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Valley View tops Borden, 61-58 in state tourney

AUSTIN (AP) — Sarah Schneider scored 15 points and Dabney Clifton and Jordan Davis each added 13, leading Valley View past Borden County 61-58 today in a Class 1A semifinal of the girls' state high school basketball tournament.

Valley View (36-2) advances to Saturday's finals against the winner of the other semifinal between Moulton (34-3) and Vega (23-12).

Valerie Wootan led Borden County (30-5), the smallest school in the state tournament with just 74 students, with 22 points and nine rebounds.

Down 27-25 at halftime, Valley View tied it at 31 on a basket by Schneider and took the lead for good when Julie Prescher converted a 3-point play for a 34-31 advantage with 5:23 left in the third quarter.

Borden County pulled to within 60-58 with 2:01 left on five straight points from Lindsey Smith, including a 3-pointer.

After Clifton made one of two free throws with 35.4 seconds left, Borden County still had two chances to tie the game. However, Smith missed an open 3-pointer with about 18 seconds left and Julie Mayes missed another with four seconds remaining.

Borden County almost got a third try on the rebound of Mayes' miss, but when players from each team had their hands on the ball, the possession arrow awarded it to Valley View with .07 seconds left.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Coahoma Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are \$3.50 and children not yet in school may eat free. Tickets may be purchased from any Coahoma Lions Club member or at the door.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard College Library. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

FRIDAY
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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As contributions for camera climb, HOG renews challenge

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Big Spring's Harley Owners Group announced Wednesday it has one-sixth of the money it needs to buy a thermal imaging camera for the fire department. HOG members have been collecting donations for about six weeks, and have \$3,000. The camera, which would allow firefighters to see victims inside dark and smoke-filled rooms, costs about \$18,000.

"We're happy with how it's



BARNETT **STAPP**

going so far," said Barry Barnett of HOG. "We've kind of set a goal to have this done within the year. For our first six

weeks, this is good." Barnett renewed the group's earlier challenge to business and families in the area. HOG has asked that each local family consider giving \$25, and each business \$100.

"We don't think that's too much to ask, considering that this camera could save the life of you or one of your family members," Barnett said.

The thermal imaging camera technology comes from the military, where it is used in specialized helicopters, rifles and missiles. Heat sensors identify a

person or other heat source that could not be seen without the camera.

Firefighters would use the camera for "search and rescue" of victims in burning buildings, and to locate the source of a fire so it could be extinguished more quickly. Police officers might also use the camera for searching for lost children or criminals who might be hiding in abandoned buildings or wooded areas.

On Feb. 20, HOG had a camera set up at Big Spring Mall, giving demonstrations and col-

lecting donations. Then they set up a collection bin at their booth at the "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival at the Heritage Museum.

"Pretty much anywhere we are, we'll have a bucket out, collecting for this camera," Barnett said.

Robert Stapp, of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association, said he is pleased with the HOG effort.

"It's going pretty good," he said. "I think the more people

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These Goliad Middle School students participated in Public Schools Week by dressing in 70s style clothing. Pictured are, left to right, Amanda Rollins, Vianca Green, Mark Sheedy, Chris Stokes, Logan Churchwell, Veronica Villarreal, and Josh Wilson. Schools throughout the area are participating in various activities this week.

Grand jury

Routine traffic stop leads to indictment for 100 pounds of pot

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County grand jury Wednesday returned 19 indictments, including charges against an El Paso man who was arrested for possessing more than 100 pounds of marijuana.

Marcos Albert Ayala, 25, has been indicted for possession of marijuana more than 100 pounds in an incident reported Feb. 18, when he was stopped by the Big Spring Police Department canine unit.

Ayala was stopped by the BSPD Corp. Ralph Rollins and Officer Joel Garza when they observed he was traveling 1-20 at reduced speed, and that the vehicle registration was expired.

Chriss, the dog owned by the BSPD canine unit, hit on the wheels of the vehicle, which led the officers to suspect drug trafficking.

The officers discovered more than 100 pounds of marijuana had been concealed in metal containers that were welded to the wheels of the vehicle.

This arrest and subsequent search yielded the most marijuana seized by the canine unit to date.

Others indicted by the grand jury are:

• Alfredo Covarrubias, 29, for an Oct. 17, 1998 first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a child with evidence compiled

by the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• Michael Stewart Deax, 21, for a Jan. 1 second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation with evidence compiled the HCSO.

• Justin Ivan Speer, 23, for a Jan. 1 second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation with evidence compiled the HCSO.

• Brenda Ann Kenly, 35, for a Jan. 19 second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation with evidence compiled by the HCSO.

• Kenneth Earl Kenly, 31, for a Jan. 19 second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation with evidence compiled by the HCSO.

• Leslie Marie Kimble, 39, for a June 6, 1998 second-degree felony offense of delivery of a controlled substance with evidence compiled by Department of Public Safety.

• Jose Nieto, 18, for a Nov. 7, 1998 second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

• Jimmy Carl Young, 46, for a Nov. 20 second-degree felony offense for injury to a child with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

• Eric Paul Krueger, 28, for a Jan. 30 third-degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance between one

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Tax collections remain steady

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Tax collection for Howard County has remained steady, and reached nearly the same percentage as the February 1998 collection, according to the tax assessor/collector's office.

"As of Feb. 28, we had 93.18 percent collected," said Kathy Sayles, county tax assessor/collector.

"That's really good," Sayles said.

"This time last year we had 93.29 percent."

Thus far, \$4,789,392.96 has been collected in taxes within the county from October 1998 until Feb. 28.

"We are still receiving payments, and we will be receiving payments from now until June," she said.

On July 1, all unpaid property taxes within the county will become delinquent, with further penalties and interest assessed.

On July 1, an additional 15

percent attorney fees and court costs are added, plus an 18 percent penalty.

"Current taxes must be paid in full. But if they cannot pay, monthly payments may be arranged once the tax becomes delinquent," she said.

Beginning March 1, penalties are set at 9 percent for past due tax payments, which were due Jan. 31.

"If there is anyway possible, pay before June, so the penalties won't be so high," Sayles said.

Stanton ISD has contested race; one more files in Coahoma

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Stanton ISD has its first contested race and one more person has joined the group lining up at Coahoma ISD as trustee filing for area school boards continues.

The filing period runs through March 17 but those who are considering filing need

to be aware that seven of the eight area schools will be on spring break next week. Glasscock County ISD is on spring break this week.

During spring break, schools will post information accessible to the public as to who to contact for anyone wishing to file.

Stanton ISD's District 3 seat will be a contested one as Randy Turner, service manager for White Motors, is challeng-

ing long-time incumbent Johnny Louder.

Louder is a farmer who has served on the board since 1986.

Todd Smith, a lineman for Westex Telephone Co-op, has filed for another term in District 4. On the board since 1991, Smith is as yet unopposed.

The other seat up for election on the Stanton ISD board this year is District 7, an at-large seat to complete an unexpired

term. Rocky Barnes, service manager for Wheeler Motor, has filed for that spot, currently held by Randy Moore.

Another candidate has tossed his hat into the widening ring at Coahoma. David Higgins, who is self-employed, has become the sixth person to file for two seats that are up for election on the board.

He joins Cindy Neff, a Mental Health/Mental Retardation

worker; Eddy Corse, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Joe Mansfield, with Sid Richardson; John Wayne Metcalf, a city employee; and Ronnie Dodson, who is employed by Saga Petroleum.

Neither incumbent — Brian Marlar and Bill Gressett — has filed for re-election.

In Forsan, there are three at-

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DPS seizes \$100,000-plus in traffic stop Wednesday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A routine traffic stop on Interstate 20 Wednesday resulted in seizure of more than \$100,000 by Department of Public Safety trooper Mitchell Jones.

According to Sgt. Lawrence Meadors, Jones stopped a small van driven by Anthony D. Dyer, of Kansas, for speeding.

"He was by himself when he made the initial stop. He then called for assistance, and the Howard County Sheriff's department responded," Meadors said.

Jones was sent to Midland today with evidence for the laboratory concerning this arrest, and had not returned by press time.

Deputy Lonnie Kincanon assisted Jones with the arrest and search, and related what

Jones said. "At first, he smelled marijuana when he approached the van. When the suspect reached for his insurance papers, Jones saw a plastic bag that looked to contain marijuana," Kincanon said.

Jones then called for the DPS canine unit, and when the dog arrived, it alerted on the car, which created probable cause to search the vehicle, Kincanon said.

Inside the vehicle was found a suitcase and a gift-wrapped box that contained \$100,144 in small bills, he said.

"It was a gift-wrapped package, like a birthday present. The dog hit all over the car, so it had obviously been used to transport drugs," Kincanon said.

The dog also alerted on the money itself, he said.

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Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee worked at the site of the new chapel Wednesday and joined together for a lunch of barbecue brisket. From left to right, Vic Hutchison, Kay Porter, Gene Wilson, Charlie Lewis, Jerry Groves, Danny Kennedy, Clara Justice, Roger Holmes and Phil Corbin.

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Lewinsky's greatest fear: losing immunity from prosecution

WASHINGTON (AP) — After sharing her innermost feelings about her presidential affair and her loathing for Kenneth Starr, Monica Lewinsky says her major worry now is "doing something to lose my immunity" from prosecution.

In an ABC interview with Barbara Walters and a book entitled "Monica's Story," Ms. Lewinsky let the public share her anguish — about her relationship with President Clinton, her sex life with others and the main players in the drama that led to a historic impeachment trial.

Some parts of her story were previously untold, her thoughts

of hurling herself out a 10th floor window when prosecutors first confronted her about the affair; her abortion, the result of an affair with a fellow Pentagon worker in 1996 before her relationship with Clinton ended; and her feeling now that Clinton is "a much bigger liar than I ever thought."

For her television interview, Ms. Lewinsky wore a black pants suit and smiled often as she recalled some of the fondest — and even her most painful — moments of the relationship with Clinton. But her eyes became moist as she described her "very wonderful mom" Marcia Lewis — who knew of

the affair and was forced to provide anguished testimony before a grand jury.

Only once, while recounting the pain the crisis has caused her family, she broke down crying. "People have no idea about what this has done. ... It was so destructive," she said, tears streaming.

Both the Clintons left Washington for a day their friends and aides admitted would be painful. The president went to a fund-raiser in New Jersey; the first lady tested the political waters in New York where she's considering a bid for U.S. Senate.

Countering Clinton's asser-

tion under oath that only Ms. Lewinsky performed acts of sexual gratification, Ms. Lewinsky flashed a wide grin and answered "yes" when Ms. Walters asked whether Clinton did things "that made you feel, as a woman, happy and contented."

Ms. Lewinsky saved some of her harshest words for the investigation of her affair by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. "I really felt raped and physically ill with myself," she said.

Her book spared no words for Starr's prosecutors, deriding one as a "revolting specimen of humanity" and another as a

"pit-bull terrier."

But the former intern, who has immunity from prosecution from Starr, remains worried that he's not through with her.

"I'm afraid of doing something to lose my immunity," she said. "And being prosecuted. Or having my family prosecuted."

Months before her immunity deal with Starr was sealed last summer, Ms. Lewinsky filed a false affidavit in the Paula Jones case denying an affair with the president.

"Did you know that you were committing perjury?" Ms. Walters asked.

"No," Ms. Lewinsky replied.

"I think I knew I was lying, but I had no knowledge. I mean I had no idea what all the different elements of perjury were at that time."

Describing her feelings about Clinton now, Ms. Lewinsky said in the book: "I was hit by the fact that I don't have him in my life anymore. I just miss him so much right now."

But she also called Clinton "a selfish man who lies all the time" and said sometimes "I have to turn off the TV because I feel sick looking at him."

When Ms. Walters brought up the abortion, Ms. Lewinsky nodded and said it was "a very sensitive subject."

Clinton threatens to veto bank overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says a financial overhaul bill proposed by the Senate Banking Committee chairman fails to protect consumers and would hurt lending laws — and he would veto the legislation if it is passed.

Instead, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin expressed the administration's "strong support" for a bipartisan compromise bill in the House.

The Clinton administration in principle supports legislation that would lift the Depression-era barriers between banks, securities firms and insurance companies. But the White House has threatened to veto several versions in recent years that took an approach it rejected.

The proposal drafted by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, is more

in line with the views of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan than those of the administration. The bill calls for most new financial activities to be conducted by affiliated companies within bank holding companies.

Gramm's Senate banking panel and the House Banking Committee were voting today on amendments to two separate financial overhaul bills.

Both the House and Senate bills would create huge financial "supermarkets," offering consumers checking accounts, mutual funds, insurance policies and much more. Ralph Nader and other consumer advocates have expressed concern that the legislation, by allowing banks, brokerage firms and insurers to merge and get more deeply into each

other's businesses, could bring a dangerous concentration of economic power in fewer hands.

In a letter to Gramm, Clinton said his proposal would "undermine the effectiveness of the Community Reinvestment Act ... a law that has helped to build homes, create jobs and restore hope in communities across America."

"I will veto the bill if it is presented to me in its current form," the president said in the letter, dated Tuesday and released Wednesday.

In addition, Clinton wrote, the bill would "provide inadequate consumer protection."

An administration official cited as an example a provision in the compromise House bill, but absent from Gramm's, that would require banks selling securities to make sure they are

appropriate for a consumer's income and circumstances.

Gramm, in response, insisted that his proposal would not weaken the community investment law that banks must follow, but would "restore its integrity." The 1977 law requires banks and thrifts to lend to the poor and minorities in their neighborhoods.

Gramm's opposition to the law led him to block financial overhaul legislation in the Senate's waning days last fall. The legislation had squeaked through the House in May by one vote, 214-213.

Under his new proposal, banks would not have to get a satisfactory community lending rating from the government to set up "holding companies" to conduct new financial activities.

House panel approves oil severance tax exemption

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal pushed by Gov. George W. Bush to give a \$45 million temporary tax break for struggling oil producers may have a hard time passing the House, according to a key lawmaker.

"I think it's going to be close," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville.

Oliveira heads the House Ways and Means Committee, which endorsed the plan Wednesday after some initial questions about whether it would have a lasting effect on the industry.

"I don't think this is a slam dunk proposal," Oliveira said. "I think there are a lot of members ... that are concerned about farmers, teacher pay

raises and lots of other issues."

The bill, which has already passed the Senate, would temporarily exempt small oil producing wells from the state's severance tax when the price for crude oil falls below \$15 per barrel. Wednesday's cash price for West Texas Intermediate was \$12.93 in New York.

Natural gas producers would be exempt when prices fall below \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet.

Oil producers have said the measure is necessary to keep the industry viable in the face of slumping oil prices.

Some have testified that it costs for them more to pump fuel than they earn from the small wells.

Compromise sought for base closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is signaling it wants to work with Congress to find common ground to permit additional rounds of base closings.

Defense Secretary William Cohen suggested he's open to a new formula that could restrict the type of bases that might be closed at the beginning of the process.

One of the most frustrating aspects is that every single community is compelled to hire high-price PR firms, high-priced legal teams to try to firm up potential closings. Congress and the House Appropriations subcommittee in Washington.

Under the current process, all military bases in the country

are essentially on the block in each new round of base closings.

The administration wants Congress to authorize two new rounds of base closings, one in 2001 and another in 2005. But having gone through four rounds since 1989, Congress has little appetite for closings.

Furthermore, Republicans accuse Clinton of manipulating the process to save defense jobs in electoral-rich California and Texas as part of his 1996 re-election effort. House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, predicted this week that Congress would not approve any further base closings "under this president."

But Cohen, a Republican who represented Maine in the Senate, has been quietly work-

ing on Capitol Hill in hopes of finding a new formula that overcomes most GOP objections.

Under the current system, Congress authorizes an independent nonpartisan commission — the Base Realignment and Closure Commission — which then decides which bases should be closed, supposedly without political interference.

Some of Congress' sharpest critics of the system, including Sens. James Inhofe, R-Okla., and Pat Roberts, R-Kan., both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have suggested that the scope of future base-closing reviews be limited at the outset to just certain type of bases — principally those for which the Pentagon clearly has an overabundance.

Senate begins debating 'Ed-Flex' bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reducing the federal government's reach into local education, a congressional priority this year, is attracting attention in both the Senate and House.

The Senate on Wednesday began debating whether to extend the Education Flexibility Partnership Act, a pilot program now in 12 states, to all 50 states.

A key House committee, meantime, cleared a companion bill.

The measures enjoy broad bipartisan support among Democrats and Republicans, including the nation's governors and President Clinton.

But Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone, a liberal Democrat, opposes the bill, saying there is no research to prove the five-year demonstration project has improved education.

Wellstone also said poor and minority pupils could suffer if the program were expanded because states and school districts could evade accountability provisions in the federal law that directs education funds to those children.

"What this piece of legislation really is doing is it is essentially saying that we as a national

community no longer are going to maintain our commitment to poor children in America," he said.

Wellstone said the bill does not earmark additional funds for other needs — such as new teachers and early education, nutrition and school repair programs.

The Ed-Flex program began in 1994 as a pilot effort in six states. It was expanded in 1996

to 12 states — Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Vermont.

In exchange for increased accountability, local school districts get greater control over how they can spend federal education funds.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., rejected arguments that the program hurts children.

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OUR VIEWS

Spirit behind our Vietnam Memorial goes back decades

There are those who will tell you how far the Vietnam Memorial has come in less than a decade, and in the absolute scheme of things, that's true. But the reality of the situation is that the spirit behind the Vietnam Memorial is decades old ... with the groundwork having been laid when the first American set foot on the soil in Southeast Asia.

On Wednesday, inmates from the Wilderness Camp began erecting the walls that will hold the roof on the chapel at the Memorial — and as your eyes followed the walls going up, they naturally looked to the Heavens.

Many hundreds of hours have gone into the planning and development of the Memorial by members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the many community volunteers who feel the pride and ownership in the Memorial.

But there has been more involvement than that. Somehow, you have to know that the men and women who died in Southeast Asia and the men and women who are still listed as POW/MIA have been watching over the progress of the Memorial ... helping lift the Huey to the top of its standard for mounting or helping guide the F-4E Phantom jet around the Anson courthouse ... making certain the M-60A was square on the pad ... and helping law enforcement officials catch the vandals who defaced the Memorial.

By the time Memorial Day rolls around, the chapel will be ready and photos and memorabilia will be in place and members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee will begin planning for the addition of the artillery field pieces and the 10th anniversary of the visit of the Moving Wall.

There are many communities where veterans and their service to our country and her people have been forgotten ... thankfully, we don't live in one of them.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
To all the police officers, paramedics, and the detective on the scene of the tragic accident that occurred on the night of Feb. 27.

My husband I want to thank you all for your quick response to my husband's 911 call.

It was gratifying to know that in case of an emergency, we have you all as a team to get to the scene immediately, go into an efficient action of controlling the scene and situation, as you all did that night.

We, personally, appreciated the kind manner in which we were treated by you all as we stayed to comfort the injured's friend. I am sure that the par-

ties involved as well as their family and friends appreciated the respect you gave them on this sad and tragic night, as well.

Unfortunately, sometimes people fail to see all the hard work and effort that is being put out by you all, until there is a situation they are involved in, but we want to take this time to say "Thank You" and honor you for all that you guys do in the time of others need. You all give yourselves 100% to make this community a better place, and we just wanted to take the time to say there are still people that appreciate you and your job well done!

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Despite reports, Miranda is alive and well

An unhappy notion is troubling civil libertarians and court watchers. They fear that Miranda is dead — or if not dead, close to it. The 4th U.S. Circuit, it is said, has done the doctrine in.

This is hokum. The Miranda warnings prescribed by the Supreme Court in 1966 are alive and well. The 4th Circuit's panel opinion last month will affect only a small fraction of federal criminal cases in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Life goes on.

I don't mean to minimize the importance of the 4th Circuit's decision in *United States v. Dickerson*. It was an important opinion, but not for the damage that Judge Karen Williams supposedly wrought upon the venerable Miranda. Miranda is OK.

But something fishy is going on in the Department of Justice. A question: Why did the department act so quickly to ignore an act of Congress?

This is the long and short of it. In June 1966, the Supreme Court decided four cases involv-

ing to do with the constitutional rights of an arrested person. The lead case involved Ernesto A. Miranda, who was convicted of kidnapping and rape in Arizona. The Supreme Court accepted his appeal and used the case as a vehicle for laying down sweeping new rules governing the interrogation of suspects in custody.

The high court split 5-4 in the *Miranda* cases. Prosecutors and police protested bitterly that the requirements would hinder law enforcement. They were wrong, but they were right. Prosecutors and police are not to be blamed for the Supreme Court's decision. It was a technical violation of the Constitution.

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Virginia. Agents obtained a warrant to search his apartment. An FBI agent read him his Miranda rights, but apparently the warnings were given 30 minutes to an hour AFTER Dickerson had been told about the warrant. He confessed to driving the getaway car. The trial court in Alexandria, Va., slavishly following *Miranda*, suppressed his statement.

Here was a case tailor-made for Section 3501. Dickerson's confession was clearly "voluntary." The technical violation of *Miranda* was trivial. The confession should have been admitted. But given these circumstances, Attorney General Janet Reno flatly refused to rely upon 3501. She instructed the U.S. attorney not to argue in its support. So much for enforcing the law.

Thanks to the conservative Washington Legal Foundation, the 4th Circuit panel gave Section 3501 the respect that Reno and her predecessors have denied it.

The attorney general's position boils down to this: It would be better to let a bank robber go free than to bend the rules of *Miranda* by so much as 30 minutes.

Reno's position strikes me as preposterous. It struck Judge Karen Williams the same way. Dickerson had not been subjected to third-degree coercion. He had not been interrogated all night. No rubber hoses. No blackjacks. He had not even

been handcuffed. In an opinion handed down on Feb. 8, Judge Williams was joined by senior District Judge Jackson L. Kiser. They ruled flatly that at least in the 4th Circuit, Section 3501, rather than *Miranda*, will govern the admissibility of confessions. Congress has "unquestioned power to establish the rules of procedure and evidence in federal courts." The act is constitutional. Trivial technical violations of the *Miranda* rules cannot justify the suppression of evidence voluntarily given. Right on!

Under the 4th Circuit ruling, Dickerson will go to trial, and both his confession and the evidence seized under the warrant will be admissible. I expect this will be the end of the matter. The 4th Circuit seldom grants rehearing by the full court. Neither is the Supreme Court likely to grant Dickerson a plenary review. In a 1994 case the high court gave Section 3501 a sidelong glance but declined to give it close scrutiny. This is a boat not for rocking.

Judge Williams emphasized that "nothing in today's opinion provides those in law enforcement with an incentive to stop giving the now familiar *Miranda* warnings." Prudent officers will carry on as usual, and prudent prosecutors will save 3501 for the rare case in which it is needed. The sky isn't falling after all.



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Naming a child is an awesome responsibility

I was down in shady Savannah, Ga., when I heard the word. My brother's wife had had her baby. Another boy. The birth announcement was on my machine.

"His name is Benjamin Walton," my brother said in that careful way you use when pronouncing a brand new person's moniker. It's as if you are holding an engraving tool the first few times you say a baby's name.

You don't want to slip up and drop an "L" or cross an "L."

I figured they would call the baby Walt. He has a brother named Will, and some folks love that alliterative approach to naming a family. They think ahead. "Will, Walt, Wanda, Weston and Wynona wish to

my brother and parents to have a boy named Benjamin."

It was a good name. It would be Walt, Benjamin, or Benjamin. My nephew named Ben. He's my godson and has a bright and colorful personality. I named him Benjamin as a less-than-enthusiastic nod to the first child I ever loved more than my own. I have never named Ben.

Ben the First came running down the road one day in Mississippi, his blood hot from the heat, his hair wild, his eyes wide. He could sing Scottish ditties like grandmothers taught him, and he often did so while wearing fuzzy slippers and a space-man helmet.

Then he went to school in Luke Skywalker's "Star Wars" home. The name "Ben" became sacred to me.

Ben the Second has lived up to his name. He's a good kid about whom the writer of

Then I talked to my brother, who said they'd be calling their new kid "Ben."

"But, but ..." I protested. "Or maybe Benjamin," my brother said.

Now nobody need tell me how hard it is to think of good names. My first three dogs were all named "Maxie." I named them for a favorite cousin, a military man who traveled to exotic, European ports and always remembered to send me a postcard. He might not have felt honored if he could have seen the mutts that bore his name, but I liked the name "Maxie" and, for sentimental reasons, pretty much stuck with it.

I have a Maxie now, by the way, another mixed breed with more hair than Dyan Cannon.)

I can sympathize with the awful responsibility of naming a child. It has to be, first and foremost, something the child won't hate you for later. It must sound right with the last name, and — this is important — not evoke some awful classmate who once beat you up and stole your lunch money.

But this double-Ben business presents all kinds of problems for us relatives. I can imagine the telephone conversations with my kid sister, who has a Scott and a Chelsey, but no Ben at all.

"Well, Ben was here, spent a few days."

"Which Ben?" she'll have to ask. "Big Ben or Little Ben?" I guess if enough time passes we won't always think of them as clocks. Or we could use their initials, which, you might guess, are "B.W." and "W.B." They would sound like a car and a used-car salesman.

We could try to call the baby "Bubba" or "Brother," but my sister-in-law would kill us. We could use their full names — Ben Grimsley, Ben King — but they might think they were in trouble. Adults never use your whole name unless you've done something really wrong.

The older Ben is delighted. He figures his cousin was named for him.

I just hope they don't grow up and become a team of handymen like TV's Darryl and Darryl.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

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Local students in the Big Spring District's Bus students earned district work will go on in Division 1st-Brittini Co grade; 2nd-Ste Elementary, 2nd Moss Elementary, 2nd Division 2 wide winners at 1st-Eric O Elementary, 5th Moss Elementary, Silen, College grade. The Big Spring each division regional level. At the school winners. At W grades) the winners Shannon Sullivan

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Student artists earn awards on bus safety

Local students recently earned top honors in the Big Spring Independent School District's Bus Safety Poster Contest. Six students earned top places in the competition district-wide, including two whose work will go on to regional competition.

In Division 1, Kindergarten-3rd grade, the district-wide winners are:

1st-Brittini Coates, Moss Elementary, 3rd grade; 2nd-Stephanie Jackson, Kentwood Elementary, 2nd grade; 3rd-Cadry Gibbs, Moss Elementary, 3rd grade.

In Division 2, 4th-5th grades, the district-wide winners are:

1st-Eric Olivas, College Heights Elementary, 5th grade; 2nd-Jared Sanchez, Moss Elementary, 5th grade; 3rd-Keri Silen, College Heights Elementary, 5th grade.

The Big Spring first place winners in each division will go on to compete at the regional level April 23 in Odessa.

At the school level, there are various winners. At Washington in Division 1 (1-3 grades) the winners are:

1st-Tracey Ramsey, Grade 3; 2nd-Shannon Sullivan, Grade 1; 3rd-Stephanie



HERALD File photo
Safety on the school bus was the subject of a poster contest locally. Winners from the district will go on to compete at the regional level next month in Odessa.

Lynn Sullivan, Grade 3.
At Moss in Division 1 (1-3 grades) the winners are:

1st-Brittini Coates, Grade 3; 2nd-Cadry Gibbs, Grade 3; 3rd-Whitney Torres, Grade 3.

At Moss in Division 2 (4-5 grades) the winners are:

1st-Jared Sanchez, Grade 5; 2nd-Jacob Cortez, Grade 4; 3rd-Phillip Rubio, Grade 4.

At Bauer in division 1 (1-3 grades) The winners are: 1st-Lauren Porras, Grade 1.

At Bauer in division 2 (4-5) grades the winners are:

1st-Allan Michael Sheedy, Grade 5.

At College Heights in division 1 (K-3 grades) the winners are:

1st-Kristina Decastillo, Grade 2; 2nd-Cameron Matile, Grade 3; 3rd-Jeanette Viera, Grade 2.

At College Heights in division 2 (4-5 grades) the winners are:

1st-Eric Olivas, Grade 5; 2nd-Jennifer Yanez, Grade 5; 3rd-Keri Silen, Grade 5.

At Kentwood in division 1 (1-3 grades) the winners are:

1st-Stephanie Jackson, Grade 2; 2nd-Krista Odle, Grade 2; 3rd-Samantha Amos, Grade 2.

Not all A.D.D. kids display hyperactivity

QUESTION: My daughter has some of the symptoms commonly associated with attention deficit disorder, but she is a very quiet child. Are some ADD kids withdrawn and sedate?

DR. DOBSON: Yes. ADD is not always associated with hyperactivity, especially in girls. Some of them are "dreamy" and detached. Regrettably, they are sometimes called "airheads" or "space cadets." Such a child can sit looking at a book for 45 minutes without reading a word.

One teacher told me about a girl in her class who would lose every article of clothing that wasn't hooked to her body. Nearly every day, the teacher would send this child back to the playground to retrieve her sweater or coat, only to have her return 15 minutes later without it. She had forgotten what she went after. A boy or girl with that kind of distractibility would find it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get home night after night with books and assignments written down, and then to complete the work and return it in the next morning.

Frankly, the "faraway" child worries me more than the one who is excessively active. She may be seen as a good little girl who just isn't very bright, while the troublemaker is more likely to get the help he needs. He's too irritating to ignore.

Those who are and are not hyperactive have one characteristic in common: distractibility. Even though they flit from one thing to another, the name "attention deficit disorder" is not quite on target. It's better than the old term ("minimal brain damage"), but there is also misinformation in the current designation.

The problem is not that these children have a short attention

span. At times, they can become lost in something that greatly interests them to the point that they aren't aware of anything going on around them. Instead, they have an insatiable need for mental stimulation during every waking moment. The moment they become bored with what they are doing, they dash off in search of the next exciting possibility.

One father told me about his 4-year-old son with ADD. He said, "If you let that kid get bored, you deserve what he's going to do to you." That applies to millions of children.

QUESTION: You've been somewhat critical of America's public schools in recent years. Whom do you hold accountable for what has gone wrong?

DR. DOBSON: I share the concern of many others about falling test scores, increasing violence on campuses and the high illiteracy rate, among other serious problems with today's schools. But I am not quick to blame educators for everything that has gone wrong.

The teachers and school administrators who guide our children have been among the most maligned and underappreciated people in our society. They are an easy target for abuse. They are asked to do a terribly difficult job, and yet they are criticized almost daily for circumstances beyond their control.

Some of their critics act as though educators are deliberately failing our kids. I strongly disagree. We would still be having serious difficulties in our schools if the professionals did everything right. Why? Because what goes on in the classroom cannot be separated from the problems occurring in culture at large.

Educators are not responsible for the condition our kids are in when they arrive at school each day. It's not the teachers' fault that families are unraveling and that large numbers of their students have been sexually and/or physically abused, neglected, and undernourished.

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Move over computer games: This means war

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Within a year, 13-year-old David Flentge went from admiring the fine detail of a 25mm armor-clad knight to commanding his own armies in battles that rage on table tops in community centers, hobby stores and dining rooms.

David is among scores of players who enjoy miniatures battle games like Warhammer, in which opponents match their tactical prowess using miniature figures massed in armies and custom painted by the players.

Corpus Christi hobby store owners say about 40 serious gamers play in store game rooms weekly, while several hundred buy the miniatures and play at home.

Young players who enjoy these games are building their analytical thinking skills, according to a sociologist who uses simulated games as a teaching tool. But an education professor counters that children can learn the same type of thinking from traditional games like chess, without the overtones of violence.

Ryan Lavoie, 13, enjoys playing miniatures games because it presents different challenges

'With video games, after you beat it, it is pretty much useless. With the miniatures game, it is a different game every time. You get to paint up your armies, put them on the field and show them off.'

Ryan Lavoie, 13

each time the game is set up. The Calallen Middle School eighth-grader said he gets more enjoyment from miniatures than from computer games.

"With video games, after you beat it, it is pretty much useless," Ryan said. "With the miniatures game, it is a different game every time. You get to paint up your armies, put them on the field and show them off."

David's interest in the game grew slowly as he learned the rules and then progressed as he introduced classmates to the game. David, an eighth-grader at Calallen Middle School, and his friends gather on weekends at places like Hilltop Community Center or the Northwest Branch Library for four-hour game sessions.

"I like the miniatures and how they look," David said. "The game itself is pretty com-

plicated. I really do like the game. It is a lot of fun."

Miniatures battle games are designed around various themes — fantasy warriors, ancient mythical Japan, space soldiers or tank-like war machines. But generally, the games challenge players to develop their own armies and to test their strategic skills against opponents.

Some games like Warhammer can require hundreds of figures, while others like FASA Corp.'s BattleTech, require only about four of the various super-powered tanks.

In Warhammer, players first agree on the army's size based on point limits, usually about 1,500 points. For example, in Warhammer Fantasy, players may spend 256 points to field 19 archers with longbows, or 112 points on a spell-casting mage. The gaming area, which is usu-

ally a table, can be modified with model terrain like mountains, rivers and forests.

Players take turns moving their troops and attacking to gain territory or eliminate the opponent. Six-sided dice are used to generate random numbers to determine if an attacking player scores a hit on an opponent's piece.

Each of the figures has numerical ratings for attributes like weapon skill, strength, toughness and wounds. Players use charts to figure out what rolls they will need to score a hit. The attacking player compares his figure's weapon skill against a defending piece's weapon skill to see what roll he would need for a hit. If the attacking player hits, then he compares his figures strength against the defender's toughness rating and rolls again. If the roll is successful, the defender gets to roll the die, "a save roll," to avoid damage.

At least 70 retailers in Texas carry the Games Workshop line of Warhammer games, including two in Corpus Christi — Armchair Commanders and Jester's Games.

"This is the type of hobby See WAR, Page 6A

Magazines gives girls wrong idea about weight, study says

BOSTON (AP) — Many girls mistakenly think they are overweight because they are getting the wrong idea of the perfect body from fashion magazines, a study found.

More than two-thirds of girls in grades five through 12 said magazine photos influenced their notion of the ultimate figure, according to researchers in Boston.

Forty-seven percent said they wanted to lose weight because of those pictures. But only 29 percent of the 548 girls interviewed were actually considered overweight, according to the study, published in the March issue of the journal *Pediatrics*.

"Even among the girls who don't read the magazines, very frequently, they, too, felt influenced," said Alison E. Field, an epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the study's lead author. "It really does permeate society."

The girls filled out questionnaires during mandatory gym classes in an unidentified working-class suburb north of Boston. The study was conducted in 1991, just as thin, "waiflike" models were coming back into vogue.

Each girl was asked to provide her age, weight and height and was asked whether she regularly read magazines such as *Seventeen*, *Glamour*, *Jet* or the now-defunct *Sassy*. The girls answered questions about dieting habits and how they viewed their bodies — satisfied or dissatisfied.

Sixty-six percent of the girls said they wanted to lose weight. Researchers said they suspected the number would have been higher if the study focused exclusively on older teens.

About one-third of the respondents were in elementary school. Even at that age, 50 percent reported reading fashion

magazines at least two to five times a month.

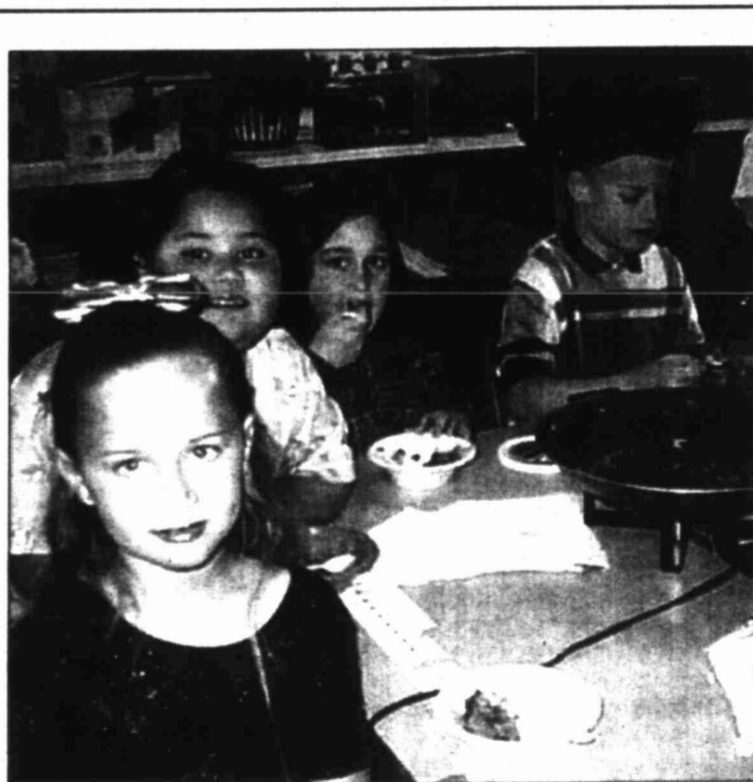
High-frequency magazine readers of any age were three times more likely to exercise and lose weight than infrequent readers, and three times more likely to have unrealistic body expectations.

Editors at *Seventeen* and *Glamour* said Monday the results weren't surprising.

"The magazines reflect what's going on in the runways because they're fashion magazines and the models on the runways are stick-thin," said Patrice Adcroft, editor in chief at *Seventeen*.

This month's issue of *Seventeen* includes — for the first time — a plus-size model in a fashion spread. The young woman, who wears a size 14, is paired with very slender models in an article on prom dresses.

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Kentwood Elementary second-graders Brionna Palmer, left, Breanna Conner, Kara Fraley and Jace Avery, along with the other second graders in Glenda Hendrickson and Raylene Woodall's classes, had a chill cook off Tuesday in celebration of Texas Independence Day and Public Schools Week.

Wandering wallaby has residents confused

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — The first report to police about the "kangaroo" came Sunday from a man who said he had waited 30 minutes before calling "just to be sure I was sober."

Actually, he had spotted a wallaby, a gray, 3-foot-tall animal that looks like a kangaroo. It escaped from an exotic-animal farm owned by Herbert Fritch and has had some residents in this Nashville suburb rubbing their eyes in disbelief as they watch it hop through their back yards.

It was spotted again Monday, and an officer was sent to look for it but had no luck.

Wallabies originate in Australia and like fruit, vegetables and bread. They can be litterbox-trained and kept indoors.

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

EDUCATOR NAME: Johnny Peugh
POSITION/SCHOOL: Girls basketball, track and cross country coach, health and physical education teacher, Grady ISD
YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION: 4 years
UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB: Love for the game of basketball, and desire to teach it. Hard worker and dedicated to my job.
WHY I BECAME A TEACHER/EDUCATOR: To work with young people.
SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Raising hogs.

FAMILY INFORMATION: Wife Carla, teacher; Tandi, 22; Cody, 20; and Brady, 18.
MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: Helping and seeing them set and achieve their goals.
IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE: To have year-round basketball practice.



THE LAST WORD

Life is ever
Since man was born
Licking honey
From a thorn.

Louis Ginsberg

Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on.

Samuel Butler

The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

Lily Tomlin

Mystery Science Theater 3000 to blast off

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After 10 years of heckling the worst that Hollywood has to offer, "Mystery Science Theater 3000" is blasting off into the final frontier.

Producers of the cult TV show announced Wednesday that the Sci-Fi Channel has decided not to order any new programs and the next season will be the show's last.

"All great things eventually have to come back down from orbit," said Jim Mallon, the show's executive producer.

"Mystery Science Theater 3000" debuted on a Twin Cities UHF station in 1988. The show features a marooned astronaut and his robot pals making fun

of bad movies.

Comedy Central had dropped the show three years ago because of low ratings, but it was picked up by the Sci-Fi Channel. Some of the show's 200 episodes are available on video.

Mallon didn't know why the Sci-Fi Channel was not buying any more shows, but he suspected a change in programmers at the network.

"It's been a great run," Mallon said. "Getting 10 years in this business is quite remarkable, considering we started as nothing more than a cowntown puppet show."

In a statement today, the Sci-Fi Channel said it was proud to

have been the show's home but confirmed the next batch of shows would be the last and the run would end in August. The statement made no mention of reruns for the show, known to fans as "MST3K."

"We wish the team at Best Brains the best," the statement said.

Comedian Joel Hodgson created "Mystery Science Theater 3000" and was its first host until he left in 1993 for Los Angeles. Chief writer Michael J. Nelson took over as host.

Rubber-suited monsters, UFOs on strings and tacky space aliens are all fodder for the show's jokesters. The writers had averaged up to 700

quips per two-hour episode until cutting back on the gags last season.

The original premise had Hodgson stranded in space and forced to watch cheesy movies as part of a mad scientist's experiment. To cope, Hodgson and his homemade robots — puppets Crow and Tom Servo — would heckle the movies.

The TV audience sees the movie with the silhouettes of the show's host and his robots superimposed on the corner.

In its 10 years the series won the Peabody Award for broadcast excellence and received two Emmy nominations and over a dozen CableAce Award nominations.

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They can't keep kids from watching mindless television or R-rated videos until midnight, or from using illegal substances or alcohol.

In essence, when the culture begins to crumble, the schools will also look bad. That's why even though I disagree with many of the trends in modern education, I sympathize with the dedicated teachers and principals out there who are doing their best on behalf of

our youngsters. They are discouraged today, and they need our support.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903. 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600.

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"Young girls reading magazines certainly compare their bodies to the models that they see in there and come away with sometimes unhappy feelings with the way they look," said Stephanie Dolgoff, executive editor of Glamour, which targets 18- to 35-year-olds.

But the women's magazines, she said, are being unfairly singled out for their influence on adolescents, as if "girls don't have the ability to discern between what's fantasy and what's reality."

Ms. Field's study used national weight standards from the 1970s to determine what qualified as overweight. For example, a 5-foot-4 16-year-old girl would be considered overweight if she weighed more

than 145 pounds. The ideal weight for a girl that age and height is around 115 pounds.

For a 13-year-old 5-foot girl, the overweight benchmark was 120 pounds or higher. The median healthy weight for that age and height is 90 to 95 pounds.

On a positive note, the study found that girls who read fashion magazines were more likely to exercise rather than diet to lose weight — a signal that the publications are teaching girls about the importance of good health, Ms. Field said.

"We certainly have a problem with overweight" in America, she said. "But the answer is not to make everyone overly concerned with their weight."

Monica's book

After all the hype and talk, many readers say they won't bother

NEW YORK (AP) — After reading the Starr report, watching the House vote and snoozing through the impeachment trial, is America going to pay to learn more about Monica? Maybe so.

Two days before its release, "Monica's Story" was No. 5 Tuesday on Amazon.com's best-seller list. St. Martin's Press is shipping 450,000 copies to book sellers and "we're ready to reprint in a second," said Sally Richardson, president of the publisher's trade division.

Still, many in the book industry expect the professional to make a big initial splash, then fade away fast. And many readers claim to be absolutely, positively uninterested in seeing a single word more about Monica Lewinsky's affair with President Clinton.

"I think it's not worth reading and I wouldn't waste my time," said Barbara Dolan, 48, as she browsed in a New York City bookstore. "I find it very sad that there is a market for

this."

So who are all those folks getting ready to plunk down \$24.95 to read the former White House intern's collaboration with Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton?

"Everybody says, 'We're all sick of this,' and yet every book and every video has done well," said Amazon.com spokesman Bill Curry. "You just know in the industry that certain books are going to be big with a capital 'B.'"

And "Monica's Story," he said, is likely to be one of them.

Richardson said the book will give the world a glimpse of a Monica it hasn't seen.

"She's been called a tramp and a whore and a homebreaker. She's had the vitriol of the world on her," Richardson said. "The country's been at the edge of a cliff for a year, and this woman is the cause of it all. We think the book's going to be a major best seller."

Amazon.com won't say how many copies the book has sold.

Although Ms. Lewinsky was at the center of the impeachment storm for more than a year, an agreement with Kenneth Starr prevented her from speaking publicly about the affair. Segments from her videotaped testimony in the Senate trial were released last month.

A wave of Lewinsky media mania peaks this week, with ABC planning to air Barbara Walters' heavily promoted two-hour interview Wednesday on "20/20." The book will be released Thursday.

"The tabloids will be writing about it, and there'll be a lot of interest," said Mary Ellen Keating, a spokeswoman for the Barnes & Noble bookstore chain, which has bought 45,000 copies of "Monica's Story."

"We anticipate that it is going to sell well in the first three weeks, and then it will drop off dramatically."

Lucianne Goldberg, the acerbic New York literary agent who set the impeachment scan-

dal in motion when she urged Linda Tripp to tape her telephone conversations with Ms. Lewinsky, agreed.

"I think its shelf life is somewhere between yogurt and milk," she said. "It'll probably be about 10 days. There's a great curiosity about her, and I think it will be totally satisfied between the book and the Barbara Walters interview."

Lynn Goldberg, Ms. Lewinsky's publicist, said the book will not be excerpted in any U.S. publications. A number of overseas newspapers, magazines and broadcast outlets have paid to interview Ms. Lewinsky and excerpt the book, and she plans a heavy promotional campaign in Europe.

Greg Tobin of the Book-of-the-Month Club, said his company decided not to offer "Monica's Story" to its readers. "The story is so well covered in other media, this particular title wouldn't sell well enough to our particular membership," he said.

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(teen-agers) can keep on playing," said James Bjorum, owner of Armchair Commander. "There are a lot worse things they could be doing."

The walls in Bjorum's store are lined with boxed games, game manuals and bubble packs containing miniatures. Bjorum estimates that he has about 300 customers who come in occasionally to buy miniatures and a group of about 35 who come to play. An organized league of about 18 Warhammer players meets regularly at Bjorum's store to participate in a six-week campaign.

"The challenge of reaching any goal is fun and could be fun even if you don't reach the goal," Bjorum said. "The endeavor is fulfilling."

Not everyone buys the miniatures to play the game, he said. Some of the older customers just enjoy painting the figures.

John Daly, a Tom Browne Middle School teacher who has played the game for about eight years, said he enjoys both painting the figures and playing the game with his friends.

"It is very relaxing, and building the kits is a lot of fun," Daly said. "Playing the game stretches your mind a lot. It tends to develop your cognitive abilities."

Daly, who has four different armies, has spent more than \$500 on a 400-figure army, he said. In contrast, players can get by spending less money — David said he has spent about \$100 in the past year.

Ryan and his father, Jim Lavoie, play Warhammer Fantasy together at home. Jim Lavoie sees the game as chess without the board and another way he and his son can spend time together.

"There is a lot of luck involved with the dice rolls," Jim Lavoie said. "If you don't position your pieces correctly and you don't know strategy, you can lose quite quickly."

David also enjoys the element of luck.

"The luck in it always gives a beginner a chance to beat people that have been playing for years," David said.

For Daly, the game is similar

to armchair quarterbacking, except you get to implement your ideas, he said.

"The best way to compare it is... watching a football game and you keep yelling at the screen to the guys to do something else. Armchair quarterbacking is really where we get a lot of enjoyment out of (watching football)," Daly said.

In Warhammer, "we basically get a chance to control the majority of the elements of a football team."

The games provide younger players with a chance to develop analytical skills said Charles Petranek, a sociology professor at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Ind. Petranek uses simulation games in his class, where he teaches college students to experience different cultures, poverty and genders. He said his students learn through experience, much like the players in the war games.

"They are learning to be more analytical, and they are learning group interaction," Petranek said. "It isn't so much the blood and guts sort of thing. It is the strategy."

The games involve more interaction between players, as compared to computer gaming, said Paul Sudlow, an associate editor for InQuest Gamers, a

monthly gaming guide. Gamers play face-to-face and converse, where as computer game players don't have to be in same building, let alone the same state.

"Even if you are on a (computer) network, you really don't interact with people," Sudlow said. "In these games, you put together your custom-built armies and see how it sizes up to your opponent's."

David's mother, Joanna Chavez, said she appreciates how the game has allowed her son, an only child who reads a lot, to learn how to interact with other youths. David introduced new players to the game and arranges the group meetings.

"This has brought him a lot of contact with people," Chavez said. "This is socializing him. It is making him aware of not being too dictatorial."

The games are not without critics.

Jana Sanders, an associate professor of education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi said children can learn the same skills from other nonviolent games.

"We have far too much violence and competition in our society," Sanders said. "They should learn to play chess, or even checkers and Monopoly. It

is the same kind of thinking skills in a nonviolent manner."

Although adults can grasp the difference between fantasy and reality, some children don't realize that when you squeeze a trigger and shoot someone in the head, they don't get up, Sanders said.

In the past year, five companies have introduced new miniature games, Sudlow said. "What really captured the imagination of the kids was Warhammer," Sudlow said. "In 1984, the game bumped around on the side and then there was a big boom in late '80s and early '90s."

The figures come in hundreds of varieties. For example, human races of different armies can be designed to represent different cultures.

Games Workshop produces two of the most popular miniature games; Warhammer Fantasy and Warhammer 40,000, according to local game store owners and a magazine editor who covers adventure gaming.

Whereas the fantasy game is set in medieval times, Warhammer 40,000, or 40K, is set in a futuristic-space universe where again different armies consist of various human and alien races.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25-MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing NBA standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, including Atlantic, Central, Midwest, and Pacific Divisions.

Today's Games

Table listing today's games for various leagues including WPHL, College Scores, and Women's basketball.

TOP 25-WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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Table listing today's games for women's basketball across various divisions.

WPHL

Table listing WPHL games and scores.

Sutton going to extra lengths seeking bid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — On the eve of the Big 12 tournament, Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton did something he'd never done in 29 years. He called a member of the NCAA tournament selection committee to plead his case. Specifically, Sutton was worried that a 67-66 overtime loss to Kansas on Feb. 22 might unfairly scuttle the Cowboys' chances of an at-large bid to the 64-team tourney unveiled this Sunday. "I said ... it's going to be a very difficult task for the committee, but I want you to certainly consider the Kansas game," said Sutton. "It was a tough loss."

TOURNEY

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Texas' Edwina Brown converted a three-point play with 22 seconds left to cut the Cornhuskers' lead to 57-55, but Kubik drove the length of the court for a layup with 19 seconds left. Brown led the Longhorns (16-11) with 23 points, 19 in the second half. Brooke Schwartz added 18

LADY HAWKS

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Six McLennan fouls down the stretch sent Howard to the free throw line for 12 free throws, with Love connecting on seven of eight and Washington on three of four. Corkery lauded both Washington and Love for their clutch free throw shooting, as well as Grant for her 16 rebounds. "I (also) thought (freshman) Caryn (Ross) came in the game and gave us some good minutes and that Latasha did a good job for us," he added. Howard rebounded McLennan 46-42 and forced 27 turnovers while committing 23

TOURNAMENT NOTES

When New Mexico Junior College ran out of gas against Grayson after battling the Lady Vikings even for the first 34 minutes, chances for a Western Junior College Athletic Conference sweep went out the window. "Corkery said 29-0 Grayson will be tough, especially all-America candidate Sheila Lambert, a 5-7 freshman from Seattle. "We have to guard against being flat," he cautioned. "We have to be ready to

play the next game."

points for Nebraska (21-10), which shot just 31 percent (19-for-61) from the field. Kansas (22-8) trailed Oklahoma State 49-48 with 5:33 left, but then the Cowgirls didn't score for the next 5:02 as the Jayhawks took a 55-49 lead. Oklahoma State (18-15) went 0-for-4 from the field and turned the ball over five times in the final 5 minutes, finishing the game with 19 turnovers. The Cowgirls shot 38 percent from the field for the night, marking the 21st time this year that Kansas has held an opponent under 40 percent. Jaclyn Johnson scored 15 points and Brooke Reves 14 for Kansas, which shot just 33 percent from the field in the first half but 52 percent after the break. Lynn Pride added 12 points and Nakia Sanford had 11 rebounds for the Jayhawks.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League - Cleveland's Mike Sweeney, 28, was traded to the New York Yankees for pitcher Raulo. National League - Philadelphia's Ryan Howard, 20, was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates for pitcher Jason Schmidt.

MLB EXHIBITIONS

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES: Arizona 15, Florida 10, Tampa Bay 5, Miami 9, Detroit 8, Florida Southern 7. Today's Games: Cincinnati 153 vs. Boston 147, Minnesota 155 vs. Cincinnati 147, Florida 12 vs. Miami 11, Georgia Tech vs. Atlanta at Assumption, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

NHL

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES: Carolina 3, Boston 1, New Jersey 2, Toronto 1, Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 1, Colorado 2, Florida 5, San Jose 4, Vancouver 1, Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1.

HAWKS

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"We're playing awfully well right now and have looked really good in our practices," Collins said. "But we need to keep in mind that anyone can come out of this tournament. That was pretty much proved last year when McLennan and New Mexico Junior College were in the final and the two No. 1 seeds, Midland and Weatherford, were gone," he added. "What's more, we've got to remember that most of the upsets happen the first day of the tournament."

Weatherford is again the No. 1 seed from the NTJAC and will play Midland College, the WJAC's No. 4 seed, at 6 tonight. Earlier games will see McLennan, the defending regional champion and No. 2 seed from the NTJAC, facing the WJAC's third-place finisher and Collin County taking on the West's No. 2 seed Odessa. While Collins isn't willing to pick a favorite in the tournament, NJCAA officials have projected Howard as the eventual regional champion, noting that 16 of the Hawks' 29 opponents this season are either ranked in the Top 20, have been ranked or got Top 20 votes.

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FISHING

Here is the weekly fish piled by the Texas Pa Department for March 3. able on Web as www.tfish CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water c Black bass are good on j to 10 feet of water. Crappie jigs fished around brush. Hybrid Strippers slow. Catt BUCHANAN: Water clear low. Black bass are good shad pattern are crankie Terminator spinnerbaits blades and junebug Top-Di 2 to 8 feet of water in u bass are very good troll bucktail jigs with trailers a from the mid-lake toward t of water. Mostly male w fished up river and in the white/chartreuse/yellow live minnows. Larger fema on 1/4oz. Horizon jggil Georges, slabs and 20 20 feet of water. Channel 10 pounds are good on i bait. Yellow catfish are g ed with live shad or perch. PROCTOR: Water clear; bass are good on black an rigged Power lizards fish shore. Crappie are excelle jigs fished at the dam. H good on chrome/blue or c Traps fished at the dam i after sunrise (use a sto Catfish are good on troi baited with perch or cut b SOUTH AMISTAD: Water ligl degrees; 34.7 low; Black are good on firetiger or 1 motor oil or watermelon s worms and jiggling spoons ledges and the grass in water. Crappie are fair c and striped bass are good the river in 20 to 40 feet and blue catfish are fair o in 8 to 50 feet of water. WEST ALAN HENRY: Water st 5' low; Black bass to 5 p slow rolled spinnerbaits fi of water. There have been mouth or spotted bass be are good at the crappie do jigs. Catfish are slow. ARROWHEAD: Water c 7.5' low; Black bass are f minnows and jigs fished i water. Crappie are good white jigs fished near th rocks and around the Chri docks in 15 feet of water slow. Channel and blue i punchbait and large shiner 15 pounds are fair on go feet of water. BRIDGEPORT: Water str 2' low; Black bass to 5 p brown jigs with a brown cr fish pattern crankbaits fish water around the rocks. C minnows and jigs fished i White bass and hybrid s slabs and Rat-L-Trap fish the creeks. Channel and bl on cut baits and chicken i main lake points. COLORADO CITY: W degrees; 12' low; Black chrome Rat-L-Traps fish Redfish are fair trolling stie men out. FT. PHANTOM HILL: degrees; 17' low; Black Crappie are poor. Hybrid are fair on shad and shine feet of water. Blue catfish good on shad and shiners feet of water. Yellow catfish fair on goldfish and perch feet of water. HUBBARD CREEK: V degrees; 5.25' low; Black are good on Rat-L-Traps a pattern crankbaits fished i and the n-rap. Crappie a and white marabou jigs Creek. White bass are fa thing shiny fished in the Creek. Channel and blue c worms fished on the flats water. KEMP: Water stained; 4 Black bass are slow. White white and chartreuse slabs feet of water. NOCONA: Water Stain 4.25' low; Black bass a rigged black and blue lizard feet of water and slow roo baits fished on the outs grass. Crappie are good minnows fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Chan are good on prepared baits feet of water. Yellow catf lines baited with live perc OAK CREEK RESERVOIR degrees; 10' low; Blac pounds are fair on minno deep diving crankbaits fish of water. Crappie are fair o fished in 15 to 35 feet of are slow on minnows and 15 feet of water. Channel i slow. Yellow catfish to 10 i goldfish and live perch fish of water. O.H. IVE: Water clear; bass to 11.5 pounds are g in the rvers on rocky poi in about 5 feet of water. i ing to move onto the main to the river channel. I Crappie are fair to good i in 16 to 18 feet of water i 40 feet of water along t night. White bass are g River on the sandy flats u the deep flats in the 25-f fish have been a little slo POSSUM KINGDOM: degrees; 11.5' low; Black i are good on shad, cra Carolina-rigged lizards fish of water. Crappie are slow in 10 to 15 feet of water. i small jigs, crankbaits a to fair on minnows and jigs feet of water. White bass shad pattern crankbaits. i catfish are fair to good on the shaws. TWIN BUTTES: The lake normal due to work on the scheduled for completion i ramp on the lake is report ble. SPENCE: Water clear; bass are slow on worms. i on topwaters. Slow minnow slow on live shad fished i Channel and blue catfish good on cut shad fished i Yellow catfish to 10 pounc perch fished in 3 feet of w STAMFORD: Water stai 11' low; Black bass are slow. Channel and blue c nightcrawlers and minnow feet of water. Yellow catf SWEETWATER: Water i degrees; 7.5' low; Black ba are slow on red Rat-L-Traps to fair on minnows and jigs feet of water. White bass shad pattern crankbaits. i catfish are fair to good on the shaws. WHITE RIVER: Water m 20' low; Black bass are small crankbaits fished i water. Few fishermen out.

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 3. (Report also available on Web as www.td.fishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are good on jerkbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on white jigs fished around brush piles in the rivers. Hybrid Strippers slow. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 60 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are good on crawdad and shad pattern crankbaits, silver/red Terminator spinnerbaits with willowleaf blades and junebug Top-Dog lizards fished in 2 to 8 feet of water in upper lake. Striped bass are very good trolling 1 to 1 1/2oz. bucktail jigs with trailers and live or cut shad from the mid-lake toward river in 12 to 30 feet of water. Mostly male white bass are good fished up river and in the catfish lake area on live/chartreuse/yellow RoadRunners and white minnows. Larger females are fair to good on 1/4oz. Horizon jugging spoons. Little Georges, slabs and minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on cut, dead and live bait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live shad or perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse Texas-rigged Power lizards fished along the north shore. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid Strippers are good on chrome/blue or chrome/black Rat-L-Traps fished at the dam in the morning just after sunrise (use a stop and go retrieve). Catfish are good on trotline set in the river baited with perch or cut baits.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 34.7' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on freetiger or white spinnerbaits, motor oil or watermelon seed Carolina-rigged worms and jugging spoons fished next to the edges and the grass in 20 to 40 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows. White and striped bass are good on slabs fished up the river in 20 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 8 to 50 feet of water.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 57 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on slow rolled spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. There have been no reports of small-mouth or spotted bass being caught. Crappie are good at the crappie dock on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 50 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the derricks off the rocks and around the Christmas trees by the docks in 15 feet of water. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and large shiners. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are fair on goldfish fished in 15 feet of water.

BRIDGEPORT: Water stained; 56 degrees; 2' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are slow on brown jigs with a brown craw trailer and crawfish pattern crankbaits fished in 2 to 3 feet of water around the rocks. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished at the boathouses. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on slabs and Rat-L-Traps fished in the mouths of the creeks. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut baits and chicken livers fished off the main lake points.

COLORADO CITY: Water murky; 54 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling stickbaits. Few fishermen out.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 60 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are poor. Crappie are poor. Hybrid strippers to 9 pounds are fair on shad and shiners fished in 4 to 7 feet of water. Blue catfish and blue crappie are good on shad and shiners fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are fair on goldfish and perch fished in 12 to 14 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 54 degrees; 5.25' low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps and shad crawfish pattern crankbaits fished off the rocky points and the rip-rap. Crappie are fair on minnows and white marabou jigs fished in Sandy Creek. White bass are fair to good on anything shiny fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms fished on the flats in 4 to 6 feet of water.

KEMP: Water stained; 49 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet of water.

MOONONA: Water Stained; 57 degrees; 4.25' low; Black bass are good Carolina-rigged black and blue lizards fished in 8 to 10 feet of water and slow rolling a white spinnerbaits fished on the outside edges of the grass. Crappie are good on white jigs and minnows fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on lip-less crankbaits and Sassy Shads fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

OK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 54 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 10.05 pounds are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and deep diving crankbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 35 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are slow on goldfish and live perch fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

O.H. IVE: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass to 11.5 pounds are fair to good fished in the rivers on rocky points and steep banks in about 5 feet of water. They are also starting to move onto the main points that run out to the river channel (fish Carolina-rigs). Crappie are fair to good in the river channels in 16 to 18 feet of water during the day and in 40 feet of water along the river channel at night. White bass are good up the Colorado River on the sandy flats using crank baits and the deep flats in the 25-foot range. The catfish have been a little slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on shad crankbaits, jigs and Carolina-rigged lizards fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on small jigs, crankbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass to 10 pounds are good on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet of water. Blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on cut baits, perch and punchbait fished in 30 to 50 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. The birds are good on popcorn and table scraps around the peanut patch at about 4pm.

SPENCE: Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are slow on worms. White bass are fair on topwaters. Striped bass to 12 pounds are slow on live shad fished in 12 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 27 pounds are good on cut shad fished in 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are slow on live perch fished in 3 feet of water.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 48 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 8.13 pounds are slow on red Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished in 25 to 30 feet of water. White bass are good trolling shad pattern crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on minnows fished in the shallows.

TWIN BUTTES: The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: Water muddy; 40 degrees; 20+ low; Black bass are fair on jigs and small crankbaits fished in 1 to 4 feet of water. Few fishermen out.

Especially for kids and their families
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By BETTY DEBNAM

Newspapers Maintain the Brain

The week of March 1 through 5 is Newspaper in Education Week. This week calls attention to how useful newspapers are in helping kids learn at home and at school. This year the week's theme is "Newspapers Maintain the Brain."

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 - 4 eggs
 - 1 cup Swiss cheese, grated
 - 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 slices bread, torn into pieces
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1. Combine all ingredients in a greased casserole. Mix well.
 2. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are in school using their newspapers. See if you can find:

- frog
- lima bean
- lion's face
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- bird
- pineapple
- number 7
- cherry
- number 3
- letter D

Newspapers Train the Brain

The parts of speech, or kinds of words

When we talk about the parts of speech, we really mean the kinds of words, whether we speak them or write them. Learning about the parts of speech teaches us grammar, or the rules of how to speak and write correctly.

Nouns
Nouns name people, places and things.

Pronouns
Pronouns are words used to take the place of nouns.

Adjectives
Adjectives describe people, places and things.

Articles
Articles are the words "a," "an" and "the." Use "a" before words beginning with a consonant sound. Use "an" before words beginning with a vowel sound.

Verbs
Verbs express action or a state or kind of being.

Adverbs
Adverbs describe a verb, adjective or another adverb. They often tell how, when, where or how much. Many adverbs end in "ly."

Conjunctions
Conjunctions connect other words or groups of words. Other conjunctions include or, when and if.

Newspaper activities

Pre-reader

- Ask an adult to help you cut out several pictures and paste them on a separate sheet of paper. Ask your helper to print the names of the people, places and things you see in the photos as you name them. Do the same thing with action words.

Beginning reader

- After studying the parts of speech, look through your newspaper's front-page headlines and circle the nouns, then the pronouns, and continue through the rest of the parts of speech.

Reader

- Cut out the parts of speech on this page and paste them on separate pieces of paper. Look through your newspaper and cut out four samples of each type. Make up sentences using each one.

Ways to train your brain

- **Nouns:** Plural words indicate more than one of something. Plural nouns usually end in "s," "es" or "ies." Circle five plural nouns in headlines.
- **Adjectives:** Cut out a picture and make a list of all of words that describe the people, places and things you see in the photo.
- **Articles:** Cut out pictures in ads. Write the names of the items. Decide whether you should write an "a" or "an" before each word.
- **Conjunctions:** Circle the word "and" each time you see it in a headline. What words or thoughts does it connect?
- **Verbs:** Cut out action verbs from headlines and ads. Paste them on paper. Give the sheet to a friend. Act out each word and ask your friend to guess which one you have in mind.
- **Pronouns:** Circle the pronouns in a story. Draw lines to the people, places or things they refer to.

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Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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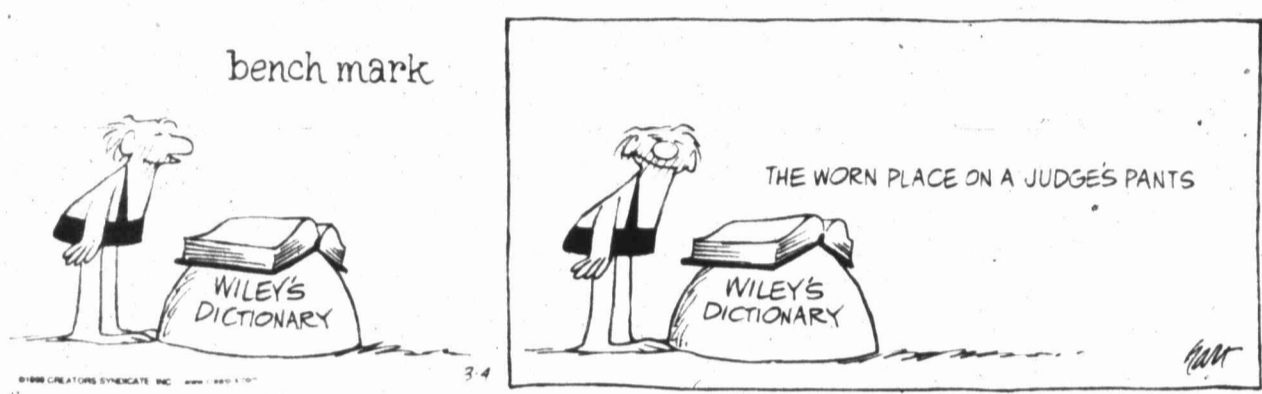
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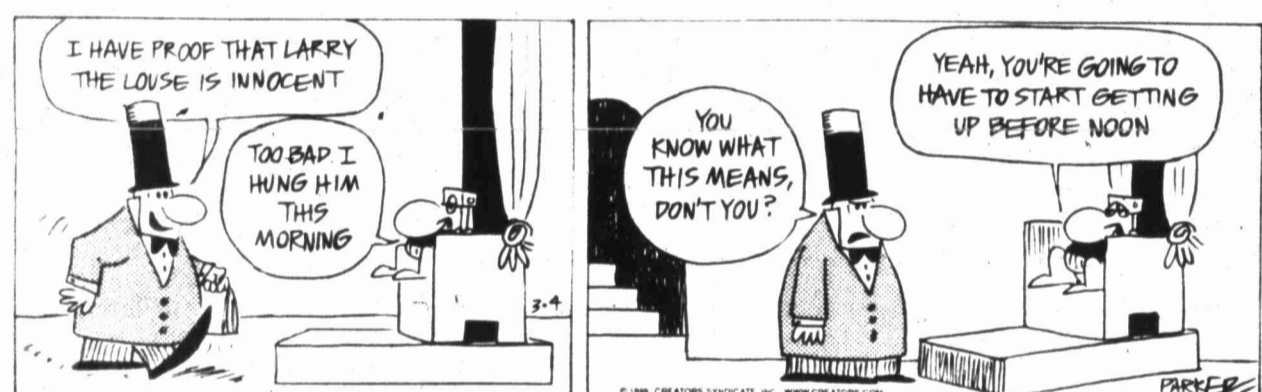
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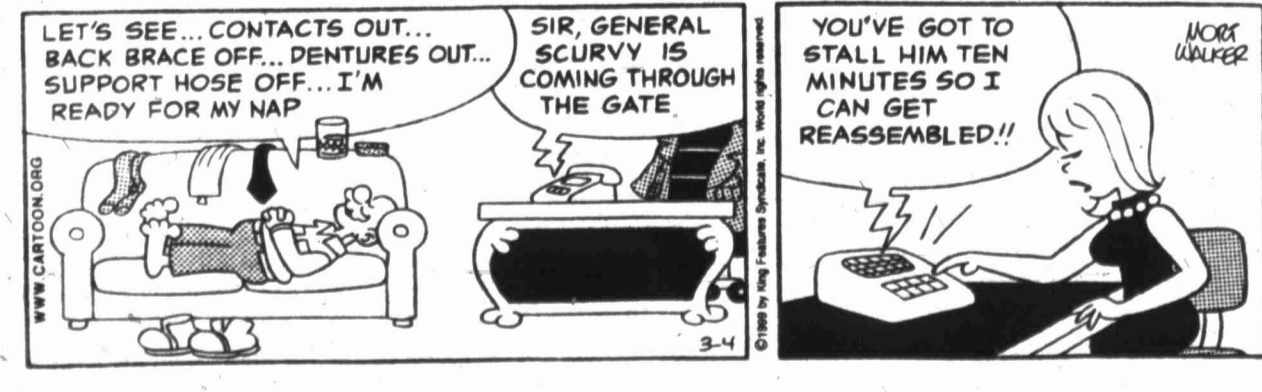
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1999. There are 302 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Beans, 5. Infield fly, 10. Smooch, 14. Inter (among others), 15. Muse of poetry, 16. Give off, 17. Cloy, 18. Islamic text, 19. Ill temper, 20. Deep Purple hit of 1973, 23. Vietnamese holiday, 24. Modern pref., 25. Humiliate, 26. Skilled ones, 28. Mimicked, 31. Spanish uncle, 32. Consumer advocate Ralph, 33. Stop up, 34. Meadows, 35. Honeydrippers hit of 1985, 38. American suffragist, 41. Spike or brad, 42. Tessie or Milo, 46. Bruin Bobby, 47. First of the pot, 48. On the way up, 49. N.E. school, 51. Part of a min., 52. Hwy. sign abbr., 53. Cascades hit of 1963, 58. Skeleton piece, 59. 'Aida,' e.g., 60. Alphabet start, 61. North Carolina college, 62. New Testament book, 63. Minute circus star, 64. Mr. T's last name, 65. British PM (1970-74), 66. Williams and Turner, 4. Polio vaccine developer, 5. Tea types, 6. University of Maine town, 7. Element, 8. Zion National Park state, 9. Corn concoction, 10. Skewered entree, 11. Replicate, 12. Region of Poland on the Oder, 13. Music systems, 21. _ nous (just between us), 22. Roll of bills, 27. Irritating individual, 28. Michael Caine film, 29. Survey, 30. Conceit, 33. Outer covering, 34. Not as much as, 36. _ Arbor, MI, 37. Utterance, 38. French realist, 39. Sleeve opening, 40. Pie in Cooperstown, 43. Fit to be employed, 44. Tempted, 45. Meetings' plans, 47. Cigar dropping, 48. Go over again, 50. Off. skill, 51. Proud step, 54. Fluttery flyer, 55. Ron in Mayberry, 56. Greek cheese, 57. Floating platform.

On this date: In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state. In 1829, an unruly crowd mobbed the White House during the inaugural reception for President Jackson. In 1837, the Illinois state legislature granted a city charter to Chicago. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president. In 1902, the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast. In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated president, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression. In 1933, the start of President Roosevelt's first administration brought with it the first woman to serve in the Cabinet: Labor Secretary Frances Perkins. In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif. In 1971, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau married Margaret Sinclair in North Vancouver, B.C. They later divorced.

Ten years ago: Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans to merge into the world's largest media and entertainment conglomerate. Eastern Airlines machinists went on strike and were joined by pilots and flight attendants. Five years ago: In New York, four extremists were convicted of the World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than a thousand. The space shuttle Columbia blasted off on a two-week mission. Actor-comedian John Candy died in Durango, Mexico, at age 43.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender. A judge ordered Miami to hold a new mayoral election, saying widespread absentee-ballot fraud played a role in the victory of Xavier Suarez the previous fall.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Miriam Makeba is 67. Actress Paula Prentiss is 60. Movie director Adrian Lyne ("Fatal Attraction") is 58. Singer Bobby Womack is 55. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 51. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 51. Singer Chris Rea is 48. Actress Kay Lenz is 46. Musician Emilio Estefan is 46. Movie director Scott Hicks ("Shine") is 46. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 45. Actor Mykelti Williamson is 39. Actor Steven Weber is 38. Rock musician Jason Newsted (Metallica) is 36.

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