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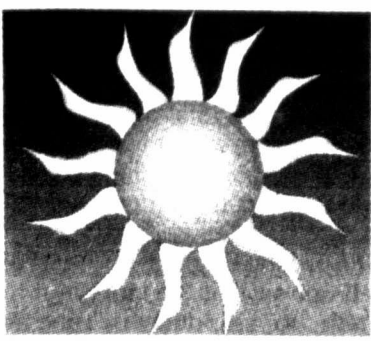
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**PAMPA** — A Pampa man was admitted to Coronado Hospital in stable condition just after midnight following a collision in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Jason Dewey Kaiser, 20, 1500 N. Sumner, struck a Southwestern Public Service pole just before midnight with his 1985 Cadillac as he traveled north on Hobart.

The pole was broken off just about the ground and a subsequent attempt by SPS to replace the pole caused the rupture of an eight inch city water main when crews drilled into the line, said Water Superintendent Charlie Smith.

The line and other utilities lie in a state right of way on Hobart Street which measures about 5 and half feet wide, Smith explained.

Electrical power has been restored and the water and sewer lines should be repaired this morning, Smith said. Traffic signals were out of service for a time.

Kaiser was cited for failure to control speed, no valid driver's license and no proof of financial responsibility.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — With spring planting already under way in some areas of the nation, Congress is putting final touches on a bill that would end market-based subsidies and production controls for major crops in favor of guaranteed, but declining, payments to farmers.

The House, by an easy 270-155 margin Thursday, approved the measure, which House leaders touted as ending 60 years of government interference in agriculture, while adding significant environmental protections.

The measure was expected to go next week to House-Senate negotiators who must work out differences with a version that passed the Senate on Feb. 7.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Mrs. Fields trumpeted its Chocolite and Semi-Sweet Classic cookies as low fat, but the Federal Trade Commission said they actually contain almost twice what low-fat cookies are allowed.

The FTC announced Thursday that Mrs. Fields agreed to pull the deceptive packages from grocery shelves and change its advertising.

Mrs. Fields, the nation's largest seller of fresh-baked cookies, promoted the cookies as part of "our new line of LOW FAT cookies." The company's Apple Cobbler cookies were low fat, the FTC said, but the other two products in the line were not.

To be considered low fat, a cookie must contain no more than 3 grams of fat, according to Food and Drug Administration rules. The Chocolite and Semi-Sweet Classic cookies have 5.5 grams of fat.

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## PISD responds to allegations of 'box' misuse

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Pampa schools are fighting back against recent televised allegations of misconduct and abuse that resulted from accusations made by one angry mother.

Mychelle Johnson first accused the district of wrongdoing in December when she said her child, Kolbye D. Johnson, was denied an asthma inhaler and forced to clean up his own vomit after spending time in a "time out box" at his school.

Her nine-year-old son was attending Lamar Elementary and was placed in a special education program because of his affliction with Attention Deficit Disorder, a central nervous system dysfunction marked by inattentiveness that's made worse by environmental or social factors, as defined by a Dallas psychologist in a recent newspaper article.

Johnson alleges the school is "provoking him by showing their anger, showing him a pattern of being at class at a specific time and ignoring it."

She claimed that one of her son's teachers pulled a phone cord out of a wall when Kolbye was trying to call home in the first instance. In another instance, Johnson said her son called a teacher a "liar" when his class ran longer than normal.

"Ninety percent of the time it's their fault and 10 percent it's my son's fault," she said in a telephone interview Thursday evening.

The main focus of her concern, she said, is the school's use of what the district calls a time-out booth as part of her son's behavior management plan.

Recent television broadcasts showed excerpts of a video made by the school of the younger Johnson being carried into the booth by five teachers.

Other broadcasts quoted psychologists comparing the booth to stocks and other forms of punishment used in the 1700s.

The district is forbidden to directly address the allegations made by Johnson about her son because of federal laws. But Thursday afternoon, Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr released a statement concerning the use of the time out booth in general.

"Recently, there have been several television news stories ... [that] included a brief videotape excerpt showing the student being placed in a time-out booth. The video clip gives the impression that the student was traumatized by the use of the time-out booth. Viewing the entire videotape would create a

very different impression; however, we cannot show you that videotape, because it would violate the student's confidentiality rights. The confidentiality of all students is protected by federal law — the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act," the statement read.

The videotape was supplied to two Amarillo television stations by the mother, who had obtained a copy from the school district.

The school could only comment on a specific case with signed parental permission. They have not, however, received that permission from Johnson.

"It's not that I'm hiding anything, but I won't give them permission to use the media against me," Johnson claimed.

Despite the fact that Johnson has released information about her son that the school considers confidential, they still cannot address directly the claims she has made.

"It seems like they should be able to, like there would be a concept of a waiver," explained the school's attorney, Susan Graham of Irving.

Graham said that attorney/client privilege or doctor/patient confidentiality can be waived if the client or patient discusses the situation.

But, she said, "the federal law [FERPA] does not include a waiver condition. They must have written permission to release information."

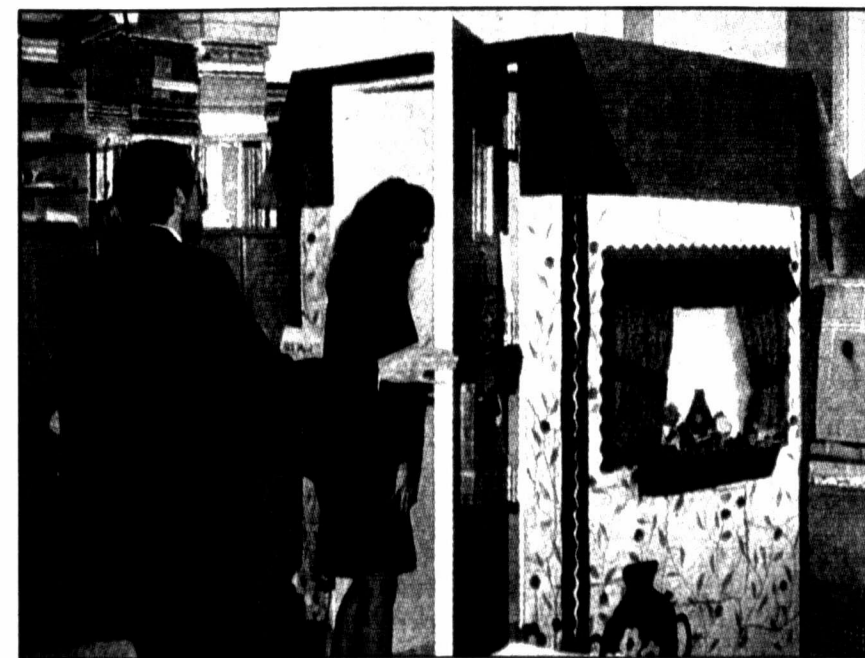
The school also could not say how many times they had sought that permission from Johnson.

Graham did allow the district to address the general use of the time-out booth. Orr had said in December that he felt they could not even do that because of the automatic association with the Johnson case.

"Sometimes students cannot be disciplined according to the usual school rules, because they have a physical or mental condition that interferes with their ability to follow the rules [as outlined in the student code of conduct]. These children with disabilities are given an individualized education program which includes a special behavior management plan," Orr's statement read.

"The behavior management plan is developed by a team of professionals, including the student's teachers and a school psychologist. The student's parents are also active members of the team. No decisions are made about a student's behavior management plan without the parents' knowledge and input," it continued.

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Attorney Susan Graham and Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr take a look at the isolation booth at Lamar Elementary School. The booth has been the subject of controversy in recent weeks. It is used for special education students "to help a child who is ... out of control to regain his composure," according to a statement from Orr.

## Go, Harvesters!



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

The Pampa Harvesters' basketball team pose for a team picture before practice Thursday at McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters meet the Frenship Tigers at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Region 1-4A finals at Hutcherson Center in Plainview. The winner advances to the Class 4A state tournament in Austin. Team members are, from left, Lynn Brown, Gabe Wilbon, Chris Miller, Devin Lemons, J.J. Mathis, Coy Laury, August Larson, Rayford Young and Jason Weatherbee.

## School builds special education plans to help needs of students

Editor's note: This is the sixth in a week-long series of articles on programs in Pampa's public schools in recognition of Texas Public Schools Week.

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

"In Pampa, all students are special," reads a brochure provided by the school district.

But some require some special help. That's where the district's special education program steps in.

In December, the school performed a count of students receiving special education services in the district, said Special Education Director Chuck Noe.

Noe said that Pampa is currently serving 550 children, including 340 learning disabled students and 140 speech impaired students.

That accounts for over 12 percent of the student population in the district, a percentage that is very close to the state average, Noe said.

Federal and state laws developed in the 1960s emphasized identification of students who weren't in school and providing adequate service to those in school — those originally there and those found and brought in.

"Basically, that's been our mission, but with that goes a lot of rules from the state and federal government dealing with what is a disabled student," Noe said.

Referrals by parents, physicians, school personnel or public or private agencies are used to determine which students may



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Lea Morris leads a self-contained developmental class at Baker Elementary School through an exercise identifying months of the year and days of the week. The class at Baker is one of a number of special education programs in the school district.

need special education services, according to the district's brochure on special education. Testing is then done to see if the student meets the criteria for the department.

Following assessment, all information on the student is reviewed in an Admission, Review and Dismissal (commonly known as ARD) meeting.

"We use the information to build a plan for what the student needs to be successful. In all special education, the major thing it is built on is individuality. Each case is to be looked at individually and we are not to assume or treat ... all students the same," Noe said.

Through the ARD meeting, an Individual Educational Plan is drawn up that addresses present competencies, modifications needed to assure success, annual goals and short term objectives. The IEP also discusses placement and service alternatives and makes the final service and placement decisions, according to school information.

"If anyone [involved in a particular student's education] thinks something isn't quite working, we'll have another ARD meeting," Noe said. He added that at least one ARD meeting is held every year for each student.

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## Woman asks county for Keller Estates road sign

A Pampa woman residing just outside the city limits today asked Gray County commissioners to help her get a road sign for her subdivision.

Kim Jones, a resident of Keller Estates, told the court she has been trying for two years to get her road marked so emergency and repair services may find her home.

"I think a residential area with 11 homes would warrant signs," Jones said.

She said the Keller Estates road is the only county road lacking a sign and she first contacted Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene in 1994, but he said

he was "busy." She said she called back in the fall of 1994.

Greene said they talked four times.

He said there are 48 downed road signs in the precinct. He said the tape used to make signs has arrived but the name plates are not expected until the middle of March. Greene said the 48 road signs will be replaced first, but the Keller Estates road sign will be made in the same time frame.

It can't be placed on state right of way, but can sit on the fence line, Greene said.

Nancy Newhouse, senior medic at Rural/Metro, told the

court marked road signs help them find patients.

"I've lived here two years and I don't know where Keller Estates is," Newhouse said.

She said each ambulance carries laminated road maps and deputies help them find rural sites.

Jones also told the court her neighbors would not come to complain because they fear their roads will not get patched if they did.

"I assure you these gentlemen will not hold any grudges in maintaining your roads," said County Judge Richard Peet.

The Joneses have lived in Keller Estates since 1994.

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### Ceramics class



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Residents at the Schneider Hotel have the opportunity to gather for a ceramics class in the lobby every other Wednesday. Here, working on some ceramic angels and flower vases are, from left, Jean Rankin, instructor Mary Noel of Mary's Ceramics Shop, Pat Plemons, Lucille Nuttall and Billie Leverett. (Absent from Wednesday's class were regulars Jean Orr and Linda Grant.)

### Bradley, Price seek criminal appeals post

Republicans John Bradley of Georgetown and Tom Price of Dallas are seeking the Place 3 position on the Court of Criminal Appeals now held by Democrat Frank Maloney.

Bradley is chief felony prosecutor in Williamson County and a former felony prosecutor in Harris County. He also worked as a briefing attorney and research assistant for Judge Charles Campbell on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

He is board certified in criminal law and served as a representative of law enforcement on the Punishment Standards Commission in 1991 and as general counsel on the Senate Criminal Justice Committee in the 1995 legislative session. He is coauthor of *Texas Sentencing*, a legal manual explaining Texas punishment laws.

According to a guest editorial submitted, Bradley supports abolition of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

"The Texas Supreme Court has a reputation for a conservative, respectful approach to reviewing decisions from those appellate courts in civil matters and could easily absorb the appeals of criminal matters," he writes.

The Court of Criminal Appeals is a nine-member court which has statewide final appellate jurisdiction in all criminal cases and automatic appeals of death sentences. It is the final court for criminal matters in Texas.

Price is district judge in the 282nd Judicial District Court in Dallas, where is a lifetime native. He served in the U.S. Marines and attended East Texas State University and Baylor University Law School, where he received his jurisprudence degree in 1970.

Prior to being elected to his district judge post, he spent three terms on the Dallas County Criminal Court No. 5. He has been the presiding administrative judge for the Criminal District Courts of Dallas County

since 1991. He supervised construction and administration of the 2,000-bed Dallas County State Jail Facility and helped develop a 250-bed facility for the treatment of probationers with substance abuse issues.

In a letter, Price states, "You will note that my qualifications include over 20 years judicial experience, with additional administrative experience as presiding judge of the criminal district courts in Dallas County, and participation in the creation and administration of both the state jail system and certain rehabilitation programs available in my county...."

"My outstanding appellate record supports my opinion that I will bring to this bench not only a thorough working knowledge of the law, but a careful and consistent pattern in its application," he writes. "My judicial philosophy is one of conservatism; I will not be inclined to reverse criminal cases on mere technicalities and let justice go begging in the process."

### Long distance giant to offer local service in state

AUSTIN (AP) — AT&T Communications of the Southwest Inc. says the new federal law that governs telecommunications in the country has opened door for it to offer local service in Texas.

The long distance giant filed Thursday for authority to offer local telephone service with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

AT&T said the federal telecommunications law overrides provisions in a new state law, which the company says could have prevented it from entering the Texas local service market.

Catherine Fox-Hessler, an AT&T vice president, wrote the Texas Public Utility Commission: "The federal act now provides that 'No state or local statute or regulation, or other state or local legal requirement, may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide any ... intrastate telecommu-

nication services.' This provision embodies the intent of Congress that local telephone service be fully open to competition."

PUC officials declined to comment on the filing. AT&T also applied to provide local services in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

No timetable was set on dealing with the Texas application.

AT&T applied for two Texas licenses. One would allow it to provide local service throughout Texas by purchasing service from local phone companies and reselling it.

It also applied for a narrower license to provide service as a reseller, and later through its own network, in areas served by Dallas-based GTE Southwest Inc.

Mrs. Fox-Hessler said because GTE plans to enter the long distance market, AT&T could enter its local market as a reseller with plans to build its own network later.

Under the state law, rewritten last year, phone companies that serve more than 6 percent of the in-state long distance market cannot enter the local market as a reseller. But Mrs. Fox-Hessler said that provision is void under the federal law.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. promised a fight over AT&T's request, saying the long distance company isn't entitled to the authority it is requesting.

"There isn't anything in the recent federal telecommunications act that preempts the state commission on these matters.... AT&T is trying to stretch the recent act to prohibit something that wasn't prohibited," said Jon Loehman of Southwestern Bell.

MCI Telecommunications Corp. is challenging a PUC decision keeping it from re-selling service. But Mrs. Fox-Hessler said that decision came before the federal law.

### Nation briefs

#### Kennedy quarrel caught on film in Central Park

NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr.'s girlfriend grabbed him by the neck and he ripped an emerald-and-diamond ring off her finger in a lover's quarrel in Central Park that was captured on camera, the *Daily News* and *New York Post* reported today.

A freelance photographer sold pictures of the spat to the *National Enquirer* for next week's edition and was shopping around video footage to TV tabloid shows that neither newspaper identified.

The dispute between Kennedy, 35, and Carolyn Bessette, a 28-year-old Calvin Klein publicist, erupted while they were walking their dog last Sunday.

Pictures reportedly show the couple screaming and grappling.

After ripping off the ring, the former prosecutor and *George* magazine editor sits on the pavement, his head down and

arms crossed on his knees.

But the newspapers couldn't agree on how the fight ended.

The *News* said that after cooling off, the couple stood in the street and embraced.

The *Post* said Bessette left the park and Kennedy cried alone on the sidewalk.

Kennedy and Bessette did not return phone calls to the *Post*.

#### Mayor vows school bus shooter will be found

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As police searched for a teen-ager who shot a pregnant 15-year-old to death on a school bus and wounded the driver, the mayor assured residents that city streets won't be turned into "killing fields."

The bus driver, shot three times, was in serious condition.

The baby, delivered by Caesarean section, was in critical condition. The 3-pound girl appeared to be three months premature.

Dozens of police officers searched for the gunman, who was believed to be 16 to 18. He was waiting at a school bus stop Thursday morning with a pistol and began firing after the bus doors swung open.

Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. vowed that the gunman would be found.

#### Junk bond financier's probation extended three months

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Milken's probation will last three more months.

Today was supposed to have been the last day of a three-year probation for the famed ex-junk bond financier, who once was at the center of the biggest Wall Street securities fraud scandal.

But a federal judge on Thursday extended the probation until June 1 because of a new Securities and Exchange Commission probe into Milken's business dealings, which may have violated terms of his punishment.

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### Cancer gene targeted, therapy underway

NEW YORK (AP) — A gene that makes women susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer when it's defective may be the starting point for a new cancer therapy.

A single dose of a normal version of the gene wiped out human breast cancer tumors in two out of five mice and extended the lives of others with the disease, researchers found. Scientists don't know if the mice were actually cured or still had microscopic traces of cancer.

"I think it's a major step forward" toward developing a new therapy, said Dawn Willis, director of research communication at the American Cancer Society.

The experimental treatment involved injections of the gene BRCA1. When defective it is known to cause an inherited susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancers.

The new work gives direct evidence that the normal BRCA1 lets cells make a protein that suppresses breast cancer. Researchers also found that the gene suppresses ovarian cancer in laboratory experiments and uncovered evidence that cells secrete this protein.

If it is secreted, scientists might be able to develop drugs that mimic the protein's suppressing ability and use them to treat breast and ovarian cancers, said researcher Dr. Jeffrey Holt.

The work is presented in the March issue of the journal *Nature Genetics* by Holt, Dr. Roy Jensen and

others at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn., Mary-Claire King of the University of Washington in Seattle, and others.

King said a BRCA1-based therapy wouldn't be expected to replace surgery, but rather to supplement it.

Dr. Barbara Weber, director of the breast cancer program at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, said the results make her cautiously optimistic about prospects for developing a BRCA1-based treatment, either as a gene therapy or as a new drug.

But she stressed that more work must be done before either approach could even be tested in people.

For the research, scientists implanted mice with human breast cancer cells taken from a noninherited case. As in most such cases, the cells produced abnormally low levels of BRCA1 protein.

Two weeks later, after the cells had grown into tumors, five mice were injected with a virus to ferry copies of a normal BRCA1 gene into the cancers. Five other mice got a virus designed to plant damaged copies of the gene.

All the mice that got the damaged copy died of the cancer in less than two weeks after the treatment, with an average survival of about nine days. But those that got the normal gene lived 15 to 41 days after treatment, with an average of 24 days.

### State briefs

#### Clown's attempt to file for office foiled

ABILENE (AP) — They're not clowning around in Abilene's mayoral race — at least not yet.

"Glik the Pedicab Clown," a would-be contender to incumbent Gary McCaleb's seat, stormed from City Hall in a huff Thursday after being told he needed identification to file for office.

Glik, alias Wesley Lackey, forgot to slip his wallet into his baggy pants.

Adorned in full clown regalia and accompanied by a garish, kazoo-blowing flunky, Glik fled city offices trying to dodge reporters summoned for a press conference. The clown, when confronted, was in a foul mood.

"They think that if you're not wearing a suit and tie, I'm making a mockery of their little City Hall," Glik said. "This is coming from my heart."

Glik reportedly also was perturbed when city attorneys told him if he won the election, he must conduct official business

using his legal name. They assured him, however, he could conduct council meetings in his grease paint, floppy feet and rain-bow costume.

He said he would have an announcement later.

#### Woman arrested for child abandonment, second time

ARLINGTON (AP) — A woman charged with abandoning her newborn baby in an apartment complex trash container in January has been arrested a second time on a charge of abandoning a baby in similar fashion in 1993, police say.

Authorities said Sabrina Benaissa, 25, was arrested Thursday night on charges in connection with the 1993 case. She had been arrested Wednesday on a charge in the case of the abandonment of a newborn baby dubbed "Baby Chloe" on Jan. 24.

She was being held in the Arlington jail early today. No bond was set on the 1993 case, police said.

#### Workforce Commission ready for business

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Workforce Commission is ready to open for business on schedule Friday, the panel's chairman said.

The new agency consolidates 28 employment and job training programs that were scattered throughout state government. State law calls for the consolidation to be done in two blocks, half in March and half in June.

The commission said the transfer of the first half of the programs will be completed Friday.

"The TWC's mission is clear. Our goal is to find jobs for Texans and provide a highly skilled workforce to encourage economic growth and job creation in Texas. To do that, the TWC will match job training with jobs that really exist and increase local input and control in job training programs," said Chairman Bill Hammond.

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An IOU has no legal value whatsoever. Think about it. All it states is that one party owes another party money, and it does not involve any promise to pay it back by a certain date, etc.

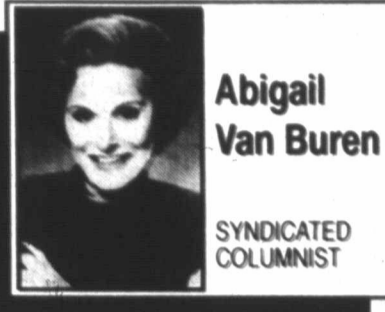
There is nothing sadder than having a couple of old, retired people come into my office with a handwritten IOU on a piece of paper. The last couple had given their son \$30,000 and wanted me to collect it for them.

Abby, first, parents should not lend their children money unless they can afford to lose it. Second, they should at least have a promissory note secured by a mortgage, etc. And you should stress that this can be wiped out by bankruptcy!

Please correct your column at once before more people fall prey to their children's greed.

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**Abigail Van Buren**

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ters about what not to say to someone you know who is hurting, when a friend or acquaintance is recently divorced, widowed, unemployed, etc. The things that are most often said are labeled "insensitive."

Abby, those lists of insensitive statements make people feel very self-conscious about saying anything at all for fear it will be resented.

Please print a list of things for people to say. You did this for "Grieving," and I really appreciated it.

There are times when not saying anything makes people very uncomfortable. We want to be able to say something.

PUZZLED IN ST. PAUL

**DEAR PUZZLED:** When people have suffered a loss, the caring thing to do is to acknowledge it. Keep it simple: "I'm sorry about your loss," "Please accept my sympathy" or, "I heard about your misfortune and I'm so sorry" are all acceptable.

There may be times when silence is uncomfortable, but it is preferable to saying something that may be inappropriate. The mistake that people most frequently make is to ask for details — or to compare the loss to one of their own. When people are hurting, a hug, a warm handshake, or just being available to listen can speak volumes.

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding the recent lectures about fathers who don't pay child support: Please remember, that can go both ways.

My brother's wife was having an office affair for a year before he found out. She left him and their two children, and is now in an abusive relationship and is afraid to get out. Her life is one big lie after another. I've tried to help, but she refuses to talk to a counselor or a priest.

To make a long story short, my brother now has full custody of his kids, who are 4 and 5 years old, and their mother is suddenly living with another man. She sees the kids twice a week and pays my brother child support.

Abby, please don't label all divorced men "deadbeat dads." My brother is doing a wonderful job as a single parent. I even sent him a Mother's Day card!

PROUD SISTER, MILWAUKEE

selfes. You must make an effort to be methodical.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Try to steer clear of risky financial investments today. Someone may profit from these situations, but it isn't likely to be you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Take care not to let yourself be maneuvered into an awkward situation that will require you to defend a position in which you truly don't believe.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Strive to be flexible regarding your mode of operation today. If not, you might become enamored by outdated methods that don't meet your present needs.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Prudent management of your resources will be essential today. Do not take any impulsive risks if buying, selling or trading merchandise.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You should help others, but don't let them restrict your independence. You will need some elbow room in order to function effectively today.

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## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Sunday, March 3, 1996

Stick to your present course of action in the year ahead even if you feel you're on an imperfect path strewn with obstacles. You can achieve success through persistence and perseverance.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Unless you plan your moves carefully today, you may make more work for yourself than necessary. Do not depart from effective procedures. Discard yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will fare better in the long run today if you set aside desires for frivolous pursuits and focus your energy on a serious matter you've neglected recently.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If you try to gratify personal ambitions, you might experience stiffer resistance than you anticipated. Prepare to assert yourself boldly.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Try not to impose your philosophies and ideas on companions or friends today. You might not find a market for your proposals.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Make an effort to keep up to date on financial obligations that have now come due. At the very least, try to acknowledge them today with token payments.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Hard feelings could be the result if you break your word today pertaining to something you promised to do for a friend. Do not jeopardize your reputation.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Do not try to rationalize your responsibilities away today. They will not take care of them-



For Better or For Worse



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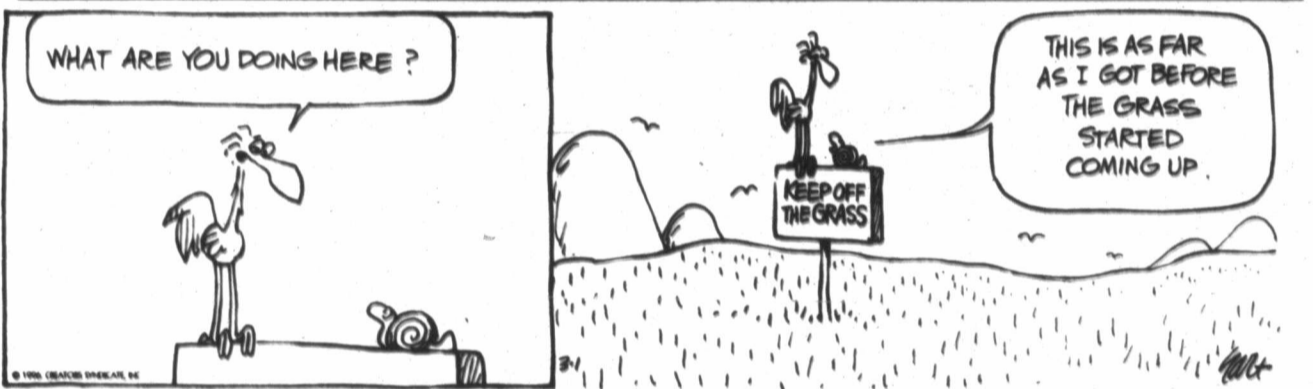
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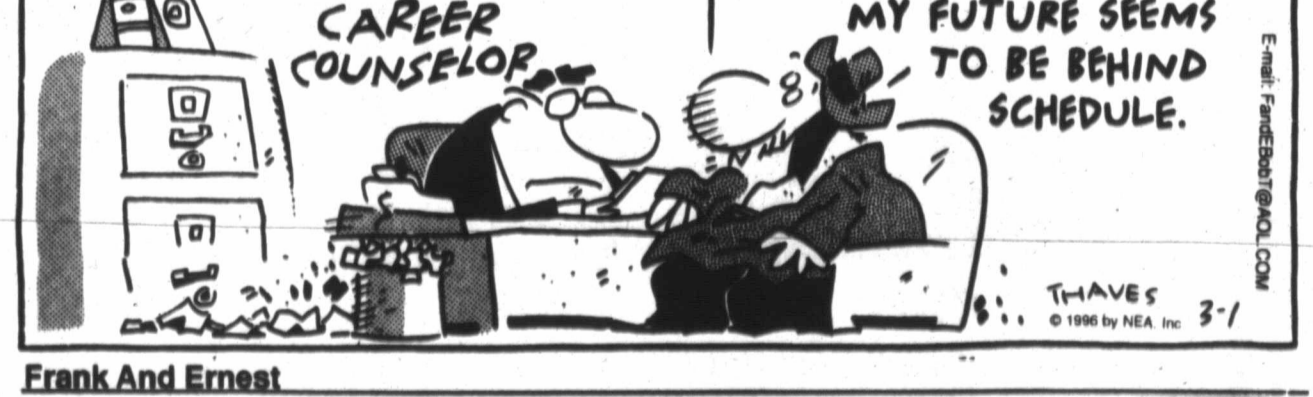
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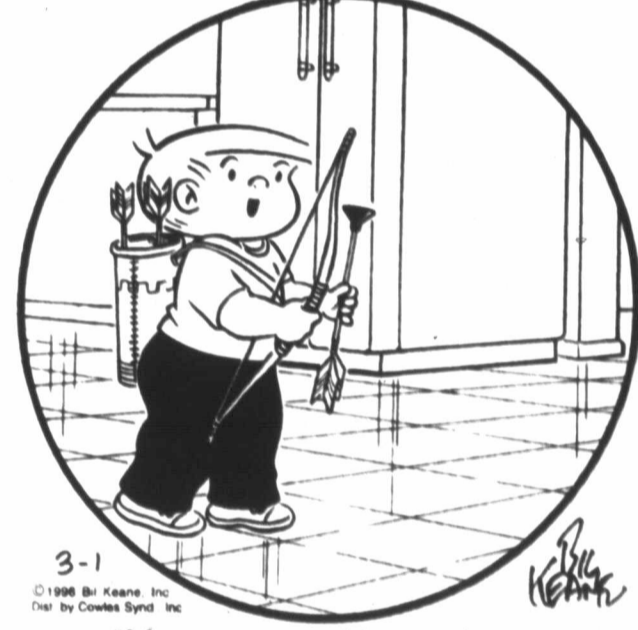
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Mommy, would you draw a buffalo on the refrigerator?"



"I finally tossed Marmaduke's cruddy old Binky teddy bear in the trash barrel."

The Family Circus



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts









World briefs

**War crimes tribunal indicts top Serb general**

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands** (AP) — An international tribunal indicted a leading Bosnian Serb general today on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including 3 1/2 years of attacks on Sarajevo.

The indictment allows the tribunal to keep Gen. Djordje Djukic in custody, making him only the second indicted suspect held in the tribunal's jail. The court, appointed by the U.N. to prosecute war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, has now indicted 53 suspects.

Chief Prosecutor Richard Goldstone said the indictment charges the 60-year-old general of war crimes in connection with his role in aiding the Bosnian Serb army in its operations,

including "the shelling of civilian targets during the Bosnian Serb siege of Sarajevo between May 1992 and December 1995."

More than 10,000 civilians were killed during the siege, including 1,500 children.

**Peruvian plane crashes in flames, kills all aboard**

**LIMA, Peru** (AP) — A Peruvian commercial jet that apparently caught fire in flight crashed into a remote Andean mountain canyon five miles from its destination, killing all 123 people on board.

Rescue crews were delayed making it to the site of the Thursday night's crash. This morning, they carried lanterns through fog and darkness to begin removing bodies, radio station Radioprogramas said.

The Faucett Airlines flight had 40 international passengers. An airline statement today said there were 33 Chileans, two Canadians, two Belgians, two Bolivians and one Brazilian.

The other 77 passengers and six crew members were Peruvian, the Lima-based airline said.

The Boeing 737 crashed five miles from landing in the city of Arequipa. The crew of an Aeroperu commercial flight that flew near the Faucett jet spotted the plane flying "completely in flames," said a Lima airport official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The crew was last heard from at 8:10 p.m., and "everything was normal," Dacuna said.

Shortly afterward, people nearby said they heard the plane explode on impact in the canyon.

Most of the passengers were burned, news reports said.

**Israel rejects Hamas offer of a cease-fire**

**JERUSALEM** (AP) — Israel today rejected an offer by the Muslim militant group Hamas to negotiate a cease-fire, saying it was up to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to deal with Palestinian extremists.

"There is no room for us to negotiate with a terror organization," Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said, adding that talks between Israel and Hamas would undermine Arafat's Palestinian government.

Hamas said Thursday it would stop attacks on Israelis if Israel released Hamas prisoners and stopped its campaign against the Hamas military wing.

**Princess Di calling the shots**

**LONDON** (AP) — Princess Diana's lawyer has threatened to halt divorce negotiations, saying the palace is trying to renege on promises Prince Charles made about her post-divorce title, home and office.

The dispute bodes ill for Queen Elizabeth II's hopes, expressed publicly in December, that her son and daughter-in-law will divorce quickly.

Palace officials "want to get the princess out of this marriage by giving her the absolute minimum," an unidentified legal aide of the princess was quoted as saying today in the Daily Mail tabloid. The reporter, Richard Kay, is considered a confidant of Diana.

"I have given them everything they wanted and they are still not satisfied," Kay quoted Diana as

saying. "I did not want this divorce but I have agreed to it. Now they are playing pingpong with me."

The argument centers on what Diana says she was promised at the private meeting Wednesday with Charles during which she agreed to a divorce. The meeting took place at St. James' Palace in London, where Charles lives and works and Diana has an office.

Custody of Prince William, 13, and Prince Harry, 11, is not expected to be an issue. The parents have been dividing time with the boys, and there is no question about financial support.

Diana has made it clear she expects to keep a title — and a firm grip on her status as a Very Important Princess.

# GOOD LUCK HARVESTERS

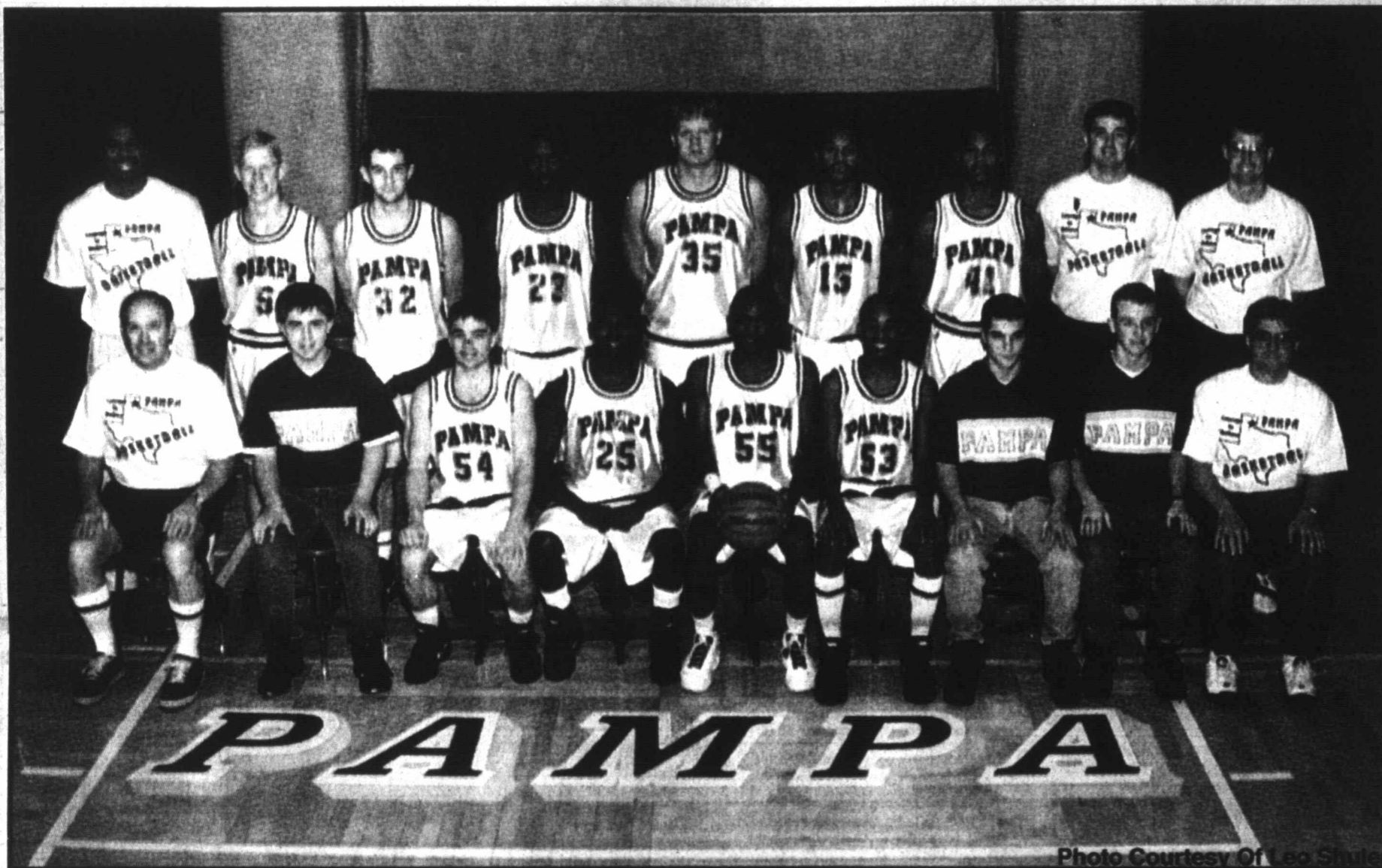


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