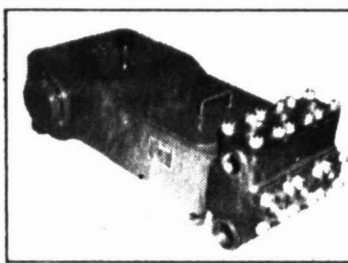


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High speed pursuit ends with wreck

BY MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A high-speed chase on Hobart Street Saturday ended with one juvenile female going to the hospital and three persons aged 15, 16 and 17 in custody. Pampa Police Officer Joey Williams was on patrol duty in the 200 block of North Hobart Street when he saw Joshua Magana, 17, 436 S. Hughes, drive into the parking lot at AutoZone, 320 N. Hobart, at about 6:30 p.m.

Williams pulled in beside the black Eagle Talon Magana was driving and called to him to stop his vehicle, because Williams knew there were three warrants for Magana's arrest, according to a Pampa Police Department news release by Lt. Fred Courtney. Magana left the parking lot at a high rate of speed, according to the release, and drove southbound on Hobart Street. He ran the red light at Hobart and Foster, and continued south to the intersection of Hobart and Highway 60, the release stated. Magana then tried to turn left, barely avoiding collisions with other cars in the intersection, according to the release. The vehicle then struck one of

the light poles near the intersection. Magana and the two juvenile males got out of the car and ran, according to the release. After a foot chase, Williams found Magana hiding beside a vacant building. Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Larue had responded to the call concerning Magana and located the two juveniles who had also fled from the wrecked car. The 16-year-old male and 15-year-old female were hiding in bushes on Lafferty Street. Williams discovered a 14-year-old female still in the car Magana had been driving. She complained that her shoulder

hurt, and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance. The 16-year-old male and 15-year-old female were taken into custody and charged with evading arrest. They were released to Gray County Juvenile Probation Office, and were then taken to the juvenile detention center in Canadian. The 14-year-old female was not charged with any offense. Magana was arrested and charged with felony fleeing in a vehicle. He had three outstanding warrants for no driving. (See PURSUIT, Page 3)

Weekend blaze destroys rural family's home

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

A house within a house created quite a challenge for local firefighters trying to battle the blazing structure this weekend. Shortly after midnight Saturday, the Whitney Oxley home on Gray H 1/2, south of Pampa, burst into flames. Pampa Fire Department firefighters reported they could see the fire coming through the roof as they drove up on the scene. Fortunately, the Oxley family escaped from the home. The house was destroyed,

however, despite the efforts of Pampa and Hoover firefighters, assisted by numerous other agencies. Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said the house's internal structure worked against firefighters trying to extinguish the fire. "It was a beautiful home," she said. "But it was a trailer house with a facade built around it, a roof built over it and several rooms built onto it. It was bricked halfway up on the sides." The add-ons left numerous pockets of space that protected the fire from the thousands of (See FIRE, Page 3)

Basket buddy



Reid Smith, 3, selects a pair of scissors and a glue stick during story time at Lovett Memorial Library today. After children's librarian Shanla Brookshire read about not letting a pigeon drive a bus, the class adjourned to tables to make collages from old National Geographic magazines.

PISD board calls special meeting

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet in special session at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, May 13.

According to the agenda, the board plans to reschedule a date and time to canvass the school board election results.

The school board will meet at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. No other items were listed on the agenda.

General: Prisoner abuse due to lack of troop oversight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army general who first investigated prisoner abuse in an Iraqi prison told Congress on Tuesday the mistreatment resulted from faulty leadership, a "lack of discipline, no training whatsoever and no supervision" of the troops. Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba also left open the possibility that members of the Central Intelligence Agency as well as armed forces personnel and civilian contractors were culpable in the abusive treatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison. "A few soldiers and civilians conspired to abuse and conduct egregious acts of violence against detainees and other civilians outside the bounds of international laws and the Geneva Convention," Taguba told the Senate Armed Services Committee. The hearing unfolded less than two weeks after photos surfaced showing some Iraq

prisoners forced by their American captors to assume sexually humiliating positions. Partisan politics flared during the session, when Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., accused President Bush's critics of seeking political gain from the uproar. He said the campaign of Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., had recently coupled a demand for Bush to fire Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld with a solicitation for campaign contributions. "I don't recall this ever having happened before in history," said Inhofe. Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., later chided Inhofe for political sniping. At the same time, Nelson challenged Taguba on his statement that Brig. Gen. James Karpinski, of the 800th Military Police Brigade bore responsibility for a breakdown in discipline that led to abuse. (See ABUSE, Page 3)

Looking for a mate



An American Avocet searches the shallows of a playa lake east of Pampa for brunch. The shorebird is found throughout the Western United States. It generally winters in Mexico and along the Gulf Coast of Texas. It summers in Canada, but breeds during the spring in the Texas Panhandle. The rusty red color of the bird's head will fade after mating season.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, May 7

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Pitts. A storage building was broken into. Two boxes of shotgun shells were taken for an estimated loss of \$100.

Theft under \$50 was reported at the police department. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of Duncan. Flowers were taken from a grave at Fairview Cemetery. Estimated loss was \$30.

Found property was reported at Optimist Park. A car key was found.

Lost property was reported. A purse was lost.

A black wallet was turned in to the police department. The wallet was found at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Slim's Saddle Shop, 859 E. Frederic. A saddle bag valued at approximately \$250 was taken.

Disruption of class was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of North Sumner. No theft actually occurred, according to the police report.

Saturday, May 8

Evading arrest or detention was reported in the 900 block of West Wilks.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. Method of entry is unknown. Taken were a wallet and several compact discs, for an estimated loss of \$1,160.

Minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 500 block of Atchison. A subject was cited in connection with the incident.

Charles Gaudalope Magana, 17, 436 Hughes, was arrested in the 800 block of West Brown for evading, no valid driver's license, failure to appear and disorderly conduct/language.

Christopher Jackson, 32, Amarillo, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road on capias pro fines for failure to appear and public intoxication.

Sunday, May 9

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. A cellular phone valued at approximately \$100 was reported stolen. A juvenile was identified as a suspect in the incident.

A report of false alarm or report was taken in the 1900 block of Coffee and 2100 block of Faulkner. A juvenile suspect has been identified in connection with the incident.

Found property was reported in the lobby of the police department. A black wallet and contents were found in the 300 block of North Hobart. It was returned to the owner the same

day it was found, according to the police report.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton. A window was broken to gain entry, and a billfold and wallet were taken, for an estimated loss of \$210.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 600 block of Christy. A license plate was taken off of a vehicle, for an estimated loss of \$54.

Timothy Proctor, 30, 1117 Crane Road, was arrested in the 1100 block of Crane Road for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Douglas L. Greer, 58, 2302 Alcock, was arrested in the 1200 block of Hobart for driving while intoxicated.

Jesus Torres, 18, Amarillo, was arrested at Crawford Street and Neel Road for fictitious vehicle registration, no driver's license, no insurance and no seat belt.

Eddie Lawrence, 23, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, expired vehicle registration, failure to yield right of way, violation of a promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 500 block of

Doucette. The victim was bitten on the back and chest. No injuries were reported.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the lobby of the police department. A license plate from a 2004 Chevrolet pickup was reported stolen. The license plate was later found and returned to the owner.

Monday, May 10

An information report concerning medical assistance/follow-up on a 911 silence or abusive call was made at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Theft of narcotics was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Oxycotin pills were stolen.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 200 block of North Wells. Taken was \$250 in cash.

Graffiti less than \$500 was reported at Central Park.

Lacey Deionn Crosby, 33, 1108 Neel Road, was arrested for warrants on charges of driving with license suspended, no driver's license, no insurance, failure to appear and following too closely.

Tuesday, May 11

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at One Medical Plaza. A window was broken on a 2003 Mustang, and \$20 in change was stolen. Estimated amount of damage is unknown.

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 10

12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

FIRE

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

Monday, May 10

7:56 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas leak in the 900 block of South Wells. A leak was found outside the residence. Firefighters turned off the gas at the meter and Atmos Energy officials were contacted.

8:56 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 700 block of North Nelson.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, May 7

1:12 p.m. — A 2001 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Ginger Ferguson Foster, 54, 1917 Williston, and a 1992 Plymouth Sundance, driven by Lindsay Marie Jennings, 17, 945 Cinderella, collided in the 2100 block of North Hobart Street. No injuries were reported. Foster was cited for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn.

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Williams	10.72	+0.43
MCD	26.65	+0.01
NOM	42.22	+0.44
Atmos	23.82	+0.14
Pioneer Nat	29.92	+0.22
JCP	33.00	+0.29
COP	72.30	+0.52
SLB	55.84	+0.38
Jenneco	12.43	+0.21
CVX	89.67	+0.50
Wal-Mart	55.28	+0.06
ORF	20.38	+0.13
NS Corp.	11.56	+0.15

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

QNY	45.49	+0.36
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Celanese	41.68	+0.04
Cabot Corp	33.37	+0.47
Cabot Oil Gas	35.14	+0.44
Coca Cola	49.55	+0.38
VLO	65.70	+1.10
HAI	28.73	+0.39
Trud	34.13	+0.33
NOI	26.16	+0.40
New York Gold	378.65	
Silver	8.75	
West Texas Crude	35.93	

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests.

Friday, May 7

James Matthew Caswell, 27, 2325 Chestnut, was arrested for two counts of issuing a bad check.

Sunday, May 9

Carl Dunn Jr., 23, 1981 County Road 24, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language and public intoxication.

Monday, May 10

Samuel Benjamin Woods, 25, Skelkytown, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Larry Dean Fernandez, 27, 1229 Foster, was arrested on bond surrenders for charges of prohibited substance in a correctional facility, failure to identify, evading arrest and resisting arrest.

Zwalyne Marcell Brown, 27, 218 Somerville, was arrested for evading arrest.

People come from all over to view Jesus image

ROBSTOWN, Texas (AP) — Religious pilgrims have come to this Coastal Bend town by the hundreds to glimpse an image of Jesus they say is weeping inside a wood-framed house.

The pilgrims were told that the tears were in response to prayers from a young grandmother for her critically disfigured grandson.

The Catholic Church has not yet investigated the claims.

In a small living room where Gloria Fino, 34, clutched a Bible to her heart, the cardboard print of Christ was displayed.

Fino, a Catholic, dabbed cotton balls against two streams of oily substance that trickled from the outside corners of the image's eyes. She gave them to visitors, one after another.

"I got to wipe the tears," Jamie Gonzalez, 30, said as she steadied herself on the porch with the walker she needed to enter the home. "It's just faith."

As the droplets continued to form, visitors took photos in hopes of capturing the mysterious fluid. Fino took the print off the wall, turning it around to show the back.

She said the droplets began to flow late Friday night. She had been praying for her 3-month-old grandson, Isaac Tijerina, who was born with his internal organs outside his body.

Isaac remained in Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and Fino said doctors' reports have not been encouraging.

"I'd been praying to Jesus to send him home," Fino told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Tuesday's editions. "He had a tumor the size of a volleyball that busted.

"If you're here and hearing me, give me a sign," was her request to Jesus, she told about 30 people in her home at noontime Monday. "At first there was a big tear just hanging there, not running. Just there in the corner of his eye."

University official makes recommendations for diversity

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas President Larry Faulkner is calling for sweeping changes in both curriculum and culture to make the largest student body in the nation a more welcoming place for minorities.

Faulkner presented recommendations Monday that he said should help UT graduates deal with a diverse, global community.

The recommendations follow a series of incidents that included the egging of the Martin Luther King Jr. statue and fraternity parties where blacks were portrayed in Jim Crow racial stereotypes.

Faulkner said the argument for cultural diversity has been "past-focused and guilt-focused," but the goal should be to look forward and prepare students for dealing with a larger world.

"I'm not so much of a Polyanna that I think we can alter the weaknesses of an entire culture. But we are an academic community, and it's our job to try and find methods that can be more effective," he said.

The changes include requiring undergraduate courses on multiculturalism, rearranging statues of Confederate icons on campus to convey the artist's original intent and delaying fraternity and sorority rush until spring each year to give students time to get their social and academic bearings.

Another recommendation, culled from the findings of the 15-member Task Force on Racial Respect and Fairness, calls for creating a high-level administrator dedicated to creating a more diverse university.

Some of the proposals could require the approval of the

University of Texas System Board of Regents, and the curriculum changes will probably require another 18 months, he said.

Last month, Faulkner incorporated a first-ever honor code for the 111-year-old university. Faulkner said he will work through the next few months with others to determine ways to weave the code into the fabric of campus life.

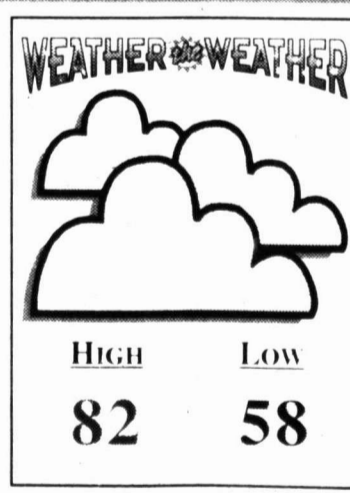
On a campus where 62 percent of the students are white, 14 percent Hispanic and 4 percent black, the reaction was mixed. Some minority students said the recommended changes are a start, but not enough to alter an environment that is sometimes cold and intimidating. Others criticized the list as an exercise in political correctness.

"If we're working towards a colorblind university, creating departments to promote differences countermands what they're trying to do," said Lauren Conner, chairman of the campus chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the lower 80s and south winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 50s and south winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.

Wednesday should see partly cloudy skies. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.



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Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the

morning. Highs in the upper 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 50.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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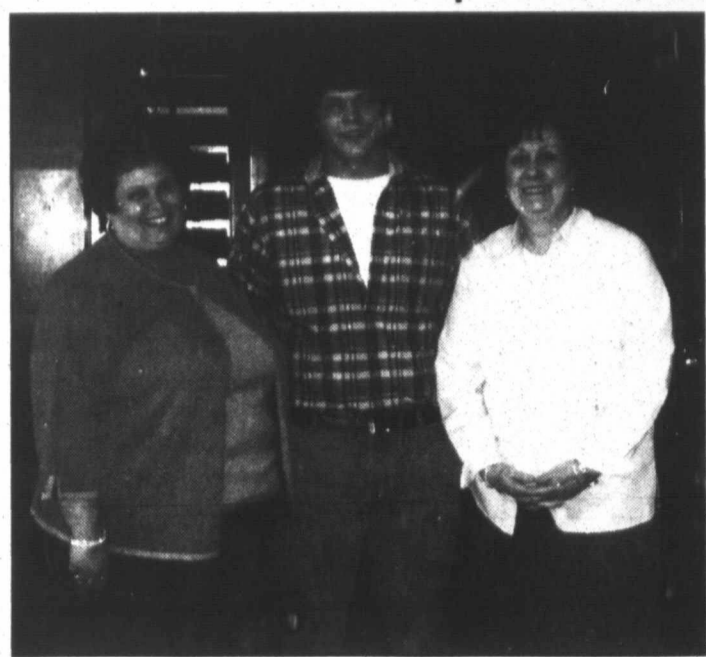
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PCTA Scholarship



(Courtesy photo)

Carrie Johnson, president of the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, congratulates Jerrod Carruth, this year's PCTA Scholarship winner, as Janet Abbe, PCTA Scholarship Chairman, looks on. The scholarship was presented at PCTA's Spring Banquet, May 6, at the Pampa Country Club.

Red Cross to sponsor summer swim classes

Gray County American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will be offering swim lessons all summer at the M.K. Brown Pool, 701 E. Kentucky.

Classes in the first session begin June 14 through June 25. Second session classes start on July 12 and continue through July 23 and the last session is scheduled Aug. 2 through Aug. 13.

Here are the class schedules:
June 14-25
 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. — Level I - ages 3 to 5
 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Levels I, I, II, II
 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Levels III, III, IV, IV
 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon — Levels III, IV, IV, V
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August 2-13
 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. — Level I - ages 3 to 5
 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Levels I, I, II, II
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Levels III, III, IV, IV
 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon — Levels III, IV, IV, V
 Each two-week session includes 30-minute classes each day for a cost of \$35.
 To register and pre-pay, go to the local Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.
 Classes must be paid at the Red Cross office before the session starts.

TDCJ hiring seminar set tonight at Clements Unit

AMARILLO — Current hiring opportunities and career benefits for correctional officers will be presented at a hiring seminar set for 7 p.m. tonight, May 11, in the "muster room" at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Clements Unit here.

To get to the unit, take Lakeside Drive (Loop 335) on the east side of Amarillo, go north to NE 24th Ave., exit and turn right. Clements Unit is on the left at the end of the road.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the benefits and retirement programs, explain job duties and answer questions. TDCJ is seeking candidates for both full and part time positions at several Amarillo area facilities.

Candidates must be 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent. A beginning correctional officer's pay starts at \$1,716 per month and progresses at intervals to \$2,589 after 96 months of service with the CO classification. A retirement program option is available as early as age 50 (with 20 years service).

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ABUSE

Taguba testified that tactical control of the Abu Ghraib facility had been taken away from Karpinski and turned over to a military police colonel. Karpinski retained control over other Iraqi prisoners in her command, and Taguba conceded that they remained largely free of abuse.

Karpinski, a general in the Reserves, has been suspended and issued an official letter of admonishment in connection with the abuse. She has not been charged.

Questions about ultimate responsibility for control of the Abu Ghraib prison also produced a disagreement between Taguba and Stephen Cambone, undersecretary of defense for intelligence.

Taguba said that control had been turned over to military intelligence officials.

Cambone said that was incorrect, and it resided with the military police.

Taguba said it was against Army rules for intelligence

troops to involve MPs in setting conditions for interrogations. Cambone said he believed it was appropriate for the two groups to collaborate.

Taguba also told the committee his investigation had not found "any order whatsoever, written or otherwise," that directed the military police to cooperate with intelligence forces at the prison.

Left unresolved was the central question of what Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller meant in recommending, shortly before the abuses occurred, that military police become involved in "setting conditions" for the successful interrogation of prisoners.

Cambone insisted it meant only that MPs tell the interrogators what the prisoners had been saying in confinement and otherwise "collaborating" with the interrogators. Taguba said he believed it meant applying more coercive techniques to prisoners prior to their interrogations.

Cambone and others told the panel that troops in Iraq were under orders to abide by

the Geneva Conventions, which dictate terms for humane treatment of prisoners.

"An order to soften up a detainee would not be a legal order, would it?" asked Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas.

"No sir," replied Lt. Gen. Lance F. Smith, the deputy director of the U.S. Central Command.

Taguba told the panel that his investigators had been told about participation by "other government agencies or contractors" in the abuse.

Other government agencies is a euphemism for the CIA.

Cambone was asked whether he had any knowledge of CIA involvement in the abuse at Abu Ghraib.

"There were people brought by agency personnel to that place. ... There may have been interrogations conducted by the agency personnel while they were there," he said.

The hearing took place while Senate leaders sought access to photos and videos of abuse not yet made public.

Officials said the plan was for all senators to have access to the material.

Any viewing by senators would be restricted to a secure room in the Capitol to protect against leaks that might violate the privacy of prisoners or endanger the prosecution of any military personnel charged in the case, according to several officials.

In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross said U.S.-led coalition intelligence officers had told it that up to 90 percent of Iraqi detainees were arrested by mistake.

A 24-page Red Cross report also cited abuses, some "tantamount to torture," including brutality, forcing people to wear hoods, humiliation and threats of imminent execution.

Aquifer study funded by USDA

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — Subsurface water along the Rio Grande and in far West Texas is the subject of a new research project by several universities.

The study, to begin in June, will gather groundwater data and data on drainage basin management and remediation as well as how to clean up contamination, said Kevin M. Urbanczyk, associate professor of geology at Sul Ross State University.

He said the study, funded by \$1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for

this year, will be spread among Sul Ross, Southwest Texas State, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University and Angelo State University.

Urbanczyk said Monday that a similar, USDA-funded study is being done by Texas A&M University and New Mexico State University.

Matthew M. Uliana, an assistant professor, told about 100 people at the Espino Conference Center that area aquifers are the focus of attention by businesses that want to make money.

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PURSUIT

Magana remained in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$3,000 bond, according to a jail spokesperson.

Several hundred dollars' damage was done to the light pole, signal and reflectors that Magana's car hit, and the car also sustained substantial damage, according to the press release.

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FIRE

gallons of water and foam poured on it, she explained.

"Apparently (the fire) got in the small attic area and started to crawl along, finally going through the roof. The roof collapsed onto itself," she said.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department brought approximately 10 firefighters and equipment to help, she said. Firefighters also used water brought by Gray County tanker trucks. Gray County Sheriff's deputies helped stage the trucks, some holding approximately 8,000 gallons and others around 3,000 gallons, so that firefighters had a continuous supply of water, she added.

As Lefors Volunteer EMS and Rural/Metro Ambulance personnel stood by, local Red Cross workers provided snacks, coffee and water for the firefighters.

Whitney Oxley helped by turning off the propane to the home, moving vehicles away from the building and directing firefighters as they battled the blaze.

"They apparently had only lived there a short time," the fire chief said. "He just kept saying, 'It's only stuff. I have my family and they're safe. That's what's important.'"

"He was a real source of strength for us," she said.

More than five hours later, Powell said, the fire was determined to be out and emergency workers cleared the scene.

"When we left, I thought there was no way there could be any more fire," Powell

said. "There were lakes of water and water was running out of the walls of the structure. It was so deep, the mud was trying to pull my boots off my feet."

But somehow, pockets of fire had escaped the watery onslaught. At 7:30 a.m., Pampa firefighters were called back out. This time, four units and 10 firefighters responded.

At the intersection of Barnes Street and the Lefors Highway, they could see flames leaping from the roof of the structure.

As they had done before, firefighters pulled walls down, removed furniture, took

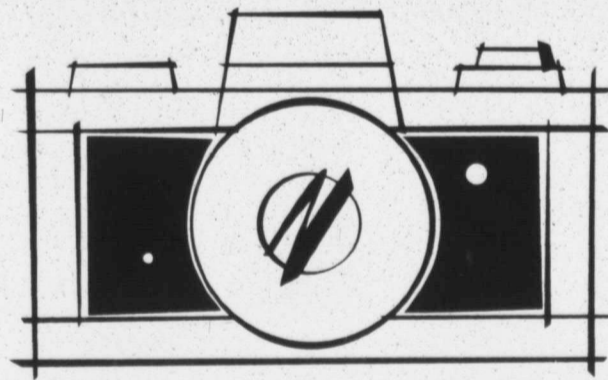
clothing out of closets in search of the elusive flames.

This time, firefighters beat the fire, but the home lay in ruins.

Powell said the fire began on the porch, possibly in a porch light; however, Gray County Sheriff's Department officials are conducting the fire investigation. Result of the investigation was not available at press time today.

"I know there's no such thing as a good fire," Powell said, "but the way everyone worked together, the cooperative effort, was really something."

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Better to look before leaping

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:
It's going to be hard enough for Texas legislators to make progress in the current special session on school finance. They don't need Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's political ambitions getting in the way.

Strayhorn apparently wants Gov. Rick Perry's job. She wants it so bad that she's already started campaigning for it, even though the Republican primary in which she could take it from him is still almost two years away.

The trouble is that her zeal for the political battle is so strong that it is interfering with the job she has now. That's a big problem.

Perry has offered up a plan for revising the way Texas funds its public schools. On April 19, the day before the special session began and well before a bill formally describing Perry's proposal was introduced, Strayhorn fired off a tirade against it. She called up an image of the tragic crash of the Hindenberg and said that the governor's plan would run up a \$10 billion deficit over five years.

Perry's proposal has flaws, no doubt. If it were perfect, legislators would have passed it and gone home by now.

But part of Strayhorn's job is to help the Legislature understand the numbers behind proposals like this. The analysis that she wrapped around her "Hindenberg" comment only led to confusion.

She had pointed out that the governor's proposal to eliminate the current "Robin Hood" funding plan, under which wealthy school districts must share their local property tax revenue with poor districts, would eliminate the \$2.88 billion in school money that would have been shared under that plan in the next two-year state budget.

But she failed to show any revenue from the statewide business property tax that Perry proposes in the place of "Robin Hood."

She gave legislators computer printouts showing how the school districts that they represent would fare under the Perry proposals. She said, for instance, that the Fort Worth school district would gain no new revenue.

To put it mildly, Perry's staff sharply disagreed. They pointed to several areas of the plan under which school districts would gain new money.

For instance, they pointed to educational incentives under which school districts would be given an extra \$100 for each student who moves from ninth to 10th grade. Did Strayhorn expect every Fort Worth ninth-grader to fail to reach that goal? By the time that a bill was laid out in a House committee on April 21 to describe the Perry plan, Strayhorn's staff was taking significant flak from legislators. She scrambled to produce a new analysis.

On April 22, she issued a written statement saying that "key elements of the funding proposals initially floated to the public by Gov. Rick Perry as his original education finance plan have been significantly changed" in the bill introduced in the House committee.

Perry's office said that there were no such changes.

Strayhorn also said that "drafting errors" in the bill were "being corrected behind closed doors by the governor's office." She promised that her staff would produce its new evaluation of the plan "once a final, final, final version of the measure is finally released."

Sounds like a statement from a woman with egg on her face.

The moral for Strayhorn: Look before you leap. Be politically ambitious if you want, but first and foremost do the job that the people of Texas elected you to do. It should not be your first goal to embarrass Rick Perry.

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A resolution offered to express the sentiment of the U.S. House of Representatives praising the vast majority of American troops in Iraq in the face of revelations of prisoner abuse passed overwhelming by a 365 to 50 roll call vote with a shocking 49 Democrats, including their leader Nancy Pelosi, voting no.

The resolution offered by Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) stated that those abuses "are incompatible with the professionalism, dedication, standards and training required of individuals who serve in the United States military, and contradict the policies, orders, and laws of the United States and the United States military and undermine the ability of the United States military to achieve its mission in Iraq."

The resolution Nancy Pelosi and such colleagues as Conyers, Waxman, Rangel, Hoyer, and Jackson-Lee refused to support simply said that the vast majority of members of the Armed Forces have upheld the highest possible standards of professionalism and morality in the face of illegal tactics and terrorist attacks and attempts on their lives; that "members of the Armed Forces have planned and conducted, frequently at great peril and cost, military operations in a manner carefully intended to prevent or minimize injury to Iraqi civilians and property; and that over 138,000 members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Iraq, a total force comprised of active, National Guard, and Reserve personnel, are executing a courageous



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and determined mission to rebuild and rehabilitate a proud nation after liberating it from the tyranny, oppression, and genocide of Saddam Hussein's evil regime."

Let it be remembered that this gang of Democrats who could not find themselves able to praise our soldiers fought going to war with the regime of Saddam Hussein when his minions were torturing, raping and brutally abusing and murdering his own people, but can't wait to condemn the United States for the crimes of a handful of soldiers.

On March 7, 2003, Pelosi said, "Before going to war, we must exhaust all alternatives, such as the continuation of inspections, diplomacy and the leverage provided by the threat of military action."

In another statement she said that, "An acceptable alternative would require the United States to seek a multilateral diplomatic initiative before authorizing the use of force."

In October this year, after the Kay report discounted the presence of weapons of mass destruction, Nancy Pelosi said the results of the search so far demonstrated that no imminent threat existed "and there was time for more

diplomatic effort before we went to war."

But there wasn't time for those prisoners in Saddam's torture chambers, rape rooms or awaiting execution.

Had she and her Democrat colleagues prevailed, who knows how many more Iraqis would have filled the mass graves of hundreds of thousands of their countrymen and women while we dallied around looking for the phantom of international support.

As David Gelernter wrote in the Weekly Standard, March 28, 2004, "By overthrowing Saddam, we stopped a loathsome bloody massacre — a hell-on-earth that would have been all too easily dismissed as fantastic propaganda if we hadn't seen and heard the victims and watched the torturers on videotape. But Democratic talk about Iraq is dominated not by the hell and horror we abolished or the pride and joy of what we achieved. Many Democrats mention Saddam's crimes only grudgingly."

"Saddam's regime was ripping human flesh to shreds. Do not Democrats understand that what we achieved by liberating Iraq, what mankind achieved," he asked?

"And when we saw those mass graveyards and torture chambers, heard more and more victims speak, watched those videotapes, the conclusion became inescapable: This war was screamingly, shriekingly necessary."

Not to Nancy Pelosi and her colleagues; they'd rather concentrate on abuse of Iraqi detainees by a few misguided reservists than recognize the dedication and heroism of our troops.



No one has right to not be offended

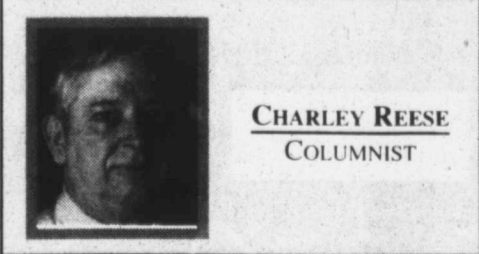
Michael Moore claims that the Walt Disney Co. is blocking the distribution of his new film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," by a Disney subsidiary, Miramax.

While I'm not fan of the present-day Disney corporation, it has a right to block the distribution of any film by its own subsidiaries. Moore, a pseudo-blue-collar multimillionaire, apparently does not understand the First Amendment. Many Americans don't.

The First Amendment gives us the right to speak and to write. It does not give anyone the right to command that others listen to or publish or distribute what he or she says or writes or produces. The best way to understand the difference between a true right and a falsely claimed right is that a true right does not compel anyone else to do anything except leave us alone.

That's why it is wrong to say that people have a "right to medical care." To say this implies that someone else must be compelled to provide it. Medical care that is affordable is a desirable social goal, but it is not a right. Ditto education, housing, jobs and other economic benefits.

I have the right to write an opinion column. That right, however, does not impose an obligation on anyone to publish it or to read it. If a newspaper declines to publish my column, it is in no way abridging my First Amendment rights. Nor is it engaging in censorship



CHARLEY REESE
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(only the government can censor). It is instead exercising its right to choose what it will and won't publish at its own expense.

All true rights are essentially negative in that they prohibit others, mainly the government, from interfering in our personal lives. The right to keep and bear arms doesn't mean that we have to own guns or that anyone has to sell them to us. It simply means the government cannot prohibit us from owning a gun.

There is -- and always has been, it seems -- a lot of talk about the liberal press and, these days, right-wing radio and television. Forgotten in this discussion is the fact that a newspaper has a right to be liberal or conservative, and so do television and radio shows. As consumers, we have the right to read or not read, to listen or not listen, to watch or not watch.

Objective journalism, meaning journalism without any bias, is a myth. Journalism is a subjective business from start to finish. Editors exercise judgment as to what stories they assign.

Reporters exercise judgment as to how much information they will collect and what parts they will emphasize. All of these judgments will be influenced by subjective factors.

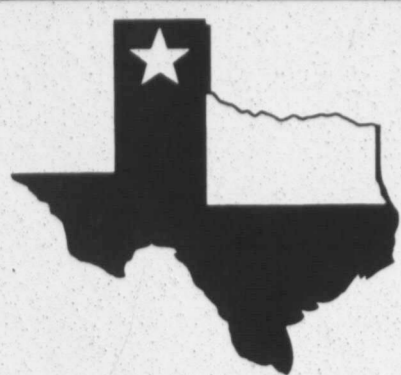
What can be striven for is a clear separation of opinion from factual reports. On the whole, the press does a poorer job of that than it used to, but that is a technical problem within the industry and has nothing to do with rights.

A truly free society is one in which people can think, say and do what they please as long as they don't infringe on other people's rights to think, say and do what they please. No one has a right to demand that others agree with him or her. No one has a right to utter defamatory falsehoods. The reason maintaining a free society is so difficult is that it butts heads with the itch many people have to control other people.

I don't care for Moore's infantile version of liberalism, so I don't read his books or watch his movies. If the Walt Disney Co. believes that distributing his film would cause any harm to its legitimate business interests, it has a perfect right to decline to distribute it. Moore, of course, can seek other distributors. In the meantime, Moore is becoming what I so despise about many professional athletes -- a multimillionaire whiner.

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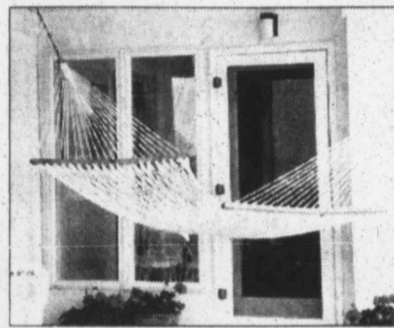
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

WOMEN TIRED OF SHOULDERING BURDEN OF BAD BRA DESIGN

DEAR ABBY: "Double-Jointed in Dayton," who complained about how difficult it is to buy a bra, touched upon a subject that has been my pet peeve for years.

Why is it that if a woman wears a 32-A and really doesn't need to wear a bra at all, she has her choice of white, black, beige, navy, shocking pink and turquoise, as well as plaids, polka dots and leopard prints? But if a woman is a 42-D (or more) and requires a bra every waking moment, she has a choice of -- white.

The lingerie industry is missing out on a large (literally) part of its potential customer base. Sign me ... THE WOMAN IN WHITE. LONGPORT, N.J.

DEAR WOMAN IN WHITE: When I printed that letter, I thought I'd do it as a hint to the lingerie industry. Little did I know that the letter would hit a nerve with so many women. My cup runneth over ... Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While you're on the subject of bras, may I add my 2 cents? I want to tell you how inconvenient it is for large-sized women -- 200 pounds -- when our size is always displayed near the floor on the racks. Every store puts the small sizes at the top of the rack. Not only are the items we need hard to reach, but it's also hard to locate what I'm looking for while bent over. Thanks for letting me have my say. -- BETTY IN SAN JOSE

DEAR BETTY: I agree. It is shortsighted to expect all heavy-set women to be farsighted -- or limber.

DEAR ABBY: I am very slender and small-busted. Underwire bras hurt. Just try to find a 34-B that doesn't have underwires. -- BRA-LESS IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR BRA-LESS: Do what I do. Emancipate yourself by using a razor blade and removing the

wires. DEAR ABBY: When someone asks if there is a "Satan," I always respond, "Yes. Who else would have invented women's undergarments and shoes?"

Truly, the manufacturers have no concept of reality when it comes to brassieres. Those of us old enough to remember the 1950s know what real torture is. That was the day of the bullet-shaped bra! No wonder the first act of rebellion in the women's liberation movement was the burning of bras. -- RUTH L. IN FRESNO

DEAR RUTH L.: We don't have to look back to the '50s to remember those bras; all we have to do is rent an old Madonna video. She wore hers on the outside, no less, so no one could miss the point.

DEAR ABBY: I wish manufacturers would design something that fits real women instead of Barbie dolls. The strap adjustments are only the beginning of the problem. We women are not fooled for one minute as to why those sharp little hooks are always right in the dead center of our backs. We know it's to keep us gals from relaxing for even a minute. It's pretty hard to lean back and feel comfortable with those little devils fracturing your spine! I'm sure I'm not the only one complaining. -- DISGUSTED CUSTOMER

DEAR DISGUSTED CUSTOMER: You're not. And if the garment manufacturers are reading, here are a few other tips from well-endowed readers. They'd like wider strap options, straps with better support and no elastic, straps that are placed a little more to the center so they don't slip off the shoulders. Listen up!

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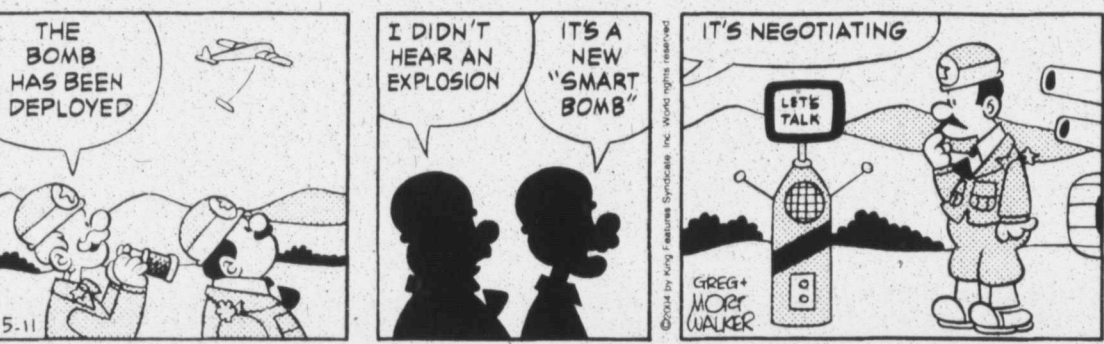
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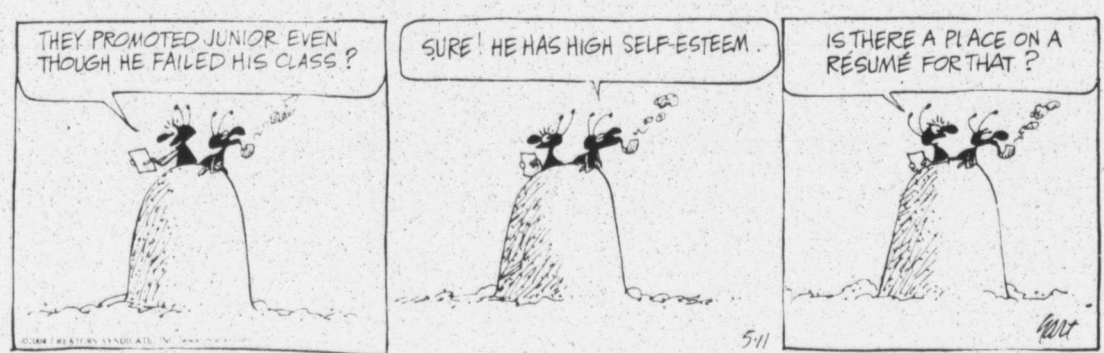
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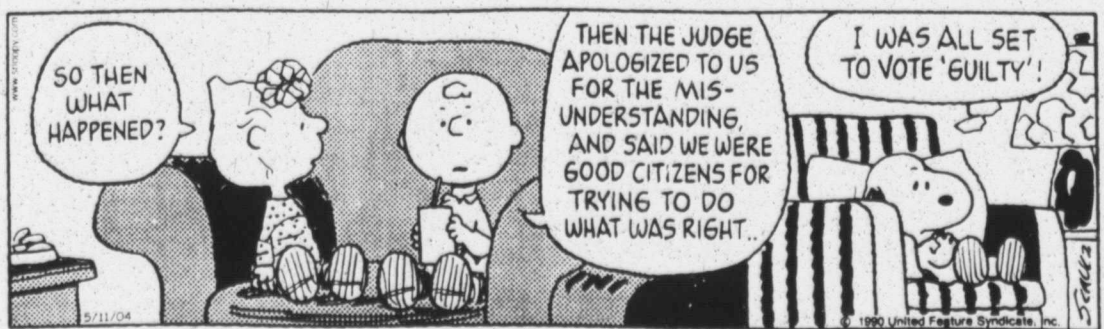
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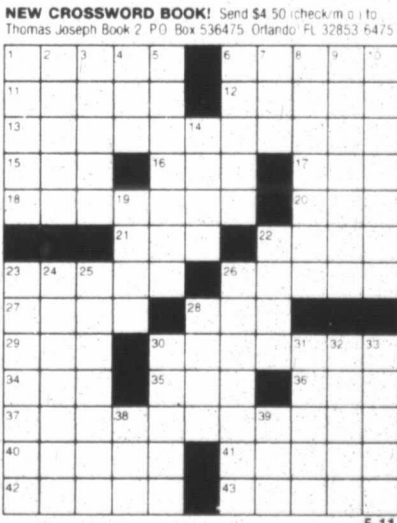


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



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Weekly Writing Corner

Look! Up in the Sky!

Look up in the sky! It's a pig that can fly. I've never seen such a sight. It's a cute little pig that helps out the town. I wonder if it will ever come down?

*Brenna
5th Grade*

Look! Up in the sky. It's a witch and a black cat flying on a broomstick. Oh! She has her wand and she looks mad. Time to get out of here!

*Kelsea,
5th Grade*

It's a frog. No, it's a cat. No, it's going to fall on me. That cat has very sharp nails and I don't like that.

*Alexis,
3rd Grade*

What's that in the sky? Look! It's a flying lollipop! Wait! I just heard that aliens are controlling the lollipop. It is about 25,000 feet tall and 23,000 feet wide. It's moving very fast. It could crush the earth. No. Wait! It's just a tiny fly on the lens of my telescope.

*Rashed,
3rd Grade*

Look up! I see a U.F.O. It's big and blue and shaped like an egg. It's making a strange sound. It's coming down to earth. Oh no! Let's run!

*Lauren,
5th Grade*

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird. It's a plane. It's a leaf. It's a star. It's a cloud. It's the moon. It's the sun.

*Caroline,
7th Grade*

It's a flying cat. But wait, cats can't fly. We tried to catch it but it got away!

*Will,
3rd Grade*

Look up in the sky! Is it a bird or a plane? No, it's Wonder Dog—the best hero a man could own. He's wearing a red cape and a black mask. Must be time to fight crime.

*Selena,
3rd Grade*

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*Diana,
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Inflated Numbers

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Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences to 30.

When You Have to Ride

Sometimes it's not safe to bike or walk. Planning car trips carefully is another way to keep air clean. Make a list of places you need to go, and try to get to them all in one trip.

When you do go places in a car, remind the driver to turn off the engine if you are going to be stopped for more than a few minutes.

Standards Link: Environmental Science: Students identify ways that resources can be preserved and protected.

Carpool Comparison

Caroline, Carlos and Candy are sharing a ride to help keep the air clean. Can you find eight or more differences between these two pictures?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



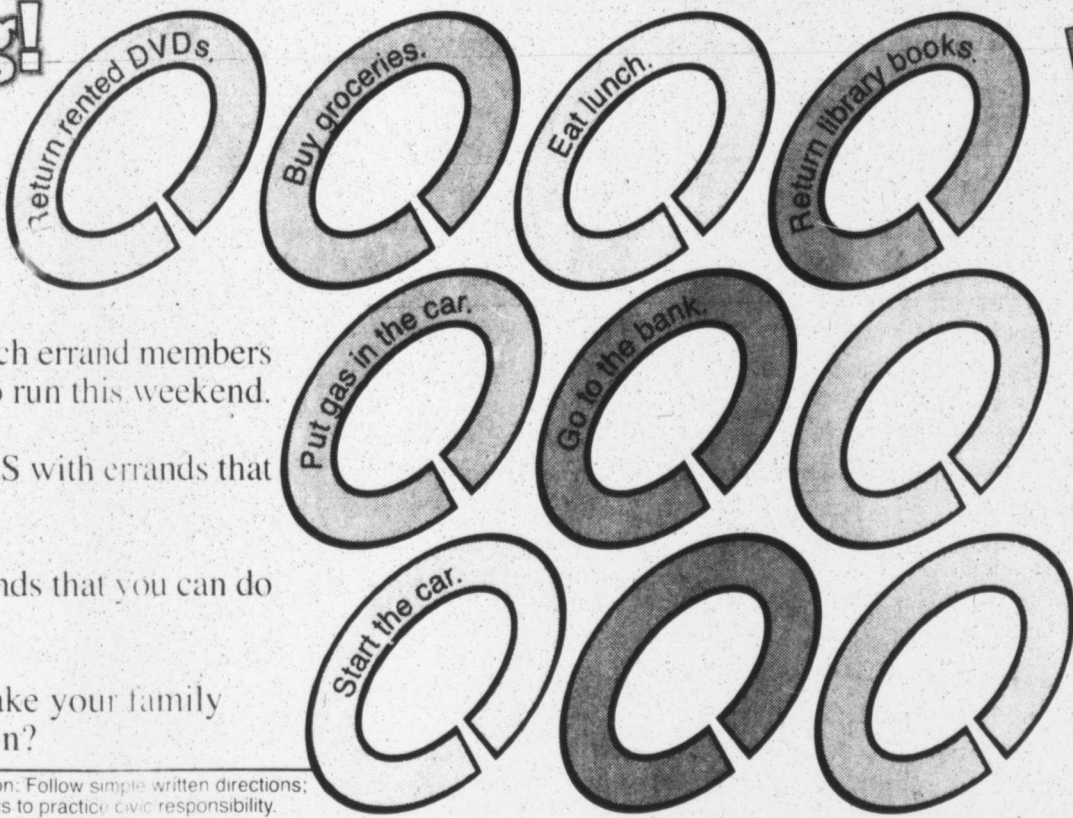
Triplinking!

A Clean Air Month Game for the Entire Family!

Run all your family errands in one trip by **TRIPLINKING!**

- Cut out a LINK for each errand members of your family need to run this weekend.
- Fill in the blank LINKS with errands that aren't listed here.
- Glue together the errands that you can do in one trip.
- How long can you make your family **TRIPLINKING** chain?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Character Education: Understanding ways to practice civic responsibility.



Extra! Extra!

Advertise Awesome Air

Look at the ads in today's paper. Find one that catches your attention. Use that ad as a model and create an ad to "sell" other people on the importance of clean air.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository compositions, use persuasion in writing.

Flip the switch to OFF!

Making electricity can cause air pollution. If we use less electricity, then we can keep the air cleaner. All of the tips below are true — EXCEPT ONE. **Cross out the bad idea that wastes energy!**

Turn off computers, lights, televisions and other electronics when you're not using them.

Leave the refrigerator door open on a hot day to cool down the kitchen.

Rake and sweep patios and walkways instead of using a blower.

Recycle plastic, paper and glass.

Use fluorescent bulbs wherever possible. They use 75% less energy than regular bulbs.

Talk to friends and teachers about ways to save energy.

ANSWER: Leaving the refrigerator door open wastes a LOT of energy!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Understand that resources can be conserved.

Double Double Word Search

- POLLUTION
- BUBBLES
- BIKE
- EXERCISE
- ERRANDS
- TRIP
- ENGINE
- GAS
- DRIVER
- OFF
- EYES
- AIR
- RUN
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- BANK

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

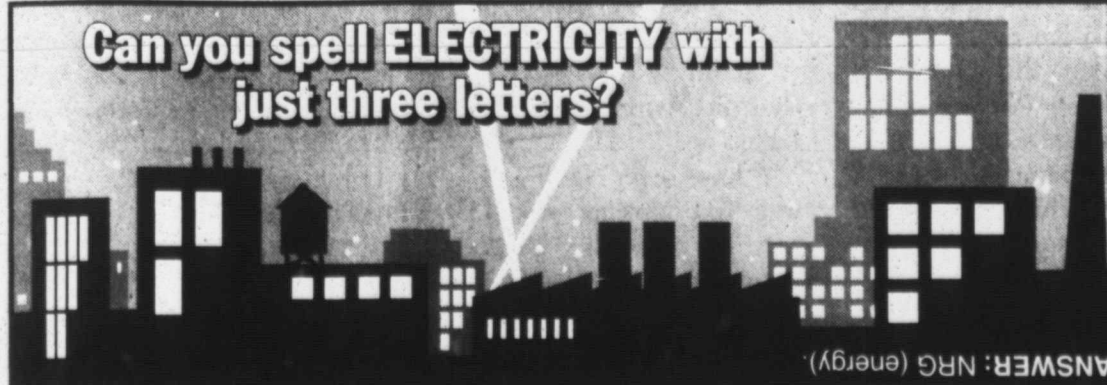
BEYOND Kid Scoop

Who Is Watching?

Clip and collect articles about the environment. Make a list of the names of the people, places and agencies that appear in the articles. Which names appear again and again? Why are these individuals and groups concerned about the environment?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read from a variety of resources and analyze perspectives on a single topic.

Can you spell ELECTRICITY with just three letters?



ANSWER: NRG (energy)

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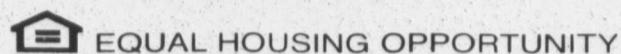
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69 Misc.

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5-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Focus on what you want with the full intention of accomplishing just that. You demonstrate the traits of a winner, though sometimes you need to let your creativity stretch more. Know that nothing is impossible, and keep that as your motto. Network and expand your immediate circle, be it personally or professionally. You have a very serious manner, but the unexpected causes you to change your perspective. Lighten up if you can. If you are single, you will meet someone key in the next few months. You will make the call as to what type of relationship you want. If you are attached, your love will rekindle, adding to the heat of your bond. Enjoy. PISCES helps you get what you want.
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)
** Slow down and take your time. If you move too swiftly, you might produce unexpected results. You might feel overwhelmed by work or responsibilities. Screen calls and focus on what has to be done. A family member has much to say and could weigh heavily in a decision. Tonight: Do your own thing. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
***** Work with groups and not individuals. Use your sixth sense with a financial matter as well as a difficult or unpredictable boss. You have the ability to find solutions and juggle your different needs. A conversation could be "heavy." Tonight: Where the gang is. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
***** Accept responsibilities, but also be aware that you need the support of the whole group. You know how to

achieve these gains. Express your warmth and caring in a positive way. Others cannot help but respond. Take your time with family members. Tonight: Out and about.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Reach out for others at a distance. You need to sort through information and get some feedback. Use not one but several tried-and-true methods and/or sources. Detach from the commotion and look at what might be going on here. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Work with individuals rather than groups, if possible. Dedicate some extra time to a new friend or flirtation in your life. You cannot hold back your social nature even if you tried. Make calls or write e-mails. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Dinner for two.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Your positive attitude pushes problems away from you and adds to your popularity. Work with a very serious or depressed friend. You'll make a difference. Others want to hear your opinions. An associate or partner acts up. Use your personality. Tonight: Accept an invitation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Your instincts guide you at work and with an unexpected development. Don't let responsibilities get to you. Just handle them rather than complain. Know that you are carrying more than your share right now, but in the long run, you will see positive results. Tonight: Exercise or get into a game of racquetball.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Your creativity bubbles forth and impresses others, drawing the results you want. Someone might be a

bit hard on you. He or she could be jealous or might not be able to grasp what you are doing. You need open minds around you. Tonight: Take a midweek break.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Expect the unexpected, especially around the family or your home. Flex and have less-rigid ideas of how things should be. Relax and flow. Others admire your work abilities. You are a natural leader. Tonight: Head home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Government grounds firefighting air tankers amid safety concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a new fire season ignites, the government has grounded the firefighting fleet of 33 air tankers, saying the safety of the aging aircraft cannot be assured.

The Forest Service and the Interior Department are terminating contracts with private companies for use of the former military aircraft that had been powerful weapons against wildfires.

The government said Monday other aircraft would do the jobs that the air tankers had done. But Western officials, worried about fire danger in a region plagued by continuous

drought, said the loss of the planes compounds their problems.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said the big planes had to be taken out of service.

"Safety is a core value of the firefighting community, and it is non-negotiable," he said. The planes pose an unacceptable risk to flyers, firefighters on the ground, and communities near fires, he said.

Between 1994 and 2002, three planes crashed, killing seven crew members. After two of the planes went down in 2002, the Forest Service grounded the contracted

tanker fleet. The planes were returned to service after a new inspection system was developed. But last month, the National Transportation Safety Board said the safety and airworthiness of the fleet still could not be assured.

The agency said information on the stresses that the planes underwent in fighting fires was incomplete, and there were gaps in maintenance and inspection records dating back to the planes' military use. The planes' average age is 48 years, yet some are as old as 60 years.

The aircraft were capable of

dumping 1,700 to 2,500 gallons of water a minute, and were used primarily in initial attacks on fires and for protecting buildings when fires advanced to urban areas, said Dan Jiron, a Forest Service spokesman.

However, the fire could be fought with other aircraft, including water-carrying helicopters and fixed-wing planes akin to cropdusters, Jiron said. These aircraft can make much more accurate attacks, he said.

Also, the smaller aircraft can make repeat trips from water sources, said Rose Davis, a spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center in

Boise, Idaho. "A helicopter can load and return 1,500 gallons four to five times as fast as an air tanker," she said.

In any case, most of the effort to fight wildfires is not done from the air, Davis said. "Fires are put out on the ground," she said. "Air support means support."

Much of the West is gripped by drought, with some of the region affected by it for the last four years, Davis said.

Firefighters have enough resources for the initial attack and can add helicopters and small airplanes later if needed, she said.

EPA regs targeting off-road vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is moving on a new front to cut air pollution. This time ferry boats and harbor tugs, farm tractors and train locomotives, and dirt movers at construction sites are the targets.

The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing new regulations aimed at cutting the amount of smog-causing chemicals and fine soot that comes from these off-road diesel-powered vehicles and machinery.

The regulation, which EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt is finalizing on Tuesday, is viewed by environmentalists and state air pollution control officials as key to meeting federal air quality health standards.

About 159 million people live in areas where smog or microscopic soot is making the air unhealthy, says a recent EPA analysis. The agency cites off-road vehicles used in construction, farming, industrial plants and airports as one

reason for the problem.

Those vehicles account for a quarter of all the smog-causing nitrogen oxide and nearly half of the fine soot from mobile sources, according to the EPA. Air pollution in port areas and along major rivers is aggravated by diesel exhausts from ferries, tug boats and barges.

The EPA regulation, first proposed a year ago, requires refiners to lower the amount of sulfur in diesel fuel for such engines to 500 parts per million by 2007 and to 15 parts per million by 2010. That means less pollution will come out of the tailpipes. Manufacturers also can build cleaner burning engines since the fuel no longer will contain most of the sulfur that damages catalytic converters and other emissions control devices.

Now diesel fuel contains as much as 3,400 parts per million of sulfur.

With the cleaner fuel and new engine standards, smog-

causing nitrogen oxide and microscopic soot from off-road vehicles and equipment will be reduced by more than 90 percent, the EPA estimates.

Fine soot and smog are blamed for increases in respiratory illnesses and thousands of premature deaths annually. Children, the elderly and people suffering from asthma are especially vulnerable.

Leavitt, after briefing President Bush on Monday about the new diesel regulations and other air quality issues, compared the effort to reduce pollution from off-road vehicles to the government years ago removing lead from gasoline.

"We're now going to take sulfur out of diesel, and add catalytic converters to diesel engines," Leavitt told reporters. "The result will be that that black puff of diesel smoke that we've become accustomed to seeing on big trucks and on construction equipment and on buses will be a thing of the past."

CCA 'Patron Plan'



(Courtesy photo)

Ronnie Holmes, left, president of Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage," and PCCA board members Darville Orr and Georgia Johnson prepare the "Patron Plan" for the 2004-05 concert season. For more information about the plan, contact Holmes, Howard Graham, Curt Beck, Glennette Goode or Myrna Orr, committee members. Membership dues are \$30 adults, \$15 students and \$70 family. Make checks payable to: Pampa Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066. For more information, call 665-2631.

Cuba announces emergency measures to save hard currency, blaming U.S. for troubles

HAVANA (AP) — Officials suddenly halted most of the dollar sales that Cubans have come to count on and warned of higher dollar prices for food and gasoline. They blamed new U.S. measures meant to undermine the

island's communist government.

Scores of agitated people lined up for last-minute purchases at late-night variety stores after the official declaration was read on Cuban state television shortly

before 8 p.m. Monday night.

The measure could have dramatic effect on everyday life in Cuba, where hard-currency stores offer plentiful goods — from soap to spark plugs — that are available in scant quantities,

if at all, at highly subsidized prices in Cuban pesos.

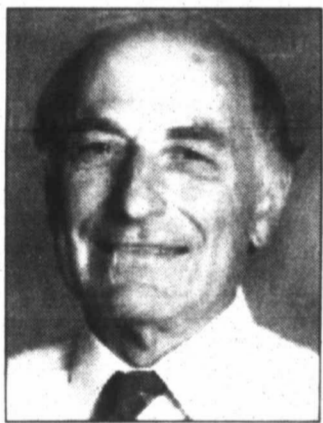
Except for food, gasoline and personal hygiene products, the announcement said, sales in dollars "are suspended until further notice." It was not clear if they

would resume at some point.

It also said that dollar prices would be raised, on food and gasoline — and perhaps other products if the stores reopen. Prices in pesos, the government said, would remain stable.

Sales of goods at dollar stores

"are suspended until further notice," announcers on state television announced, reading an "official notice." Crucially, food and personal hygiene products were exempted.



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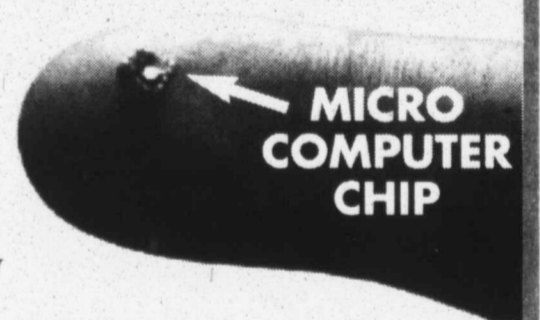
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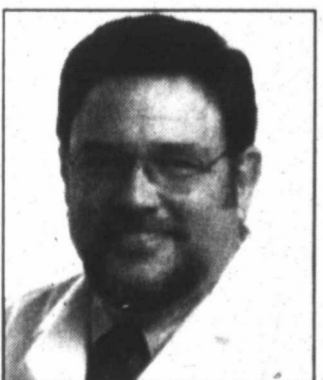
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