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Next three days to be wintry for Panhandle

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If you haven't already, get your winter coats out of your closets.

According to the National Weather Service office in Amarillo, Mother Nature will be bringing a frigid three days to the Panhandle, with a snowfall of three to four inches and gusting winds of 40 to 45 miles an hour.

"It'll arrive in vengeance tonight," said Steve Bilodeau of the NWS, who added that the snow is expected to come down between 6 p.m. tonight and 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The Panhandle averages about 19 inches of snow a year.

The snow will be accompanied by bitter cold, as tomorrow's low as of press time is projected around 4 degrees, with a Tuesday high of 8.

If those numbers hold true, the high temperature of 8 degrees would be a record low for that particular date, Bilodeau said.

"The old record was 10 (degrees)," said Bilodeau. "That was in 1893, so that would be a 117-year-old record that would be broken."

Negative wind chills would only add to the cold. Wind chill values are predicted to be as low as -27 on Tuesday night.

The cold snap comes in the midst of a warm winter for the Panhandle, Bilodeau added.

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staff photo by David Bowser
 Morning traffic on Somerville cut through a dense, icy fog that lay over Pampa today. Weather forecasters are calling for below zero temperatures and snow this week.

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GENESIS' GENESIS



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 Don Fletcher, flanked by Pampa Gold Coat Pat Montoya (left), Fletcher's wife, Betty, and Dr. John Nguyen, cuts the red ribbon that officially opens the Genesis Clinic at 107 West 30th.

New Pampa clinic hosts open house

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Don Fletcher cut the ribbon to signify the opening of the new clinic in Pampa on Monday morning.

Genesis Clinic Director Dr. James Hall told the gathered throng Monday morning that Fletcher and his wife were instrumental, not only in starting Pampa EMS, but also in starting the Genesis Clinic. He said that

Bill Buck of the Pampa Regional Medical Center also played a crucial role in establishing the new clinics in Pampa. The building is owned by the hospital. Hall said the clinics will open for business Tuesday.

Skellytown program to offer classes

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The Skellytown Senior Enrichment Program will be introducing new activities and programs as its second month of operation begins.

Two physical fitness classes will be offered to adults of all ages beginning on Thursday.

Classes will be offered free of charge and will be conducted in Room 16 at the Skellytown City Hall.

Adult Toning and Calorie Burning classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. These classes are designed for active adults and will provide cardio exercises that will increase the heart rate, tone the body and burn calories.

The Senior Stretching and Strengthening Class will go from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The exercises in this class are tailored for older participants and can be done while sitting. A physical therapist will be available for consultation.

Class co-organizer Stacie Furgason said that she and Ambryn La Deau were doing these classes out of their homes and were contacted by the

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Security background prepared Hargrove for career

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A native of Henrietta, Vester R. "Cotton" Hargrove is on his second career in Pampa.

At 72, Sgt. Cotton Hargrove is the jailer for Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, but it wasn't always so.

Hargrove's wife, Shirley, was from Pampa, and she wanted to move back up to the Panhandle after the couple got married.

They moved to Pampa in the late 1960s, and Hargrove went to work for what was then Ingersoll Rand.

It was while he was there that he became interested in law enforcement.

"I kind of got interested in it when

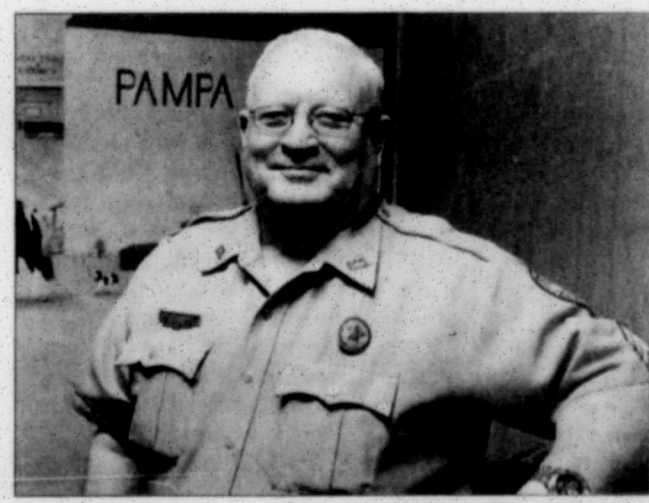
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I was working for Ingersoll Rand," Hargrove said.

The last 14 years he worked at the plant, Hargrove was in their security department.

He said he liked the last 14 years the

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PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 8 Low -4	High 11 Low 0	High 24 Low 11

Tonight: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy, with a low around 4. Wind chill values between -7 and -17. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of around 3 inches.

Tuesday: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 8. Wind chill values between -15 and -20. Windy, with a north wind around 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of less than 1 inch possible.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around -4. Wind chill values between -18 and -27. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 11. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 0. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 24. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I met my husband, "Monty," shortly after he lost his wife of 14 years. Monty has two dogs, but the one I have issues with is "Ginger."

I have never seen a dog act like her. Ginger acts more like a wife than a dog. She clings to Monty to the point he doesn't have any time alone. She'll sit outside the shower until he is done. If he takes a bath, Ginger sits on the edge of the tub. She runs to him when he gets home from work to greet him before I do. As she's running ahead of me, she looks back as if she's worried I'll beat her to him.

It's as if she thinks she's his wife! She sits next to Monty on the couch when we're watching television. I hesitate telling her to move so I can sit next to my husband because he treats his dogs like gold. His excuse? "They were here for me when my wife died." I'm sympathetic to that, but where do I fit in?

Ginger bullies the other dog by growling at her and bumping into her when the other one tries to get Monty's attention. I'm feeling jealous because sometimes my husband neglects my physical

needs and is more affectionate with the dogs. What do I do? — JEALOUS OF THE FOUR-LEGGED MISTRESS

DEAR JEALOUS: When Monty's first wife died, Ginger became the alpha female in the house. Your husband was depressed and lonely, and he allowed or encouraged it. It is now up to him to retrain Ginger so she learns to defer to you because your place is beside your husband — and not just on the couch.

If you haven't told Monty that you need a higher rank in the pack, do it now. And if he isn't willing to make some changes, including taking care of more of your physical needs, insist the two of you talk to a licensed marriage counselor. (And maybe to the Dog Whisperer.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college student who has been looking up friends from my past, ranging from elementary to high school. One of my close friends from elementary school was a boy named "Martin." We were close because we were sort of the outcasts of our class.

I recently contacted a friend who knew Martin. He told me that Martin

had become addicted to hard drugs and is now in jail. I have not been able to stop crying over this. Martin was the one who made me happy about school — a kindred spirit. I blame myself because I moved over the summer break and never got a chance to say goodbye to Martin. When I visited the school again, Martin came up to me, gave me a hug and demanded to know why I left him! We had been there for each other when others had not.

I know I can't change the past, but I feel if I had been there I could have stopped him from getting into the trouble he did. I can't think about our good times without being sad about his grim future. How can I get over this? — CRYING FOR A FRIEND IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR CRYING: Please stop blaming yourself for the path that your childhood friend chose. People do not become drug addicts because a friend from elementary school moved away. Whatever led to his substance abuse, it wasn't you. Because this has hit you so hard emotionally, make an appointment to visit your student health center

and talk to a counselor about your feelings of guilt.

While what Martin has done to himself is tragic, it's still not too late for him to kick his habit and straighten out his life. This has nothing to do with you, and you should not make it your problem.

Obituaries

J.C. Branscum, Jr., 43

Amarillo—J.C. Branscum, Jr., 43, died January 29, 2011, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011, in the Memory Gardens Mausoleum of Pampa, with Pastor David Crump of Calvary Baptist Church of Canyon, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Branscum was born January 1, 1968, in Pampa. He was a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School. Later he attended Texas State Technical Institute. He married Candy Stanley on July 6, 1991, in Pampa. He worked in the healthcare industry for many years with Georgia Manor Nursing home and Canyon healthcare as a maintenance supervisor. He liked to golf and playing ball with the neighborhood kids. The thing he loved the most was watching his daughter sing and perform. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Candy Branscum of the home; daughter, Chrissy Branscum of the home; five brothers, Ronnie Branscum and wife Barbara and Jimmy



Branscum

Fitzer, all of Pampa, Eddie Musgrave and wife Marsha of Flower Mound, Johnny Musgrave and wife Dana of Sanger, Rickie Musgrave and wife Terry of Grand Prairie; special cousin, Steve Gage of Amarillo and two uncles. J.C. was preceded by his father, J.C. Branscum, Sr.; mother, Hattie Branscum; one brother, David Hale; two sisters, Donna Fitzer and Brenda Branscum.

Memorials may be made to Loyal Order of the Moose, 401 E. Brown, Pampa, TX 79065.

Brenda Joy Buchanan Doss, 65

ROGERS, Ark.—Brenda Joy Buchanan Doss, 65, of Rogers, Ark., died January 28, 2011, at her home. She was born February 25, 1945, in Pampa, to Buck and Tonya (Porche) Buchanan. She worked for Wal-Mart in the jewelry department for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Eugene Doss of the home; two sons, Kevin Porche and wife Wendy of San Angelo, Marcus Doss of Texas; three daughters, Lynle Toler of Rogers, Ark., Misty Logan and husband Bradley of Rogers, Ark., nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Benton County Funeral Home of downtown Rogers.

Online condolences may be made at www.benton-countyfuneralhome.com.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Friday.

Police reported 24 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. Pampa Animal Control reported one medical call, and the Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Thursday, Jan. 27
Officers served as crossing guards in the 2300 block of North Primrose.

Firefighters made a good will call in the 1600 block of North Zimmers.

Officers reported a narcotics violation in the 700 block of North Russell.

Alarms were reported in the 300 block of South Jean and in the 200 block of East 18th.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of Ward.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1400 block of North Dogwood.

An alarm was report-

ed in the 1900 block of North Holly.

A theft was reported in the 2500 North Mary Ellen.

A theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Officers served as crossing guards in the 2300 block of North Primrose.

Identity theft was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 900 block of South Municipal Drive.

Firefighters launched an investigation in the 800 block of East Denver.

Friday, Jan. 28
A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of Starkweather.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Gordon.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Friday.

Thursday, Jan. 27
David Kent Cook, 49, was arrested by deputies

on charges of probation violation in connection with a driving while intoxicated charge.

Miriam Hortensia Arellano, 32, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery of a government document.

AXYDLBAAXR
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-31 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: IT IS TERRIBLE TO SPEAK WELL AND BE WRONG. — SOPHOCLES

BANANAGRAMS!

For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are both types of animals. For example, FLOORING becomes FROG and LION.

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CHLORATE
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Gunfire leaves two wounded

AMARILLO (AP) — Gunfire in downtown Amarillo has left two men in an SUV wounded, one person in custody and four police officers on administrative leave.

Cpl. Jerry Neufeld says investigators are trying to determine who shot the two men, leaving the driver with life-threatening injuries. No names were released.

Michael Manyoun of Amarillo was jailed Monday on charges of aggravated assault and evading arrest. No information was available on an attorney for Manyoun, who was arrested early Sunday at the scene.

Police were responding to a disorderly conduct call when officers heard gunfire nearby. Witnesses told police that someone in an SUV had been shooting at them and that somebody else returned fire at the vehicle.

Four officers opened fire on the SUV when the driver allegedly tried to run over them.

Yellow arrow for left turns?

ARLINGTON (AP) - Drivers making left turns at busy intersections across Texas could get some colorful, flashing help to stay safe.

The Federal Highway Administration wants cities and states to begin replacing solid green lights with flashing yellow arrows, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Monday.

A solid green light sometimes confuses drivers into thinking they always have the right of way, in spite of other traffic. The flashing yellow arrow makes it clearer that drivers must proceed cautiously before turning left, federal officials say.

The pilot project will involve selected intersections. Motorists wanting to turn left would first get a green arrow, as they currently do, giving them the right of way. Under the plan, the green arrow would switch to a steady yellow arrow, then a flashing yellow arrow, giving motorists permission to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic.

The flashing yellow arrow would then change to a steady yellow arrow, and then a steady red arrow, when turning is no longer permissible.

Superintendents meet in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) - School superintendents from across the state have a message for lawmakers in Austin: Make education a priority.

They're meeting in Austin today to urge the Legislature not to make public schools bear the burden of a massive state revenue shortfall.

More than half of the school districts in Texas - 529 - have signed onto a resolution asking legislators to make public education the highest priority when addressing the state budget.

Districts say proposed reductions in school spending, coupled with an already troubled school funding system, presents them with crippling

Ancestral land royalties sought

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - As many as 500 descendants of recipients of Spanish and Mexican land grants want state lawmakers to pay them unclaimed royalties from the mineral rights to their ancestral land, which eventually became Texas. The descendants' lawyers estimate the value is at least \$200 million.

They want state lawmakers to amend the state Unclaimed Property Act to give them access to unclaimed royalty proceeds from those ancestral lands. The descendants and their legal teams met Sunday in San Antonio to plan their strategy for righting what they regard as an injustice dating back more than a century and a half.

The royalties originally paid by oil companies have been sitting unclaimed in the Texas comptroller's office, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Sunday edition. Attorneys for descendants say the comptroller has at least \$200 million in unclaimed royalties, but information they have obtained through the state Freedom of Information Act show more than \$561 million is unclaimed, the newspaper reported.

Exxon profit up 53 percent

NEW YORK (AP) - Exxon Mobil earned \$9.25 billion in the last three months of 2010, its most profitable quarter since the record third quarter of 2008.

The largest publicly traded oil company said Monday that net income grew 53 percent in the fourth quarter as it produced more oil to take advantage of higher prices.

On a per-share basis, net income was \$1.85 per share. In the year-ago quarter, Exxon earned \$6.05 billion, or \$1.27 per share. Exxon set a record for quarterly net income by a publicly traded company of \$14.83 billion in the July-September period in 2008.

Revenue increased 17 percent to \$105 billion.

Social Security from a bigamist?

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate



Q: I only recently learned that I was married to a bigamist! I thought I just had a regular ex-husband. But now I'm not sure I ever had a husband at all. We were "married" for 15 years before getting a divorce several years ago. He recently died. And after that happened, I learned that he was married to two other women at the same time that he was married to me! Or to clarify that, he married the first woman and then left her, but he never divorced her. Then he married the second woman and left her, but he never divorced her and married me.

He told me that he was single when we got married. Am I going to be eligible for any of his Social Security?

A: I believe there is a pretty good chance that you will qualify for divorced widow's benefits (assuming you meet all the other eligibility requirements). The Social Security Administration normally follows state laws when it comes to marriage. In other words, if the state you were living in with Mr. Wonderful considers your marriage to be legal, SSA will consider it legal and pay you benefits on his record.

But even if there are some issues with the state recognizing the legitimacy of your marriage, there are other provisions in Social Security law that may help you. In a nutshell, those rules say that if you entered into the marriage in "good faith" — in other words, if you married the guy truly believing that he was single and not already married to someone else — they could consider you legally married for Social Security purposes and pay you divorced widow's benefits.

By the way, there is a chance some

of his other wives — or I suppose I should say "victims" — may also qualify for Social Security benefits on his record. But even if they do, you each would receive full benefits (i.e., you don't offset one another).

Q: In a recent column, you said that once you had 10 years of work, there was no point to working anymore for Social Security purposes. But I thought Social Security benefits were based on the highest 35 years of work and earnings. So wouldn't it make sense for a person to work and pay Social Security taxes for at least 35 years?

A: It certainly would make sense for a person to work at least 35 years. In fact, during their working lifetime, most people spend at least 40 or more years at jobs where they are probably paying into Social Security.

I'm sorry I didn't make myself clear in that prior column. I was talking about the basic qualification requirement for a Social Security benefit, not the amount of the benefit. Anyone qualifies for Social Security retirement benefits once he or she has 40 Social Security "credits." Because you generally earn four credits per year, that translates into 10 years of work.

In other words, once you've worked for 10 years, you are potentially eligible for Social Security retirement payments. And to meet that basic qualification requirement, it doesn't matter if you have 40 credits or 400 credits. If you have at least 40 credits,

you're locked into the system.

But because the amount of your benefit is based on your highest 35 years of earnings, then obviously, the more years you work and the more money you make, the higher your Social Security benefit will be.

Q: If I retire at age 58 in 2011, how much am I missing up my eventual Social Security benefit? In other words, I'm going to have several years of "zero" earnings just before I take my Social Security. That can't be good!

A: You shouldn't lose too much sleep over this. Your Social Security retirement benefit certainly won't be as high as it could have been had you kept working right up to the time you reach 62 — the earliest Social Security eligibility age. But it's not going to be dramatically less because of your early retirement. Your Social Security benefit is based on your average earnings over your highest 35 years of work. For most people, their "high 35" are the last 35 years of earnings.

That means your Social Security benefit will be based on your average wage probably during the years 1976 through 2011. Had you kept working until age 62, your benefit would have been based on your average wage from 1980 through 2015. That former time period (1976-2011) probably results in a lower average wage than the latter (1980-2015), which would translate into a lower Social Security benefit.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Hargrove

best, because he was in the security department.

"When I first went to work out there in 1968," Hargrove said, "it was Cabot Machinery Division."

The plant was bought and sold three different times while he was there, he laughed.

"I never did get laid off," Hargrove said. He started there in March of 1968.

"I retired with 23 years," Hargrove said. With his background in security and his interest in law enforcement, Hargrove said he applied for a jailer's job at the Gray County Sheriff's Office when Jimmy Free was Sheriff.

"He said he didn't need a jailer," Hargrove said, "but that if I'd go ahead and get my certification, he'd put me to work."

Hargrove took a week of vacation from what was then National Oil Well, went off and got his certification, but when he returned to the Gray County Sheriff's office, Free said he didn't need him.

"I waited until Stubblefield came into office," Hargrove said, "and he hired me."

Randy Stubblefield was elected Gray County Sheriff and served beginning in 1993.

"I lucked out," Hargrove said, "and they put me right to work."

Hargrove started work as a jailer for Stubblefield in December, 1994.

With a broad grin, Hargrove said he's seen a lot of interesting people come through his jail since then.

"We see more repeats than we do of anything else," Hargrove said. "It's terrible."

He said being a prisoner in jail can be depressing. "You spend your holidays up in here," he said, "and can't get out to see your family. It's not a very good life to live."

But Hargrove said he never lets things bother him too much.

"I never take my job home with me," he said. There's been one escape, but the inmate was soon recaptured and returned to jail.

Occasionally there will be a fight in the jail, Hargrove said. "They come in off the street," he said, "and they don't want to be housed with some of their buddies."

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But he said there are also those who straighten out when they're released.

"It makes you feel good when they get out," Hargrove said. "They'll come up and shake your hand and tell you they appreciate the way you treated them. A lot of times all these guys need is somebody to talk to."

Hargrove said that he's enjoyed his time working at the jail.

"If anybody wants a good job," he said, "it's a good job to get into."

Then with a grin, he added, "You've always got some customers coming in."

Classes

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senior enrichment program.

"They were looking for someone to volunteer," Furgason said. "We volunteered and they allowed us to have the adult toning class in there. There is just a need in the community to get out and about."

Furgason said people should participate in the classes because they are free and it can help keep in shape.

"The older men and women can keep their body tone and in shape," Furgason said. "It keeps them agile and can give them strength to do things like reach for a drink without help."

Lunch is served each day in the dining hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information on menus and meal delivery can be obtained by calling 848-2477 or 663-2277.

Weather

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Bilodeau also cautioned local drivers to be careful on the roadways over the next three days.

"Visibility will be down pretty low with 45-mile-an-hour winds and light snow," Bilodeau said. "It'll be blowing around quite a bit, making it hard to see."

A full three-day weather report can be found on page 2.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2011. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral. Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute suborbital flight.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of all the Confederate armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard.

Ten years ago: A Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands convicted one Libyan, acquitted a second, in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. (Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi was given a life sentence, but was released after eight years on compassionate grounds by Scotland's government.)

Five years ago: In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush declared that America had to break its long dependence on Mideast oil and rebuked critics of his stay-the-course strategy for the unpopular war in Iraq.

One year ago: The annual World Economic Forum concluded a five-day meeting in Davos, Switzerland, with widespread agreement that a fragile recovery was under way but no consensus on what was going to spur job growth.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 90. Composer Philip Glass is 74. Actor Stuart Margolin is 71. Actress Jessica Walter is 70. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 64. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 60. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 55. Actress Kelly Lynch is 52. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 52. Rock musician Al Jaworski (Jesus Jones) is 45. Actress Minnie Driver is 41. Actress Portia de Rossi is 38. Actor-comedian Bobby Moynihan is 34. Actress Kerry Washington is 34. Singer Justin Timberlake is 30.

Thought for Today: "We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing." *R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989)*



Educational Showcase an amazing success

Recently, Pampa ISD held its "First Annual Educational Showcase". It was a great event, with around 2000 people in attendance.

Teachers, parents, grandparents, board members, and community members were waking around listening to Kindergarten through 12th grade students explain what they have been learning in school. The students were so excited to have a chance to show and tell about their learning experiences.

What a great idea! As all educators are realizing, the quality of student work is the key to learning. If students are to learn and retain the information they are taught, then the work they are given to do at school must be engaging.

The showcase had many examples and demonstrations of engaging student work, and it was a joy to walk around and hear the students explain their various projects.

If we now know all students learn and retain information better if they are given engaging work, then it is imperative that educators, parents, and students recognize the qualities of engaging work.

For the last several years, Pampa ISD educators have been on a quest to understand and imbed these qualities into the work they design for students. Administrators and teachers from every campus have spent professional development time learning a variety of ways to make student work more engaging.

Our district has provided opportunities for its educators to learn from one of the leading researchers on this topic, Philip Schlechty. He has written several books on this subject, and in "Working on the Work," he states, "students are engaged when they are...attentive, persistent, and committed."

Furthermore, he believes all student work should include at least a few "design qualities" to make it more meaningful. In other words, when developing engaging activities for students, there are certain qualities that this work should include.

County Class



JILL FAUBION

Some of these design qualities are: product focus, affirmation of performance, affiliation, novelty and variety, choice, and authenticity.

According to Schlechty, student work that includes "product focus" could be activities such as oral presentations, written work, multimedia presentations, and exhibitions. He states that these activities help students see a clear connection between what they are doing and what they are expected to produce.

Another design quality that Dr. Schlechty promotes is "affirmation of performance". This could include performances, presentations, exhibitions, or demonstrations for others to see. Another example of "affirmation of performance" evident at PISD campuses is student work on display in hallways, classrooms, or in some way that peers, parents, and community members could all see and affirm. He teaches there is huge benefit to students when their work is observed by people significant in their lives.

"Affiliation" is another design quality that helps students become more engaged in their work. Schlechty's research shows students are more engaged in their learning when they work with others. Students working with a partner, a student group, a family member, an expert in a certain field, or an adult volunteer will often find their work more significant.

Another important design quality is "novelty and variety". This obviously includes a touch of the "unex-

pected". Dr. Schlechty encourages educators to use new and various types of technology in classrooms, and he recommends that teachers utilize a variety of presentation styles when delivering instruction.

Next, a very important design quality is that of "choice." Schlechty knows WHAT students are required to learn is determined by state expectations (in Texas, those are called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills...or the TEKS).

But he also recognizes students could and should be given opportunities to determine HOW they go about doing that learning. To provide "choice", teachers may assign "choice sheets," in which one page contains several activities, and students choose the activity that best represents how they want to produce evidence of their learning.

Teachers also offer "choice" by providing the learner options as to the sequence in which tasks are completed, or by utilizing learning centers or work stations.

"Authenticity" is the final design quality Schlechty encourages teachers to imbed in student work. He believes students will attach more importance to their learning when tasks have meaning and significance to their lives. He suggests allowing students to teach/share/present their learning and to invite guest speakers to school to discuss issues of importance to the students.

In addition he encourages the use of community resources to help students connect their learning with their own communities and with those in surrounding areas.

The students in Pampa ISD are benefiting from the implementation of these design qualities into more and more of their school work, which was evident at the Educational Showcase, as students demonstrated their learning with so much pride and enthusiasm. The Educational Showcase an amazing success!

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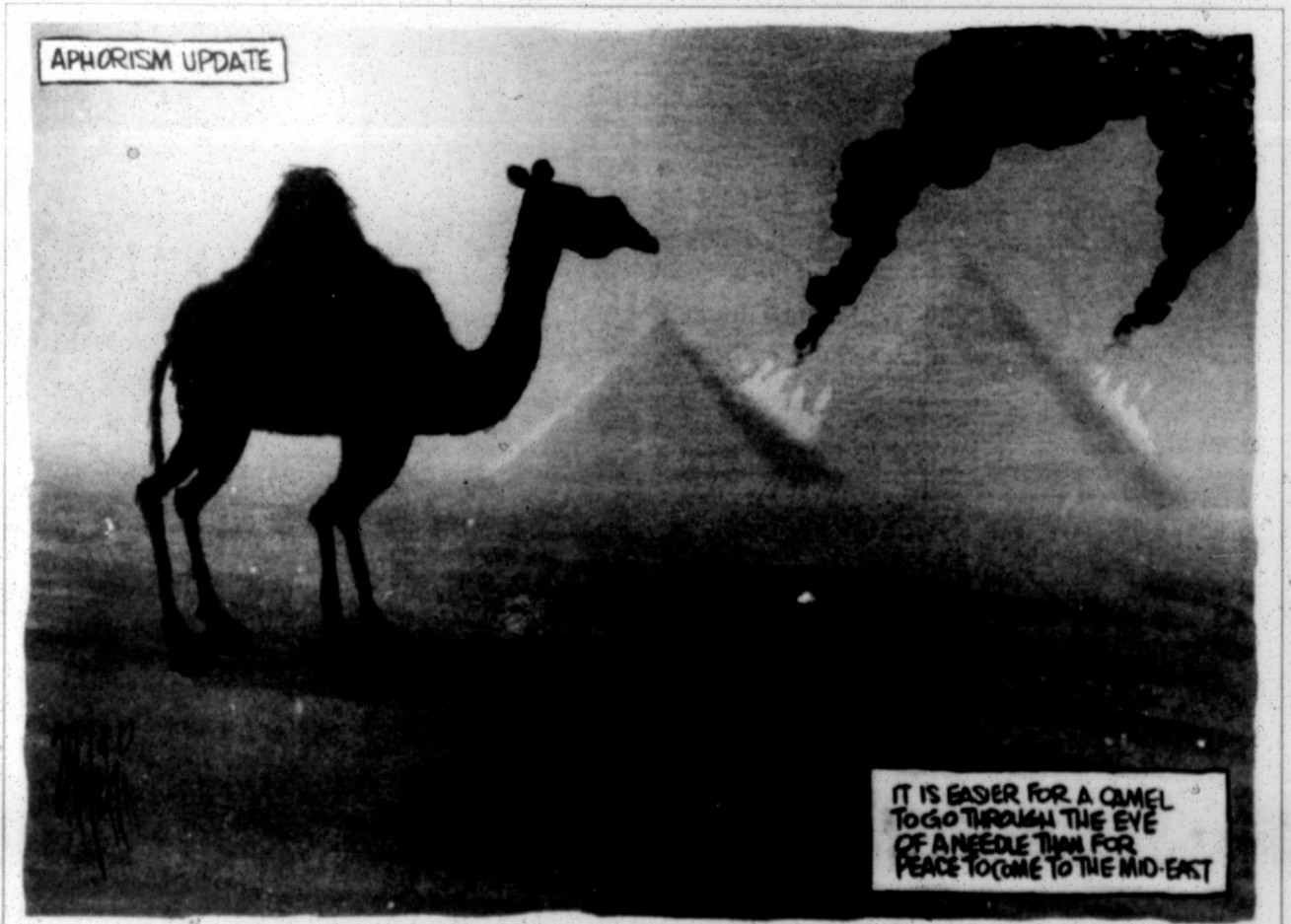
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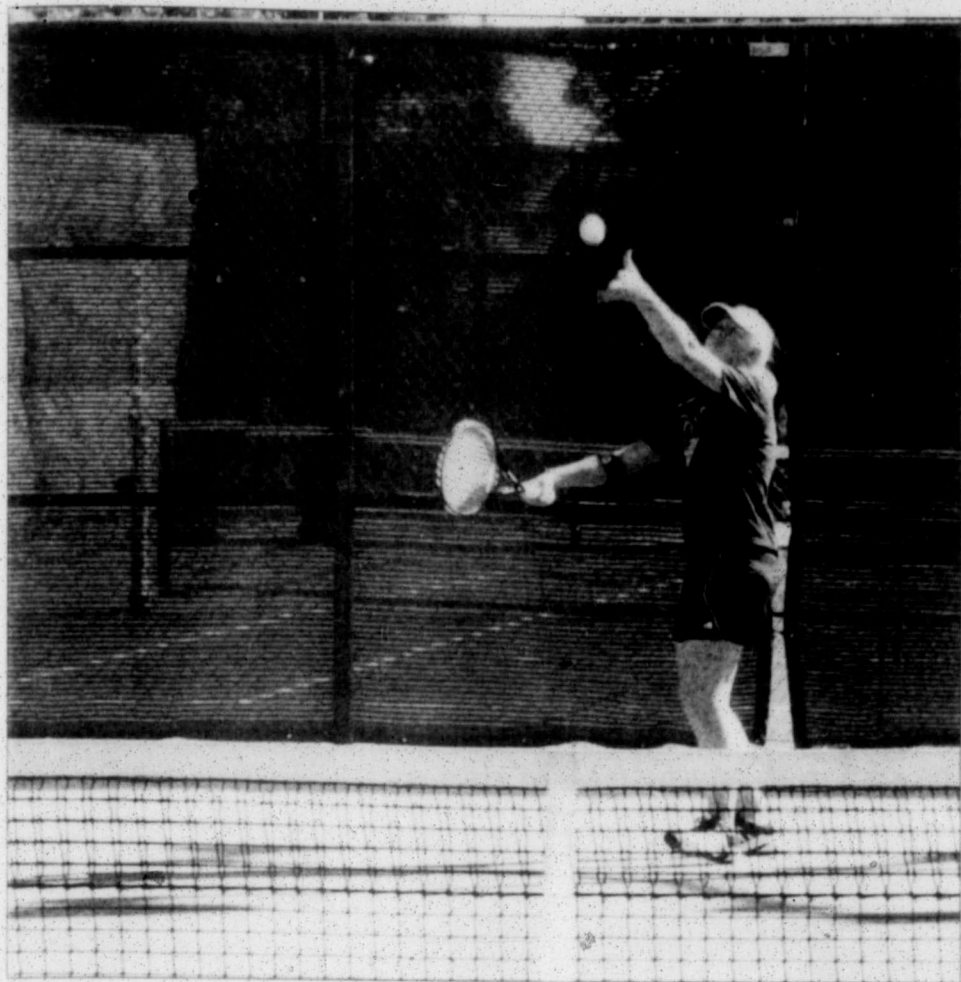
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Sports

PHS tennis finishes sixth in Frenship Tournament



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Holly Gage serves in a Oct. 5 match. Gage and her partner Aaron Silva (not pictured) won first in mixed doubles in the Frenship tournament last weekend.

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team opened the spring season with a sixth place finish in the Frenship Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Head coach Sarah Corse said she was pleased with how her team opened the season.

"I was pleased with the way the team played as a team," Corse said. "Individually, we had some great finishes."

Senior Holly Gage and Aaron Silva finished first in mixed doubles. Alex

Gutierrez and Maddie Fatheree finished 15th in girls doubles. Junior David Moore finished fifth in boys singles and Collin McClellon finished 15th. Sophomore Makyla Hampton finished fifth in girls singles. Camile Vallejo won first in the consolation of girls singles. Sophomores Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson finished seventh in boys doubles. Braden Russell and Landon Karbo finished 10th in boys doubles. Hannah Smith and Emily Hart finished 16th in girls doubles.

The Harvesters compete at Andrews February 4 and 5.

PJH 8th grade girls basketball teams win consolation bracket

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The Pampa Junior High eighth grade A and B girls basketball teams won the consolation bracket in their tournaments at Canyon and Westover Saturday.

The A team beat Perryton 32-18 at Canyon. Macie Loggins, Meagan Martinez and Allison Noble led the team in rebounds with two each. Ty Johnson led the team in steals with four. Madison Brown led the team in scoring with 15.

Pampa beat Westover 30-29 to win consolation. Brown and Caragan

Niccum led the team in rebounds with six each. Johnson led the team in steals with three. Taylor Eubank led the team in scoring with 15.

The B team beat Hereford 34-28 at Westover. Kiesha Daniels led the team in rebounds with eight. Kinli Thomas led the team in steals with five. Daniels led the team in scoring with 12.

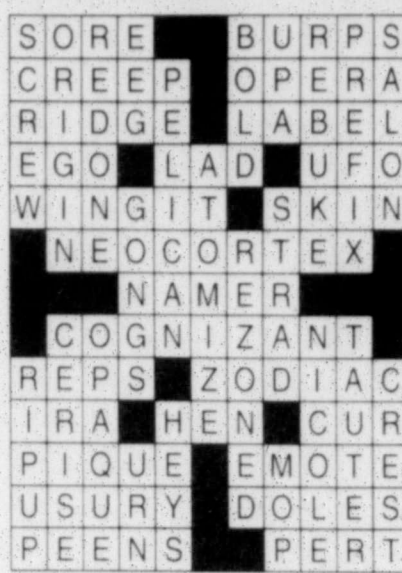
Pampa beat Borger 31-23 to win the consolation bracket.

Daniels led the team in rebounds with five. Samara Villanueva led the team in steals with three.

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

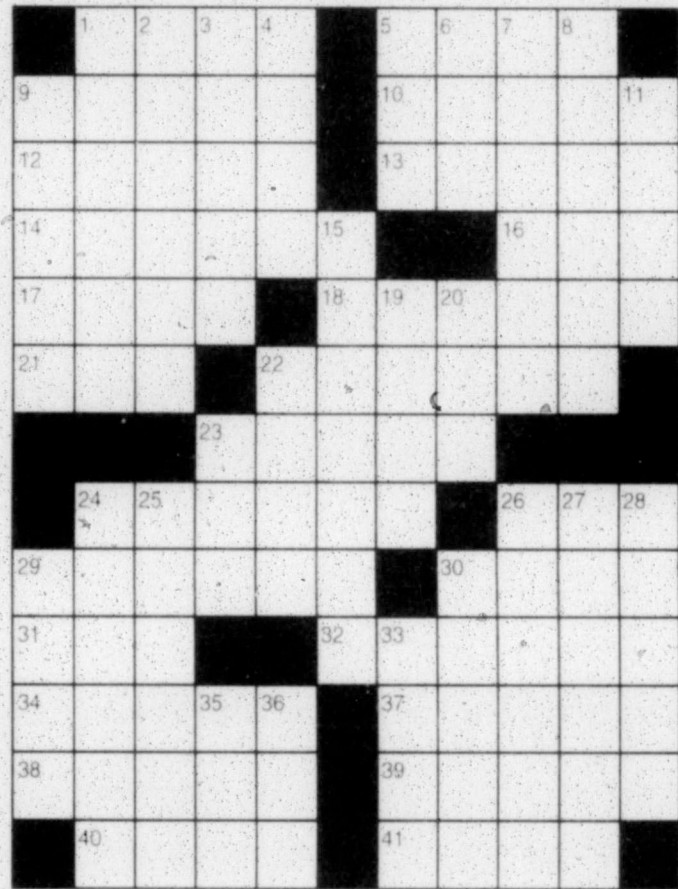
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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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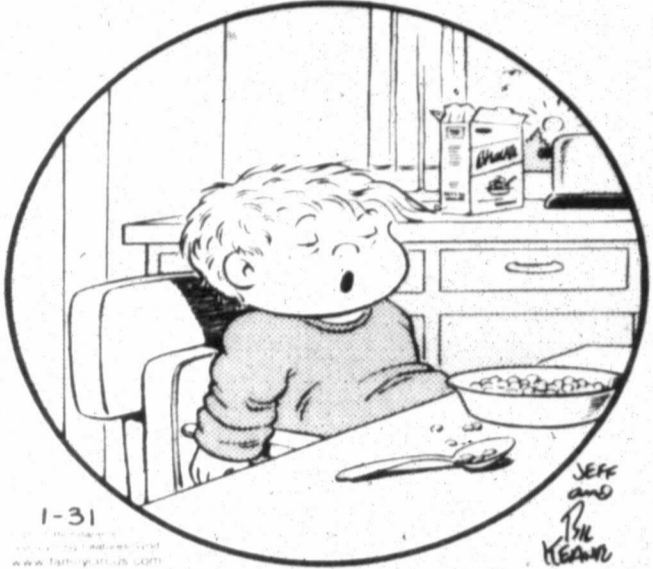
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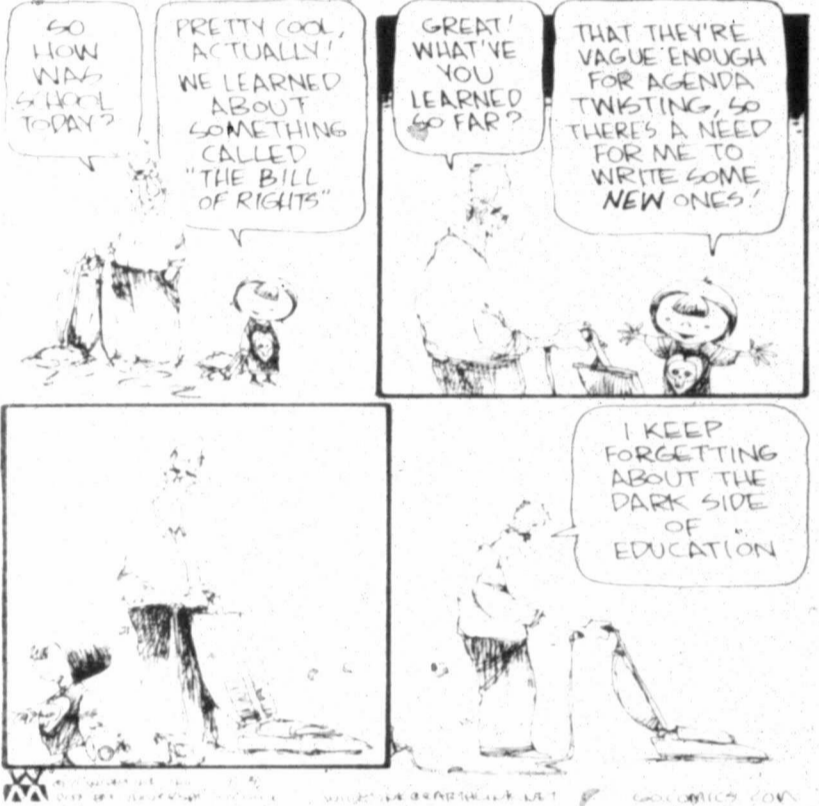
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I don't think my eyes were ready to wake up."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011:

This year, slow your very hectic pace and look around. See life from a different perspective. Your ability to understand others and see the end results of actions can only be enhanced. Center, meditate and/or do stress-reducing exercise more often. If you are single, you have a unique desirability, probably because you are somewhat withdrawn this year. Others come forward and declare that they want to be yours. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from honoring your deepest feelings. Also, frequent getaways together could be important. CAPRICORN understands you better than you understand yourself!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-No-no; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Others, especially a boss or respected authority figure, have great expectations. Can you meet them? Most likely. What is clear is your drive and desire to fulfill this need. Stop. How grounded are these projects? Tonight: Visiting with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Many people have great ideas. You might appreciate all the suggestions. Most of all, talking and sharing open up your mind to new potential and break down, or at least point out, rigid thinking. A friend could reverse his or her stance or plans at the last minute. Tonight: Working late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

A partner continues to demand a lot of attention. He or she wants to be more a part of the process. This person sometimes feels left out in the cold. As a door opens and new beginnings occur, realize that you might not totally understand his or her sense of isolation. Tonight: Relax with a good game of Scrabble, or do a crossword puzzle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Deferring to others must get tiring, but you might have little choice — for now. Unfortunately, those who take the immediate situation as being permanent will find out otherwise. A conversation with a key friend is important. This person is asking you to shed some light on a certain issue. Tonight: Share with a partner or best friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Completing tasks needs to be highlighted. You will have your share of disruptions, some of which you will welcome. Clearly, someone wants to brainstorm. Be

flattered, but make sure you want to indulge in this activity with this person. Tonight: Sigh — finally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your imagination could be funneled into what you are doing, or it could completely distract you from the task at hand. The choice is yours. Do work with an unpredictable partner who can be the source of a lot of problems. Tonight: Choose something soothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

As you see it, someone might be raining on your parade. You might not be able to focus on what you want until much later. Accept new technology, especially around the workplace. Let ingenuity filter in. Tonight: Live for the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Restraining yourself from saying what is on your mind can be costly, especially to your well-being. Withholding affects the topic or situation you are dealing with. Try verbalizing more often. No one has to always agree with you! Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Stay confident, share your ideas and deal with finances or the root of an issue. Be practical yet responsive to others' ideas, even if they are somewhat off-the-wall. Separate work from pleasure. Still, a wink goes a long way. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are in your element. Make the first move rather than stand on ceremony. Be open to a very positive change. An unexpected opportunity needs to be greeted, not shunned. Be sure of your finances before accepting any invitations. Tonight: Gather your bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might accomplish a lot if you remain behind closed doors. Note a hunch. This one might be worth following through on. Let understanding grow. Share more of your long-term goals with a trusted friend. Tonight: Finally, a second wind.

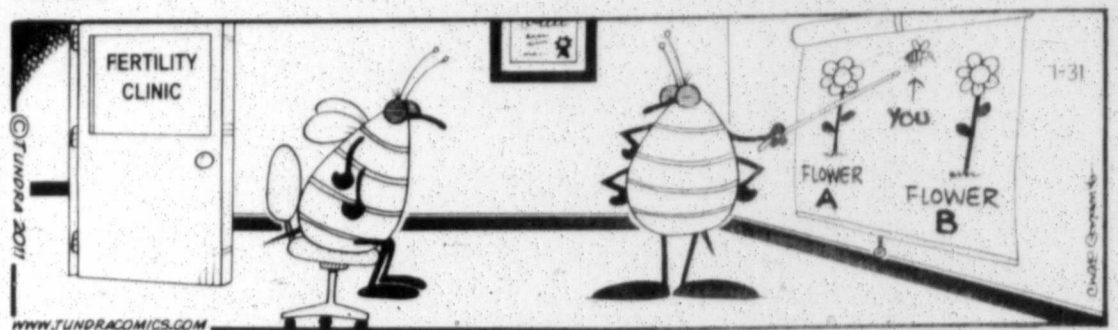
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Realize how close you are to succeeding or completing a major project. Meetings are instrumental. Reveal more of your off-beat thinking. Money gains are likely to be heading your way if you dot your i's and cross your t's. Tonight: Time just for you. You deserve it.

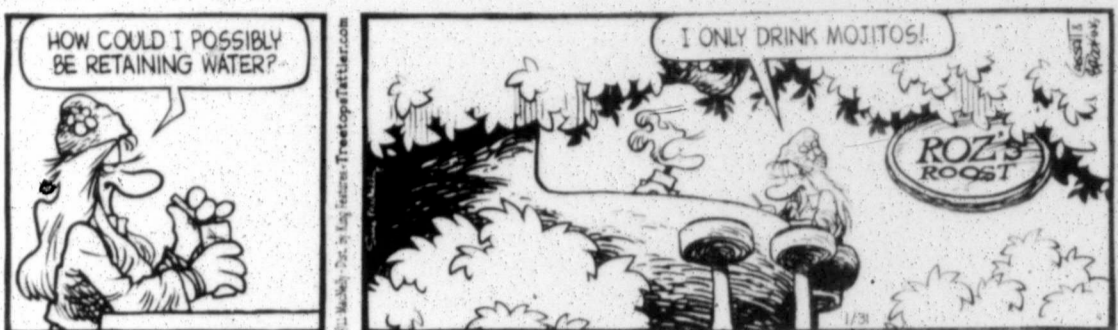
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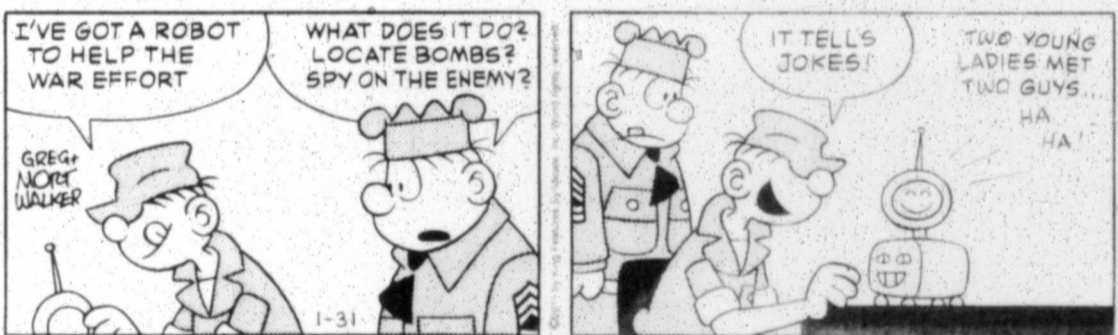
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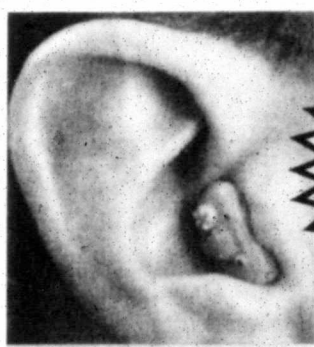
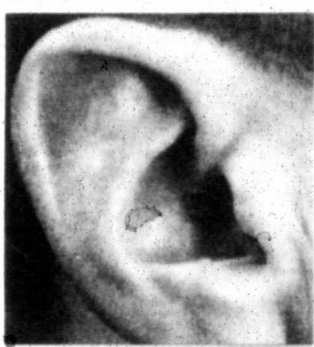


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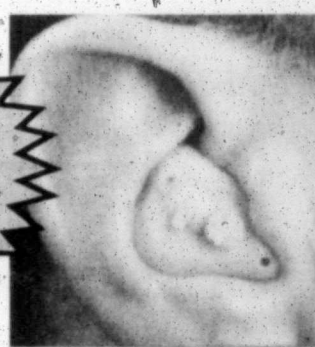


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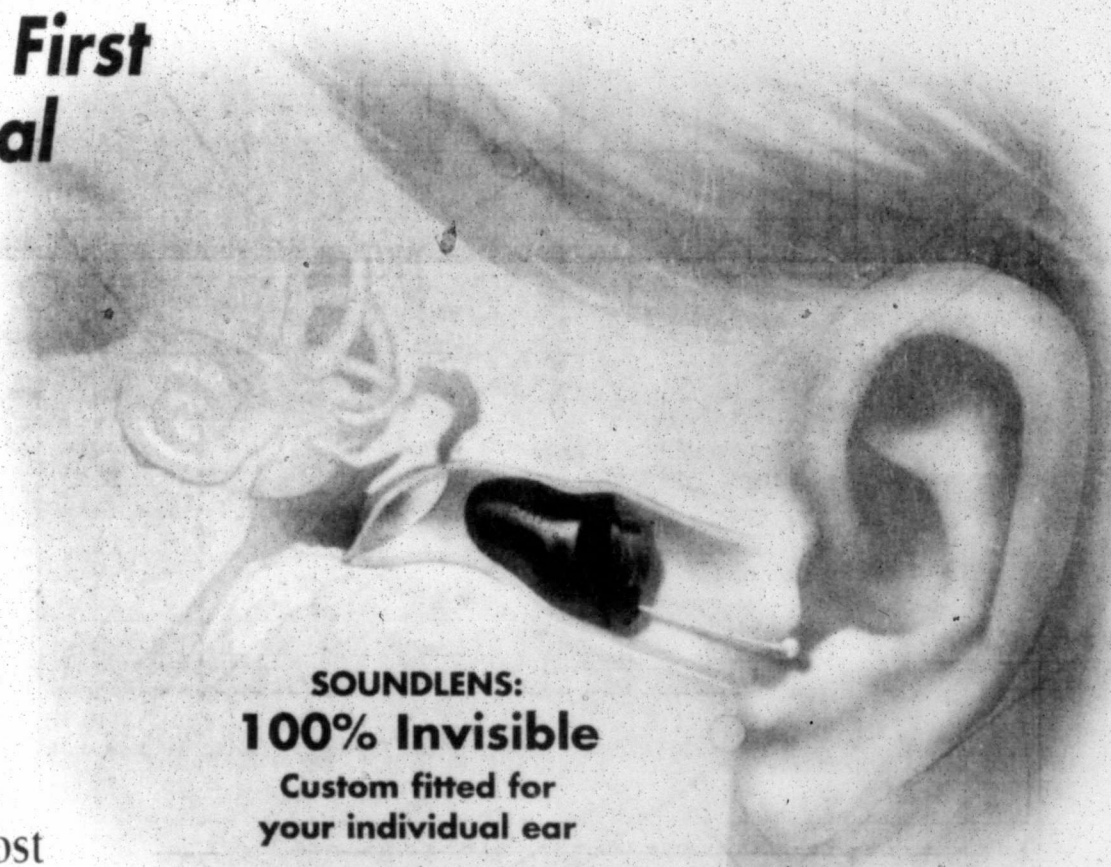


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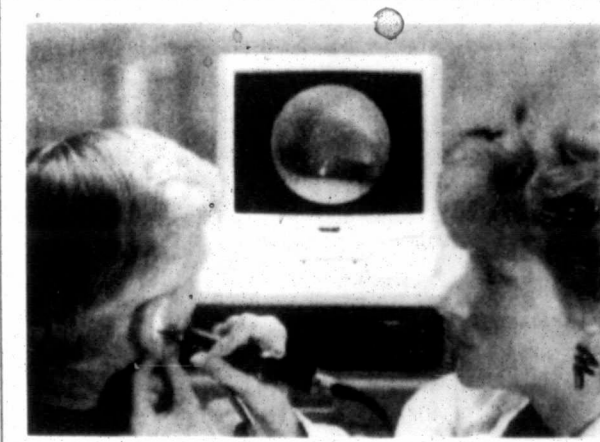
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