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Pampa Police Detective Dennis Burton displays some of the stolen goods recovered after taking four juveniles into custody.

4 juveniles held after burglaries

Pampa Police officers interrupted a burglary in progress Tuesday evening and took four juveniles into custody. Officers also recovered items taken in two other burglaries at the same location in recent months.

The incident began when Chandon Portillo called police to report two juveniles were in her father's house in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. Portillo and her husband went to the home to collect some of her belongings.

Officer Dave Thomas and Gray County Deputy Gary Rushing responded and found two 14-year-old boys in the back yard. One of the suspects was carrying a gym bag that Portillo said belonged to her father. The home had been bur-

glarized in November and December of 2005.

Officers took the boys to the police station where they implicated two other 13-year-old boys. The 13-year-olds' father brought them to the police department.

Officers and detectives then went to the homes of the four suspects and recovered most of the property taken from the home.

Items recovered included a tent, tools, a computer, a videocamera, a large chest, a guitar and many other items valued at about \$4,000 by the owner.

Officers from both the police and sheriff's department are continuing the investigation, according to

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Mother's visitation rights with son cut in half

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Visitation between Margaret Stevens and her son was halved this morning during a hearing in Judge Phil Vanderpool's court at Gray County Courthouse.

Stevens' son was removed from her custody Aug. 13, 2004, after Pampa police found the boy, who

has special needs, alone at a house at 414 E. Browning that was filled with debris, animal feces and urine, dirty clothing and trash. The boy, who was 11 at the time, was allegedly staying alone at the house with several pets.

Visitation had been scheduled for two weekends per month between Stevens and her son. Marvella Collins, a Department of Family and Protective Services caseworker, testified at this morning's hearing that the child had done much better when visitation was only once per month.

"Phone conversations also need to be limited," Collins said.

"He mourns, has a hard time and is homesick after his mom visits," she said.

Vanderpool's ruling followed the

DFPS recommendation of one weekend visit per month, from 6 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday on the first weekend of each month, and two telephone calls per week between Stevens and her son.

Stevens was indicted in October 2004 by a Gray County grand jury in

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Appraisal board sworn in

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A new board member and a change in payroll procedures were the only departures from the status quo at this morning's Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors meeting, which began at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at the appraisal district office, 815 N. Sumner.

Darville Orr, Nancy Coffee and Doug Locke were sworn in by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters to serve two-year terms on the board. Locke, the only new face of the three, replaces Wallace Birkes as a representative of Pampa

Independent School District on the board. Orr represents the City of Pampa and Coffee also represents PISD.

Chairman Sam Haynes and Secretary Coffee were both re-elected to serve another year as officers of the board. Haynes announced that this will be his last year on the board. He represents Lefors, McLean and Grandview-Hopkins school districts on the appraisal board.

Haynes won re-election by a 3-2 vote over Gary Willoughby, Gray County's board representative. Coffee was re-elected by acclama-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

From left, Darville Orr, Doug Locke and Nancy Coffee were sworn in this morning by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters to serve two-year terms on the Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors.

Ag program EQIP application deadline Feb. 17

Deadline for applications to be accepted for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding is Feb. 17, according to a news release by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Applications received on or before the deadline will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Gray County.

Farmers and ranchers can apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA-NRCS to help make decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address a resource identified as an area of concern. EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

EQIP was established to assist landowners in applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Gray County, the Local Work Group chose plant health and erosion prevention as the highest concerns for the county based funds.

Gray County conservation practices eligible for county based funds include livestock wells, livestock pipelines, livestock troughs, pumping plants, chemical and/or mechanical brush management, cross fences, terraces, waterways and cropland conversion to grass.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

FRAZIER, Orzo Jr. — 2 p.m., Open Door Church of God in Christ, Pampa.

Orzo Frazier, Jr., 68

Orzo Frazier, Jr., 68, of Pampa, died Feb. 2, 2006, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday at Open Door Church of God in Christ with the Rev. Billy R. Flowers of Longview officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Frazier was born Aug. 9, 1937, at Paris, Texas. He moved to Pampa in 1997 and previously lived in Denver, Colo., and in California.

He retired in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Esther J. Frazier, of the home; a daughter, Sandra Joyce Frazier of Austin; three sons, Lance

Wayne Frazier of Aurora, Colo., Renwick D. Frazier of St. Paul, Minn., and Nigel Patrick Frazier of Denver; a stepson, Marshal James Leak of Lewisville; his mother, Vera Frazier Hall of Denver; four sisters, Virginia Ruth Woods of Denver and Magdalene Frazier, Mattie Ruth Taliferro and Trina Frazier, all of Chicago, Ill.; a brother, Thomas O. Frazier of Chicago; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Open Door Church of God in Christ, 402 Oklahoma, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Beulah Poindexter Pyeatt, 97

Beulah Poindexter Pyeatt, 97, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 6, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pyeatt was born Sept. 12, 1908, in Durham, Okla. She married Floyd Pyeatt on July 25, 1931, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1982. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1959.

She was a reading special education school teacher for Pampa Independent School District for 31 years, retiring May 24, 1974. She was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. She was a member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include one daughter, Opel

Moore of Copperas Cove; one brother, Elgin Poindexter of Rogers, Ark.; four grandsons,

Floyd Lee White of Copperas Cove, Darrel Wayne White and James Edwin Moore, both of Pampa, and Gregory Don White of Sugar Land; and four great-grandchildren, Dara White and Jamie White, both of Sinton, and Michael Moore and Daryl Moore, both of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Lee Pyeatt in 1940; four brothers, Hershel Poindexter, Kenneth Poindexter, Chester Poindexter and Warren Poindexter; and one sister, Vesta Grissom.

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



Pyeatt

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebery Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	3.71
Milo	3.09
Corn	3.98
Soybeans	4.61

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

OXY	87.72	-2.38
BP PLC ADR	66.94	-0.56
Cabot Corp	36.80	-0.33

Celanese	20.28	-0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	45.68	-1.74
Coca Cola	41.03	NC
VLO	55.00	-1.61
HAL	71.31	-1.67
TRI	40.87	+0.12
Kinder Morgan	91.61	-0.86
XCEL	18.42	-0.08
Kerr McGee	101.13	-2.20
XOM	59.85	-0.38
Nat'l Oilwell	67.05	-2.58
Limited	23.08	+0.03
Williams	21.95	-0.56
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JCP	54.53	-0.14
COP	58.75	-1.35
SLB	116.01	-1.49
Tenneco	21.47	-0.03
CVX	56.98	-0.76
Wal-Mart	44.72	-0.02
OKE	26.56	-0.17
NS Grp	40.13	-0.92
New York Gold	548.85	
Silver	9.31	
West Texas Crude	63.09	

Patricia 'Pat' Wood, 81

AMARILLO — Patricia "Pat" Wood, 81, of Amarillo died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were today, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at 10 a.m. at Paramount Baptist Church with F.M. Byford, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. in Rest Lawn Cemetery in Altus, Okla., with JV Oden, and Jan Oden officiating. Arrangements are by Rector



Wood

Funeral Home Coulter Chapel, 8310 South Coulter Amarillo.

Survivors include one son, Patrick Wood and his wife Shelly, of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Amy Wood, the light of Patricia's life, also of Amarillo; one sister, Bobbie Kessel of Gastonia, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

To sign the online guest register, go to www.rectorfuneralhome.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Three traffic stops were made. One traffic complaint was received in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Brown where tires and a battery charger worth \$440 were taken.

Three assaults were reported in the 2400 block of North Charles where minor injuries occurred. Another assault call was received in the 1400 block of North Russell where an arrest was made.

Criminal mischief calls were reported in the 500 block of North Naida where a vehicle door was kicked and dented, causing an estimated \$600 in damage; the 500 block of North Lowry; and two complaints were received in the police department lobby.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Two criminal trespass calls were reported in the 500 block of North Naida, and one in the 1200 block of North Wells.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

A warrant was served in the Oklahoma-Barrett area where an arrest was made.

A burglary was reported in the 1500 block of Faulkner.

A disturbance call was received in the 1600 block of West Bond.

Police investigated a traffic accident at Duncan and Harvester.

A suspicious person was

reported in the 700 block of Doucette.

Three escort services were provided.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Tuesday, Feb. 7
8:14 p.m. — A 1990 Cadillac driven by Michael Aaron Touchet, 20, of 1817 Duncan, and a 2000 Plymouth driven by Oscar Alejan Cruz-Gonzales, 17, of 421 N. Faulkner, collided at the intersection of East Harvester and North Duncan. Touchet was cited for failure to yield. Cruz-Gonzales was cited for no valid driver's license.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7
Bernice Solis, 25, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Jerald Jerome Matlock, 22, of Skellytown was arrested on charges of evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Francisco Ramirez, 37, of Wellington was arrested on charges of bond forfeiture-driving while license invalid.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7
12:39 p.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 2400 block of Evergreen on a reported structure fire. A fireplace was producing smoke.
1:51 p.m. — One unit and

three personnel responded to the 1600 block of North Christy on a gas odor call. Nothing was found.

5:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway on a lawnmower fire.

8:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Harvester and Duncan on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7
9:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of North Russell. No transport.

10:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

1:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Dogwood and transported a patient(s) to BSA.

1:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Lynn and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Oklahoma and Barrett streets and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Henry Road and transported a patient(s) to BSA.

7:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 273 and Farm-to-Market 291 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Harvester and Duncan. No transport.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind chill values between 16 and 23 early.

Windy, with a south-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could

gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 44. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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EQIP

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A state concern is ground and surface water. Practices eligible under this concern include conversion of center pivots, new pivots to replace side roll systems and row watering systems, irrigation pipelines, flow meters and chemigation valves.

These practices are funded through a separate set of funds earmarked exclusively for irrigation practices.

Producers are also eligible to apply for the state concern of invasive species-salt cedar, which consists of chemical or mechanical control of salt cedar.

Cost share rates are 50

percent for all practices under county based and ground and surface water funds, and the cost share rate for salt cedar control is 75 percent. The cost share rate is 90 percent for limited resource farmers and ranchers.

NRCS is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Persons interested in signing an EQIP application may visit the USDA Service Center office at 12125 E. Frederic or call 665-1751, extension 3. The information is also available on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Pampa EDC to discuss goals and objectives

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is expected to discuss its goals and objectives Thursday as they meet at 11 a.m. in the Pampa City Commission Chamber in City Hall. They will also discuss policies and procedures they want to adopt.

The seven-member panel will also consider requesting a loan from the Pampa City Commission until money from the half-cent sales tax that was

passed to fund the PEDC becomes available in June. The PEDC board is also to consider contracting with the City of Pampa for accounting services.

Pampa Finance Director Robin Bailey will meet with the PEDC board to discuss the city's investment policy.

The board will also draw for places on the board and the length of their terms.

They will also discuss videotaping their meetings for later broadcast on public access television.

Crimestoppers Alert

Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department asks that Crimestoppers callers 3389 and 0150 call him at 662-1022 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays to claim their rewards.

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Burglary

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Lt. Fred Courtney of the Pampa Police Department, and they expect that more property will be recovered and additional arrests made.

The four juveniles were

taken to the Youth Center of the High Plains Detention Center in Amarillo. They will be returned to Pampa today for a detention hearing before Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

If further detention is warranted, the suspects will be taken to the Garza County Regional Detention Center in Post.

Board

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The number of board members will remain at five, according to action taken by the board this morning. A motion made at the August meeting would have increased the number to seven, according to Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

"We and Potter/Randall County are the only ones in the Panhandle with five members. The others all have three," Bagley said this morning.

A motion to employ direct deposit for payroll and payroll deductions passed unanimously.

Other items on this morning's agenda included December expenditures, an investment report and chief appraiser's report.

Cop Corner

King, this week it's the Narcotics Section. There is just something about a person that chooses to enter this line of policing that sets him or her apart from other people. Narcs, Narcos, Agents, and undercover agents are names these officers go by and a few others the drug dealers call them.

These Agents don't like their pictures taken or their names in the newspaper. We will call ours "Agent X." They also don't look like the rest of the officers, especially when their hair is long, they have a scraggly beard, and they don't have the best of clothes on.

They have a tough job because drug dealers and drug users don't trust many people. The Agents use informants, officer tips, Crime Stoppers tips, citizen tips, and many times just a lot of elbow grease to make a case. Sometimes, though, it's as easy as seeing dope in a car, but most times it takes weeks or even months to make a drug bust.

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Lt. Fred Courtney

sion than in real life. Narcotics agents usually don't work a regular work-week. Generally speaking, drug dealers work under the cover of dark. Agent X is called out all hours of the night and on weekends too. We also loan Agent X to other agencies to help them out.

We hope our efforts in curtailing the use of illegal drugs are successful. We know we will never eradicate the drug dealers but we know we will make a dent in their numbers.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt Fred Courtney.

Boy

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223rd District Court on a second-degree felony charge of abandoning a child in connection with the August 2004 incident. She pled guilty Nov. 7, 2005, at the beginning of her trial on the abandonment charge after the boy's therapist, Dr. William Kleinpeter of Amarillo, recommended against the victim testifying in the trial against his mother.

"Everyone in the room was attempting to act in the best interest of the child, including my client. My client did not want him to go through the stress of testifying," said David Scott, a Peryton attorney who represented Stevens in the case.

Stevens was sentenced to 10 years and a \$1,000 fine. The 10-year sentence was commuted to seven years' probation, and Stevens was required to serve 21 days in Gray County Jail.

"That's one day for each day she left that child alone," said 31st/223rd District Attorney Lynn Switzer at the time of the

plea. Stevens was also required to perform 240 days of community service.

Permanent managing conservatorship of the boy was given to DFPS by Vanderpool in a Dec. 7, 2005, hearing. Testimony at custody hearings held concerning the child disclosed that information gathered by police indicated the boy had been living alone at the Browning Avenue house for one to two months. Stevens would allegedly bring food to him once or twice a week.

The child is on two medications in connection with his behavioral special needs, Collins testified this morning. His placement at an Amarillo emergency shelter was ended due to a disruption, she said, and he is currently staying in a group home run by Catholic Family Service of Amarillo.

"Dr. Kleinpeter feels that efforts need to be made to work out the issues between the mom and son, but not right now," Collins said.

DFPS was continued as permanent managing conservator of the child. The next hearing on the case was set for 9 a.m. June 7.

King funeral draws presidents

ATLANTA (AP) — Reunited with her husband at last in death, Coretta Scott King was laid to rest beside the tomb of her husband after a stirring funeral with 10,000 mourners that was both lyrical and mournful, and at times political.

The interment Tuesday capped a day when four U.S. presidents and more than three dozen speakers took turns remembering King for her efforts to realize the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of equality for nearly 40 years after his assassination.

"Coretta Scott King not only secured her husband's legacy, she built her own," President Bush said. "Having loved a leader, she became a leader, and when she

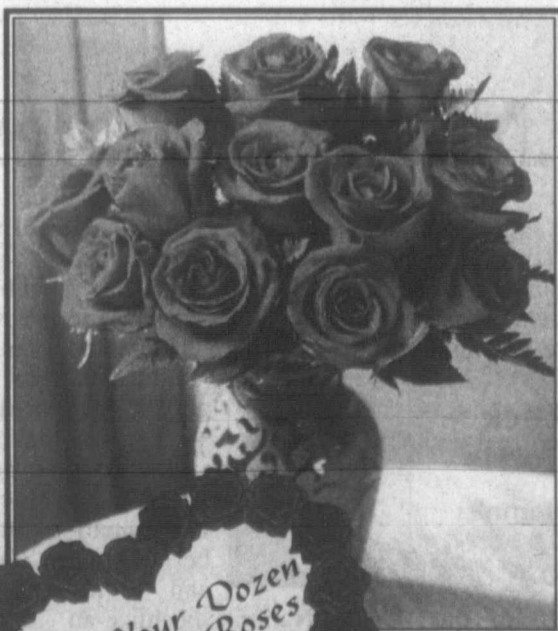
spoke, Americans listened closely." The immense crowd filled the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church — a modern, arena-style megachurch in a suburban Atlanta county that was once a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Viewpoints

Life's little ups and downs can change the game

What do sports, politics, business, relationships, churches we belong to, personal health, finances, and taxes all have in common? Answer: They each have their ups and downs. Life is not always easy. It is definitely not always the way we plan.

In a football game, the coach's game plan is always geared toward a victory. Each game, however, has two coaches competing against each other and only one will walk away reaching his goal.

In football, for every winner, there is a loser. Like football, if you are on the losing end of something meaningful in your life, it can often change the way you approach the game. Sometimes that change leads to future losses, bitterness, depression, feeling a lack of purpose, or worse, self-condemnation.

Steve Young, former Super bowl Champion quarterback of the 1994 San Francisco 49ers said recently, "Everything in life can be related symbolically to football in some way." Now, I don't think I entirely agree with a blanket analogy covering everything in life, but he makes an underlying point that I think is pretty powerful; and that is, life, like football, is a constant test.

Even when you are faced with what seems like an impossible situation, a comeback that looks to be out of reach, or you are faced with the entire starting lineup full of injured players before the championship game, the game of life still goes on.

It is during these testing and trying times that new opportunities often appear, sometimes in confusing

ways. Sometimes these kinds of opportunities appear only in the valleys of life.

An example of a difficult scenario in football would be when your all-star quarterback gets injured and the second string quarterback goes into the game, down 25 points at half time, half of your starters are out on injuries, and you are facing the third best defense in an NFL play-off game.

Let's make the scenario even bleaker — the first play from scrimmage in the second half, the backup quarterback throws an interception that is returned for a touchdown, creating a 32-point lead for the other team,

which is also ranked first in the league in passing.

Most of your fans have given up and have left the stadium and the commentators are saying, "The fat lady is singing an opera." The feeling of coming out on top really seems to be against all odds. To most, it is an impossible situation. But, at least to that second string quarterback, it is an opportunity.

Behind every cloud is a silver lining, and even if that opportunity doesn't give the team a win, focusing on a victory would be missing the point of the test. The test goes straight into the old saying, "It's not if you win or lose that matters, it's how you play the game."

If that team quits, gets angry, bitter or shuts down — they lose. Life is made up of a series of tests. It is a journey. For those who know where the goal posts are — the beginning and the end — it sure helps when you suffer one of life's sacks. If you haven't yet found the goalposts, keep looking and you will find them.

But either way, if you find yourself starting to change the way you play the game, because of factors beyond your control, the answer to the test lies in your own heart — be truthful to yourself. Keep playing the game.

Life does have its ups and downs. But in those down times, remember what Winston Churchill said about his attitude when he faced the direst of circumstances in World War II as the freedom of humanity hung in the balance, "Never,

never, never give up."

And oh, by the way, the back-up quarterback did not give up. Frank Reich led his team, the Buffalo Bills, back from 32 points down against the Houston Oilers in the largest comeback in NFL history. He did it with a backup running back and with less than two quarters to play. He took a seemingly impossible situation and turned it into an opportunity to make history. He didn't give up, he knew where the goal posts were and focused on the task at hand. Because of this attitude, he passed the test. He also won the game.

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Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2006. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 8, 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

On this date:

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1915, D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

In 1992, the 16th Olympic Winter Games opened in Albertville, France.

Ten years ago: In a ceremony at the Library of Congress, President Clinton signed legislation revamping the telecommunications industry, saying it would "bring the future to our doorstep."

Five years ago: A House committee opened hearings into former President Clinton's last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, with former prosecutors complaining that they hadn't been consulted before the pardon was granted. President Bush sent his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut plan to Congress.

'Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year.'

— Franklin P. Adams
American journalist
(1881-1960)

Dumbing down of nation's media

A politician recently assessed the challenges and threats facing the people of the world in the 21st century. See if you can guess from his remarks who he is:

"The prevalence of military domination, increasing poverty, the growing gap between rich and poor countries, violence as a means to solve crises, spread of terrorism — especially state terrorism — existence and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the pervasive lack of honesty in interstate relations, and disregard for the equal rights of people and nations in international relations, constitute some of the challenges and threats."

I'd say that is a pretty accurate assessment. Later, the man described the role of government in this way:

"Government belongs to all the people. It has to address the problems of every part of the country. All parts of the country should move forward simultaneously. Every [citizen] is entitled to equal right, especially in developing individual talent."

There's nothing in that statement with which I disagree. Now listen to what the man says about nuclear weapons:

"A nation which has culture, logic and civilization does not need nuclear weapons. The countries which seek nuclear weapons are those which want to solve all problems by the use of force. Our nation does not need such weapons."

That sounds not unlike something Martin Luther King Jr. or some other pacifist might say. Listen to this man when he talks about morality:

"Human excellence, the excellence of human society comes about in the light of justice and spirituality. Measures that are taken outside religious morality — politics minus morality, economics minus morality, culture minus morality — only turns the world into a hell for nations and humanity."

Charley Reese
Columnist



One can imagine Billy Graham or Jerry Falwell making a very similar statement. You certainly cannot divorce any human activity from morality without the danger of creating a hellish situation.

Well, who is this guy?

He's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran. He's the man you would think is nothing more than a raving lunatic if you judged him on the basis of sound bites presented on American TV. Take it from someone in the business. You can never form an accurate assessment of someone based on sound bites and snippets of quotes (frequently out of context or misquoted) in news stories.

I first realized this when I met James Farmer, one of the civil rights leaders in the 1960s. The image I had formed of him based on sound bites and newspaper quotes was 180 degrees from reality. Rather than a hostile, snarling militant, Farmer was a gentle, intelligent, well-educated

and extremely eloquent man who brought an all-white audience, myself included, to its feet with thunderous applause for the wisest speech I've ever heard on the subject of civil rights and racial prejudice.

It's sad to say, but you simply cannot trust the press, especially television, to give you an accurate picture of the world. Now, I'm not trying to sell you the idea of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a saint. My contempt for politicians is not only bipartisan, but transnational. Anytime a politician opens his mouth in any country, the chances are at least 50-50 he's lying. My point is simply that the president of Iran is obviously not a lunatic, but a thinking individual who has some ideas some of us could agree with.

He did say Israel should be wiped off the map, although the correct quote is, "As the Imam said, Israel must be wiped off the map." He did say the Holocaust is a myth, though it should be pointed out that he is not the only person who thinks the details of the Holocaust have been exaggerated. An American Jewish scholar whose parents survived the Holocaust has written a book featuring stinging criticism of the way the pro-Israeli crowd has politicized the Holocaust and turned it into a cottage industry.

It's unfortunate that as the world grows more complex, our political dialogue and the practices of much of the press have grown more simplistic.

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Cut off U.S., U.N. aid to Palestinians

The Palestinian people have delivered a resounding vote against peace — calling, in their election, for a continuation of the savage and sanguinary war against Israel. This sharp reversal in the peace process should not go without a vigorous response from Washington.

President Bush is correct to cut off all dealings with the Palestinian Authority until Hamas renounces and reins in its campaign of terror against Israel. But the United States should go further and cut off all direct and indirect assistance to the PA or to Palestinian refugee groups until Hamas makes the requisite declarations. The U.S. taxpayer is the

foremost financial supporter of the Palestinian community, now set to come under Hamas management. Last year, America gave \$81 million directly to the

Palestinians in Gaza and on the West Bank and was responsible for a considerable share of the almost \$1 billion in aid to the Palestinian Authority from the United Nations and its relief organizations.

The United States should: 1) Cut off all direct subsidy of the Palestinian refugee population or its political or charitable

organs.

2) Demand that the United Nations follow suit.

3) Immediately suspend all payments to the United Nations until it does so.

After all, Israel is a U.N. member. How can the United Nations subsidize an entity that is dedicated to the destruction of one of its members?

By a direct and aggressive response to the Palestinian vote, the United States will assure that it is not placed in the incongruous position of funding the deadly adversary

of its ally, Israel.

Some will argue that we allowed aid to flow under Yasser Arafat. But we did not do that until he pledged to work with Israel and to cease his efforts to destroy it. When it became clear that he was double dealing and, in fact, winking at terrorist attacks on Israel, the United States set in motion a series of events that led to a new democratic Palestinian Authority (aided by Arafat's death, of course).

Now the United States should ratchet up its pressure on the Palestinian Authority: Cut off all funding.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.



Dick Morris
Columnist

Sports Day

Pampa takes two in Dumas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The trip to Dumas Tuesday was a good one for Pampa as both varsity teams came away with important district wins.

They didn't come easy, however.

Lady Harvesters 47, Demonettes 31

The girls took to the Dumas court first against the Demonettes, who wasted little time in taking a lead on the playoff bound Lady Harvesters.

Dumas closed the opening period with confidence, outscoring Pampa, 11-4.

"We came out a little flat starting the game and our defense was not as intense as it should have been," said Pampa head coach Troy Fry.

The Lady Harvesters — sparked by the brilliant hustle and play of Jackie Gerber — would settle into their game en route to a 47-31 win.

Said Coach Fry, "Jackie had a great second half. I feel she sparked us in the third quarter which got everyone to pick up their intensity and things started to click for us."

Britteni Rice finished with 23 points. Gerber, injured late in the game, added 12.

The Lady Harvesters end the regular season 15-15 overall, 7-3 in District 3-4A. They will face Randall in a one-game shootout Friday at Highland Park High

School to decide second and third place. That game will start at 6 p.m.

The playoffs begin Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview where Pampa will meet either Lubbock Estacado or Frenship.

Pampa 59, Dumas 48

As the girls did before them, the Harvesters spotted Dumas an early lead then set off on season win No. 22.

Pampa trailed much of the first quarter, ending the period down 8-14.

The shots picked up in the second quarter with Pampa dropping 23 on the Demons to lead at the break, 31-25.

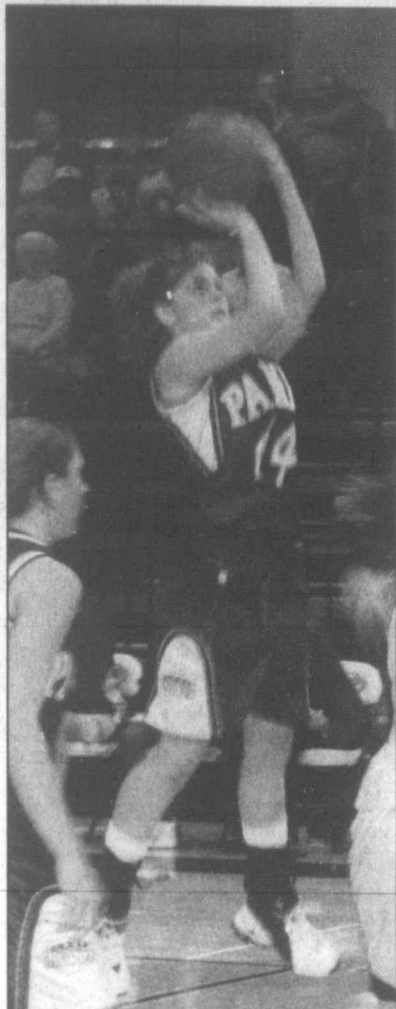
The second half started much like the first for the Harvesters as Dumas managed to build a lead, only to see Pampa wipe it away.

Sharod Young led the scoring for the Harvesters, ending the night with 16 points. Tyler Hall added 14.

Aaron Anguiano, Eric Kingcade and Craig Crowell got some playing time off the bench as Pampa coach Dustin Miller sat Young and Matt Smith who got into foul trouble early in the game. Jarett Kotara played much of the second half with three fouls.

Pampa (22-5, 7-1) is on the road again Friday night when they face Palo Duro in Amarillo for the chance to share the District 3-4A lead and a possible district co-championship.

That game will begin at 7:30 p.m.



Lady Harvester Jackie Gerber unleashes a jump shot from near the foul line Tuesday night.

Borger edges Pampa, 5-2

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa opened up a 1-0 lead in the 2nd minute of play when Nick Robbins took a kick from goalkeeper Colby Copeland, out-hustled the Bulldogs defense and fired a shot into the Borger net. Robbins would score again later to give Pampa a 2-1 advantage before the Bulldogs were able to take advantage of the wind to pull away in the second half.

Said Pampa head soccer coach Byron May, "We put

ourselves in position to beat them, which is encouraging after the way we've played after the last two weeks."

May added, "We lost control of the game, and we kept giving them the ball. That's a bad combination when you're playing a team like Borger. They will make you pay for mistakes."

Pampa faces PD Saturday at noon at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Lady Harvesters score not available at press time.

Pampa 15, River Road 0

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Harvester Field came to life Tuesday afternoon with the familiar sound of aluminum bats making contact with fast balls and voices from the dugout barking "Here we go kid."

Baseball season is here.

Pampa head coach Clay Wilson and his team hosted the visiting Wildcats of River Road in a scrimmage game complete with a handful of fans who took advantage of the unseasonable mild weather to cheer the home team on to a 15-0 win.

Tyson Hickman started on the hill for Pampa, giving up two early hits before settling into a groove.

Once the Harvesters went on offense, the hits came, including a yard shot from Jake Craig in his first at bat.

Said Coach Wilson afterward, "I felt like we were very competitive. I really appreciate our work effort and our desire to continually improve."

Wilson says scrimmages like this are necessary. "They help polish our game collectively and individually," noted Wilson.

Pampa will travel to Borger Saturday for the second of four scheduled preseason scrimmages. That game will begin at 4 p.m.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Basketball, baseball boosters to meet

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Baseball Boosters
The Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club will meet tonight at 7:30 in the school's library. Contact a booster club member for additional information.

Basketball Boosters
The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will meet Thursday night at 7 in the PHS library. Contact a booster club member for additional information.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

▲ Pampa's Jake Craig sends a ball over the fence in his first at bat Tuesday.

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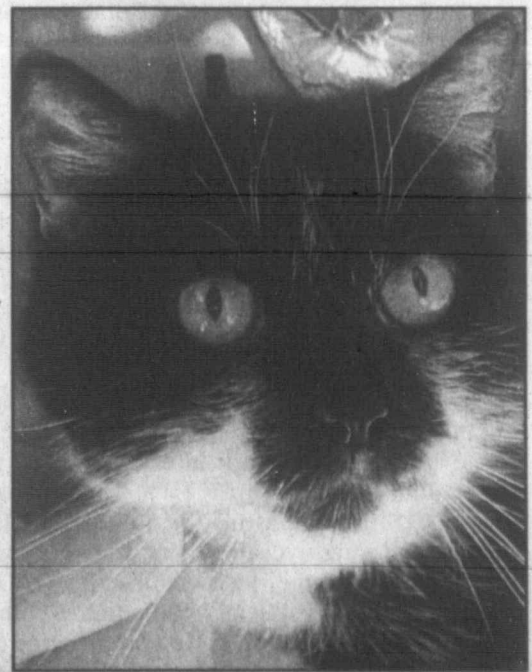


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The Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 7, 2006 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 6:30pm. It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 220 N Ballard, in the MK Brown Room, Pampa, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 17, 2006.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Lucky No. 7: Pampa swimmers rule pool at districts; regionals up this weekend

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa High School's boys' and girls' swim teams will return to Lubbock Friday and Saturday for a regional University Interscholastic League competition.

At the district meet Jan. 27 and 28 in Lubbock, both the boys' and girls' teams took top honors for the seventh year in a row.

Nicki Cole on the girls' team set two district records and was named female athlete of the week by the Amarillo Globe-News.

The Harvester swimmers

will face teams from West Texas, El Paso, and the Panhandle at the regional event this weekend.

Girls' team members are Jessica Baggerman, Amber Bradford, Cole, Jennifer Huffhines, Tonya Kiper, Tyler O'Neal, Ana Saucedo, Marzia Scampuddu, Erica Schepp, Abby West and Lydia West.

Boys' team members are Chance Almanza, Colby Dennis, Gavin Eggleston, D.J. Elliott, Cole Guyer, Dustin Neef, Derek Wishon and Jeremy Zellefrow.



Courtesy photos



Members of the Pampa Harvesters swim team proudly show off the hardware taken at the UIL District Meet in Lubbock Jan. 27 and 28. Members include (above), front row- Gavin Eggleston and D.J. Elliott. Back row- Colby Dennis, Jeremy Zellefrow, Dustin Neef, Cole Guyer, Chance Almanza and Derek Wishon. The girls (left) include Jennifer Huffhines (front row, L-R), Nicki Cole, Lydia West and Tonya Kiper. Back row- Marzia Scampuddu, Erica Schepp, Ana Saucedo, Abby West, Tyler O'Neal, Jessica Baggerman, and Amber Bradford. Pampa will return to Lubbock Friday and Saturday for regional competition.

DUMAS TOURNAMENT

Seventh grade boys harvest hardware

7th Grade District Tournament
Feb. 2 and 4, 2006
Dumas

7th Grade Green Team

The Green team dropped its first two games to a tough Plainview squad and a very athletic Westover team, moving Pampa into Consolation round and a chance for third place.

Pampa met host Dumas in what was a very exciting consolation game. The Green team held a 14-13 lead after the first quarter. Pampa scored another 13 in the second to close the first half with a 27-19 lead.

Mitch Simon hit a quick 3-pointer in the third to get Pampa started and the GT never looked back from there going on to a 46-36 win over the Demons and a solid third place win.

Simon, who sparked the Pampa win with hustle and hard play, finished with five points. Garrett Ericson and Reid Bradley both had 11 points. Jon Polasek added seven, including a long range 3-pointer that put Pampa up in the first quarter.

Hudson Bentley (four) and Zach Murray (three) rounded out the scoring for Pampa. Workhorse Trent Carter had a very physical tournament and showed improvement against a bigger opponent in all three contests. Carter went on to spark the fast break by defensive rebounds and outlet passes and was also rewarded by the Pampa crowd with cheers and applause for his efforts.

"We needed a spark after those two tough losses," said coach Tim Davis. "Mitch (Simon) has been patient and attentive all season long while learning three positions in our scheme. It takes a special young man to do that, at any level." He continued, "This is great group of young men who represent our school and community at a very high level."

7th Grade Gold Team

Sporting a 7-6 record, the Gold opened things up against the Dumas Demons. It would be fourth meeting of the year between the two teams with Pampa holding a 3-0 edge.

Game four would prove to be no different as the Gold team dropped

the Demons, 36-23. Brandon Chairez led the scoring with 13 points, while Tyler Malone tossed in a dozen. Chase Furgason scored seven points in the win.

Next up for Pampa was the Borger Bulldogs, the winner advancing to the finals. Pampa would need everything it had against Borger before finally edging the 'Dogs in the waning seconds of the game, 42-40. Brandon Rice led the Gold with 10 points, Brandon Chairez scored nine, Tyler Malone seven, and Chase Furgason chipped in six.

The win meant Pampa would hook up with the Westover Park Warriors who have dominated all but dominated the Gold team in two previous meetings.

Pampa put up a valiant fight, down just six points at the break, and just nine at the end of the third quarter. Midway through the final period, turnovers began to hinder Pampa's progress and the Warriors were able to capitalize.

Nonetheless, they knew Pampa was there to win a championship.

Said coach John East afterward, "It was a great game. These kids played their hearts out." East continued, "Tyler Malone did an outstanding job at the point guard. He handled the pressure on the full and half court press that Westover uses extremely well." East praised Brandon Chairez and Chase Furgason for doing an outstanding job on the boards against a much taller Warrior squad.

Furgason easily had over 20 rebounds for the game according to Coach East, who noted, "It was a great team effort."

The Gold ended the tournament with a second place trophy to add to the PJHS trophy case. It also makes the second time this season the team has brought home some iron from tournament play. They took home third place in the Plainview Tournament earlier in the season.

A Note from Coach East
"Thanks to all of the parents for their support this year. We always had a good crowd to support the kids on the road as well as at home. You were always supportive of the program and the coaches. Thank you very much."

Rogge urges governments to sign anti-doping treaty

TURIN, Italy (AP) — IOC president Jacques Rogge urged governments to speed up approval of global anti-doping rules before the Turin Games open on Friday.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the IOC's annual session Tuesday, Rogge expressed concern at the "very slow rate" of acceptance of the World Anti-Doping Code.

The code, adopted by all Olympic sports federations, sets out uniform rules and sanctions for all sports and countries in the fight against performance-enhancing drugs.

"We express the hope that the governments who have prom-

ised to adopt the code by the first day of the Olympic Games will accelerate their efforts," Rogge said.

The doping code was incorporated in a treaty approved by UNESCO member states in October. However, the accord doesn't formally go into force until at least 30 member governments ratify it.

So far, only seven countries have signed — Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Monaco.

World Anti-Doping Agency spokesman Frederic Donze said other governments are expected to ratify the code in coming weeks and months.

WADA and the IOC had hoped enough governments would have signed up by the end of December for the convention to be in place for the Turin Olympics. But Donze said the lack of approval doesn't affect the stringent anti-doping rules being applied at the games.

Rogge said the International Olympic Committee will conduct 1,200 drug tests in Turin, a 72 percent increase over the number in Salt Lake City four years ago. "For the thousands of athletes who compete cleanly and fairly, we have a duty to put in place the strongest measures to trap the small minority who cheat," Rogge said.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006:

You have the ability to sense out matters and look at issues with far greater depth than ever. You could take some wild risks, but you'll come out on top. Listen well to the possibilities. You have many choices and opportunities this year. You will gain professionally as a result. Your ability to work hard and long to create what you want will be a determining factor in your success. You have many reasons to smile and create more of what you want. If you are single, you will meet people while living your day-to-day life. Late fall 2006 could be a very special time for you. Willingly expand your circle of friends. Network socially. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from special downtime. CANCER feels like a nurturer.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You will want to anchor in and consider a sudden thought. Test your idea on others. Others act in an extremely emotional manner. Feelings and indulgence mark your interactions. Realize that others are coming from a space of goodness. Tonight: Happy at home, preferably with company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You hear unexpected news that draws a very strong reaction. Think positively, knowing your limits and what you need to do. Your humor and caring dominate your actions. Tonight: Let others make your life easier. Don't buck the trend!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your finances mark your deci-

sions, but know that those you count on could act flaky. Extremes mark situations and your daily life. You might want to think carefully about what is going on. Fortunately, you have tons of energy to meet today's demands. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You are very happy and lovable. Sometimes you need to think before you launch into action. Extremes occur with surprises. You can reverse any problem with some effort. Think positively. You have what you need. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Take your time making decisions. You are not always right. Understand where someone is coming from. You have a way and a style that draw others close. You know what you want and can make it happen. People knock on your door out of the blue. Tonight: Be an information-gatherer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You need to take action in order to create more of what you want. Halfway measures will not work, even in the face of others' unpredictability. If you want a job done your way, you'd better do it yourself. Tonight: Communication flourishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Investigate different opportunities with a positive attitude. You set the pace, and others will follow. You know what you are doing, even if you have to do a total reversal. Your finances benefit from your strong reactions. Tonight: Count on being in demand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Take an overview. Your emotional response will point you in the right direction. Listen to what is happening with someone at a distance. There might

be nuggets of information heading your way. Tonight: You naturally make the right choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take time to emotionally digest what you are hearing. Listen to what is going on within your immediate circle, but especially with someone who you value. Your intuitive knee-jerk reaction is right on target. Tonight: Close encounter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Review information carefully. Success heads your way. Evaluate what might be going on in your day-to-day life. Meetings and working with others illuminate your day. Defer to a partner or associate. Tonight: Happy as can be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Plunge into work or a project with enthusiasm. You might be surprised by what heads down your path. You are inordinately dynamic and creative. Know what you want and where you are heading. Tonight: A smile works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You move in sudden and unexpected ways. Use your creativity and ability to respond emotionally with intelligence. If you are worried, please detach and gain a perspective. You might want to get more information. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Jeff," is a single parent. His daughter, "Nicole," is 14. Jeff is very soft-spoken and even-tempered. He hates conflict and shies away from it if it arises. We have been in a loving and caring relationship for nine years. We don't yell at each other or call each other names. Over the last six months, Nicole's behavior toward her father has changed radically. She has become verbally abusive toward him. When she speaks to him she calls him names and uses ungodly language. I cringe when she starts screaming and cursing at him. I moved out of the house because I can't be part of a household like that -- it made me sick. I have stated on more than one occasion that this kind of behavior is unacceptable and not normal. Jeff says he has read books that say that it is. It has driven a wedge between us. I'm concerned that if Nicole treats her father this way, how is she treating her peers, teachers or strangers? Have you any advice to offer? -- **HEARTSICK IN FLORIDA**

DEAR HEARTSICK: Nicole's behavior is neither normal nor acceptable. Your boyfriend should have asserted his authority the first time it happened. The longer he tolerates his daughter's outbursts, the more they will escalate. I don't know what her problem is -- whether she has fallen in with the wrong crowd, is experimenting with drugs or having emotional difficulties. But the time to get to the root of it and put a stop to it is NOW. And if your boyfriend refuses to face that fact and act like a parent, he is shirking his responsibility to his daughter.

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Afterward, we decided we would wait to tell our parents because we wanted to have a traditional wedding and invite all of our relatives. It has been more than four years, and I am still trying to get Fritz, at the bare minimum, to tell our families that we're "engaged." But if I bring up the subject, he gets angry and refuses to talk about it because he's "not ready." Fritz keeps sending me mixed signals -- he bought me a \$2,500 diamond engagement/wedding ring, but I'm not allowed to wear it in front of any family members. He tells me he loves me and I'm the only person he's going to spend the rest of his life with, but this has become a real strain on our relationship. I don't understand why he won't marry me publicly since we are already married legally. Please help me. -- **WANTS MY M.R.S. IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR WANTS: It appears that the man you married still has a lot of growing up to do. He may have had second thoughts about marrying you, or he may be afraid of his parents' reaction. He could also have a problem with commitment and feels that he's "not really married" until there's a formal announcement. Because I'm not a mind reader, I can't be sure what his problem is. However, there's one thing I know for sure. The way you are being treated is degrading, and you should not tolerate it. Offer Fritz the option of marriage counseling, because whether or not he wants to admit it, you ARE married, or end this travesty once and for all.

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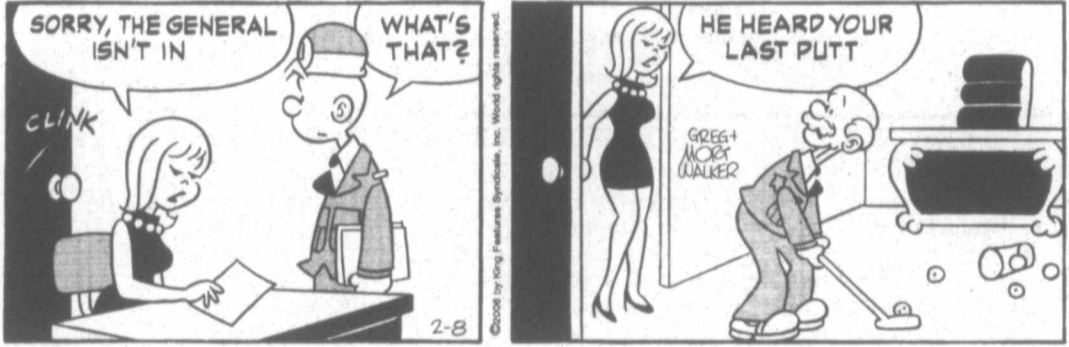
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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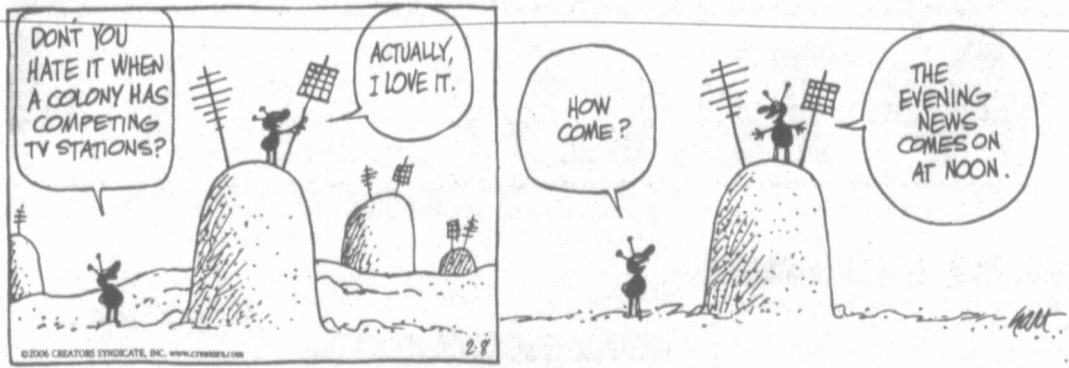


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