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Bush halts reserve deposits to ease prices at the pump

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today ordered a temporary suspension of environmental rules for gasoline, making it easier for refiners to meet demand and possibly dampen prices at the pump.

Victim of age, weather



The top section of the Heaton Elevator on Highway 152 fell to the ground recently, possibly as a result of high winds. The elevator is located two miles east of Highway 60 and seven miles east of Pampa.

Missionary trip to Kenya proves fruitful, humbling for Pampan

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

When Della Moyer's sister-in-law, Carleen Rogers, called before Christmas to say she was going to Kenya on a missionary trip, Moyer blurted out, "Can I go?"

It was the beginning of an adventure Moyer will never forget. Rogers, a nurse with Solaris Health Care near the Metroplex, had gone to Sri Lanka last year to help aid tsunami victims with volunteers from Beyond These Shores Ministry, headquartered in Decatur, Texas.

This year, Moyer's fellow church members again pitched in along with family, friends and neighbors. In addition to funding, the Sunday school classes made blankets for the mis-



Della Moyer pulls a blanket made by Sunday School classes at Cornerstone Baptist Church around a baby at the orphanage in Githungure, Kiambu, Kenya.

sionaries to take. Moyer said that while it was a very comfortable 70 degrees while they were in Kenya, the local populace was dressed warmly with babies wearing woolen caps.



This woman was waiting to have a doctor look at her baby while the group was holding a clinic in the slum.

Medical Center, Northwest Texas Hospital and Baptist-St. Anthony's all donated medical supplies.

Northwest Texas donated 9,300 pairs of latex gloves for examinations, Moyer said.

"And I counted every one of them," she added. Moyer left Pampa on April 5, flying from Amarillo to Dallas to Miami to London and then on to Nairobi, arriving Thursday night at the resort hotel where they stayed.

Moyer said it was probably built when Kenya was still part of the British Empire, but it was nice and well run.

Friday was spent getting situated with brief tours of Nairobi, its markets and the slums where they would be working for the next week.

It rained almost every

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Earth Team volunteers recognized this week

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service is recognizing and honoring its Earth Team volunteers during National Volunteer Week, celebrated this week.

In fiscal year 2005, more than 34,000 Earth Team volunteers nationally donated more than 938,000 hours to conservation. In Texas, 615 volunteers donated 13,300 hours.

The Earth Team Program, created in 1985, offers various types of opportunities to anyone over the age of 14 who is interested in volunteering and making a positive difference for the nation's natural resources.

Earth Team volunteers help NRCS conservationists provide everything from conservation technical assistance to teaching and gener-

Firewise town hall meeting set tonight

Recent Texas wildfires have taken 17 lives, burned more than 1.5 million acres and destroyed more than 430 homes. The Panhandle has seen more than its fair share of devastating losses to wildfires.

Homeowners can learn to make their homes and communities safe from wildfires by attending a Firewise Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Randall County Fire Department and Texas Forest Service.

The meeting will be held 7 p.m. today at the Randall County Fire Station, 1250 Claude Road,

at the northwest corner of FM 1151 and FM 1541.

Learn the steps to take to make sure your home can survive a wildfire. Firewise Town Hall Meetings are part of a statewide effort to assist homeowners in the use of fire resistant landscaping and non-combustible building materials.

Homeowners, community leaders, neighborhood associations and communities that are vulnerable to wildfire will learn about community wildfire protection

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Obituaries

Julia Elnita Atkins, 87

Julia Elnita Atkins, 87, formerly of Mobeetie, died Sunday April 23, 2006, in Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her husband; and

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Washington Avenue Christian Church with Jim Shelburne, pastor officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Mobeetie Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Coulter Chapel of Amarillo.

Mrs. Atkins was born and raised in Mobeetie and had lived in Mobeetie most of her life.

She married Herk Atkins in 1935 at Sweetwater. They owned and operated Atkins Grocery for more than 30 years. She also worked as a hairdresser for more than 15 years.

Mrs. Atkins was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie. She was preceded in death by her husband; and



Atkins

two great-grandchildren, Caleb Ryan Atkins and Tyler Jayne Atkins.

Survivors include: one son, William Herbert Atkins and his wife Loretta of Amarillo; two sisters, Juanita Lightfoot and Fannie West, both of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Byno Atkins and his wife Kristi of Las Vegas, Nev., Tony Atkins and his wife Lois of Bryan, Teresa Duncan and David Atkins and his wife Tina, all of Amarillo; 13 great-grandchildren, Nicole Koetting, John Atkins, Lisa Atkins, Laura Atkins, Alyssa Lynch, Missy Duncan, Mindy Duncan, Cody Felton, Joshua Atkins, Brady Atkins, Jacob Atkins, Austin Atkins and Taylor Atkins; and two great-great-grandchildren, Colby Koetting and Abigail Koetting.

The family requests donations to the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

Max Bridges, 56

WATAUGA, Okla. — Max Bridges, 56, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Watauga.

Funeral: 9 a.m. Thursday at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel. Burial: Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Victory Junction Organization or the Jeff Gordon Foundation.

Max was born Jan. 28, 1950, in Perryton. He moved to Fort Worth in February 2001 from Pampa. He was an Army veteran, serving in Korea during the Vietnam War. Max and Sandra were joined together in love in December 2001. He worked as a mechanic for Goodyear Corp. Max was an avid NASCAR, Jeff Gordon fan and loved to watch and attend



Bridges

the races. His love of racing began at a young age when he started racing stock cars and continued throughout his life. Max made friendships in his life that have lasted a lifetime and all were special to his heart.

Survivors: Spouse, Sandra Hammel; parents, Joe B. and Marie Ho-Gland Bridges of Krum; son, Chad Bridges of Amarillo; daughter, Deena Bridges Clifton and husband, Rusty, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; stepson, Jason Bohling and wife, Sara, of Marsing, Idaho; stepson, Justin Chestnut of Haltom City; brother, Bobby Bridges and wife, Stephanie, of Maypearl; sister, Ellen Morgan and husband, Jimmy, of Krum; grandson, Lucas Mason Clifton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and step-grandchildren, Annabelle G. Bohling and Nicholas G. Bohling.

Troy D. Davis, 29

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Troy D. Davis, 29, former Pampa resident, died April 14, 2006, in Glendale, Ariz.

No services planned as yet. Arrangements are by Advantage Maryvale Mortuary in Phoenix.

Services tomorrow

ATKINS, Julia Elnita — 10 a.m., Washington Avenue Christian Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

Gray County Weather

Today: Cloudy through mid-morning, then gradual clearing, with a high around 58. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early.

Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 28 and 33 early. North wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 46. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 75. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 73. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 50 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. North-northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 47.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 74. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 75.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Fourteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville and an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Huff and Brown streets.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

Three burglar alarms were reported. One open door was checked.

A welfare check was made in the 2400 block of Navajo.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of Short and the 600 block of North Naida.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Highway 60 East.

A prowler was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, and in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of Doucette.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford.

Assault/family violence was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis, where at least one arrest was made.

Assault was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Graffiti was found on a school desk. Estimated cost to repair damage is \$75.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Alcock and at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of West 30th Avenue.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, April 3

8:37 a.m. — A 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix, driven by Jennifer Dawn Winborne, 20, 1328 N. Starkweather, and a 2001 Dodge Ram 2500, driven by Chad Frank-Vinco Winkleblack, 16, 901 S. Sumner, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Monday, April 24

10:04 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a 2000 Chevrolet Venture, driven by Adriana Portillo, 20, 713 Magnolia, in the 500 block of North Starkweather. The unknown vehicle and

driver then left the scene. Jacob Salcido of 420 N. Warren and Yahir Camacho, address not reported, both age 2, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Delfino Camacho, 25, address not reported, was taken by Guardian EMS ambulance to PRMC with unknown injuries. All were passengers in the Chevrolet Venture. Jacob Salcido was ejected and thrown about 30 feet, according to EMS personnel. No citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Monday, April 24

Jessica Joy Preston, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury.

Betsy Amanda Crossman, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a capias pro fine for failure to appear.

Larry Donaldson, 53, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Francis by Pampa Police Department for five counts of issuing a bad check.

Billy Dean Riley, 60, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Anthony Pendleton, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West 23rd Avenue by PPD on a capias pro fine for speeding 54 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Megan Mojica, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Francis by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Kimberly Mojica, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Francis by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Tuesday, April 25

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 21, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for failure to appear on a motion to enforce child support.

Ambulance

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

Monday, April 24

4:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Grape and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a private residence.

10:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Starkweather and transported three patients to PRMC.

11:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

Shootout ensues at 'drop house'

HOUSTON (AP) — A gunbattle at a drop house for undocumented immigrants probably involved rival smugglers fighting for control over a group of newly arrived immigrants, Houston authorities said.

Police found a group of 15 immigrants huddled in a locked closet when they responded to reports of gunshots at the house in northwest Houston. The immigrants included 10 Mexicans, three Hondurans and two Guatemalans.

Police said as many as 15 shots were fired Monday evening. They spotted guns inside one of two houses on the property before finding the immigrants in the closet. Police were searching for three vehicles that fled the house after the gunfire.

Two men who are believed to have operated the drop house face charges in connection with the incident, said Scott Hatfield, assistant special agent for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Houston. One of the men suffered a gunshot wound to the head.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.		
Wheat	3.93	
Milo	3.29	
Corn	4.19	
Soybeans	4.56	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	106.25	+0.70
BP PLC ADR	75.59	-0.23
Cabot Corp	35.20	-0.45
Celanese	21.88	-0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	50.64	-0.69
Coca Cola	41.94	+0.41
VLO	69.02	-0.08
HAL	80.08	-0.22
TRI	42.55	-0.09
KMI	89.26	-0.27
XCEL	18.29	-0.16
Kerr McGee	103.96	-0.87
XOM	64.22	-0.19
Nat'l Oilwell	69.39	-0.61
Limited	24.72	-0.12
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MCD	33.88	-0.38
Atmos	26.46	-0.14
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COP	70.05	+0.21
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Tenneco	26.57	+0.01
CVX	60.75	-0.24
Wal-Mart	45.57	+0.03
ORE	33.05	-0.31
NS Grp	54.03	+3.23
New York Gold	619.90	
Silver	11.88	
West Texas Crude	73.33	

13 mayors attend summit on illegal gun control

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino opened an all-day summit today attended by 11 other mayors aimed at coordinating their efforts on curbing crime committed with illegal guns.

The mayors — from cities including Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Dallas, Milwaukee and Seattle —

gathered at the official mayoral residence, Gracie Mansion, to exchange ideas, consult with experts and develop law enforcement cooperation among their cities.

In opening remarks, Bloomberg and Menino criticized the federal government for impeding local efforts to control illegal guns.

"If the leadership won't come from Congress or from the White House, it will have to come from us," Bloomberg said.

Menino told the story of meeting recently with a sixth-grade class in Boston in which nine of 10 pupils said they knew where they could find a gun. The 73 homicides in Boston last year, Menino said, marked the highest number in 10 years. He said many of the guns used in those killings came from other states.

"Gun crime is a national problem that needs a national response," Menino said. "One of the biggest problems is how we as mayors can work

together."

Bloomberg has zeroed in on gun control as a priority for his second term. Crime statistics show the number of shootings this year is slightly lower than last year, but high-profile gun deaths — like that of a toddler killed by a stray bullet on Easter Sunday — continue to hold a spotlight on the issue.

Bloomberg recently testified before Congress with harsh words against a bill that would prevent authorities from being able to share gun trace data with local governments. Some municipalities had used the information to launch lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dealers.

Bloomberg has accused the federal government of being "asleep at the wheel" on helping cities deal with illegal guns.

The mayor summit hopes to create a loose coalition that will trade crimefighting information, work together on city and state legislation and form a louder voice in Washington.

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PHS choirs do well in contest

The Pampa High School Choirs competed in the Region 1 UIL Choral Concert and Sightreading contest at West Texas A&M University on April 11 and 12.

The Women's Choir made a 2 in concert and a 1 in sightreading. The Mixed Choir made a 1 in concert and a 2 in sightreading. The Concert Men's Choir made a 2 in concert and a 1 in sightreading. The Concert Women's Choir and Concert Choir both won the coveted Sweepstakes award.

The judges were very complimentary of the choirs both in concert and in sightreading. Judges for the concert portion of the contest were: Pennye Golden formerly of Wayland University, Patrick Antinone from Grapevine, and Judy Putney from Plano. Sightreading judges were Sharon Nelms, Glen Miller, and Michael Bryson.

The Womens Choir was under the direction of Wanetta Hill and performed "In the

Highlands" by Butler, "Three Precious Gifts" by Baksa, and "Early One Morning" by Eilers.

The Mixed Choir performed "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by Handel, "Petite Nymph Folastre" (French) by Jannequin, and "Erev Shel Shoshanim" (Hebrew) by Klebanow.

Concert Men performed "Once to Every Man and Nation" by Walters, "My Lovely Celia" by Larkin, and "Betelehemu" by Walum.

The Concert Women performed "Exaudi Laudate!" (Latin) by Patton, "Fragments from the Mass," Movements 1 & 3, by Emma Lou Diemer, and "Sing Praises, Sing Praises" by Newbury.

The Concert Choir performed "Simple Gifts" arranged by Rene Clausen, "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Willan, and "Open Thou Mine Eyes" by Ruffer.

Kenya

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night the medical missionaries were in Kenya, turning the red clay soil into a goeey mud.

Saturday they began their medical mission with the doctors and nurses examining a seemingly never-ending flow of patients at a local church and with Moyer setting up the pharmacy.

In the valley below them, the church members set up tents for the next day's services.

"They know how to worship," Moyer said.

She said Sunday's services were a joyous celebration. During the church service, she said, one woman washed Moyer's feet.

"She didn't just wipe them off," Moyer said. "She carefully cleaned them."

Moyer said it was a very humbling moment.

The Pampa native said she was very impressed by the people and deeply touched by their warmth and actions.

"They dress for church," she said.

Moyer said the men would tuck their pants legs in their socks to keep them from getting muddy.

The mud was so thick, Moyer said, the vans they were in couldn't climb the hills

where the orphanages were located. They had to get out and walk, lugging their equipment with them. They visited two orphanages.

The first one, Moyer described the children as nice and clean and well behaved.

At the second, the children had nothing and the problems with disease were in abundance.

The last two days, the group spent working in slum areas around Nairobi. Moyer said the poverty was beyond belief. Families lived in small apartments lining narrow streets with open sewers where the children played.

Moyer said that throughout their stay, people would line up and wait for medical attention.

Working as a pharmacy technician issuing prescriptions made by the doctors with them, Moyer said that by the end of the trip, she was well acquainted with the drugs that were being passed out and knew what each was for.

"I knew if it was for worms, typhoid or diarrhea," she said.

The average life span of people in Kenya is only 48 years because of disease, primarily AIDS.

Moyer, who returned home April 14, talked of the rain, the red mud that covered everything, the poverty and the disease.

Would she go back?

"Yes," Moyer answered without hesitation.

Meeting

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plans, Firewise Communities/USA, as well as receive risk assessment forms to determine if their homes/communities are at risk.

The meeting will feature a presentation and videos, as well as discussions on recent

fires in the area and what could prevent future wildfires and loss of homes. An interactive traveling exhibit will be on display that allows homeowners to assess their homes, learn about proactive changes and Firewise landscaping.

Storm Stories from The Weather Channel will also

be there, working on a documentary about the fire season in Texas and how weather impacts wildfires.

For more information, contact Traci Weaver at 979-218-3035, the Randall County Fire Department, or log on to www.firewise.org.

Oil

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additives such as ethanol to meet clean air standards. The suspension of oil purchases for the federal emergency oil reserve is likely to have only modest impact since relative little extra oil will be involved.

The high cost at the pump has turned into a major political issue, with Democrats and Republicans blaming each other for a problem that is largely out of Congress' control. Republicans are worried that voters paying more than \$3 per gallon would punish the party in power. Democrats want to make that happen.

Bush said that high gasoline prices are like a hidden tax on consumers and businesses, although he said the nation's economy was strong. He urged Congress to take back some of the billions of dollars in tax incentives it gave energy companies, saying that with record

profits, they don't need the breaks. He urged lawmakers to expand tax breaks for the purchase of fuel-efficient hybrid automobiles.

The president said Democrats in the past have urged higher taxes on fuel and price caps to control fuel expenses, but he said neither approach works. Instead, he called for increased conservation, an expansion of domestic production and increased use of alternative fuels like ethanol.

Bush said high energy prices are disturbing.

"Our addiction to oil is a matter of national security concerns," the president said in a speech to the Renewable Fuels Association, which advocates alternate energy sources. "After all, today we get about 60 percent of our oil from foreign countries. That's up from 20 years ago, where about 25 percent of our oil came from foreign countries."

Bush said gasoline prices are expected to remain high throughout the summer and

"that's going to be a continued strain on the American people."

Bush said the Federal Trade Commission, the Justice Department and the Energy Department were investigating whether the price of gasoline has been unfairly manipulated. The administration also contacted all 50 state attorneys general to offer technical assistance to urge them to investigate possible illegal price manipulation within their jurisdictions.

During the last few days, Bush asked his Energy and Justice departments to open inquiries into whether the price of gasoline has been illegally manipulated.

It's unclear what impact, if any, Bush's investigation would have on prices that are near or at \$3 a gallon or more. Asked if Bush had any reason to suspect market manipulation, White House press secretary Scott McClellan responded, "Well, gas prices are high right now, and that's why you want to make sure there's not."

SBA head steps down for coalition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Small Business Administration, who had come under criticism for delays in providing loans following last year's hurricanes, announced Tuesday that he was stepping down.

Hector Barreto, who had been picked by President Bush to head the SBA in 2001, said he was leaving the administration to head The Latino Coalition, a prominent Hispanic advocacy group.

His departure comes at a time when new White House chief of staff Joshua Bolten is shaking up the administration in response to calls from Republicans in Congress for an overhaul in the face of record low approval ratings for the president.

However, a spokesman for Barreto said he had not been asked to leave by the White House.

"He was not asked to leave," said SBA spokesman Raul Cisneros. "He has been invited to join this prominent Latino organization and he has decided to do so."

In December, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., the top Democrat on the House Small Business Committee, had called on Barreto to resign.

She cited enormous loan backlogs and high rates of declined loans for hurricane victims as evidence that Barreto was not capable of leading the agency.

In his resignation letter to Bush, Barreto said that it had been an honor "to help execute your vision to bring unprecedented opportunities to all entrepreneurs in every community as they seek to realize their dreams."

Barreto was the second-longest serving administrator in the SBA's history.

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Viewpoints

Ivan Eland: It's time to partition Iraq

Why does Iraq — an artificial country invented by British diplomats after World War I and composed of three religious and ethnic groups that pretty much hate each other — have to have a unified national government? Why not let Iraq do what Czechoslovakia and most of the Soviet Union did in the 1990s — carefully and peacefully partition itself? Why can't the Kurds have their own democracy, the Shiites their own religious theocracy, and the Sunnis their own strongman, if that's what they choose?

Ivan Eland is author of "The Empire Has No Clothes: U.S. Foreign Policy Exposed" and director of the libertarian Independent

Institute's Center on Peace & Liberty. A longtime advocate of partitioning Iraq, he argues it's the best and probably only way to avert the bloody civil war he says is just getting started. I talked to him recently by phone from his offices in Washington.

Q: How do you define a partition of Iraq?

A: My observation is that Iraq is already partitioned. You have all these militias running around with guns and the U.S. hasn't disarmed many of them because they are helping with local security. But the problem is that this thing has turned into "sectarian violence," as the president likes to call it, or "civil war," as other people

like to call it. What they need to do is have a conclave and manage the partition of the country. Iraq is going to break up because it already is broken up, and it can either be done on a peaceful basis or one that is very nasty and violent. I think a "managed partition" is the best way.

Q: Are we talking about breaking Iraq into three parts — for Kurds, Shiites and Sunnis?

A: Not necessarily. I don't think it's going to be that easy. What's going to happen is that they are probably

going to have a bloody civil war. It'll be wherever the armies are. If one beats up on the other one, then the boundaries will be changed. When you have a war, it's hard to determine what will happen. A peaceful partition would probably be three or more parts.

Q: Can this partition be imposed on Iraq by the United States?

A: No, I don't think so. You have to let them sort it out. They should have done this before. It may be too late now, but it's still the best hope for the place. The Kurds and the Shia don't

really want to be a part of Iraq. When you have 80 percent of the population that doesn't want to be in the country, that's a problem. The Sunnis are the only ones who don't want to break up the country. The main reason is that they think they will be a rump state with no oil. If the Shia and the Kurds give the Sunnis some oil, they will be willing to go their own way, too.

Q: What's the principle behind the partition — decentralizing power and local autonomy?

A: Yes. Decentralization. The main fear of each group, the reason the Kurds and Shia want their autonomy and the reason the Sunni are fighting an insurgency, is

that each group fears that the central government will be used to oppress the other group. So they either want control of the central government, or if they can't get that, they want to be removed from it.

Q: What are the upsides of a partition for the U.S.?

A: If every group were confined to its local areas and they all knew what the boundaries were, and they would police people of their own ethnic or religious group, then it might reduce the chances of civil war. And of course then the al-Qaida terrorists would be the outcasts. If they were still bombing, even in the Sunni areas, the Sunni militias

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Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2006. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1906, 100 years ago, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1908, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow was born in Pole Creek, N.C.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Ten years ago: A day after the PLO annulled clauses calling for Israel's destruction, Israel's governing Labor Party abandoned its long-standing opposition to a Palestinian state. Ford Motor Co. announced a recall of about 8 million cars, minivans and pickups because of an ignition switch fire hazard.

Five years ago: In unusually blunt terms, President Bush warned China that an attack on Taiwan could provoke a U.S. military response. A rescue plane flew out of the South Pole with ailing American doctor Ronald S. Shemanski in the most daring airlift ever from the pole. Ousted Philippine President Joseph Estrada became the country's first leader to be arrested for alleged corruption in office. Federal regulators ordered limited price controls on California wholesale electricity markets.

'A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.'

— William James
American philosopher and psychologist (1842-1910)



Let's look more closely at the federal deficit

Let's push back the frontiers of ignorance about the federal deficit. To simplify things, I'll use round numbers that are fairly close to the actual numbers.

The nation's 2005 gross domestic product (GDP), what the American people produced, totaled \$13 trillion. The federal government consumed \$2.4 trillion, but it only received \$2 trillion in tax revenues, leaving us with what's said to be a \$4 trillion budget deficit.

By the way, it's sheer constitutional ignorance to say that President Bush spends or lowers taxes. Article I, Sections 7 and 8, of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress authority to spend and tax. The president only has veto power that Congress can override.

Getting back to deficits, my question to you is this: Is there truly a deficit? The short answer is yes, but only in an accounting sense — not in any meaningful economic sense. Let's look at it. If Congress spends \$2.4 trillion but only takes in \$2 tril-

lion in taxes, who makes up that \$4 trillion shortfall that we call the budget deficit? Neither the Tooth Fairy, Santa nor the Easter Bunny makes up the difference between what's spent in 2005 and what's taxed in 2005.

Some might be tempted to answer that it's future generations who will pay. That's untrue. If the federal government consumes \$2.4 trillion of what Americans produced in 2005, it must find ways to force us to spend \$2.4 trillion less privately in 2005. In other words, the federal government can't spend today what's going to be produced in the future.

One method to force us to spend less privately is through taxation, but that's not the only way. Another way is to enter the bond market. Government borrowing drives the interest rate to a

level that it otherwise wouldn't be without government borrowing. That higher interest puts the squeeze on private investment in homes and businesses, thereby forcing us to spend less privately.

Another way to force us to spend less privately is to inflate the currency. Theoretically, Congress can consume what we produce without enacting a single tax law; they could simply print money. The rising prices, which would curtail our real spending, would act as a tax. Of course, an important side effect of doing so would be economic havoc.

Some Americans have called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution as a method to rein in a profligate Congress. A balanced budget is no panacea. For example, suppose Congress spent \$6 trillion and taxed us \$6 trillion.

We'd have a balanced budget, but we'd be far freer with today's unbalanced budget. The fact of business is that the true measure of the impact of government on our lives is not the taxes we pay but the level of spending.

The founders of our nation would be horrified by today's level of American servitude to their government. From 1787 to the Roaring '20s, federal government spending, as a percentage of GDP, never exceeded 4 percent, except in wartime, compared to today's 20 percent.

The average taxpayer, depending on the state in which he lives, works from Jan. 1 to May 3 to pay federal, state and local taxes. That means someone else decides how four months' worth of the fruits of the average taxpayer's labor will be spent. The taxpayer is forcibly used to serve the purposes of others — whether it's farm or business handouts, food stamps or other government programs where the earnings

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **April 16**
Houston Chronicle on U.S. Defense leadership:

The United States has a long and useful tradition that discourages military officers from questioning civilian control of the military or publicly faulting the president and other civilian officials. The recent criticism of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld by six retired senior generals is all the more urgent and alarming for its rarity.

The retired generals, including two who commanded Army divisions in Iraq, say Rumsfeld made fatal errors in planning and conducting the war and needs to go so changes can be made. Right about the errors, the generals are just confirming

what most Americans already know: Rumsfeld, acting as President Bush's direction, ignored military advice that 400,000 or more U.S. troops would be needed to secure Iraq after the invasion. He threw out years of State Department postwar planning and had no substitute plan for winning the peace. He fantasized that Iraqis would greet U.S. forces with open arms.

Rumsfeld also acted blasé toward looters who destroyed what remained of Iraq's infrastructure. He encouraged or tolerated harsh interrogation techniques that helped to create the environment in which U.S. troops tortured Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib a shame for which Rumsfeld rightly offered to resign.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, much to Rumsfeld's chagrin, told reporters in Britain that the administration had made "thousands" of tactical errors in

its conduct of the war in Iraq.

President Bush has given his defense secretary his full support. Full support frequently is a prelude for a resignation or dismissal to follow, but not this time. President Bush almost certainly realizes that attacks on Rumsfeld are attacks on the commander in chief and his policies. To fire Rumsfeld would be to admit that terrible mistakes had been made and that the Pentagon now requires new leadership to correct them.

As public support for the war drains away, few Americans question the need for change, and one way to achieve change is to bring in new leaders. What is more crucial to salvaging some achievement from the Iraq war than changing the secretary of defense is for President Bush to perceive the need to change his policies and the assumptions on which they are based.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Bride-to-Be" asked if it was common or proper to wear her wedding gown to the airport or on a plane. You advised her that it was impractical, but there's no law against it. By that, I assume your intention was to say that no rule of etiquette specifically forbids it, rather than a criminal statute. One of the most basic rules of etiquette is that people dress appropriately for their environment. What reason could a person possibly have for wanting to do such a thing except that she is hoping to coerce every casual stranger who crosses her path into having to offer congratulations and ask the obvious questions so that she can extend her fantasy that the entire world revolves around her wedding? To me, this sounds not only improper but self-absorbed. — **JESSICA IN HOUSTON**

DEAR JESSICA: Most of my readers who chose to comment on that letter agreed I was right to discourage the bride-to-be. But not all of them did. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I was married, I kept my gown on, even though we were going to Disneyland after the ceremony. It created some of the most memorable moments of the day. Little girls and tourists wanted pictures of my new husband and me, and I got to wear the most expensive and beautiful dress I will ever own for a full day. Carpe diem! Have no regrets. It's her day; let her do what makes her happy. — **JANELLE IN VALENCIA, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to share what occurred while I was part of the crew on a flight from LAX to Miami. We were all delighted when a young bride and groom in full wedding regalia boarded our aircraft. Unfortunately, we lost an engine on takeoff and had to return to LAX, where the passengers and crew waited three hours before another plane was available. By the time we took off again, the bride and

groom were more than ready to don something comfortable for the five-hour flight, but their luggage had been checked! I would advise the bride to bring along a carry-on with a change of clothes should the unexpected occur. The couple on my flight got more than their money's worth out of their formal wear. — **JANE IN MANDEVILLE, LA.**

DEAR ABBY: Leaving for my honeymoon last summer, I wore a white baseball cap with a short veil attached so everyone would know I was just married. It paid off with upgrades to first class on our flight, complimentary champagne and many other "perks." Tell that bride-to-be there is an alternative to show that she's just married, and she should preserve her sacred wedding gown for her daughter. — **STARR IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.**

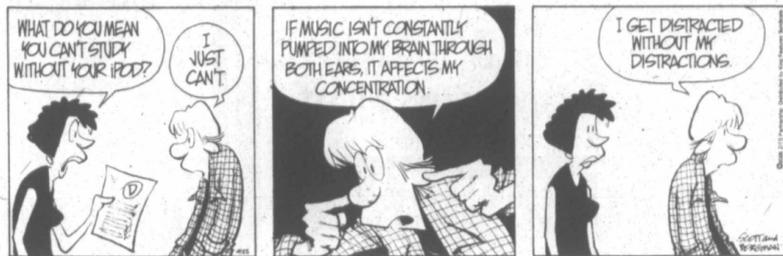
DEAR ABBY: I just saw the question from the bride-to-be. Please remind her and your readers that it is unsafe to wear anything that bulky -- and perhaps not even comfortable -- on an airplane. If there was an accident or even a crash landing, she could become a liability to her husband and the other passengers -- from catching on fire to getting tangled in the slide to tripping in a dark aisle. This is the reason travelers are advised not to wear clothing made of synthetic material on an airplane. — **PRACTICAL IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR ABBY: Tell that bride to call a designer today! I once saw the most wonderful wedding dress, and it could be the perfect solution for her. It was in two pieces, with a full skirt that came off, revealing a beautiful short cocktail dress. Ingenious! The bride said she wore it to dinner several times during her honeymoon. — **AN OLD BRIDE IN SAN RAMON**

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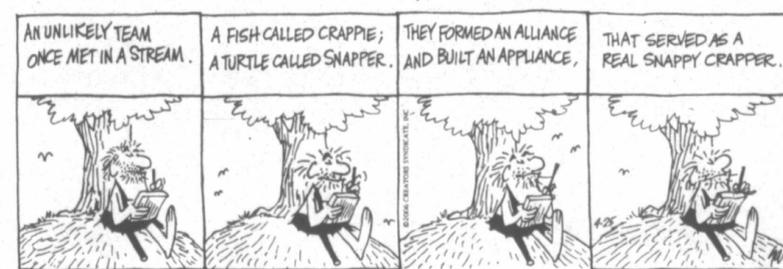
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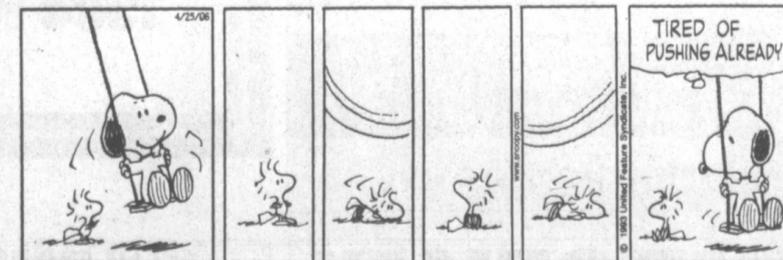
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- 30) Plato de Chile Relleno \$7.75
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- 31) Enchiladas (five/\$5.95 or seven/\$6.95)
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- 35) Plato de Carne Guisada \$6.49
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Combination Plate

- 36) Tamal
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Enchilada (choice of beef, chicken or cheese)
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Sports Day

UIL tennis Regionals: Vinson, Foreman and Lucus advance past first round, fall in second

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Senior Pampa High School girls singles tennis player Myca Vinson and mixed doubles team Michael Foreman (junior) and Ashlee Lucus (senior) had strong first round performances at the 2006 UIL Region 1-4A Tennis Tournament in San Angelo Monday.

Vinson opened the tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Emily Wong of Arlington Heights High School.

Round two would prove a bit tougher for District 3-4A champion Vinson as she fell to No. 3 seed Caroline Parker of Sherman High School, 6-3, 6-3.

Said Pampa coach Emily Laurence this morning, "That was a really tough match for Myca. She (Parker) should have been a No. 1 seed." Laurence added, "Myca moved well. It was a good match."

Michael Foreman and Ashlee Lucus rolled through round one of mixed doubles, defeating Sam Smith and Kaliegh Warner of Arlington Heights High School, 6-0, 6-0.

In the second round, Foreman and Lucus put up a fight before falling to No. 1 seed Collin Copple and Britane'e George of Birdville High School, 6-4, 6-3.

"Michael and Ashlee played their best match of the season in the second round of this tournament," boasted a proud Coach Laurence. "This was a tough team to go against. Both are No. 1 players."

The spring season now complete, what does Coach Laurence do now? "Take a week off to relax. Then get ready for the upcoming fall season."

2006 UIL Region 1-4A Tennis Tournament
Bentwood Country Club
San Angelo, Texas

GIRLS SINGLES

First Round

#1 Liza Hagerman (Wichita Falls HS) d. Ashley Force (Joshua HS), 6-1, 6-1

Lindsey Hoffman (Andrews HS) d. Lizbeth Bencomo (Clint Horizon HS), 6-0, 6-1

#4 Casey Acosta (El Paso Burges HS) d. Mei Hy (Amarillo Palo Duro HS), 6-1, 6-3

Malaina Davis (Arlington Seguin HS) d. Amber Bibb (FW Arlington Heights HS), 7-5, 6-2

Myca Vinson (Pampa HS) d. Emily Wong (FW Arlington Heights HS), 6-0, 6-0

#3 Caroline Parker (Sherman HS) d. Margo Helen Branach (North Richland Hills Birdville HS), 6-1, 6-2

Rachel Calderon (El Paso HS) d. Edna De La Riva (El Paso El Dorado HS), 6-4, 6-0

#2 Rebekah Brown (Aledo HS) d. Emily Cunningham (Plainview HS), 6-2, 6-1

Second Round

#1 Liza Hagerman (Wichita Falls HS) d. Lindsey Hoffman (Andrews HS), 6-0, 6-0

#4 Casey Acosta (El Paso Burges HS) d. Malaina Davis (Arlington Seguin HS), 6-0, 6-0

#3 Caroline Parker (Sherman HS) d. Myca Vinson (Pampa HS), 6-3, 6-3

Rachel Calderon (El Paso HS) d. #2 Rebekah Brown (Aledo HS), 6-3, 6-3

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round

#1 Collin Copple/Britane'e George (North Richland Hills Birdville HS) d. Jonathan Lira/Andrea Venegas (El Paso El Dorado HS), 6-0, 6-0

Michael Foreman/Ashlee Lucus (Pampa HS) d. Sam Smith/Kaliegh Warner (FW Arlington Heights HS), 6-0, 6-0

#4 Lindsay Bradley/Grayson Wellsfry (Wichita Falls HS) d. Caroline Antony/Everardo Tellez (El Paso Jefferson HS), 6-2, 6-1

Jeffrey Chui/Melissa Edwards (Wolforth Frenship HS) d. Jordan Hannah/Andrea Morgan (Cleburne HS), 6-3, 6-1

Michael Warren/Elizabeth Lopez (Canyon Randall HS) d. Oscar Flores/Fabiola Armendariz (Clint Horizon HS), 6-1, 6-4

Ryan Thomas/Jackie Simmons (Arlington Seguin HS) d. #3 Andrew Kinson/Mandi Krueger (FW Arlington Heights HS), 6-2, 6-4

Preston Brown/Sarah McHenry (White Settlement Brewer HS) d. Adrian Viramontes/Gaby Villanueva (El Paso Burges HS), 6-4, 6-4

#2 Talha Ramzan/Kelsey Workman (Wichita Falls Rider HS) d. Laura Aguilar/Josh Frasier (San Angelo Lake View HS), 6-1, 6-1

Second Round

#1 Collin Copple/Britane'e George (North Richland Hills Birdville HS) d. Michael Foreman/Ashlee Lucus (Pampa HS), 6-4, 6-3

#4 Lindsay Bradley/Grayson Wellsfry (Wichita Falls HS) d. Jeffrey Chui/Melissa Edwards (Wolforth Frenship HS), 6-1, 6-0

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Barker signs with LCU

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Congratulations to Pampa High School's Braydon Barker.

The senior recently signed a letter of intent to attend Lubbock Christian University where he will play basketball for the Chaps.

Barker was an instrumental part of the Harvester's 25-7 2005-2006 season, including a Bidistrict and Area championship.

Pampa coach Dustin Miller commonly referred to Barker as a "Court General" and "Team Leader."

Deadly from the 3-point stripe, Barker is also capable of driving the lane for a bucket and quick to spot an open teammate.

Barker is as skilled in the classroom as he is on the court. He, along with fellow PHS classmates and basketball players Jarrett Kotara and Jackie Gerber, were recently named to the TABC All-State Academic Team.

Lubbock Christian University is a NAIA Division I program that plays in the 10 school Sooner Athletic Conference.

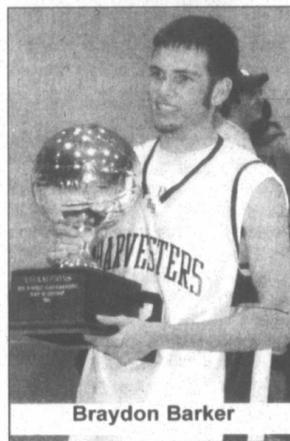
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- John Brown University
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The Chaps are coming off a tough season in which LCU went 3-15 in conference, 7-22 overall.

Barker recently showed his athletic versatility by playing for Pampa tennis coach Emily Laurence, competing in Districts two weeks ago. "I am amazed by his athleticism," Laurence once said.

Barker is the son of Jimmy and Lori Barker.

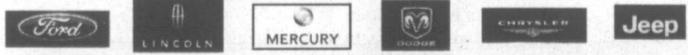


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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pampa visits Dumas this afternoon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The PHS varsity baseball team travels to Dumas today for a must-have district game against the always scrappy Demons. "You know it will be a tough game," said Pampa coach Clay Wilson. "Dumas always comes ready to play Pampa."

Pampa (17-7, 7-1) and Randall are deadlocked for the District 3-4A lead with only two

games left, including today. Randall travels to Hereford this afternoon, while Palo Duro visits Caprock.

Tyson Hickman, 5-3 with a 2.17 era, will take the hill for the Harvesters. Shavious Kelley was back in the GT lineup Saturday after an injury absence. Good news for Coach Wilson. "He is a tremendous athlete and has the ability to change the game very quickly."

Today's game time is 4:30.

Pampa JV takes two over weekend

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School junior varsity baseball team put together two solid performances last week with wins over Hereford and Palo Duro.

The Harvesters took Hereford 5-1 Friday, thanks in part to seven sure innings from pitcher Brett Powell (2-1). Powell had 12 Ks on the afternoon while he gave up just one walk and one run on four hits.

Madison Wilson went 2-for-2 against the Whitefaces with two stolen bases, an RBI double.

Blake Sieck scored twice while Colden Fortenberry had an RBI sin-

gle. Jarron Clark also went 2-for-2 at the plate Friday.

Pampa faced Palo Duro Saturday, dropping the Dons 11-1. Pitcher Blake Sieck improved to 3-2 on season for the Harvesters.

Sieck went 2-for-3 on offense, scoring twice in the game. Ryan Funderburg was also 2-for-3 with an RBI double and a two run homer.

Shane Davis recorded an in-the-park HR that scored three runs.

Brody Russell had an RBI single to end game in the fifth.

The two wins improved the JV record to 12-9 overall, 6-1 in district going into Monday's meeting with Dumas. Jeremy Busse was scheduled to start that game for Pampa.

Artest out for Game 2

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The NBA suspended Sacramento's Ron Artest for Game 2 of the Kings' first-round playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs.

Stu Jackson, the league's top disciplinarian, said Artest's elbow to Manu Ginobili's head in the series opener was egregious enough to war-

rant another suspension for the man who missed 73 games and the playoffs last season after one of the most infamous brawls in sports history.

The Kings suggested Artest was punished simply for being Ron Artest, possibly the most notorious player of his generation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 26, 2006:

Trust your innate style and instincts this year. Creative and magnetic will describe your energy. You naturally do or say the right thing. Network and reach out for whatever you want. You might also travel or go back to school, adding to your potential. Much works, but what is good about you is your ability to revise your thinking. From December on, you will witness greater openness. Anything becomes possible with your mind-set. If you are single, a relationship will blossom, but is it the right one? Take your time deciding, no matter how intense the moment might seem. If you are attached, you connect better when you allow your sweetie more say. Decide that both of you can be right: ARIES can challenge you.

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)

★★★★ The ideas that seem to spin off you out of the blue actually might be triggered by a past discussion. Your perspective transforms as new information heads in your direction. Be willing to say that you are wrong, and you will be the big winner. Tonight: Just wish upon a star or, better yet, ask!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be instrumental in much that goes on, but also be willing to not demand the limelight. You are better off allowing others to think they did it on their own. A financial discussion takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Vanish. You don't need to explain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Don't settle. You have the right idea and are heading in the correct direction. Sometimes you get a bit confused, as you have so many ideas flying through your head like lightning. Detach. Think. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to assume responsibility helps others. What is obvious is how smoothly everything happens. A partner or associate who deals with joint funds could be squandering them away. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for new facts and perspectives. Pick up the phone and explore your options. You will have to meet certain responsibilities. Others open up and take a risk by sharing some offbeat ideas. Brainstorm. Creativity adds that touch of flair and fun to life. Tonight: Get into a favorite game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Working with others can define your success. Ideas will flourish, though you might need to back off and approach others more creatively. Your willingness to revamp plans enhances your productivity and/or happiness. Tonight: The spotlight is on the other person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others dominate. Though you could be ambivalent about this fact, you will find that you have great freedom and more creativity as a result. Your specialty lies in seeing others in their unique light. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Dig in and get the job done. You can effectively accomplish a lot more if you relax and let your imagination wander. If you can, surround yourself with music. In any case, make your environ-

ment more pleasant. Tonight: A brisk walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your words resonate and draw results. Observe others' responses. You might get a lot of feedback and can make key changes if need be. A flirtation could be budding; be aware of what is happening. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Check out an investment or property offer. You might view this situation differently than those who tell you about it. Be a cynic. Your instincts guide you well. Explaining what you feel could take more talent! Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A whirlwind surrounds you. You find that plans change. A new friend could appear on the scene. You could be delighted by what a simple call draws. Socialize; reach out for others. Success surrounds you. Tonight: Meet a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Allow your sixth sense to play into a decision that surrounds a money venture or purchase. Eye security, and don't let others distract you. Follow your instincts with someone you put on a pedestal. You'll get results. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

BORN TODAY

Singer Stevie Nicks (1948), actor, singer Michael Damian (1962), actor Jet Li (1963)

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Lindy Forsyth
 Signature of Officer

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Iraq

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would turn against them because they are outsiders. I think you could actually reduce Iraq as a haven for al-Qaida, as well, because the security would be increased. This also provides the Bush administration with a way of saying, "Well, we toppled Saddam Hussein and we gave the Iraqis the best change for peace and prosperity." If there is peace in Iraq, people aren't going to care if there's one Iraq or three or four Iraqs.

Q: Would we, the United States, play a role in the partition?

A: I think we can mediate it, but I think it must be done fairly quickly. We see these negotiations dragging on now because nobody has an incentive. Negotiations can happen real fast if there's an urgent need. If the U.S. declares it's going to pull out, I think you will see the Kurds and the Shia become very receptive to negotiating a settlement.

Q: Is there any interest in the Bush administration for a partition?

A: I don't know. I think they would do this only as a desperation move. The problem is, if they wait too long, even a partition isn't going to work because the civil war is already started. Unless they stop it, it's going to get worse.

Q: Why is the Bush administration wedded to re-creating a strong central government?

A: The president is still holding on to the idea that we're still going to have military bases there. They want them on the Gulf, but the Shia areas are not going to allow that, and they're the ones closest to the Gulf, and that's where the significant amounts of oil are. I think that's one reason the administration is still clinging to the idea of a unified Iraq. The other is just probably bureaucratic inertia.

Q: What's Iraq going to look like in 2008? President Bush said our troops will still be there.

A: I liken it to the pilot with two engines on fire who does not look for an alternate landing strip but tries to continue on his course to his original destination. He's probably going to crash and burn, and I think that's what's going to happen in Iraq. I don't think we're going to make it for another three years there. I think there's going to be a civil war in Iraq if the president doesn't change course. The public won't stand for U.S. forces being caught in a civil war. If all hell breaks loose in Iraq, those forces will be coming home much, much sooner — to the electoral peril of Republicans. I don't think they have another three years to wait.

Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Wildfire relief



Lila Vars, Lions Club district governor, presented Brad Pingel, local Lions Club president, with two gift certificates from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$500 for the county wildfire relief effort.

Williams

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of one American are taken and given to another. This situation differs only in degree, but not in kind, from slavery. After all, a working description of slavery is the process where one person is forcibly used to serve the purposes of another. The difference is a slave has no rights to what he produces each year, instead of just four months.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Mandy Moore says she isn't among those who criticize "American Idol" contestants for wanting instant stardom.

Moore plays a singer with diva-like aspirations in the new movie "American Dreamz," directed by Paul Weitz. The film also stars Dennis Quaid, Willem Dafoe and Hugh Grant, whose character hosts an "American Idol"-type TV talent show.

"I think they work so hard overcoming all of these obstacles just to get on

the show in the first place, and then every week they're judged in front of all of America," the 22-year-old singer-actress told reporters recently, according to AP Radio. "It must be overwhelming, all the pressure."

"I give them complete credit for getting up on stage," she said. "I think I would crumble under that kind of pressure, so, no, I think they deserve all the success that they get."

HONG KONG (AP) — Former

Bond girl Michelle Yeoh says she has no immediate plans to wed Ferrari racing boss Jean Todt, according to newspaper reports.

"We've talked about it. I've been married before. We'll stay together as long as we're happy. We don't necessarily have to get married. Marriage is a bonus. Being together is enough. I also like to be independent," Yeoh said in Monday's editions of the Apple Daily newspaper.

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A COW AND A WORM

Can cows and worms really help us understand more about recycling? Find out on today's Kid Scoop page!

Cows are ruminants. A rummy what?

A ruminant. That's an animal with four stomachs.

These four stomachs allow us to eat things that most animals can't. Things like corn stalks and the hulls of nuts and grains. And we recycle that inedible stuff into nutritious food for people. Food like milk, cheese, hamburgers and steaks.

She said a mouthfull!

HOW A RUMINANT WORKS

- Teeth tear and chew the food in the mouth.
- Food travels from the mouth to the first stomach down a tube called the esophagus.
- Swallowed food, called the cud, mixes and softens in stomachs 1 and 2.
- Cud returns to the mouth for more chewing by the rear molars.
- Cud passes through stomachs 1, 2, 3 and 4 as it is digested and its nutrients are absorbed.
- Waste materials pass through the intestines and exit the body as manure.

Read How a Ruminant Works and follow the path of food as it moves through the cow's stomachs. Write the corresponding numbers on my diagram.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

Let's review...

Cows demonstrate that they can recycle things like nutshells and hulls.

You can create a resource when you recycle plastics, metals and glass. Old stuff that is no longer usable can be made into new and useful things!

But what can we learn from a worm?

I've saved the best for last: Worms are also master recyclers!

While we are quiet and shy, we are good to have around. We don't have eyes, ears or legs, yet we provide the planet an important service.

As earthworms burrow or dig into the ground, they swallow soil. They eat rotting plants and leaves. As this debris passes through the worm's body, it is ground up by tiny stones in the worm's gizzard and leaves the body as waste.

This waste is called worm castings. Castings are dark and fertile and enrich the soil. Each day an earthworm produces its weight in castings. That's a lot of recycling!

Extra! Extra!
Now You See It

Scientists must be observant, watching things very carefully. Try this game to improve your powers of observation.

- With a partner, pick a newspaper picture. Study it for one minute.
- Cover the picture and write down everything you remember about it. Who can remember the most details?

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an investigation.

Professor Worm's Amazing Worm Facts

Add up the numbers to discover each answer.

How long was the longest earthworm ever found?
9 + 6 + 7 = feet

How many different kinds of earthworms are there?
300 + 700 + 800 =

How strong are earthworms? They can push things up to 3 + 3 + 4 = times their own weight. That would be like you being able to push four refrigerators at one time!

Can you find the misspelled word on this page?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve addition problems.

Make a Mini Compost Bin!

Visit the Kid Scoop website to learn how you can make your own compost bin at home or for your classroom. It's fun and easy to do. Check it out!

Visit www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop thanks the Nebraska Beef Council for help with this page. The content was adapted from their educational poster and lessons called "Things We Can Learn From a Cow and a Worm." www.nebeef.org

Double Double Word Search

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

EARTHWORMS
RUMINANT
MOLARS
STOMACH
ESOPHAGUS
WASTE
STONES
GLASS
SOIL
MASTER
STEAKS
CASTINGS
LEGS
MILK
CHEESE

S G N I T S A C R S
C S S O L S W U E U
C K A T E I M N T G
H A D N O I O K S A
E E O W N M L S A H
E T S A W I A O M P
S S N T M L R C R O
E T L E G S S M H S
S M R O W H T R A E

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Recycle Poster

Look through the newspaper for names and addresses of agencies involved in recycling. Make a poster encouraging students to recycle and list where different items can be recycled. Post this in your school to let others know what can be done to help the environment.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Cow and Worm Conversations

Tell a story about an imaginary conversation between a cow, a worm and you.

SMART FUN AT HOME

Green Groups

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures that fit each category below. Paste the words and pictures under each heading. Use another sheet of paper if you need more room.

THINGS THAT SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES:

THINGS THAT SAVE ENERGY:

THINGS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED:

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DEBRIS**

The noun debris means pieces left from something broken down or destroyed.

The children cleaned up the debris from the picnic.

Try to use the word debris in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.