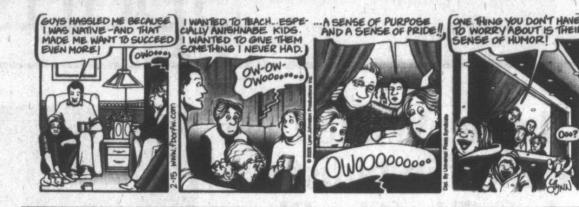
Abby, I was floored -shocked! Irving has always told me I'm the most beautiful woman in the world to him, but after reading his comments, I feel I've been lied to all along. I have no doubt that Irving has always been loving and faithful. But I'm upset and angry over this and wonder if I should say something or let it slide. Am I overreacting? Was this just man-talk and men being harmless? -- MAD ANYHOW IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MAD ANYHOW: There's an expression, "Boys will be boys," but in this case it was men acting like boys. Do not get mad – just smile and say, "Irving, you left the window open and the cat is out of the bag." That should be revenge enough.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's cousin has a son, "Johnny," who is almost 6. Whenever we see Johnny, he jumps all over my husband and hits him. We believe Johnny is too old for that kind of behavior. My husband and Johnny's father repeatedly ask the boy to stop, but he usually pays no attention until he has been asked six or seven times. It has gotten to the point where we don't want to be around Johnny. What would you do in a situation like this? -- OUT OF IDEAS IN TACOMA

DEAR OUT OF IDEAS: Here is what I would do: avoid putting myself into situations where Johnny was present. And if my cousin asked why I didn't visit anymore, I wouldn't mince words in explaining

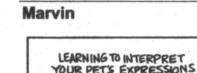
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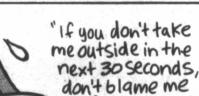
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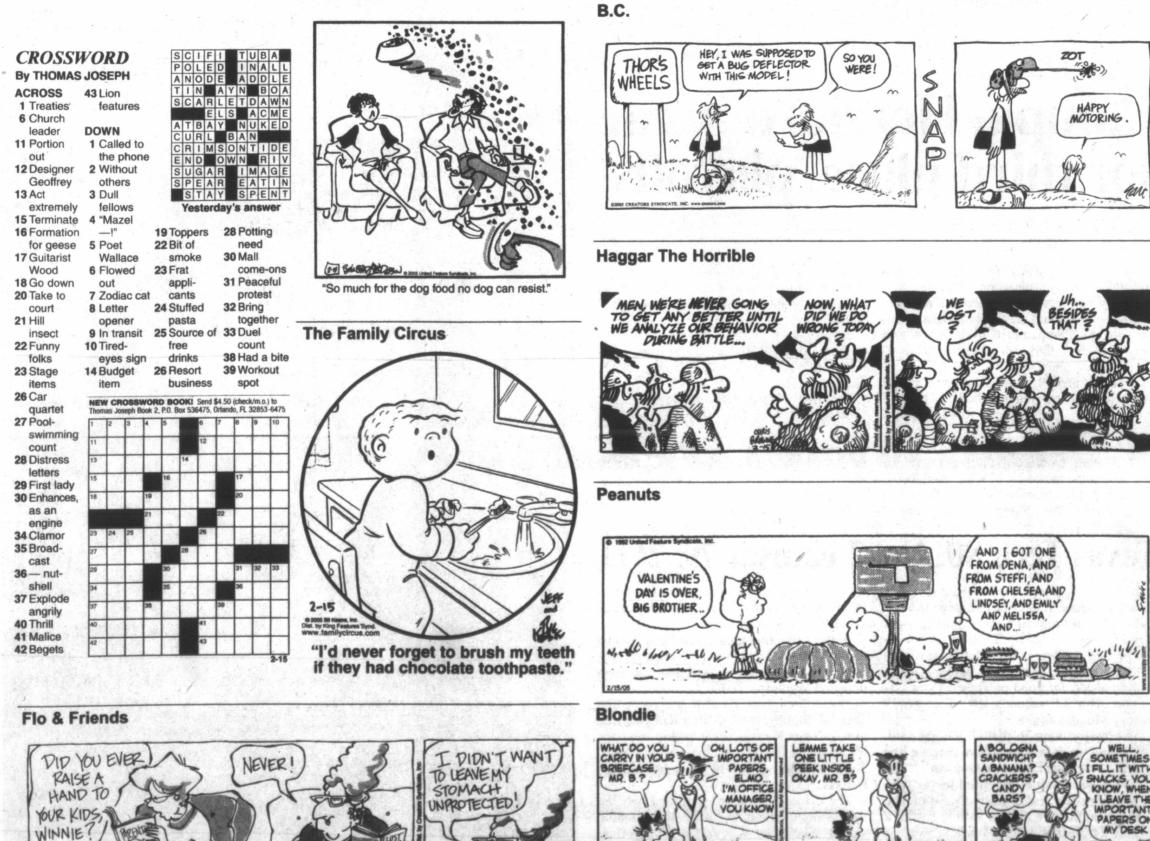
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Sports Day

Claude, White Deer to meet in bidistrict playoff in The Pit

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Though the Pampa High School basketball, soccer and baseball teams will all be on the road today, The Pit will still play host to some exciting basketball.

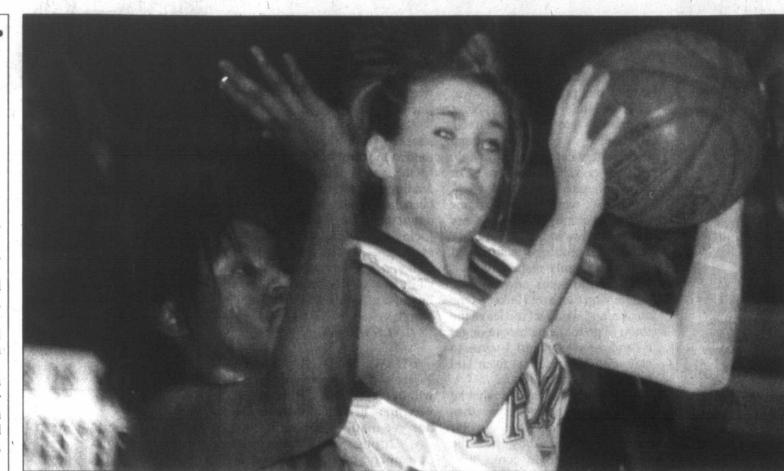
The Claude Mustangs and White Deer Does will take to the floor of McNeely Field House at 6:30 p.m. tonight in a Class 1A, Division I, Bidistrict playoff game. The Lady Mustangs bring a record of 23-6, 9-1. The Does enter the night with a record of 20-11, 7-4.

In other girls Bidistrict

playoff games of note: Randall and Plainview, 6 p.m., Tulia

Borger and Littlefield, 7:30 p.m., Canyon/Randall Perryton and Lady Levelland, 6 p.m., Canyon/WT Events Center - Amarillo High and El Paso Hanks, 6 p.m., Odessa College

> Yesterday's games included Stratford over Quanah, 29-25; Spearman over Henrietta, 51-48; and Sevmour over Panhandle, 36-28.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

One the district's top scorers, Pampa sophomore Britteni Rice (pictured being defended by a Lubbock Estacado player last Friday) and her Lady Harvester teammates face Frenship in a Bidistrict playoff game in Canyon tonight.



By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Harvester fans will put on the miles tonight as Pampa's basketball, baseball and soccer teams are all on the road.

The Lady Harvesters are in Canyon to face Frenship in a Bidistrict playoff game. That game is set for a 6 p.m. start in the old Canyon High School gym.

The boys' varsity team will be in Hereford for what amounts to a playoff game. Barring Randall's upset of Palo Duro (at PD), the winner of tonight's Harvester-Herd contest will claim third place in District 3-4A and move on to the playoffs. The Pampa High School soccer teams are both in Amarillo tonight to take on Palo Duro in Dick Bivins Stadium. The Lady Harvesters will face the Lady Dons at 5 p.m., followed by the boy's game at 7 p.m.

Coach Fry, Lady Harvesters focused on win, not history

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvester basketball team will leave town this afternoon with all the fanfare befitting a playoff team. The team buses and other vehicles will depart from the front of the school at 3 p.m. behind a police escort which will parade them out of town.

Following the trip to Canyon, Head Coach Troy Fry and his team will enter the Canyon Junior High gym, slip into their work clothes and focus on the task at hand, a Bidistrict playoff meeting with the Frenship Lady Tigers.

The Lady Harvesters had one goal in mind at the beginning of the season. To make it to the playoffs. Now that they have achieved that goal, Fry says, "It is time to advance."

the playoffs. Does Fry and his team feel any added pressure to etch their own names in the history books tonight? "No. It isn't anything we even talk about really," said Fry. "We are only concerned with winning one game at a time.'

So far as the health of his team, Fry says they are all in good shape with the exception of Lindsey Ammons, who was injured in the game last Friday night. "She hasn't really practiced much this week," Fry said. Ammons will be a game-time decision.

Callie Cobb, like many these days, has been fighting the flu bug. However, she is expected to be suited up and ready to go tonight.

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Records: Pampa 15-15, 7-3. Frenship 24-9, 7-3 and ranked 12th.



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The Pampa varsity baseball team will be in Canyon for a 4:30 p.m. scrimmage against the Eagles.

Fry speaks with the confidence his team seems to carry with it lately. The Lady Harvesters are underdogs tonight, and that may be just fine with them. After last Friday night's tune-up game against a very strong Lubbock Estacado team, Fry and his team know it is realistic to think about advancing. "The Estacado game was a great tune-up for us," said Fry. And though they lost the game 57-42, "It allowed us to see that we can handle pressure and execute our game plan."

There has also been a lot written and said about the historical aspect of tonight's game. In particular, how this team is the first in 14 years to advance to the Bidistrict round of

A bit of a fog

Game time: 6 p.m. in the old Canyon High School gym On-air: AM 1230 KGRO

On-line: www.centramedia.com

Need: Home crowd. The smaller gym combined with a good Harvester crowd could equal a home game feel tonight.

2-for-1: After the game, take the short drive west on Highway 60 to Hereford and cheer the boys on to the playoffs.

Look for: The Lady Harvesters to dictate the pace of the game with ball control tonight.

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Pampa, Hereford battle for third place, playoffs

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Take nothing away from Randall but tonight's game between Pampa and Hereford will most likely decide third place in District 3-4A and the third and final playoff spot. All Pampa needs to do is win and they're in. But, that's all Hereford needs to do as well.

In their meeting here last month, the Harvesters all but manhandled the Hostile Herd 71-51. Coach Jeff Reed expects Hereford to be ready and waiting for his Harvesters tonight.

"The team that does the little things right and works the hardest will win," said Reed, trying to get his team to the playoffs for the third year in a row. Pampa was in a similar

situation last year, needing a win in Plainview to advance to the extended season

Reed says Hereford is a young team with a bright future. But for Pampa, the future is now. "We want to win this game tonight," said Reed.

Notes:

Game time: 7:30 p.m. in Hereford. On-air: AM 1230 KGRO via KPAN courtesy feed.

On-line: www.centramedia.com

Need: As many Harvester fans as possible.

Coach quote: "If we can jump on them fast, we have a great chance. They (Herd) are young and may bend a bit under pressure."

Texas Tech 80, No. 2 Kansas 79, 2OT

scrappy Texas Tech Red Raiders took it right at second-ranked Kansas until they got it right.

The Red Raiders pushed the Jayhawks to a draining two overtimes before finally pulling ahead for good on Darryl Dora's 3pointer with 3.6 seconds left in an 80-79 victory Monday night.

"We really hung in there," Knight said. "We came up with some plays that we had to make when we had to make them.

'We missed some opportunities to win, both defensively and offensively. So maybe it was great that we kind of won in sort of a spectacular fashion with a 3-point shot."

Kansas (20-2, 10-1 Big 12) had a chance after Dora's big shot, but Aaron Miles' desperation shot bounced off the backboard as the buzzer sounded.

"Both teams were fighting their tails off

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bob Knight's to the end and in overtime, and unfortunately for us they made the last play," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said.

In the only other games involving ranked teams Monday night, No. 17 Pittsburgh beat No. 9 Syracuse 68-64, and No. 14 Utah defeated Wyoming 71-62.

Texas Tech fans flooded the court and chanted "Bobby! Bobby! after Knight's first victory over Kansas since taking over the Red Raiders in 2001. It also was just Texas Tech's second victory in 17 games against Kansas.

The 6-foot-9 Dora, who missed his first four 3-point attempts, made the winning basket after Miles was called for traveling with 7.9 seconds left. Miles had grabbed a rebound after Tech's Jarrius Jackson missed a 3-pointer.

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Pampa junior Chase Phillips, left, looks for some open field during last Tuesday's Harvester soccer game against Randall. Phillips and his Pampa teammates travel to Amarillo today to face Palo Duro in Dick Bivins Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m.

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Pampa A team wins championship, B team takes third

Saturday morning to finish the seeding for the afternoon finals. The 8th A team got things going at 9:00 a.m. with a convincing win over Canyon, 68-26. Matt Smith led the GT with 17 points, followed by Casey Trimble with 13, Byron Smith with 10, Hayden Skinner scored nine and Blake Seick tossed in seven.

Again, Pampa's full court pressure was too much for Canyon to handle as most of the points scored came from steals and fast break baskets. That win put the A team into the championship game with arch rival Westover.

The B team played Plainview in the 10:30 a.m. game to see who would play in the championship round that afternoon. Pampa had lost it's last three meetings with the Plainview squad this year and was looking for some revenge for those losses.

And for three and a half quarters it looked like the GT would get

Both Pampa teams played that revenge. The B team just out Hereford actually took the lead ran and out played Plainview most of the game, but the shooting would go cold midway through the fourth period and Plainview rallied to take the lead late. However, the B team did not give up and would take the game into overtime. Pampa gave it all they could, but fell short at the end of overtime and lost 67-62. That would put them into the game for 3rd against Hereford.

> Heath Skinner lead the scoring with 18 points, followed by Brett Powell with 11, Chris Benge and Cobron Harris scored 10 and Johnathon Anguiano finished up with seven.

> If you were looking for a break from a tense game after the overtime loss to Plainview, you didn't get one in the Hereford game. It was a very low scoring game as neither team was able to hit very many shots. Both teams battled back and forth and the game was close throughout the contest.

with seconds remaining in the game when the GT stole and errant Herd pass, rushed the ball up court and Chris Benge sank a 3 point shot with only 4 seconds showing on the clock.

Hereford had one last opportunity to score. They ran a tricky inbounds play that caught everyone including the coach off guard, but the Hereford player was unable to score as time ran out. Pampa 37, Hereford 36.

Heath Skinner again lead the scoring with 11, followed by Johnathon Anguiano with seven and Cobron Harris with six. The B team took home the 3rd Place Trophy and finished with a 13-6 record.

The afternoon championship game couldn't have been any bet-Pampa and Westover have ter. become intense rivals the last two years. The two teams split a pair of games during the regular season and now the rubber match. Pampa

jumped out to a quick lead, but was unable to hold it and actually trailed 25-28 going into the half. However, that's how it was the last time these two played and Pampa came back to win and this time it would be no different.

Pampa battled back in the third quarter and regained the lead with full-court pressure and a defense that would not let the Westover shooters get a clear shot.

Again, Smith, Smith and Fraser just dominated the boards on the defensive end, rarely allowing any second shots by the Warriors.

The A team extended it's lead by as much as nine points in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors would fight back and make it close. Key baskets by Casey Trimble, Ryan Funderberg and Blake Seick would put the GT back in control and despite a late rally by the Warriors aided by some turnovers by the A team, the A team would hold on to defeat Westover 48-46 to take first place in the District Tournament.

It was a great year for the GT as they would finish 16-3 for the year.

8th Tournament Grade Results

Saturday, Feb 12

"A" Bracket Pampa GT 68, Canyon Purple 26

Westover 50, Plainview 32 4th and 5th Place Hereford 35, Dumas 33 2nd and 3rd Place Canyon 38, Plainview 26 **Championship Game** Pampa GT 48, Westover 46 "B" Bracket Hereford 15, Westover 37 Plainview 67, Pampa 62 4th and 5th Place Dumas 28, Canyon 29 **3rd and 4th Place** Pampa 37, Hereford 36 **Championship Game** Plainview 53, Westover 42

Sparks flying

With 1st place trophies in hand, the 6TH grade Pampa Sparks won the MAYB Villanova on Jan. 22. not let him shoot a 3-pointer. Tournament in Liberal last month. The tournament was held Jan 29-30. The "There's so much at stake I just told them to defend when you're talking about Sparks will compete in Elk City, Okla., Feb. 18-20. Pictured are, from left to him." right, front row- Kylee Wyatt, Cori Cook, Shaylie Thompson and Taryn Keith Langford scored all the league and NCAAs, and Eubank. Back row- Coach Bob Cook, Holly Gage, Kay Kirkham, Kayla five points in the second obviously to lose a game like Hughes, Ashlee Holland and Coach Kelly Wyatt.

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"I thought I got the rebound. Obviously they were trying to foul, I guess the refs didn't see it," Miles said. "It shouldn't have even come down to that. We had possession, and I turned the ball over. That could have been taken care of if we had taken care of the ball."

Dora entered the game 9for-23 from 3-point range.

"He shot a little better tonight, that one time," Knight said. "We must have coached him a little bit better this week."

Self took the blame for Dora getting the shot out of a timeout.

"That's my fault," Self said. "I didn't tell them to

led 79-74 with 2:50 to go only to see Texas Tech (16-6, 8-3) score the last six points.

Kansas forced both overtime periods with late baskets.

In regulation, Langford scored on a drive with 4.1 seconds left to tie it at 69. The Jayhawks then sent it to a second overtime when Christian Moody tipped in a missed layup by Wayne Simien with a second to play to tie it at 74.

Martin Zeno led Texas Tech with a career-high 24 points, and Ronald Ross had 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Dora finished with 11 points. Langford led the Jayhawks with 24 points, and Simien added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Kansas' only other loss with an 83-62 setback at

overtime for Kansas, which this is going to be very disheartening," Self said.

The Red Raiders entered the Top 25 last week for the first time this season, but dropped out Monday following a loss at Iowa State on Saturday.

The last time Texas Tech beat a team ranked No. 2 was in 1985 against Southern Methodist.

No Texas Tech players were made available to the media after the game.

No. 17 Pittsburgh 68, No. 9 Syracuse 64

At Syracuse, N.Y., Carl Krauser hit a 3-pointer with 47 seconds left, and Chevon Troutman made four late free throws to help Pittsburgh sweep the season series.

No. 14 Utah 71, Wyoming 62

Utah 10-0 (22-3, Mountain West) is 14-0 at home this season.

Jay Straight led the Cowboys (14-9, 6-4) with 16 points.



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Pampa High's Leal has solid showing at **Regional tournament**

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Congratulations Pampa sophomore wrestler, Richard Leal. Leal competed in Regionals in El Paso nament, Leal met Marcus over the weekend and, despite some tough loses, did himself, his coach and his school proud.

Leal, who wrestles at 103 pounds, drew the first match of the tournament -El Paso Coronado's R.D. Sandino. Both wrestlers put on a great match, with Sandino taking the 9-8 win. "We had a call that just didn't go our way in that match," said Harvester of 20-14, Leal did both. wrestling coach Josh Cadenhead.

In his second match, Leal wen up against Ray Acosta of El Paso Socorro,

to pinning him in the second round.

> Now at 1-1 for the tour-Perez of El Paso Montwood for the chance to advance. This would turn out to be a very exciting match. So much so, it went to overtime after ending 2-2 in regulation. Leal would lose to Perez, 4-2. But in the loss, he accomplished two important preseason goals. To make it to Regionals, and to win 20 matches. With a final mark

"I am so proud of Richard. He gave it his best," said Cadenhead. "I am proud of this team."

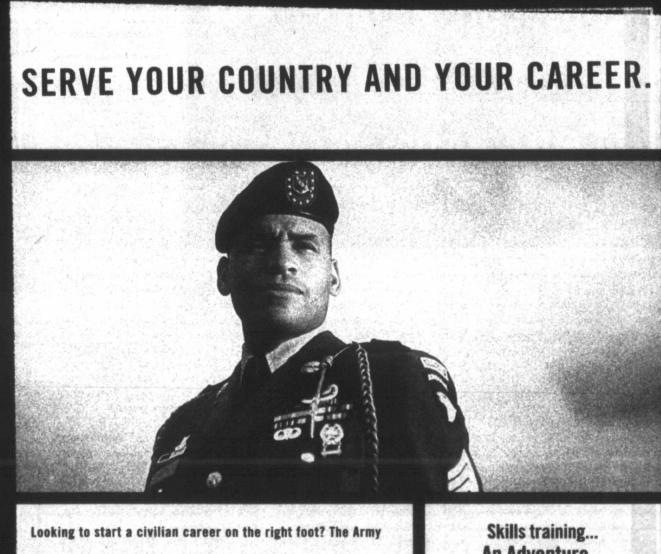
Players agree to cap, talks still break down

NEW YORK (AP) -The NHL players' association agreed to accept a salary cap, but contract talks broke down early to give details beyond the Tuesday over the amount time and location. that teams would pay.

tions were going on, NHL Gary commissioner Bettman had already planned to announce the cancellation of the season Wednesday, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condi-

tion of anonymity Monday. Bettman was slated to speak Wednesday in New York, but the NHL declined

The NHL offered to Even while the negotia- remove its demand for a link between league revenues and player costs, a "significant move in the players' direction" the union said in a statement early Tuesday following a meeting in Niagara Falls, N.Y.



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International matters

Hariri supporters attack Syrians

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - An and pictures of the slain leader covered by a car bomb. Residents swept debris angry mob attacked Syrian workers in southern Lebanon Tuesday and another group threw stones and set fires outside a Syrian government office in Beirut, blaming Damascus for the bomb that killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Syria has denied any involvement in Hariri's assassination, which raised fears that Lebanon might revert to the political violence of the 1970s and '80s, and the U.S. Embassy in Beirut warned Americans in the Lebanese capital to exercise extreme caution.

Condemnation and expressions of shock came from around the Arab world and beyond. The United States called Monday's attack "a terrible reminder" that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria, which maintains 15,000 troops here since the civil war ended in 1990 and has the final say in internal Lebanese politics.

Before his assassination, Hariri had positioned himself in opposition to a faction more solidly backed by Syria.

In Hariri's hometown of Sidon on southern Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, dozens of demonstrators attacked Syrian workers Tuesday, off by troops, experts combed rooftops slightly wounding five before police intervened. Hundreds of others marched in the streets. Black banners

the streets as the country began three days of official mourning.

On Monday night, a mob attacked the offices of the Lebanese chapter of Syria's ruling Baath Party in Beirut with stones and set fire to shacks used to exchange money and sell cigarettes in front of it.

My father served Lebanon all his life, and we will keep serving Lebanon also, like him."

— Saadeddine Hariri

Police said the toll from the bombing was 14 dead and about 120 injured. A claim of responsibility by a previously unknown Islamic militant group ----Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon --- was not considered credible, with Justice Minister Adnan Addoum warning it could be an attempt "to mislead the investigation." At the site of the bombing, cordoned

and the street for evidence. Security officials have not confirmed initial reports that said the blast was caused

from their balconies; at the HSBC bank, workers cleared glass shards and blinds from shattered windows, throwing them down to the street.

Hariri's political allies are openly accusing Syria and its Lebanese government allies for the bombing, and Hariri's family on Tuesday also hinted at their possible role.

Asked by reporters the reason for the assassination, Hariri's son, Saadeddine, replied in his first public comment: "It's obvious. Isn't it?"

He did not elaborate, but on Monday evening he had sat next to a group of opposition politicians who held a symbolic meeting at Hariri's Beirut mansion, then came out with a statement blaming Syria and the Lebanese government for the assassination.

Saadeddine Hariri told reporters at the bombing scene Tuesday that he hoped justice will be served. "My father served Lebanon all his life, and we will keep serving Lebanon also, like him."

Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, and Hariri, who was Lebanon's prime minister for 10 of the last 14 years, began moving in recent months closer to the opposition, which has waged an unprecedented political campaign to pressure Damascus into withdrawing its army.

EU court rules against British

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Two vegetarian activists convicted of libeling fast-food giant McDonald's Corp. did not receive a fair trial in Britain, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Tuesday.

The Strasbourg, France-based court said David Morris and Helen Steel should have received legal aid from the British government when they were tried in what became widely known as the "McLibel" case, the longest in English history.

The two activists passed out flyers in 1984 that claimed the U.S.-based company was selling unhealthy food, was to blame for starvation in the Third World, and was destroying rainforests.

The European Court threw out a British court's 1997 guilty verdict, also saying English law unfairly had put the burden of proof on the defendants to justify every word in the leaflets they distributed but didn't write. The court awarded Morris and Steel damages of \$25,934 and \$19,451, respectively.

The British government has three months to appeal.

In London, Morris and Steel said in a statement they hoped the European court's ruling would "result in greater public scrutiny and criticism of powerful organizations whose practices have a detrimental effect on society and the environment."

"The McLibel campaign has already proved that determined and widespread grass-roots protest and defiance can undermine those who try to silence their critics, and also render oppressive laws unworkable," the statement said.

Morris, 50, and Steel, 39, later went back to the spot outside a McDonald's branch in central London where they first handed out the flyers, setting up a banner that read: "Celebrate 20 years of global resistance to McWorld."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Surprises might have you on the phone explaining your disbelief. As you chat away, you might realize that you are more startled than others. Don't worry or rerun events over and over in your mind. Tonight: Hang out with a friend

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be trying to focus on work but are having a very difficult time concentrating. A meeting could be provocative. Others react, and you are surprised. Ask questions rather than react or be judgmental. Tonight: Pay bills

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 \star \star \star \star \star You smile, and others react. Superiors might judge that you are too playful, and dump more responsibilities on you. Just take on the work knowing that you are on cruise control. You can accomplish as much as you want. Tonight: Beam in what you want. Don't be shy. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ You might want to very subtly take in more information. As you study a situation, you open up to new possibilities. Don't allow anyone to slow you down. Find an expert and read between the lines. Tonight: Expand your mental horizons

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★★★ Don't kid yourself. You might feel like you are in a pressure cooker, and you are. Bosses push in one direction. Everyone else pushes in another direction. Stay cool, calm and collected. Let others spin out. Allow yourself to detach. Ultimately, this stance will be the most helpful one. Tonight: A must appearance

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Tonight: Go along with another's plans. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) $\star \star \star \star$ Others inquire about things, which could make you a bit uncomfortable. Realize that you might need to pull back and do some heavy thinking in order to determine what is important. You might even surprise yourself by your need to let go of restraints. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

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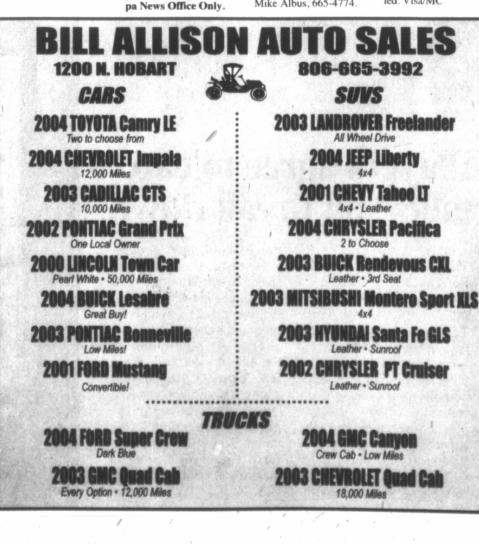
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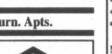
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Learning Travis school conducts science fair

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Results of the science fair by class are as follows:

Mrs. Greer's Third Grade Class. Caitlyn Tracy, first place; Ethan Hunt, second place; Skyler Been, third place.

Mrs. Hampton's Third Grade Class. Tyler Hamel, first place; Keenan Hughes, second place; Brooke Woelfle, third place.

Mrs. Zemanek's Third Grade Class. Evan Rucker, first place, Justin Velasquez, second place; Lacey Dodson, third place.

Mr. Lane's Fourth Grade Class. Keva Dallas, Leith, third place.

Ms. Miller's Fourth Grade Class. Christian Williams, first place; Becca Corbit, second place; Libby Howard, third place.

Mrs. Watson's Fourth Grade Class. Kaylee Leach, first place; Chris Duree, second place; Taylor



first place; Monica Zubia, Caitlyn Tracy was named Budding Young second place; Brandon Scientist at Travis Elementary.

> Woods, third place. Mrs. Baker's Fifth Grade Class. Jennifer Hendrick, first place; Brandon Yates, second place; Shane Smith, third place. Mrs. Lane's Fifth Grade Class. Ashley

Stucker, first place; Marco Garcia, second place; Welborn, Rachel third place.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is conducting intelligence operations abroad without notifying colleagues at the CIA and State Department, current and former government officials say.

Intelligence veterans say coordination is

CIA station chief in a given country can organize U.S. government activities and prevent diplomatic blunders or conflicting intelligence missions.

FBI officials acknowledge there have been some instances when agents failed to notify the CIA about their activities, but consider the cases anomalies. Intelligence officials see the communication problems as potentially significant.

CIA and FBI officials, none of whom would speak on the record for this report, declined to say where the

breakdowns have occurred. But a former intelligence official with knowledge of the situation said problems have arisen in Germany and elsewhere. The former official spoke only on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Richard Ben-Veniste, a member of the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks, said the communication problems illustrate that coordination remains a concern that must be resolved by senior administration officials, including the new national intelligence director. The White House has been searching for a nominee to fill the vacancy for over eight weeks.

"We don't want to see undercover agents tripping over each other and conducting crucial, ensuring that the ambassador and operations that are wasteful, duplicative or even dangerous,? Ben-Veniste

said.

The FBI's intelligence role has expanded dramatically since the Sept. 11 attacks, which the commission blamed in part on poor communication among government agencies. President Bush's budget proposal asks for money for the FBI to hire 500 additional intelligence analysts.

In addition, the FBI is expanding its legal attache program, now operating in 52 foreign countries. The attaches' primary role is to foster cooperation with foreign counterparts in support of the FBI's domestic law enforcement

But their presence in more U.S. embassies also is a source of friction with the CIA, which has not had to deal with them before, said an FBI official who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

For its part, the FBI says it has no desire to usurp the CIA's role as the leading U.S. intelligence agency on foreign soil, even as it increases its intelligence capabilities.

