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Pampa Learning Center has new temporary home

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Special to The News

Pampa Learning Center is back at the beginning.

PLC, an alternative high school offered by Pampa Independent School District, first opened its doors about 15 years ago at the old Sam Houston Elementary School on Cook Street near Central Park.

The already declining school building sustained major structural damage in the June 8, 1995, tornado that hit Pampa and was condemned. So Pampa ISD officials moved PLC to another old campus, Horace Mann Elementary.

Once again, an aging building has become unsafe and PLC had to be moved.

And this probably won't be the last relocation for the campus, said Richard Steele, PLC director/counselor.

This time, the facility has taken up residence in three new temporary buildings set up in a parking lot on Frost Street, across the street from where it began and next to an integral part of its program, Bright Beginnings Day Care.

The three buildings are connected to each other with covered walkways to form

classrooms, computer server room, a reception area and an office for Steele. PLC teachers, with the help of family members, spent a big part of their Christmas vacation unpacking and setting up the new classrooms, he said. Classes began on Jan. 8, two days after classes began for the rest of the district.

Steele explained that the \$47 million bond issue passed by voters last November contains a provision that PLC facilities will be built in the sixth grade wing of the present junior high building.

"If we could get another building, we'd prefer to stay here," he said, adding that storage space is a problem.

"But, to answer your question," he said, "I wish this was the last move."

One reason PLC staff would like to stay in this new location is its nearness to Bright Beginnings Day Care.

"We're working hand in hand with Bright Beginnings," said Sara Wheeley, teen parent coordinator. Wheeley, RN, BSN, teaches life skills, parenting skills, and health sciences to PLC students.

PLC offers a non-tradi-

tional approach to educating students ages 16 to 21 whose needs are not met in a traditional high school setting.

An alternative school provides an education setting designed to accommodate educational and behavioral needs of students that can't be adequately addressed in a traditional school environment. They often contain curriculum elements that

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Photos by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Science teacher Margaret Williams, top right, helps Paul Soria with a biology credit recovery lesson. Sara Wheeley, right bottom, looks up from her desk in her new room at Pampa Learning Center. Students Tasha Triplet and Bethany Caviness, left, work on a class assignment.



Chisum to unveil initiative

A major new initiative that can have a positive impact on every Meals on Wheels organization in Texas will be unveiled at a press conference on Wednesday morning.

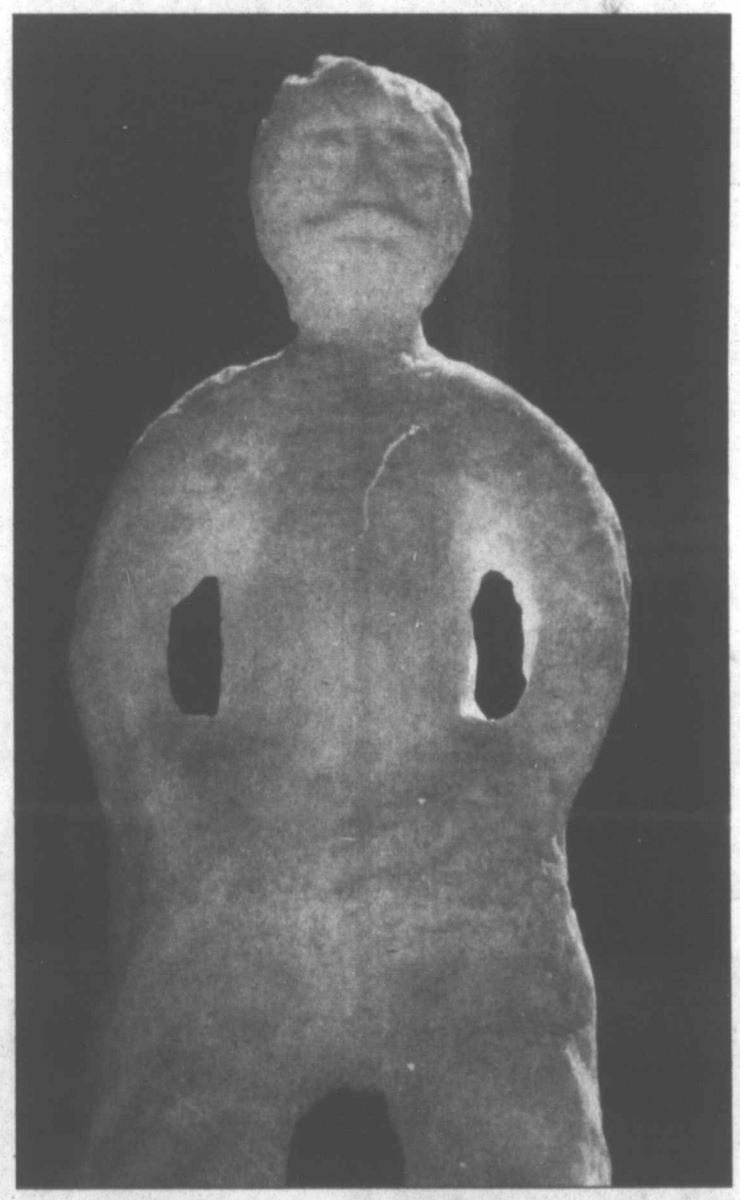
Jointly holding the press conference will be Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin. It will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Speaker's Committee Room at the State Capitol.

The two legislators will announce that they are introducing legislation to create a fund that will partially reimburse home-delivered meal agencies for meals that were not fully paid for by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services or the Area Agencies on Aging.

It is expected that this initiative will save the state's taxpayers a considerable amount of money because the alternative to home-delivered meals is often nursing home care and the average cost of a nursing home in Texas is almost \$45,000 per year while even fully funded meals cost

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Snow sculpture



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A snowman builder in the 700 block of East Browning sculpted a lifelike man of snow, complete with facial features, mustache, and hands in pockets. About eight inches of snow fell on Pampa, providing plenty of material for such artistic endeavors.

Fine Arts Association to have past artists on display Saturday

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Past Artists of the Year will be on display Saturday night as the Pampa Fine Arts Association celebrates its 35th year of the award.

This year's Artist of the Year and Patron of the Year will be announced at the association's annual meeting and steak dinner at 6:30 p.m., Saturday in the M.K. Brown Room of the Community Building, 200 North Ballard.

Board members and officers will also be elected.

Lilith Brainard with the association said the nominating committee has put Roy Morris on the ballot for president, Sena Brainard for vice-president and Sue Abbott for Secretary. Sue Abbott, Linda Kelly, Grady Rose and Rub Royse have been nominated for three-year terms on the board.

Brainard said that at least one piece of art from each of the past Artists of the Year will be on display Saturday.

Organized in March, 1966, the association began honoring Artists of the Year in 1973.

Homer D. Johnson was the first Artist of the Year for 1972-73. He was followed

by Marion George in 1973-74; Walton and Betty Bailey in 1974-75; Olive Hills in 1975-76; Billie Osborne, 1976-77; Peggy Palmitier, 1977-78; Doris Johnson Alexander, 1978-79; Gerald Sanders, 1979-80; Natalie Reeve, 1980-81; Evelyn Epps, 1981-82; Lois Minnick, 1982-83; Karen Bonnell, 1983-84; Pernie Fallon Davis, 1984-85; Jacqueline Tidmore Kastor, 1984-85; Anne Lemons Harper, 1985-86; Viola Coffee, 1986-87; Cile Taylor, 1987-88; Richard Steele, 1988-89; Rosemond Winborn, 1989-90; Grant Johnson, 1990-91; James Hinkley, 1991-92; Kim Hill, 1992-93; John Forister, 1993-94; Milo Carson, 1994-95; Brenda Carlson, 1994-95; Holly Berger, 1997-98; Jancie Sackett, 1998-99; Kay Crouch, 2000-2001; Linda Nowell, 2000-2001; Mimi Cross, 2001-2002; Kathy Gist, 2002-2003; Suzanne Wilkinson, 2003-2004; Darlene Birkes, 2004-2005 and Darlene Holmes, 2005-2006.

Cost of the banquet is \$20. Reservations can be made by contacting the Pampa Fine Arts office, 665-0343.

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Wednesday

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Friday



Mostly sunny Mostly sunny Partly cloudy

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. West-northwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. West-northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 43. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ALEXANDER, Iva Mitchell — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Restland Cemetery, Olney.

Iva Mitchell Alexander, 82

LEFORS, Texas — Iva Mitchell Alexander, 82, died Jan. 21, 2007, at Canadian.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Lefors with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lefors, and the Rev. Chris Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at the Restland Cemetery in Olney with military honors by the U.S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Alexander was born June 24, 1924, in Bitter Creek, Texas. He came to Pampa in 1962 from Breckenridge, Texas. He married Helen Florence Noel on March 24, 1944, in Archer City, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 5, 1988.

He later married Sybil Nelson on March 13, 1989, in Wheeler. He worked for Sinclair and Arco for 35 years, retiring in 1980. He was president of the Little League Association and the volunteer fire department in Breckenridge.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Miami. He was a veteran of

the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving on the USS McFarland, a Navy destroyer. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, and was always willing to help others.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Alexander, of the home; one son, James Alexander and wife Marlene of Miami; one stepson, Larry Nelson of Briscoe; one stepdaughter, Susan Thompson of Lazbuddie; one brother, K. C. Alexander of Hurst; one sister, Ina Faye Bussell of Grand Prairie; two grandchildren, Greg Alexander of Elk City, Okla., and Misty Barton of Spearman; five step-grandchildren, Danny

Nelson of Pampa, Jimmy Nelson of Briscoe, Keri Nelson of Elk City, Okla., Debbie Hall of Clarendon, and Sheri Cox of Broken Arrow, Okla.; four great-grandchildren, Blake Barton, Blaine Barton, Brooke Barton and Olivia Alexander; several step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014, or a favorite charity.

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Hattie Mae Williams, 76

Hattie Mae Williams, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 22, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born May 22, 1930, in Athens, Texas. She married Walter L. Williams on Feb. 19, 1951, in Kaufman. She worked at the Hughes Building for many years.

She was a member of the Southside Church of Christ. She loved going to church

and cooking large holiday meals. She was "everyone's grandmother."

Survivors include her husband, Walter L. Williams, Sr., of the home; two sons, Walter L. Williams, Jr., and wife Dorothy of Liberal, Kan., and Henry L. Williams of Pampa; two daughters, Idray Faye Jones



Williams

and Angela Brunley, both of Pampa; two sons-in-law, Michael Brunley of Dallas and Robert Louis Jones of Austin; 13 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Eunice Griggs, Jr., of Fort Worth, Robert Griggs and Lonnie Griggs, both of Lubbock; and three sisters, Joyce Lee of Atlanta, Ga.,

Lillian Griggs and Alberta, both of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter; two granddaughters; one grandson; one brother, and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the Southside Church of Christ, 11923 W. McCullough Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. A traffic complaint was received from the 900 block

of North Hobart.

Accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Rosewood and Sirroco and the 1100 block of North Duncan.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 500 block of East Browning and in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler where a plate glass window, valued at \$300 was shot with a BB gun.

Crossing guard duty was

provided at four locations.

Lost property was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of North Roberta.

Animal control follow up calls were made in the 300 block of North Warren and the 700 block of North Naida.

Calls concerning animals were taken from the intersection of Highway 60 and Christy, the intersection of 18th and Dogwood, the 900 block of East Francis and the 600 block of North Hazel.

Alarms were reported in the 800 block of South Banks and the 600 block of

North Hobart.

Assisting other agencies was provided in the police department lobby and the 400 block of West Brown.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of North Coffee.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of North Dogwood.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Jan. 22

Ronald Finley Howard, 40, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors City Marshall for speeding and failure to appear.

Tommy Lee Williams, 18, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on two counts of assault causing bodily injury, theft by check, speeding and no insurance.

Divina Hernandez Pena, 38, of Hale Center was arrested by GCSO for forgery, burglary of an auto, burglary of a motor vehicle, and 17 capias pro fines for court costs and issuance of bad checks.

Fire

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

Monday, Jan. 22

7:15 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Garland on a carbon monoxide check.

1:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Hobart on a medical assist.

6:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Elm on a medical assist.

7:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Wells on a medical assist.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

12:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Duncan on a lifting assist.

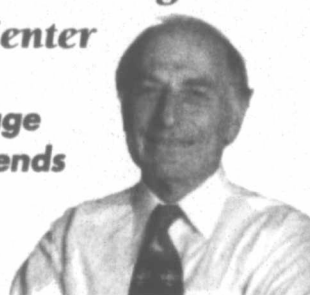
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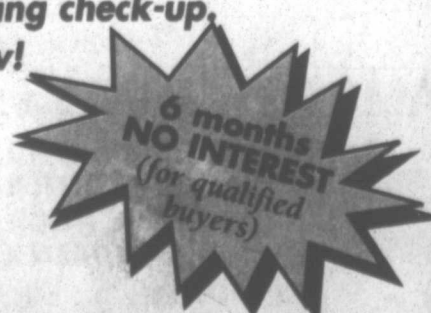
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PLC students, from left, Jarod Barrett, Stephen Hughes and Sarah Turner work on English literature assignments in a relaxed atmosphere. Barrett watches the movie, "Hamlet," Hughes works on a lesson package and Turner takes notes while watching "Star Wars."

Photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

PLC

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focus on improving student self-esteem while fostering individuality and enhancing social skills. Alternative schools are more flexible in organization and administration which allows for a greater variety in educational programs.

PLC serves an average of 65 to 68 students each year. In December nine students graduated with a high school diploma and six students earned a GED. Approximately 30 students earn diplomas or GEDs through the school each year.

PLC students have often dropped out of traditional high school or are at risk for dropping out. Many are teen parents.

"Everyone is here for a different reason," Steele said. "A lot of our students are disenfranchised. Quite a

number of them have been bullied."

"The majority of our kids didn't feel they belonged anywhere," said Carrie Johnson, who teaches English at PLC.

PLC's approach to education could be described as holistic, addressing the overall rather than just one part of a situation.

Staff members meet each week to discuss students' difficulties and needs. They plan new strategies to help the students meet these challenges.

"It's an important part of our individualized self-paced approach," Steele said.

"We do life skills, not just academic," Wheeley added. "We teach job skills and hold career clinics. That's a big part of what we can do."

Students work at their own pace, but must complete the same curriculum as other high school students in the district to graduate.

"They're getting what they need," Johnson said. "It's not watered down at all."

PLC students are there because they want to be, Steele said. Unlike some alternative schools in Texas, he said, PLC is not a school where students with behavioral problems are placed.

PLC teachers are also there because they want to be, he said. The staff includes four full-time educators and three part-time. In addition to Wheeley and Johnson, there's math teacher Lori Beesley and Billie Sue Evans-Lightfoot who teaches English and government.

Margaret Williams came out of retirement to teach science. Janyth Bowers teaches business education and physical education. Virginia Holwick prepares students to take GED exams and teaches homebound students.

All of the teachers prepare students for TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills).

PLC holds a satisfactory

rating, the highest rating allowed for alternative schools in Texas. However, if rated the same as traditional schools, PLC's test scores would qualify for recommended rating, Steele said.

PLC students can attend traditional high school functions such as the senior prom and graduation. They also qualify for many scholarships.

"Last year one of our graduates received the PCTA (Pampa Classroom Teachers Association) and Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship," Johnson said. "We have many graduates who go on to college."

Johnson and other members of PLC staff dedicate time and resources beyond teaching in the classroom at PLC. They are committed to helping their students achieve an education.

"We reach out to them in whatever means necessary," Johnson explained. "We visit them in their homes, places of employment, homes of friends — basically wherever we can get them. Often, just the fact that they know we care and came looking for them makes a difference."

PLC staff members say they find reward in the success of their students.

Recently, Steele received an e-mail from a mother who believes PLC helped change her daughter's life.

"You gave her a second chance," the mother wrote. "She has been drug free for two years this month. She enrolled in Phoenix University and has a 3.8 grade point average. She is about a third of the way of getting her associate's degree in business management. She actually has future goals. She has become a responsible young adult. I believe that you played a big part in that."

"I want to thank you for not judging her and giving her a second chance. You and the teachers at PLC are very special people. Thanks for being there and caring for

our kids."

Wheeley tells of a pair of young parents who not only received an education they can use to better their lives, but who also learned valuable parenting skills. She said she was rewarded when the young father's mother patted her hand and told her, "You must have done a good job."

But even more rewarding, she said, is when the father said that he had learned to "love my son and encourage him."

"How wonderful! You got it!" Wheeley remembered thinking.

"Where else could you have an experience like that?" she said.

"I think we're their cheerleaders," she said of her job. "I think a lot of what I do is helping (students) see that 'you're worthy, you're something of value.' You have to reinforce that for them."

No one knows just what PLC's future may hold, regardless of the program's physical location.

"I think it will grow and the GED part of it will grow because of the harder science standards and TAKS getting harder," Steele said.

And staff members like Wheeley will continue to be PLC's unofficial cheerleaders.

"It's here and it's needed," Wheeley said of the program, "and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Chisum

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\$1,240 per year.

The Meals on Wheels Association of Texas has said that the legislation, if passed and funded, will help home-delivered meal programs serve more people and reduce or eliminate waiting lists for Meals on Wheels.

Chisum has represented 19 rural Texas Panhandle counties since 1989 while Watson is a freshman Senator from Austin which he served as Mayor from 1997 to 2001.

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Ambulance

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

Monday, Jan. 22

8:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded 3 miles east of Pampa on Highway 273 and transported two patients to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

10:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

6:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Elm. No transport.

7:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.



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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,227,546	\$30,550	\$1,258,096
State Program Revenues	209,069	18,377	227,446
Federal Program Revenues	-	67,296	67,296
Total Revenues	1,436,615	116,223	1,552,838
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	576,535	45,442	621,977
Instructional Resources and Media Services	4,479	179	4,658
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,007	4,960	5,967
School Leadership	51,735	708	52,443
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	12,178	167	12,345
Health Services	4,598	76	4,674
Student (Pupil) Transportation	67,091	301	37,392
Food Services	-	68,833	68,833
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	73,924	236	74,160
General Administration	116,485	-	116,485
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	177,319	3,262	180,581
Data Processing Services	55,822	708	56,530
Debt Services:			
Debt Service-Principal on Long Term debt	-	80,000	80,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	10,596	1,760	12,356
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	6,000	-	6,000
Total Expenditures	1,157,769	206,632	1,364,401
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	278,846	(90,409)	188,437
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	1,000	-	1,000
Transfers In	-	24,239	24,239
Transfers Out (Use)	(24,239)	-	(24,239)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(23,239)	24,239	1,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	255,607	(66,170)	189,437
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	74,700	72,727	147,427
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$330,307	\$6,557	\$336,864

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Viewpoints

No chupacabra has ever been captured alive

Atlantis. Bigfoot and his cousin, the Abominable Snowman. The chupacabra. The Loch Ness Monster and related creatures in other bodies of water. UFOs full of aliens.

Are any or all of these things real? Or are they the modern-day version of dragons, mermaids and unicorns? Just about everyone knows what a dragon looks like. They can be found in literature of medieval and other distant times, and are illustrated on tapestries and other artworks.

But no one has ever found any physical evidence of dragons. No dragon skeleton or even just a few dragon bones can be produced to prove that these creatures really existed.

The same can be said of

mermaids and unicorns. People have heard of them and know what they're supposed to look like, yet no one has ever found any proof that they ever existed or exist now.

Atlantis is a place described by the Greek philosopher Plato in about 355 B.C. He described a wonderful place full of riches and knowledge, which sank into the sea one day with no trace left behind of its former existence.

Some people believe Plato made up the story to illustrate a point. Others say he was relating a true, historical event. Some have gone so far as to search diligently for the lost Atlantis, only to fail at finding positive, unequivocal evidence of the place.

Bigfoot is a very large,

very hairy humanlike creature which has been reported in a number of U.S. states, most often the Pacific Northwest.

Extra-large human-like footprints have been found, and recordings of strange calls have been made. A few videos purportedly showing the creature have been recorded, although some say these videos merely show humans in costume.

The Abominable Snowman, or Yeti, is also very large and humanlike, but is believed to live in the Himalaya Mountains. Some claim that bones of one of the creature's "hands" have been

found, but examination of the bones has not resulted in a positive identification of a new humanoid species.

The chupacabra is a vicious little beast which supposedly lives in Latin America and attacks and drinks the blood of livestock.

This creature is a relative newcomer to the list of legendary creatures, having been first reported in 1987 in Puerto Rico.

No chupacabra has been captured alive, and no dead ones or solid evidence of their existence has been found.

The Loch Ness Monster is a creature which inhabits a

large lake in Scotland. Some speculate that it is a survivor of a particular dinosaur species, the plesiosaur.

Although photos, video and eyewitness accounts of sightings of the creature exist, no one has found solid proof of its existence. Some of the photographic evidence has been found to be faked.

UFOs and their occupants, unlike the other creatures on my list, have been reported just about everywhere on the globe. Some say they are even mentioned in the Bible and are depicted in ancient petroglyphs of native peoples in several locales.

Once again, there are numerous eyewitness accounts, as well as photographs and video, of UFO sightings, some even claiming interaction to some

degree with the occupants of the spacecraft.

Once again, no one can produce hard, unarguable evidence proving once and for all that such things exist or have visited us.

Yet the beliefs persist, in spite of the fact that no proof can be produced, for each of these legends. Are the believers right, and the rest too skeptical?

Or is it just that humans feel a need to have at least one mystery in the world that flies in the face of modern science and knowledge?

I think we all need something left to wonder about, something that can't be either positively proved or disproved.

We all need a dragon to slay.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2007. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

'The trouble is that hardly anybody in America goes to bed angry at night.'

— George J. Stigler
American economist
(1911-1991)

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

In 1977, the TV miniseries "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

In 2005, former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died in Malibu, Calif., at age 79.

Ten years ago: A panel of experts gathered by the National Cancer Institute concluded that "each woman should decide for herself" whether to start having mammograms as early as her 40s — a recommendation that outraged the American Cancer Society.

Five years ago: President Bush proposed the biggest defense spending increase in 20 years. Kenneth Lay stepped down as chairman and chief executive of Enron Corp. Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan campaign; he was later murdered. John Walker Lindh, a U.S.-born Taliban fighter, was returned to the United States to face criminal charges that he'd conspired to kill fellow Americans.

One year ago: Ford Motor Co. said it would cut up to 30,000 jobs and idle 14 facilities in North America by 2012.



Trade deficits: Are they good or bad?

Two recent articles ought to give pause to current political and journalistic ignorance, perhaps demagoguery, about our international trade deficit. In a recent Wall Street Journal article titled "Embrace the Deficit," Bear Stearns' chief economist David Malpass lays additional waste to predictions of gloom and doom associated with our trade deficit.

Since 2001, our economy has created 9.3 million new jobs, compared with 360,000 in Japan and 1.1 million in the euro zone (European Union countries that have adopted the euro), excluding Spain. Japan and euro zone countries had trade surpluses, while we had large and increasing trade deficits. Mr. Malpass says that both Spain and the U.K., like the U.S., ran trade deficits, but they

created 3.6 and 1.3 million new jobs, respectively. Moreover, wages rose in the U.S., Spain and the U.K.

Walter Williams
Columnist

Professor Donald Boudreaux, chairman of George Mason University's Economics Department, wrote "If Trade Surpluses Are So Great, the 1930s Should Have Been a Booming Decade" (www.cafehayek.com). According to data he found at the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Macrohistory Database," it turns out that the U.S. ran a trade surplus in nine of the 10 years of the Great Depression, with 1936 being the lone exception.

During those 10 years, we

had a significant trade surplus, with exports totaling \$26.05 billion and imports totaling only \$21.13 billion. So what do trade surpluses during a depression and trade deficits during an economic boom prove, considering we've had trade deficits for most of our history? Professor Boudreaux says they prove absolutely nothing. Economies are far too complex to draw simplistic causal connections between trade deficits and surpluses and economic welfare and growth.

Despite all the criticism from abroad and the doom-mongers at home, the world finds our economy attrac-

tive. Just as we've been chomping at the bit to buy foreign goods and services, foreigners have been chomping at the bit to invest trillions of dollars in the U.S. Mr. Malpass says our 10-year government bonds yield 4.6 percent per year compared with Japan's 1.6 percent; our government debt is 38 percent of GDP versus 86 percent in Japan; and while Europe's debt to GDP ratio is not as extreme as Japan's, it's not nearly as favorable as ours.

Here's a smell test. Pretend you're a man from Mars knowing absolutely nothing about Earth and you're looking for a nice place to land. You find out that there's one country, say, country A, where earthlings from other countries volun-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Jan. 15**

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on honorable treatment for killed game:

Once upon a Neanderthal time, there probably was no greater cause for rejoicing than the sight of good ol' Dad dragging in the bloody carcass of a slain critter big enough to feed the entire family, from babies to elders.

But over the millennia, some people applied a spiritual dimension in their respect for the lesser creatures on the food chain that had to die to preserve others' lives.

Native Americans apologized to and thanked their quarry before killing

them. But heartless savages such as the 19th-century buffalo hunters didn't care. They left the prairies littered with the great beasts' rotting carcasses — a heartbreaking exhibition of arrogance to those who depended so heavily on the buffalo and were thankful to them.

Such disrespect for the Creator's furry children seemed intolerable to those who lived in harmony with life. Quarry deserved dignity.

Such thoughts arise when considering North Dakota state legislator Duane DeKrey, a Republican hunting enthusiast from the Pettibone area, and the legislation he proposed that would have required hunters to cover their kills with a tarp or something when driving them home or to the processor.

There, in a land where it's common

for hunters to flaunt their kills by tying carcasses to vehicles and driving along in triumph, DeKrey's vision of simple respect met a volley of criticism so withering that he withdrew his proposal, according to an Associated Press report.

His intentions had been honorable. "It's about keeping the testosterone lower when you're going down the highway and showing off your big buck," he said. And, he added, he sympathized with "a lady in Minot who said she was tired of her children being traumatized by going down the highway and seeing deer in various states of death."

DeKrey's effort might have been

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Charity bingo



Calvin Lacy of the Moose Lodge charity Bingo, presents a check for \$250 to Ellen Malone, director at Good Samaritan Center. This was done in memory of J.D. Roth, who with his wife Myra Jane, was a long time volunteer at Good Sam.

COURTESY PHOTO

Williams

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tarily invest and entrust trillions of dollars of their hard earnings. There are other countries where they're not nearly as willing to make the same investment. Which one of those countries would you deem the most prosperous and with the greatest growth prospects? You'd pick coun-

try A, which turns out to be the United States. As such, you'd be just like most of the world's population who, if free to do so, would invest and live in the U.S.

The late Professor Milton Friedman said, "Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself." Some people justify their calls for protectionism by claiming that they're for free trade but fair trade. That's nonsense. Think about it: When I pur-

chased my Lexus from a Japanese producer, through an intermediary, I received what I wanted. The Japanese producer received what he wanted. In my book, that's a fair trade.

Of course, an American auto producer, from whom I didn't purchase my car, might whine that it was unfair. He would like Congress to impose import tariffs and quotas to make Japanese-produced cars less attractive and available in

the hopes that I'd buy an American-produced car. In my book, that would be unfair.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

Opinion

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appreciated more in Texas, where hunters typically treat their kills with dignity, often hauling them discreetly in a pickup bed, as

motorists probably noticed — or not, as that was the goal — during this past deer season.

That which feeds us and gives us sport is part of life, and life deserves to be honored, not demeaned.

Here's a tip of the hat to DeKrey for advocating honorable treatment of game.

Events calendar

• **The Amarillo Museum of Art** will offer several classes and workshops for children, teens and adults starting in February and will host a visiting artist workshop series later in the spring. Classes/workshops will include Art Adventure, Drawing & Painting and Flower Power for children; Spring Break Camp for Teens; Focus on Clay, Copper Enameling, oil painting, acrylic painting for adults and more. Visiting artists will include Jakki Kouffman (Landscape Painting in Palo Duro Canyon); Connie Connally (Plein-Air into Abstraction); Chris Stanley (Potter Lost Potter Found); and James Watkins (Alternative Firing Methods). For more information or to register, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center**, 1601 W. Kentucky, has extended its on-campus enrollment period for the spring semester. The deadline to register for classes is now 4:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, contact CCPC at 665-8801.

• **The Jerry Jeff Walker concert** scheduled Jan. 13 at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo is postponed until Friday due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 378-3096.

• **Ten free flowering**

trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• **BSA Hospice** will offer a volunteer training and community education class in eight sessions from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 6-March 1 at 800 N. Summer. To register for the free training, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

• **Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension** will conduct "Beef 706" at Texas A&M University Feb. 7-9. The

program will focus on the steps involved with cattle from live evaluation to grid marketing to boxed beef fabrication. Beef 706 is a hands-on workshop that teaches beef quality management. It is free to both cattlemen and agents. For more information, call 669-8033.

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Do I have enough to retire?

I'm a busy person, how do I start saving?

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Intents

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#1 Martin '2', 467' from North & West line, Sec. 2,—,B&B, PD 10000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., Byrum, Sec. 4,B-1,H&GN, PD 10700', for the following wells:

#1304, 2500' from North & 2400' from East line of Sec.

#1404, 1900' from South & 1650' from West line of Sec.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Cimarex Energy Co., #1427 Byrum, 1800' from South & 700' from East line, Sec. 27,B-1,H&GN, PD 11200'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1627 Byrum, 577' from North & 1600' from West line, Sec. 4,B-1,H&GN, PD 11200' (BHL: 500' from South & 2200' from West line, Sec. 27,B-1,H&GN) Directional well

WHEELER (LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #2309 RN Byers Unit, 1550' from South & 840' from East line, Sec. 23,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 14000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & SILVER CREEK Morrow Chert) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1024 Zybach, 2141' from South & 1019' from East line, Sec. 24,A-4,H&GN, PD 16900'. Recompletion

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4 Reed '70', 2550' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 70,A-7,H&GN, PD 16000'.

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #4 Holmes '17', 1653' from South & 1970' from West line, Sec. 17,RE,R&E,

PD 14900' (BHL: 490' from North & 2299' from West Sec. line) Horizontal well

Oil Well Completions

HUTCHINSON (COBLE SHIRE Hunton) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Coble Shasy 'A' 63, Sec. 3,G,H&GN, spud 6-8-06, drlg. compl 7-5-06, tested 10-11-06, pumped 12 bbls. of — grav. oil + 75 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR —, TD 9600' —

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #7 Vollmert 'B', Sec. 9,—,BS&F, spud 7-26-06, drlg. compl 8-24-06, tested 11-20-06, flowed 108 bbls. of 49.4 grav. oil + 78 bbls. water thru 23/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 9676:1, TD 11300', PBDT 11030' —

ROBERTS (REYNOLDS CREEK Granite Wash) Latigo Petroleum, L.P., #1 Jacobs Tallahone 'A' 852, Sec. 8,D,EL&RR, spud 2-17-06, drlg. compl 3-9-06, tested 4-19-06, flowed 45 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1511, TD 9350', PBDT 8066' —

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1502 Kiker, Sec. 15,Z-1, J. Poitevent, spud 4-7-06, drlg. compl 8-12-06, tested 5-14-06, TD 14700', PBDT 13750' — Plug-Back (The Permit to Plug-Back had the incorrect Lease Name)

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Locke '57', Sec. 57,A-2,H&GN, spud 6-5-06, drlg. compl 6-20-06, tested 9-16-06, TD 11700', PBDT 11480' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #27 Hobart Ranch '50',

Sec. 50,A-2,H&GN, spud 9-15-06, drlg. compl 10-3-06, tested 11-28-06, TD 12850', PBDT 12681' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1362 Flowers, Sec. 61,B-1,H&GN, spud 10-7-06, drlg. compl 10-22-06, tested 12-14-06, potential 2808 MCF, rock pressure 2455 psia, TD 10900', PBDT 10807' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #8 Mendota Ranch '13', Sec. 1,1,H&GN, spud 8-3-06, drlg. compl 8-24-06, tested 9-29-06, TD 11328', PBDT 11116' —

HUTCHINSON (MEREX RESOURCES Granite Wash) Latigo Petroleum Texas Co., #3 Coble Shire 'A', Sec. 1,G,H&GN, spud 8-14-06, drlg. compl 9-6-06, tested 10-26-06, potential 1763 MCF, rock pressure 315 psia, TD 7532', PBDT 6722' —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Topper Oil Co., #A-2 E.B. Johnson, Sec. 32,Y,A&B, spud 8-20-06, drlg. compl 8-15-06, tested 11-17-06, TD 2750' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Producing Co., L.P., #3037 Hefley, Sec. 37,M-1,H&GN, spud 9-11-06, drlg. compl 10-5-06, tested 12-10-06, TD 13678' — (Samson drilled & completed this well. Devon took over operations after completion)

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, Inc., #2047 Hefley, Sec. 47,M-1,H&GN, spud 8-20-06, drlg. compl 9-7-06, tested 11-9-06, TD 13000', PBDT 12874' —

WHEELER (LOTT RANCH 14500') Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #1 Murphy '2', Sec. 2,—,BBB&C, spud 6-27-06, drlg. compl 7-27-06, tested 9-22-06, potential 2875 MCF, rock pressure 2514 psia, TD 14420', PNTD 14314' —

SWR #10 approved

WHEELER (SILVER CREEK Miss.) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1024 Zybach, Sec. 24,A-4,H&GN, spud 6-10-06, drlg. compl 8-18-06, tested 11-27-06, potential 268 MCF, rock pressure 1877 psia, TD 16900', PBDT 16670' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #2017 Stiles '17', Sec. 17,A-3,H&GN, spud 5-30-06, drlg. compl 10-8-06, tested 10-9-06, potential 1975 MCF, rock pressure 7014 psia, TD 16870', PBDT 16828' — Recompletion

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #2 Dobson Ranch '40', Sec. 40,A-3,H&GN, spud 8-31-06, drlg. compl 9-24-06, tested 10-25-06, TD 14050', PBDT 13921' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Ritzley '22', Sec. 22,A-3,H&GN, spud 6-20-06, drlg. compl 7-17-06, tested 9-18-06, TD 14010', PBDT 13900' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #8 Britt Ranch 'D' 5, Sec. 5,2,B&B, spud 12-8-04, drlg. compl 1-15-05, tested 2-28-05, potential 11264 MCF, rock pressure 4481 psia, TD 14850', PBDT 14850' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #8 Britt '6', Sec. 6,1,B&B, spud 6-21-06, drlg. compl 7-21-06, tested 10-11-06, potential 1734 MCF, rock pressure 2974 psia, TD 15650', PBDT 15154' —

WHEELER (THORNDIKE Atoka) RIO Petroleum, Inc., #E-1 Bailey, Sec. 92,A-5,H&GN, spud 11-9-06, drlg. compl 11-20-06, tested 11-20-06, potential 84 MCF, rock pressure 1993 psia, TD 12350', PBDT 11750' — Plug-Back

Duval Exhibit closing at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

CANYON — Don't Miss These Gems! The Duval Collection of spectacular gems and minerals, now on exhibit at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, will close on Jan. 29.

Thousands of visitors have now seen this spectacular collection, once housed at the top of

Houston's Pennzoil Building and rarely seen by the public. The collection consists of breathtaking specimens from around the world, all chosen specifically for their beauty, form and color.

The exhibit includes specimens of native copper, azurite, amethyst, selenite, and many others.

These gems and minerals give a sample of the astounding beauty created over millions of years.

Highlights of the exhibit include one of the world's largest "gem quality" turquoise nuggets and a magnificent cluster of transparent quartz crystals that weigh almost 2,000 pounds.

The exhibition was organized by the Houston Museum of Natural Science through a gift from Pennzoil-Quaker State Company with the support of Shell Oil Products U.S.

Funding for the PPHM exhibition was provided by TEXAS MONTHLY, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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This Week: Desert

Beating the Heat

Animals in the desert escape the daytime heat by hiding under rocks or staying underground in burrows and dens. They come out at night to hunt and explore.

Kangaroo rats never drink water. They get the water they need from the moisture inside the seeds they eat. Other animals also find water in the plants and animals they eat. Some drink from small desert springs.

The rare desert storm causes plants to burst into life. They quickly bloom and make their seeds before the heat dries them up. The seeds will stay on the dry desert ground waiting to sprout in the next rainstorm.

Packrats: Desert Historians

Generations of packrats live in the same nest sites. These animals spend their lives collecting seeds, rocks, bones, bottle caps — almost anything — and storing them in their underground dens. Some nests have piled up for thousands of years!

By studying packrat nests, scientists have learned how the plant and animal life of an area has changed over the years.

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand relationships among organisms and their physical environments.

Desert Food Pyramid

The desert Food Pyramid shows how the animals and plants in the desert all need each other to survive. It shows how it takes many, many plants to feed the herbivores. The carnivores eat the herbivores.

- Plants are called **producers** because they make their own food using the energy from the sun.
- Herbivores eat plants.
- Carnivores eat the animals that eat the plants.

What would happen if people removed the plants on several desert acres and built a large shopping mall there?

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know the organization of simple food chains and food webs.

CELEBRATE THE HABITATS OF OUR PLANET

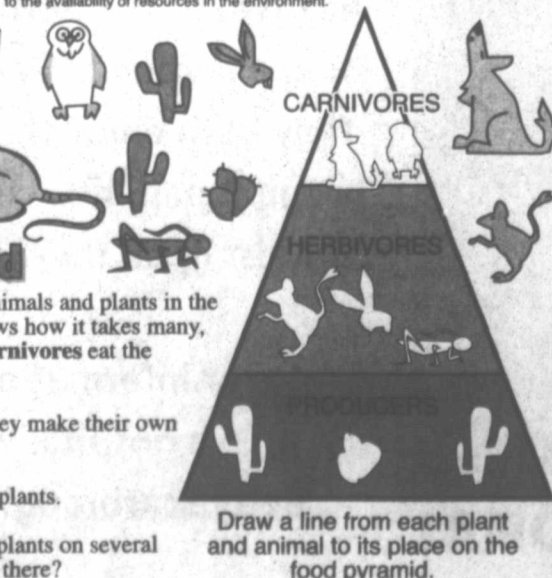
The Desert Habitat

The word *desert* comes from the Latin word "abandoned." If you visit the desert in the daytime, you might think it is abandoned. Actually, the desert is full of life.

Draw a line from each animal to its food, water and shelter. Fill in the answers in the boxes below.

1 Owl Shelter: _____ Food: _____ Water: _____	2 Bat Shelter: _____ Food: _____ Water: _____	3 Kangaroo Rat Shelter: _____ Food: _____ Water: _____	4 Tarantula Shelter: _____ Food: _____ Water: _____
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Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that an organism's behavior is related to the availability of resources in the environment.



Extra! Extra!

Desert Poems
Find words in the newspaper that start with each letter in the word DESERT and paste them on each line below. Together, the words should describe a desert.

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Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms or genres.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cactus Computers The numbers on each "arm" of the cacti equal the number on the center trunk. Use the math sign on the base of each cactus to figure out the missing number on each cactus.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems involving numeric equations.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ABANDONED	A D Y G R E N E H A
DESERT	S E R O V I N R A C
HABITAT	S N S T A R B I B R
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PACKRAT	C D L U I R R T T S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Producers, Herbivores and Carnivores

Collect newspaper pictures of animals and plants. Glue these pictures onto a poster divided into three sections: **Producers, Herbivores and Carnivores.** What will you call your poster?

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know ways in which organisms interact with one another through food chains and food webs.

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Write a classified house-for-sale ad describing a house for a desert animal. Be creative and include important details that the "buyer" might find interesting!

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Last summer, my family took a desert vacation. It was so hot, _____ were melting, and small animals had to hide under _____ for shade.

The motel we stayed at wasn't the greatest. All the pool water had evaporated, and it was filled with _____. Instead of an air conditioner, each room was cooled by _____ with fans. That didn't help much.

We decided to sleep under the _____ instead of our stuffy motel room. We heard a _____ coyote howling at the _____.

The most amazing thing we saw was a talking _____. It wore a _____ and spoke in a _____ voice, reminding us to drink lots of water.

When it began to _____ and sing about _____, we all knew it must be the heat playing tricks on us!

Standards Link: Grammar: Recognize and use nouns and verbs in writing.

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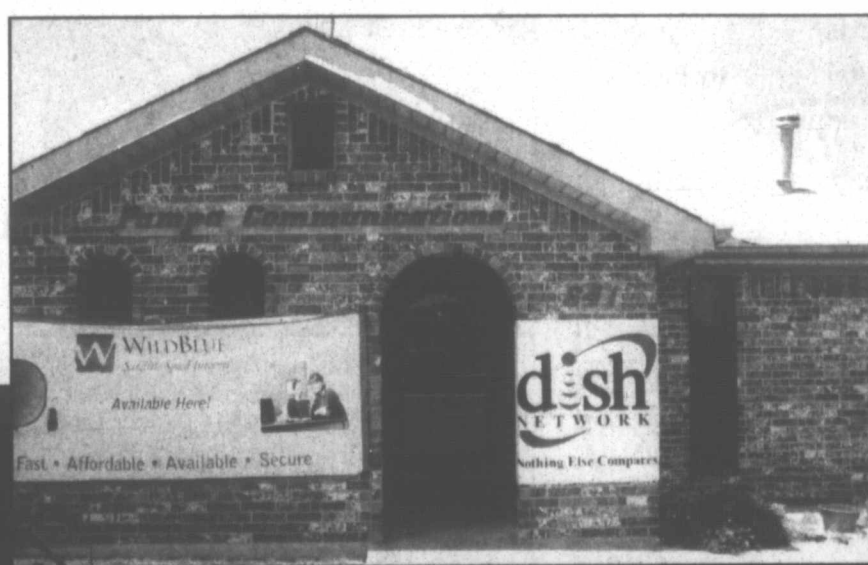
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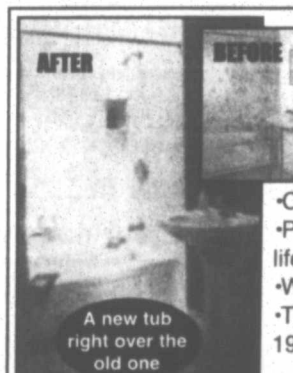
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 8, "Slightly Cluttered in Washington" wrote that, as a single dad, he is deeply involved with his children's activities. Then he described his relationship with his "ladyfriend" as "at a standstill" because he spends so much time with his children that his housekeeping isn't up to her standards. You complimented him on his parenting skills and advised that his kids should be sharing the chores. Your answer was right on, Abby. My children and I have always cleaned up together. But when there's a choice to be made, time with family always comes first. Before you know it, the "kids" are grown and gone, but there will always be housework to be done. That was my philosophy, and it has paid off. We invested in our children. Now they're paying us back by involving us in their lives and trusting us with the most valuable thing they have: our grandchildren. -- **HIGH-YIELD INVESTOR IN UTAH**

DEAR INVESTOR: I'm pleased your investment of time and love is paying off. Many readers commented on that letter. Some felt I didn't praise the father highly enough; others felt the ladyfriend's priorities were what needed reorganizing, not his home. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Why doesn't the woman he's dating pitch in? She could bond with the kids by joining them for a "cleaning day" on Saturdays, while Dad takes over another chore. She appears to be very disconnected from their lives. Maybe she could start bonding now, and bring cleaning into their lives by making chores fun -- like Mary Poppins. After all, to date a dad is to date his kids. -- **SIGRID G. IN L.A.**

DEAR ABBY: I grew up with a mother who was a neat freak. We kids had to clean the house every day, even when the week

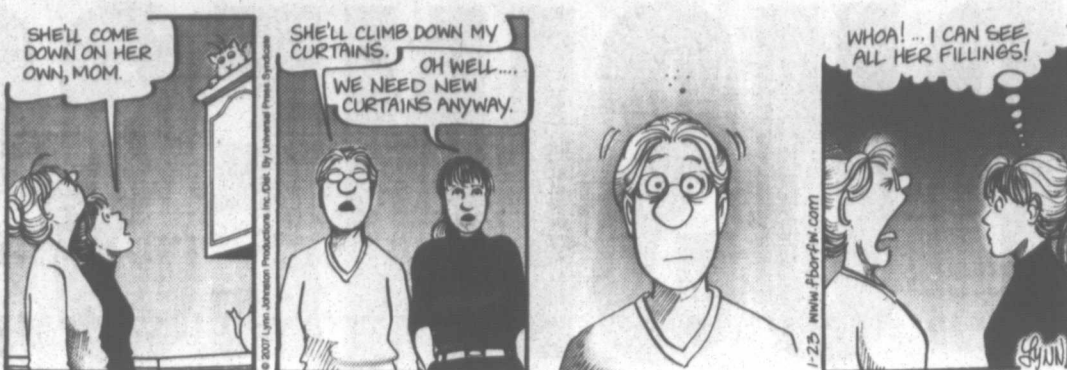
ly cleaning lady came. Our pets were imprisoned in the basement. We were allowed to bathe only once a week so the bathroom would be scum-free. If a book or a coat was left on the sofa for a minute, we were spanked. We grew up knowing our mother cared more for her fancy home than for us. Bravo to "Cluttered" for putting his kids first. Happy childhood memories are worth far more than pictures of a spotless home. -- **A.S.R., HOUSTON**

DEAR ABBY: That letter wasn't about getting the kids to help. It was about a selfish girlfriend who is obviously jealous of the time he spends with his children. Not enough parents these days take an active interest in their kids' lives. When those kids are grown -- and believe me, it goes fast -- there will be plenty of time to scrub and clean. -- **KAREN IN LA QUINTA, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I have another suggestion for "Slightly Cluttered." Dump the neat freak and find a woman who appreciates a man who works hard to support his children and be involved in their activities! A little clutter does not begin to compare with a responsible father, and I think your lecture to him was misdirected. -- **LARRY IN MANTENO, ILL.**

DEAR ABBY: I've been a single mother for 12 years. Since they were small, my kids have had "chores." They could pick up their clothes, put away their toys, keep their rooms clean, etc. They are now 14 and 15. I work full time and go to school online at night. They understand that this is a family house, and we all take care of it and do our part. When parents do not instill a sense of work ethic and responsibility in their children, the children will be the ones to suffer. -- **PROUD MOM, LIVINGSTON, TEXAS**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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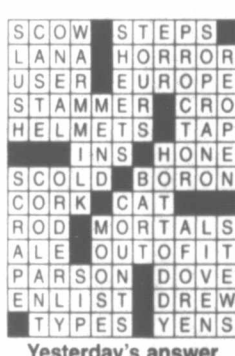
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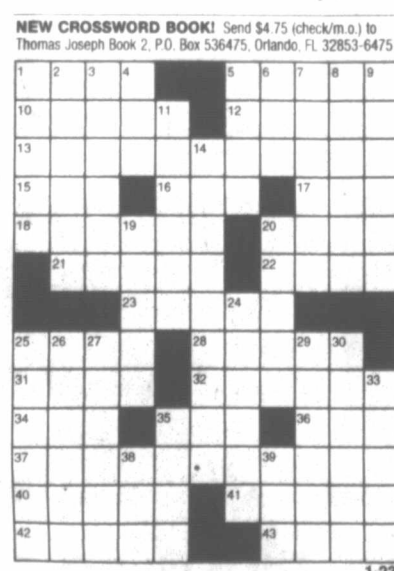
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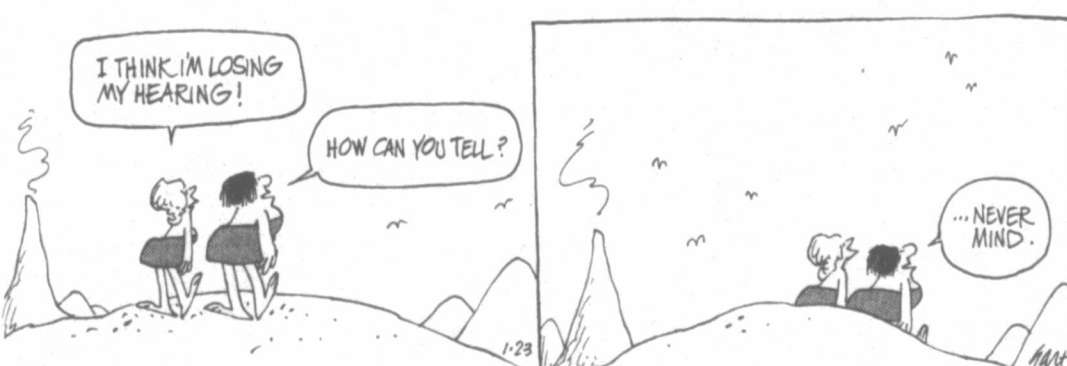
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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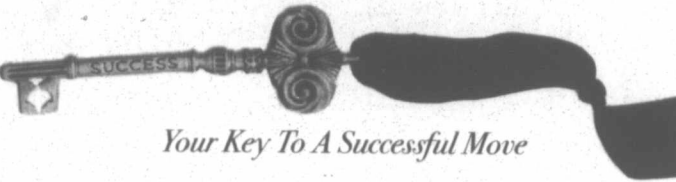


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Sports Day

Burns awarded Most Outstanding Wrestler at Vernon Red River Classic

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Coach Josh Cadenhead and the Pampa Harvester wrestling team traveled to Vernon over the weekend to compete in the Red River Classic.

At Vernon, senior John Burns was recognized as Most Outstanding Wrestler, the highest honor at the tournament, as voted on by all of the coaches.

Burns was 3-0, Champion

in his weight class (180), for the third time, having won his previous two visits.

Not only did Burns perform well at the tournament, but everyone on the team came home with a medal.

"I was really pleased with the way we wrestled," Cadenhead said, "I am proud of all these guys."

Freshman Steven Botello did well in his weight class (130), placing 3rd overall.

Botello competed in the Championship, but was defeated and awarded 2nd place, later to be challenged for 2nd place and defeated again.

"As I recall, Burns also placed 3rd his freshman year at the same tournament," Cadenhead said.

The rest of the team's results are as follows:

119 - Richard Leal - 1-2 5th place

130 - Steven Botello - 1-2 3rd place

145 - Jeremy Maxwell - 0-1 (only wrestled once due to injury)

152 - Robert Douglas - 1-3 6th place

171 - Garrett Fatheree - 0-2 5th place

180 - John Burns - 3-0 Champion, Most Outstanding Wrestler

285 - Jonathan Olson - 0-2 5th place

Bad weather stops Monday night's basketball games

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

There were several basketball games scheduled to take place on Monday night that were unable to be played due to unsuitable weather.

The freshmen girls were to travel to Dumas, and the junior high teams were set to go to Canyon.

The junior high boys game has been postponed rather than canceled, and will take place on Saturday.

All other games scheduled for Monday will not be replayed.

Tonight, varsity and JV boys and girls will travel to Dumas as scheduled.

"It will take one heck of a storm to keep us from going to Dumas," Pampa ISD Athletic Director Stuart Smith said.

The JV boys and varsity girls will play at 6 p.m. in Dumas, and the JV girls and varsity boys will go on at 7:30 p.m.

Serena resists Peer pressure, Last Week advances to semi-finals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams advanced to the semifinals of the Australian Open, overcoming a sluggish start Tuesday and a back-and-forth third set to beat Shahar Peer 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.

Williams has now won five consecutive matches for the first time since she won the last of her seven Grand Slam singles title here two years ago.

"I am the ultimate competitor," a relieved Williams said after the match. "I feel awesome. I'm excited to be out here ... I'm just so happy to be back out here competing."

The 25-year-old American dropped her first service game and was down the break for the rest of the first set, fending off a set point in the eighth game and two more in the ninth before Peer won it with a big first serve.

Peer had only lost one point on her own serve in the second set until 30-love in the sixth game, when Williams ran off four straight

points to go ahead 4-2.

The first four games of the deciding set took 34 minutes — four minutes longer than the entire second set — with Williams saving break points in the first and third games and then breaking the 16th-seeded Peer in the fourth.

But just when the former No. 1 seemed to have the match under control, Peer broke and got back on serve.

Williams faced double-break point in the ninth game, saving both with aces and then closing for a 5-4 lead with an other down the middle.

Peer broke again in the 11th game and the 19-year-old Israeli was serving for the match before Williams broke back and then held at love for a 7-6 lead.

In the changeover, Williams quickly flicked through a notebook. Whatever she read must have helped. She came out broke serve again, winning on her first match point when Peer curled a backhand out after 2 hours, 34 minutes.



Sophomore Matt Smith takes a jump shot in Friday's home game against district opponent, Randall. Smith and the rest of the Hustlin' Harvesters will travel and compete with the Dumas Demons tonight.

A Cowboy no more: Parcells leaves Dallas, retires from coaching

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead three teams into the Super Bowl.

He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Romo and a 3-4 defense.

Instead, a couple of weeks after a gut-wrenching playoff loss in Seattle, Parcells decided Monday to call it a career, ending a four-year

run in Dallas and a 19-year tenure in the NFL that produced two championships.

"I am retiring from coaching football," Parcells said in a statement. "I want to thank Jerry Jones and Stephen Jones for their tremendous support over the last four years. Also, the players, my coaching staff and others in the support group who have done so much to help. Dallas is a great city and the Cowboys are an integral part of it. I am hopeful that they are able to go forward from here."

Known for a gruff demeanor and colorful

quotes, Parcells leaves with the ninth-most wins in NFL history and a career record of 183-138-1. He was 34-32 in Dallas, counting two playoff losses. He had one year left at more than \$5 million on a contract extension signed last January.

"I am in good health and feel lucky to have been able to coach in the NFL for an extended period of time," the 65-year-old coach said.

Although he failed to make the Cowboys champions again, Parcells leaves the Cowboys better than he found it. The club went from three straight 5-11 seasons

before he arrived to making the playoffs twice in four years.

"His contributions to the game of football and to the NFL are immeasurable," team owner Jerry Jones said in a statement. "We will always be grateful for his dedicated effort and commitment to the Dallas Cowboys."

Parcells expected big things in 2006 and, thanks to the emergence of Romo, Dallas had a two-game division lead in December. Then the Cowboys lost four of their final five games, including the last three. The

capper came against the Seahawks after Romo bungled the hold of a short field goal with a little more than a minute left.

The going theory was that Parcells wouldn't end his career that way. The longer he waited to make an announcement, the likelier it seemed that he would return — especially since he was going to his office every day.

Then came Monday's statement via a morning e-mail. He didn't even hold one last news conference to entertain with old stories and witty lines.

But Parcells isn't exactly

rushing out the door.

"Bill will continue to come to work here at Valley Ranch throughout at least the end of this week, and we will continue to meet and address the present status of our team while also discussing the future," Jones said. "Clearly, we wanted Bill to return for next season, but I am completely understanding and respectful of his decision to retire from coaching."

A team spokesman said Jones and Parcells will discuss various aspects of the organization — though not necessarily whom Parcells thinks should take his place.

Raiders make Lane Kiffin the league's youngest head coach

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

The Oakland Raiders hired Lane Kiffin on Monday night, making the 31-year-old Southern California offensive coordinator the youngest NFL head coach in decades.

Kiffin, the son of Tampa Bay defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, earned the job with a strong interview Monday after the Raiders failed to reach a deal last week with 32-year-old Steve Sarkisian, Kiffin's fellow assistant to Pete Carroll at USC.

The Raiders called a news conference for today to announce the hiring of their new coach.

Raiders owner Al Davis quickly moved to land another up-and-coming offensive mind with sterling college credentials, but just one season of NFL experience — as a defensive quality control coach with Jacksonville in 2000.

At 31 years, 8 months, Kiffin is even younger than Harland Svare, who took over the Los Angeles Rams in 1962 at 31 years, 11 months. Svare is listed by the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Web site as the youngest coach

in the modern era, though younger coaches — including George Halas — led teams during the league's founding years.

But Davis has ample reason to trust in young minds: Jon Gruden, Mike Shanahan and John Madden all succeeded as Raiders head coaches in their 30s — as did Davis.

Kiffin is 14 months younger than Madden was when the Hall of Fame coach took over the Raiders in 1969. Davis was 33 years, 6 months when he took charge of the Raiders in 1963.

Kiffin, a former Fresno State quarterback, is younger than at least nine players who finished the season with Oakland during its NFL-worst 2-14 campaign, including defensive tackle Warren Sapp, fullback Zack Crockett and receiver Alvis Whitted.

Coach Art Shell was fired after the season, and Davis apparently was determined to hire another young offensive-minded coach in the mold of Gruden, his last successful hire. Davis has fired three coaches in the last four years: Bill Callahan, Norv Turner and Shell, whose return to the Raiders lasted just one year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007:

This year you often appear to be an endless resource of ideas and solutions. Brainstorming will only add to the power of the thinking process. You will naturally attract many new people, as you always seem to be putting your best foot forward. You make a difference to many people. You are in a position to alter your life's course, if you so choose. If you are single, you meet people wherever you go because of your gregarious nature. If someone triggers your dreams, stop. If you are attached, share more with your sweetie, and you'll become even closer. ARIES likes to visit.

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) ★★★★★ Your efforts draw many. Success breeds more success and, in this case, popularity. Know what you want, yet encourage others to share their vision. You will achieve a long-desired goal through your relationships. Tonight: Just wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are in charge. This role suits you well. Many like your thoughts. Claiming your power doesn't mean being demanding, as you'll demonstrate. Your instincts guide you well. Tonight: Take some time just for yourself and maybe one other person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might be pushing yourself very hard. If you relax and go into your mind, you'll find that unusually resourceful ideas get you to the same place. Schedule a trip or a workshop in

the near future. Keep your mind alive. Tonight: Happy with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Read Taurus, and you'll know what responsibilities will fall on your shoulders. A key partnership adds joy and depth to any situation. A moneymaking venture might not be as good as it appears. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Step back and take an overview. Interesting input comes from those who feel free enough to share. Though at first you might decide someone is off his or her rocker, you'll see this person's logic later. In fact, that might be the right course. Tonight: Buy a best-seller or rent a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Having more meaning in your daily life becomes more and more important to you. If you feel that your work or life might not tumble into this category, consider a new direction. A partner or trusted adviser gives you feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to defer to someone else. You will see a whole new side of this person emerge, which you might like quite a lot. Let more creativity and romance into your life. Share a way-out dream or desire. A child could play a significant role. Tonight: Act like this is the first day of the rest of your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Dig into the trenches, and you'll achieve far more than you originally thought possible. Worry less about what is happening with a family member who might keep a lot to him- or herself. Try to be realistic. Tonight: Bring any extra work home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Though you usually don't hold back, certainly don't this time. Let your ideas just flow. Others might be enchanted and interested. By talking about your dreams, you are taking the first step in making them real. Tonight: Frisky works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might want to deal with basics, especially your emotional security and well-being. An investment might look great, but you are missing an important piece. Be careful with any real estate purchase or expenditure. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Whatever you do, in whichever direction you turn, you get smiles and support. The only error you could commit is not to share what is going through your mind. Others might feel left out, as it is obvious much is going on. Tonight: Visit over a meal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your instincts serve you well with finances. Also, an emotional matter might be best kept to yourself. In fact, the feelings might be more intense if you say nothing for now. Let your mind wander. Remember, you don't need to explain. Tonight: Order in.

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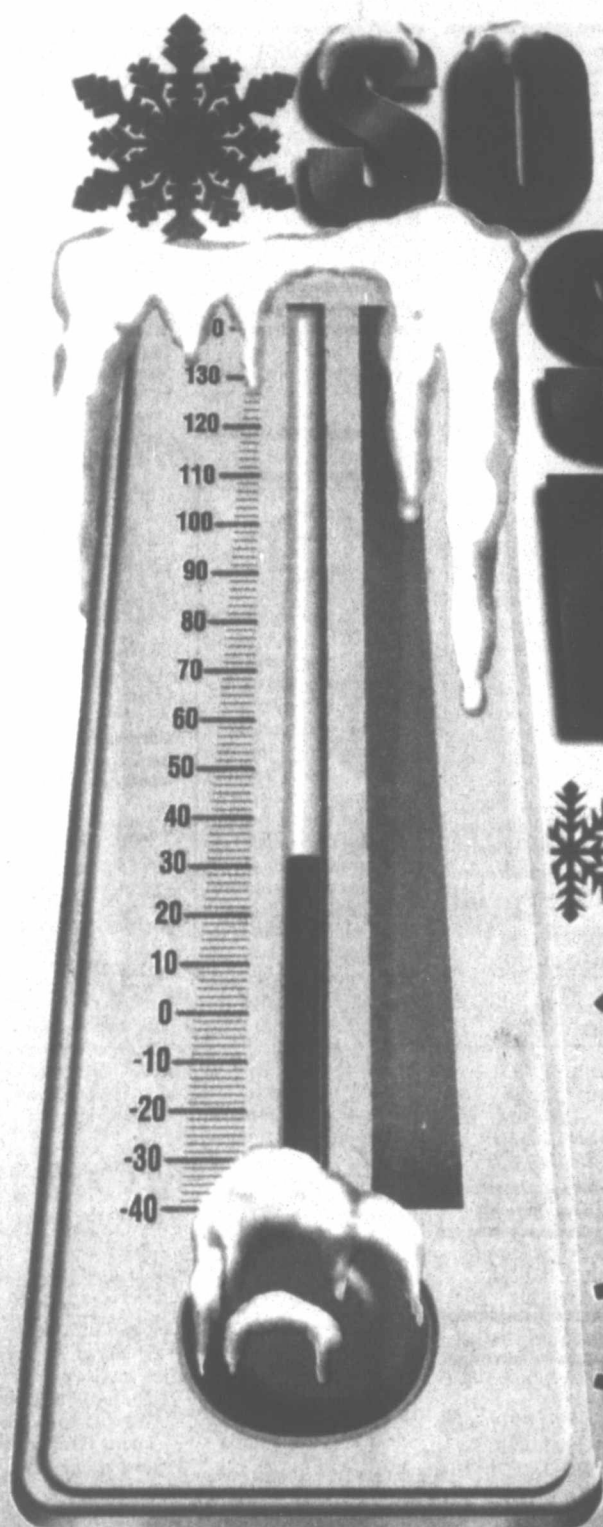
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