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Wednesday **Thursday** **Friday**



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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Terry Gene — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Terry Gene Washington, 53

Terry Gene Washington, 53, died Monday, March 19, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Bob Banks, of the Bible Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley

Funeral Directors.

Mr. Washington was born December 29, 1953, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a finish carpenter, making cabinets and furniture. He was a member of the First Christian Church. He was a member of the Texas Carpenters and Millwrights Regional Council #665.

Survivors include one

daughter, Angela Washington of Stillwater, Okla.; his parents, Bill and Emily Washington of Pampa; one sister, Sherry Watson and husband Deon of Pampa; one brother, Tommy Washington and wife Tracy of Pampa; nieces and nephews, Michelle Watson of Amarillo, Ryan Watson of Fort Myer, Va., and Camron Washington and

Nathan Washington, both of Pampa; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Suite A-6, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Monday, March 19
 Bennie Bee Owen, 66, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Lorraine Larrazolo, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Elm by Pampa Police Department for theft by check.

Tuesday, March 20
 Connie Elaine Oxley, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of one or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance, failure to identify as a fugitive and no valid driver's license.

Ronald Keith Wohlford, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of one or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance and a bench warrant out of Ellis County, Okla., for being a fugitive from justice and failure to appear.

Pampa PD

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

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

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900

block of Duncan, the 800 block of East Browning, the 500 block of North Naida, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, the 1800 block of Lea and on two occasions from the 1100 block of South Christy.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of Wilcox, the intersection of Garland and Kentucky streets, the 1100 block of Sirocco, the 200 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of Yeager, the 1500 block of North Christy, the 100 block of West 30th, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 200 block of West Albert, the 600 block of North Nelson and the 1100 block of Juniper.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2500 block of North Christine and the intersection of Oklahoma and Gray streets.

One suicide attempt was reported.

One attempt to serve legal papers was made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of North West.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Naida.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 100

block of South Foster and the 2600 block of Navajo.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Russell and Worrell streets, the 700 block of East Murphy, the 2800 block of Charles, the 700 block of North Russell and the intersection of Ballard and Foster streets.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 500 block of South Cuyler and the 1500 block of North Sumner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Foster and in the police department lobby. The lobby report involved driveway lights valued at \$100 which were run over in the 2500 block of Aspen.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 200 block of North Sumner.

One open door was checked.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Fraud was reported in the 800 block of Deane Drive.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 200 block of West 30th, the 2200 block of Duncan, the 2000 block of Duncan and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Williston. A back door valued at \$80 was kicked in.

Fire

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

Monday, March 19
 12:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2500 block of Christine on a medical assist.

6:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 19
 8:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Christine and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Cherokee and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Navajo for standby.

Federal probe blames lax OSHA oversight at BP Texas City plant

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal government's final report on the fatal 2005 explosion at BP's Texas City refinery released Tuesday criticized a key U.S. worker-safety agency for lax oversight and reiterated claims that organizational and safety deficiencies at BP PLC led to the

fatal accidents over the last 30 years, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration had done only one process safety management inspection at the refinery, in 1998.

The report said the agency made other, unplanned inspections after accidents, complaints or referrals — it didn't say how many — but that those visits were typically narrower and shorter than planned inspections.

OSHA's national focus

on inspecting facilities with high injury rates, while important, has resulted in reduced attention to preventing less frequent, but catastrophic, process safety incidents such as the one at Texas City," the report said.

Richard Fairfax, OSHA's enforcement director, told the Houston Chronicle this week that the agency "has gone to great effort to direct our resources to where we think we need to be."

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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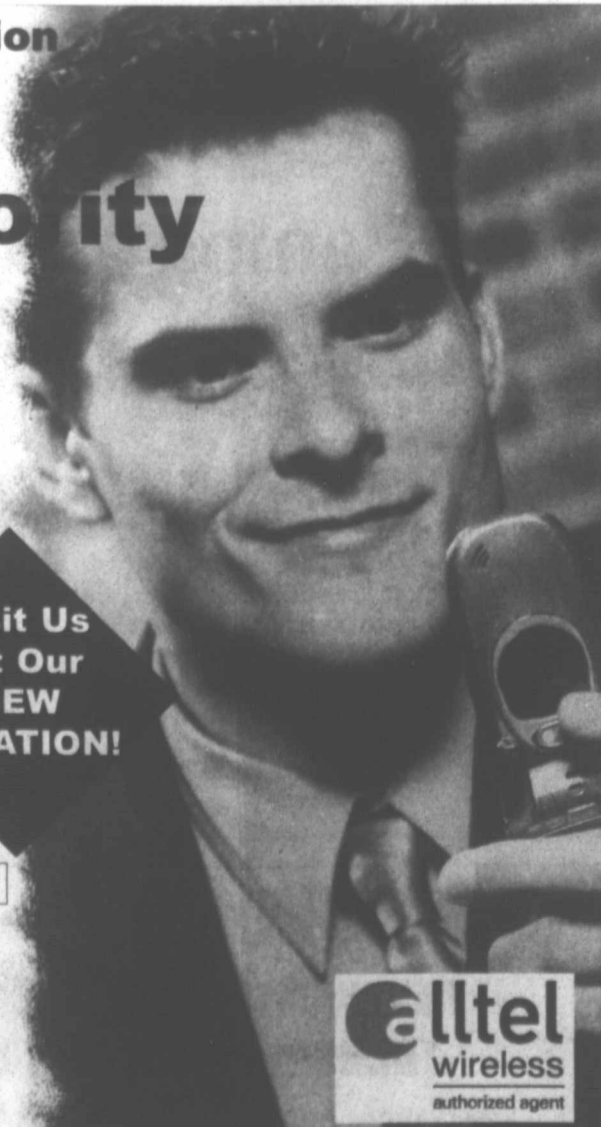
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Bush uses phone call to back Gonzalez

**BuBy PETE YOST
and
LARA JAKES JORDAN**
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent a powerful message of support today for embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, calling his longtime friend to express unwavering support in the face of calls for his resignation.

The White House also denied reports that it was looking for possible successors for Gonzales. "Those rumors are untrue," White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said.

Bush called Gonzales from the Oval Office at 7:15 a.m. EDT and they spoke for several minutes about the political uproar over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys, an issue that has thrust the attorney general into controversy and raised questions about whether he can survive. The White House disclosed Bush's call to bolster Gonzales and attempt to rally Republicans to support him.

"The president reaffirmed his strong backing of the attorney general and his support for him," Perino said.

Former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay had said earlier Tuesday that the scandal "is just a taste of what's going to be like for the next two years."

"And the Bush administration sort of showed their weakness when they got rid of Don Rumsfeld," the Texan said

on NBC's "Today" show. "... This is a made up scandal. There is no evidence of wrongdoing whatsoever. ... They ought to be fighting back."

Bush's call came as congressional investigators sifted through 3,000-pages of e-mails and other material concerning the dismissal of the prosecutors. Some of the documents spelled out fears in the Bush administration that the dismissals of eight U.S. attorneys might not stand up to scrutiny.

The documents were not the end of the inquiry. House and Senate panels later in the week expected to approve subpoenas to White House aides Karl Rove, former counsel Harriet Miers and others. Miers' successor, Fred Fielding, was to tell the Judiciary Committee later today whether and under what conditions Bush would allow the officials to testify.

But the documents told more of the story of the run-up to the firings and the administration's attempt to choreograph them to reduce the bloodletting. It didn't work out that way — the prosecutors were shocked and angered by the dismissals, the lack of explanation from the Justice Department and news reports that the administration fired the eight for performance reasons.

The bubbling discontent worried Justice Department officials. Of particular concern, according to some references in the 3,000 pages of e-mails and other material released late Monday,

was the prospect of former U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins testifying before Congress.

"I don't think he should," Gonzales' chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, wrote in a Feb. 1 e-mail. "How would he answer: Did you resign voluntarily? Who told you? What did they say?"

Cummins was relieved as U.S. attorney in Little Rock, Ark., and replaced by Tim Griffin, a former assistant to top White House aide Karl Rove.

In his e-mail to colleagues, Sampson listed more questions that Cummins might have to answer if he were to testify to Congress: "Did you ever talk to Tim Griffin about his becoming U.S. attorney? What did Griffin say? Did Griffin ever talk about being AG appointed and avoiding Senate confirmation? Were you asked to resign because you were underperforming? If not, then why?"

The documents that Congress will focus on in the coming days show that Gonzales was unhappy with how Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty explained the firings to the Senate Judiciary Committee in early February.

"The Attorney General is extremely upset with the stories on the US Atty's this morning," Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkasse, who was traveling with Gonzales in South America at the time, wrote in a Feb. 7 e-mail.

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employees," Horst said. In the discussion during the work session, however, there seemed to be a consensus that Teichmann could subcontract the labor portion of his contract although Mayor Lonny Robbins said he wanted more information before the commission would take action on the situation.

Horst pointed out that Teichmann's busy season is about to begin and a decision will need to be made by April.

Assault

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a charge of aggravated sexual assault causing serious bodily injury, a first-degree felony.

Aggravated sexual assault differs from sexual assault in that injury is done to the victim in addition to any injuries which may be caused directly by the sexual assault itself, Burton said.

Investigation of the incident is being led by Lt. Stephanie Raymond and Det. Beverly Chace.

Storm

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Bryant

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classes attended every two years, while classes such as crisis intervention are a one-time attendance.

Bryant's first day on the job in Pampa was Monday.

Three hours, two stops, three arrests ...

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A Gray County sheriff's deputy made two traffic stops within three hours which resulted in the arrest of three people for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Rhett Rollins stopped a vehicle at about 11 p.m. Monday for a traffic violation at the intersection of Albert and Cuyler streets. Rollins asked for and was given consent to search the vehicle.

A plastic baggie containing a substance believed to be cocaine was found on the driver's seat of the vehicle, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

Bennie Bee Owen, 66, of Pampa was arrested in connection with the incident and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of one or more but less than four grams of a con-

trolled substance. He remained in jail as of press time in lieu of \$3,500 bond on the third-degree felony.

Rollins also made a traffic stop at about 1:15 a.m. today near the intersection of Oklahoma and Barrett streets. The driver, who gave a false name, Hoard said, consented to a search of the vehicle.

Rollins found a substance believed to be cocaine on the floorboard, between the front seats of the vehicle, Hoard said.

Connie Elaine Oxley, 43, the driver of the vehicle, was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of one or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. She was also charged with failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and no valid driver's license.

Oxley, a Pampa resident, remained in jail as of press

time in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Ronald Keith Wohlford, 43, of Pampa was also arrested in connection with the incident. Wohlford, a passenger in Oxley's vehicle, was booked into jail on a charge of possession of one or more but less than four ounces of a controlled substance. He is also wanted on a bench warrant out of Ellis County, Okla., for failure to appear and being a fugitive from justice.

Wohlford remained in jail as of press time. His bond has not yet been set, according to jail records.

Construction rebounds

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction of new homes rebounded in February after a big decline in the previous month, but building permits slid further, indicating more problems down the road for the troubled-housing industry.

The Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments rose by 9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.525 million units. That represented a better-than-expected rebound after construction activity had plunged by 14.3 percent in January to the slowest pace in more than

nine years.

But builders' applications for new permits, considered a more reliable gauge of future activity, continued falling in February, dropping by 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.532 million units. That marked the 12th decline in the past 13 months in building permits and underscored the construction industry's steep slump.

The 9 percent rebound in housing in February had been expected given that construction had fallen so much in January, a month when a return to more normal winter weather had pushed construction activity lower after an unusually warm December.

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Viewpoints

The pros and cons of phonetic spelling ...

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There have been advocates of reforming our system of spelling English words for generations, at least as far back as Benjamin Franklin. Most of them champion a system known as phonetic spelling, in which each letter always represents the same spoken sound.

The first sentence of this column was written using the phonetic spelling which follows the current correct spelling of a word in the dictionary. You can see phonetic spellings in parentheses following any word you look up in the dictionary; the phonetic spelling shows how to pronounce the word.

Arguments put forth in favor of this new way of spelling generally stress the advantages of simplifying the way we spell words. Spelling reform proponents say that phonetic spelling would make it much easier to learn how to read and write the language and pronounce the words.

Ben Franklin is not the only well-known American to push phonetic spelling. Andrew Carnegie helped create the Simplified Spelling Board 100 years ago. President Theodore Roosevelt pushed the federal government to use "simplified" spelling in its publications.

The Chicago Tribune even advocated the "new" spelling by using phonetic

spelling for a core group of words over a 40-year period before the newspaper finally gave up the practice in 1975.

Playwright George Bernard Shaw even left money in his will to be used for the development of a new and simpler English alphabet.

Other famous forebears who liked the idea of "simpler" spelling included Mark Twain and Daniel Webster.

Our language has 42 sounds that are spelled in 400 ways, according to the American Literacy Council. Some say all those different

spellings unnecessarily increase the difficulty of becoming a literate American. Others say that our current spelling of English words preserves prefixes, roots and suffixes, from which words get their meaning, and phonetic spelling would take that away.

But if a new system of reading and writing English using phonetic spelling is adopted, how are people who learn to spell by using the new method going to understand anything written before the new method came into use?

It seems to me that if this

idea of phonetic spelling is ever adopted and taught to schoolchildren nationwide, it would cause more headaches than it solves.

That generation of students would still have to have a working knowledge of the traditional spellings of words in order to read anything published before phonetic spelling became the national norm. Otherwise, every written word would have to be translated into the new spelling, even the Bible.

And what about every sign and every word engraved on a building? What about cemetery headstones that feature more than just names and dates? I can envision a legion of sign painters and stonemasons hard at work, enjoying more job security

than they had ever dreamed of having.

Some phonetic spellings have already crept into everyday usage and can even be found in recently-published dictionaries. Examples include nite for night, lite for light, thru for through and donut for doughnut. Advertising and product packaging often make use of these spellings.

E-mail and text messaging are also influencing the way we spell words. In the world of electronic communication, words are sometimes shortened even to the point of having one letter represent a word, such as u for you.

And who hasn't seen pleez instead of please?

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 20, the 79th day of 2007. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 8:07 p.m. EDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1828, poet-dramatist Henrik Ibsen was born in Skien, Norway.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In 1987, the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of AZT, a drug shown to prolong the lives of some AIDS patients.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed and more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

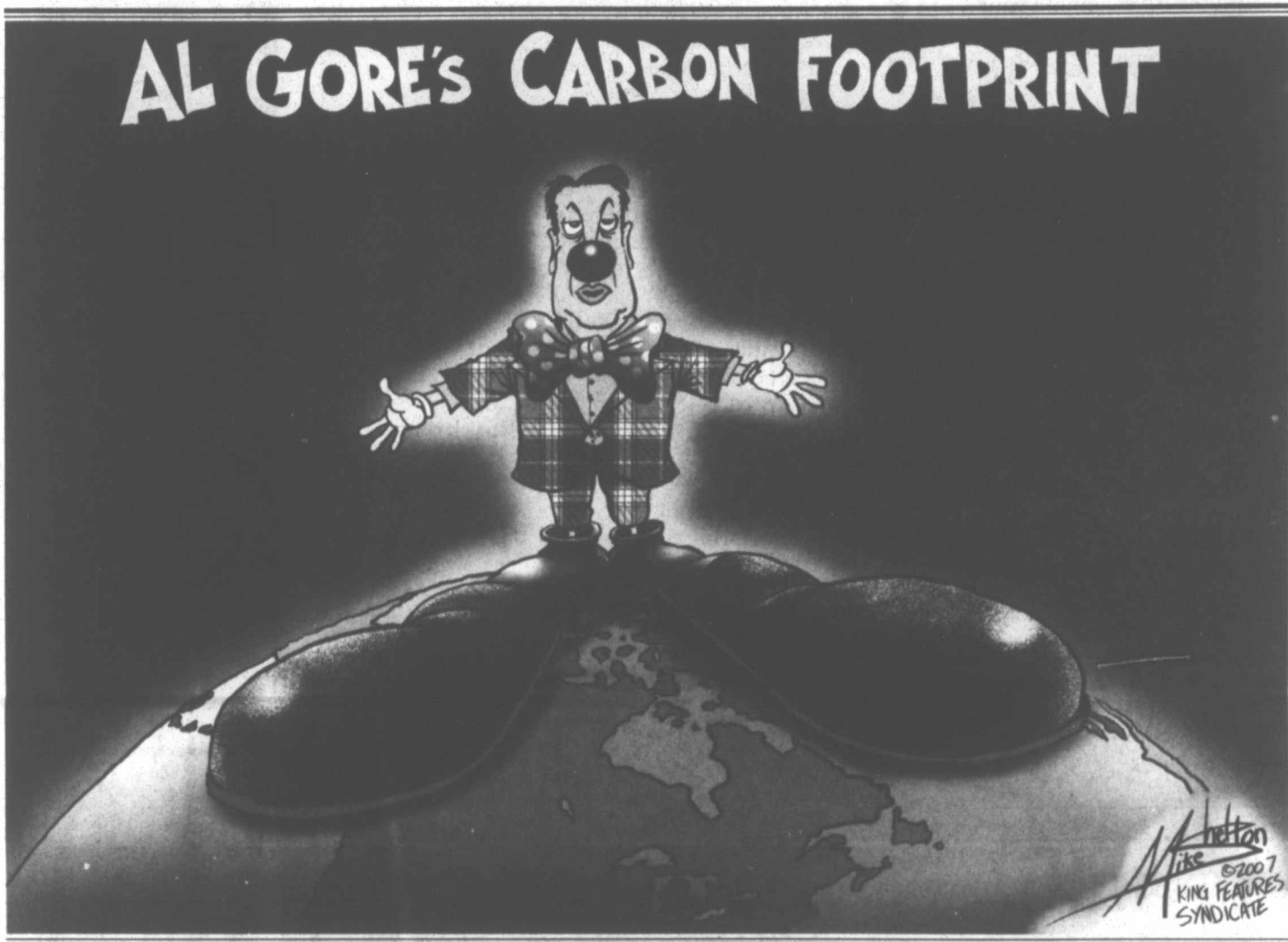
Ten years ago: President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin opened talks in Helsinki, Finland, on the issue of NATO expansion.

Liggett Group, the maker of Chesterfield cigarettes, settled 22 state lawsuits by agreeing to warn on every pack that smoking is addictive and admitting the industry markets cigarettes to teenagers.

Five years ago: Three days ahead of a visit by President Bush, a car bomb exploded outside the U.S. Embassy in Lima, killing 10 people. Seven Israelis died when an Islamic militant blew himself up in a packed bus. Congress approved the most far-reaching changes to the nation's campaign finance system since the Watergate era. Accounting firm Arthur Andersen pleaded not guilty to charges it had shredded documents and deleted computer files related to Enron. (Andersen was later found guilty of obstruction of justice; it received probation and was fined \$500,000.)

'Spring has no language but a cry.'

— Thomas Wolfe
American author
(1900-1938)



The cost to nonsmokers to impose their will

The most fundamental principle of economics is the law of demand, which postulates that the higher the cost of a behavior, the less people will do of it, while the lower the cost, the more people will do of it. The law of demand applies to any behavior, and I'm going to apply it to anti-smoking behavior. First, let's get the health issue out of the way because it has no relevancy to the particular principle under examination, which is how people respond to the cost of something.

The cost to nonsmokers to impose their will on smokers, say, in a restaurant, bar or airplane, is zero, or close to it. They just have to get the legislature to do their bidding. When the cost of something is zero, there's a tendency for people to take too much of it. You say, "Williams, in my book, there can never be too much

smoke-free air!"

Here's a little test. Say your car's out of gas and stuck in a blizzard. You wave me down for assistance. I say, "I'll be glad to give you a lift to safety, but I'm smoking in my car."

How likely is it that you'll turn down my assistance in an effort to avoid tobacco smoke? You might be tempted to argue, "That's different." It's not different at all. The cost of a smoke-free environment is not what you're willing to pay.

Say you don't permit smoking in your house. When I visit, I offer to pay you \$100 for each cigarette you permit me to smoke. Instantaneously, I've raised the cost of your maintaining

a smoke-free environment. Retaining smoke-free air in your home costs the sacrifice of \$100. Of course, I could offer you higher amounts, and economic theory predicts that at some price, you'll conclude your 100 percent smoke-free air isn't worth it.

Air that's either 100 percent smoke-filled or 100 percent smoke-free is probably sub-optimal. At zero prices there will either be too much smoking or too little smoking. The problem in our society is that laws have created too much smoke-free air. To a large degree, it's the fault of smokers, who haven't created a cost to smoke-free air.

You say, "What do you mean, Williams?" Here's an

example: A number of years ago, a congressman (who shall remain nameless) invited me to give a lecture to some staffers. I asked him if it was OK for me to smoke during my lecture, whereupon he told me about Congress' no-smoking rule.

I told him that if I weren't allowed to smoke, I wouldn't give the lecture. The congressman promised he'd tell the guard that I could smoke, and I gave the lecture. There have been other occasions where I've attached a price to smoke-free air. I fully recognize that people and organizations have their rules, but I also have mine.

My rule is by no means absolute. There are instances where I put up with zero-priced smoke-free air, and there are other instances where I don't. It all depends on the cost to me. I think

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 12**
Houston Chronicle on climate change:

The plight of thousands of arctic polar bears threatened with drowning as rising global temperatures melt their icy habitat has become one of the most poignant symbols of the threat of climate change to both wildlife and humans.

Perhaps in recognition of the bears' public relations negatives for an administration that has downplayed global warming in the past, U.S. Fish and Wildlife administrators decided to try to prevent traveling researchers and

scientists in the agency from publicly discussing bears, sea ice, or climate change in general. The tactic backfired when an environmentalist and former Interior Department official in the Clinton administration forwarded the embarrassing memos to The New York Times.

One document required that biologists and wildlife officials applying for travel to conferences or projects in arctic area countries understand "the administration's position on climate change, polar bears and sea ice, and will not be speaking on or responding to these issues." In one case, an expert on polar bear behavior was traveling to Russia to counsel villagers on how to cope with polar bears driven into areas inhabited by humans because of the

dwindling sea ice. One reason for the trip was anxiety of locals after a polar bear attacked and killed a young girl.

Yet his supervisors sent a memo saying he would not be speaking on or responding to questions concerning bears, ice or climate change, a litany of the reasons for the trip to be planned at all.

Other than the weather, it's hard to imagine what he would have left to talk about if those subjects were forbidden.

In another case, a researcher traveling to Norway to discuss the task of preserving arctic animals and plants received the same admonition. While Fish and Wildlife Director H. Dale Hall defended the requests as a matter of

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to "Worried Aunt in Florida" (Feb. 9), whose nephew suffers from OCD, hit the nail on the head. Often parents don't want their children's psychotic behaviors made public by seeking help. Nothing could be so wrong! I know because a close family member, who for years required counseling and analysis, was ignored by her parents so they could avoid the stigma of having a "crazy" child. The result? A failed suicide attempt, resulting in permanent physical impairment and significant deterioration in the mental state of that child. It's my belief that every so-called "odd behavior" is a warning signal and should be addressed before things get out of hand. — **STEVE IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

DEAR STEVE: I agree that parents need to be vigilant and proactive in protecting their children, and not hide their heads in the sand pretending that problems don't exist. I heard from a number of health care professionals who were also concerned about the young man in the letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In the health care world, there are such things as "emancipated conditions." These are certain health conditions that can be treated in minors without parental consent or knowledge. (In some states the child can be 12 or older; in others, 14 or older.) In the state of Florida, this law applies. If "Vincent" is concerned about his obsessive-compulsive disorder and his parents refuse to acknowledge the problem, he may seek treatment without them. The local health department in that boy's county can provide information on clinics that provide these services. Minors do have a choice regarding their health care when it comes to emancipated conditions. — **CERTIFIED PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER IN INDIANA**

DEAR ABBY: As a psychiatrist, I must respond to "Worried Aunt" about her nephew's likely OCD. OCD can be a horri-

bly disabling condition thought to be caused by an imbalance of neurotransmitters in a specific region of the brain. Recent research has linked its onset in children and adolescents to an immune response to streptococcal infection. Bottom line: It's nobody's "fault," and many good treatments exist to reduce its crippling effects. I suspect the mother of this child is not seeking care for him in part because of worry that she will be blamed for his condition. Despite good ole Oedipus, in this age, we in the profession have learned it's not (usually) Mom's fault! Please refer families with loved ones suffering from OCD to NAMI, to the Web site of the National Institute of Mental Health (www.nimh.nih.gov), or to local support groups where excellent information on treatments may be obtained. — **THOMAS HARDING, M.D., MILWAUKEE**

DEAR READERS: For anyone who might not know, "NAMI" is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Its toll-free number is (800) 950-6264. Its Web site is www.nami.org.

DEAR ABBY: OCD is a very real disorder that could lead to depression or suicide. You can't "just stop" these behaviors. Please inform "Worried Aunt" about the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation. Reach it by calling 1-203-401-2070, or on the Web at www.ocfoundation.org. I did not know until a therapist in our area, specifically trained to treat OCD, interviewed our son that he felt hopeless, depressed and suicidal. After a year of treatment he is a different, happier person. OCD is a lifelong condition, but there are tools to deal with it so that young man can lead a normal life. — **PARENT OF A SON WITH OCD**

For Better Or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 High
 - 1 "Dragnet" homes star
 - 5 Boring
 - 10 Realty units
 - 12 Bitter humor
 - 13 Charlie Chaplin film
 - 15 Debate side
 - 16 Misery
 - 17 Catch sight of
 - 18 Maze walls, at times
 - 20 Dread
 - 21 Make scaloppini
 - 22 Concerning
 - 23 BLT base
 - 25 Gists
 - 28 Sign of sorrow
 - 31 Just
 - 32 Empty the hold
 - 34 Nutrition label abbr., sometimes
 - 35 Pitcher's stat
 - 36 Singer Yoko
 - 37 Charlie Chaplin film
 - 40 Lend — (hear out)
 - 41 Beethoven's "Für —"
- DOWN**
- 1 Common retirement gift
 - 2 Canyon sounds
 - 3 Starr of the comics
 - 4 Implore
 - 5 Conceal
 - 6 Three-time NHL MVP
 - 7 Shelters
 - 8 Kick out of office
 - 9 Rescued damsel's sigh
 - 11 Historic South
 - 14 Bad game space to land on
 - 19 Daring
 - 20 Lethal
 - 24 Capitol group
 - 25 Golfer's Greg
 - 26 Ruined parts
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 - 29 Dorm sharer
 - 30 Most rational
 - 33 Rx amounts
 - 35 Goofs
 - 38 Pig out
 - 39 Under the weather

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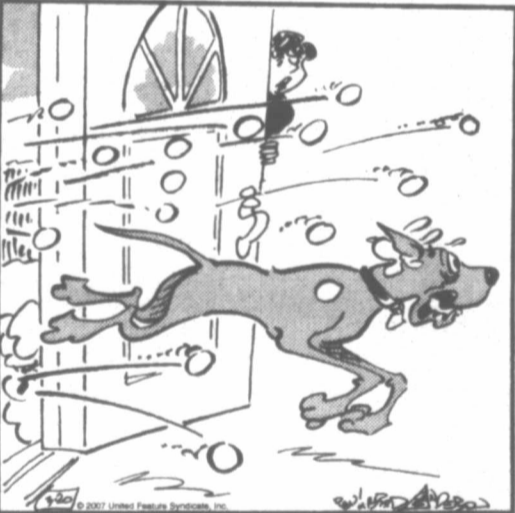
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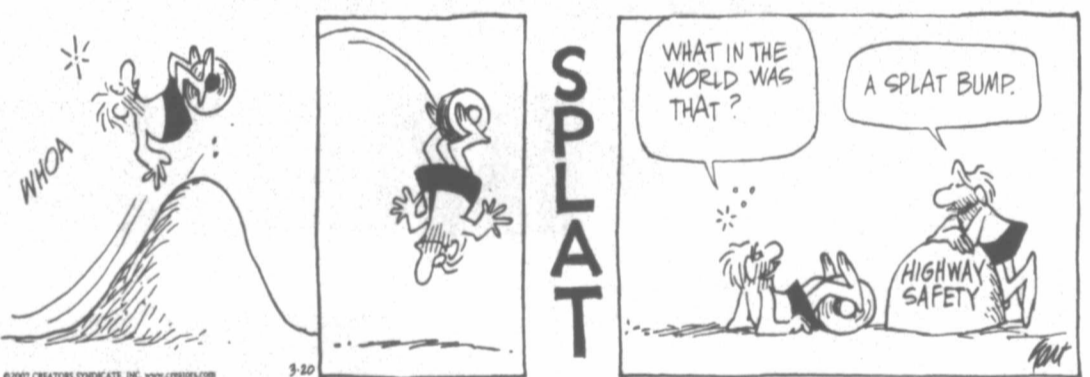


The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Powers

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Those who favor phonetic spelling may argue that illiteracy would be reduced. I think that phonetic spelling would be just another way of "dumbing down" America. We should always seek to raise our education standards, not lower them.

I also think that illiteracy would, if anything, be raised instead of reduced. You can't convince me that everything ever written would be re-published using the new spelling system. That means a lot

of literature that phonetically-taught people couldn't read.

Let's figure out how to make everyone a successful speller, rather than figuring out how to bring everyone down to the lowest common skill level.

After all, being literate means being able to read and write, including knowing how to properly spell words. If those skills are not learned, there is no foundation of knowledge upon which to build.

To paraphrase an exchange between two characters in one of the Star Trek movies:

"Spelling. It is a difficult concept."
"We learn by doing, lieutenant."

Climate

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protocol, they fit into a Bush administration pattern of trying to gag scientists on the

issue of global warming.

Such attempts at climate change censorship have been notably unsuccessful in the past, and have actually drawn more attention to the warnings of NASA climatologist James Hansen and

other government scientists.

Rather than trying to white out the polar bears from public discussion, Interior Department officials would do better to speed up efforts to save the animals from decimation.

Williams

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other smokers ought to adopt the same agenda. Say you're asked to do some volunteer work. You might answer, "Yes, if I'm allowed to smoke." This strategy might

also be a nice way to get out of doing something without saying no. Just ask whether smoking is permitted.

The economic lesson to extract from all of this is that zero prices lead to sub-optimal outcomes, and it doesn't just apply to the smoking issue. How would you like zero prices at the supermarket or clothing store? If there

were, what do you think you'd see on the shelves when you arrived? If you said, "Nothing, because people would take too much," go to the head of the class.

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

Events calendar

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The late registration deadline** for the next nationwide ACT exam is Friday. The early registration deadline was March 9. Students who miss the early deadline will be charged an additional fee. The test will be administered April 14. To find out more, contact your high school counselor or log onto www.actstudent.org or the World Wide Web.

• **The deadline to register for father/son craft day** at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will be March 20. Tom "Stretch" Bowerman will demonstrate and assist participants in making braided key chains and wrist bands from 1-3 p.m. Saturday in Hazlewood Lecture Hall. To register or for more information, call (806) 651-2258.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 27 and April 23, Shepard's Crook

Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Pampa Chapter of Ducks Unlimited** will meet March 30 for a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. The price of admission is \$35 for singles or \$45 for couples. The fee to sponsor a couple is \$270. For more information, call 663-9616.

• **S.T.A.R. will sponsor** a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Some CEUs will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The 2007 "Fang-Tastic" Rattlesnake Hunt** is slated April 13-15 at Waurika, Okla. The event is being sponsored by Waurika Fire Department and will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury; a butcher shop with snake meat, rattlers and hides; a photo booth for pictures with a live diamondback; a carnival; and more. A contest to judge the longest snake, the snake with the most rattles and the shortest snake will also be conducted. Events are all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (580) 228-2553 or log on to www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.

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This Week: Goof Off Day

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Create a Goofy Story

On the island of _____ Goof Off Day is celebrated with a _____ in the _____ lagoon. For thousands of years, islanders have enjoyed the annual _____ building contest. The top prize is a bag of _____. The winner gets to _____ to a neighboring island for a vacation, and receives all the _____ he or she can carry. It is customary to shout _____ while juggling _____ at the end of the day. Finally, there is the _____ of the _____ Giant _____ have been carved to honor Goof Off Day, and these can be seen from miles away.

Let's Goof Off!

Do you know there is a day just for goofing off? March 22 is National Goof Off Day! What a great day for a page full of fun and games to enjoy.

Goofy Picture
How many goofy things can you find in this picture?

1-10: Have a giggle!
11-15: Golly Goe! Your goof-detector is GOOD!
15+: Gadzooks! Goof Off Greatness!

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Goof Off Time
Each of these clocks shows a time between noon and 7 p.m. Number them in order from the earliest time to the latest.

Standards Link: Measurement: Know time intervals and how to read time to the nearest minute.

Double Double Word Search

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

GOOFY
HAMMOCK
OPPOSITE
VACATION
GADZOOKS
LOOPS
ANNUAL
HONOR
CLOCKS
GIANT
STRENGTH
CONNECT
SHOUT
PRIZE
GEE

Z N O I T A C A V O
C L O C K S U S P E
O L K M G R K P A Z
N A G C L O O P S I
N U R G O S O N B R
E N T Z I M H F O P
C N D T Z A M O Y H
T A E E G Y N A U C
G S T R E N G T H T

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

Kid Scoop Together: Fill in The Blanks!

Replace the missing words from the word list below to find out how Goof Off Day might have started.

How did Goof Off Day begin?

Who started Goof Off Day? It's not _____. Maybe it was started by a hard-working _____ who realized he or she needed to _____ and took a day to just goof off. How do we know it wasn't _____ by someone who is always goofing off? Because that person would have created a Goof Off _____ or month or year!

A few years ago, a survey asked people to tell what they most liked to do on Goof Off Day. The top activity was playing _____ games.

Who _____ the survey? Nintendo. Hmmm.

Do you have any other ideas? What would you like to do best on Goof Off Day?

Make a Newspaper Hammock

Get ready for Goof Off Day by making a hammock out of newspaper! Be sure to save this Kid Scoop page so you can do the games while lounging on your hammock!

- Roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a tight tube. Make 15 - 20 tubes.
- Connect the tubes using extra-strength clothesline or manila rope.
- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors, tying it to sturdy supports at each end.

When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.

Goofy Words

Can you read these pictures? Each group is a word.

Example:
[Key] + [Keyboard] = KEYBOARD
[Bee] + [4] + [Hand] = _____
[Bell] + [E] + [Eye] = _____
[Car] + [Pencil] + [Tree] = _____
D + [Lightbulb] + [Leaf] = _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Opposite Headlines
Rewrite three or more headlines in the newspaper to mean just the opposite. Try not to laugh!

Standards Link: Writing: Use skills of the writing process to convey the main idea.

ANSWERS: Baby bottom, shoelace, deskband, carpenter, beforehand.

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Goofy Creatures
Make Goofy Creatures by cutting out newspaper pictures of animals and people. Use different parts of the pictures to create new and goofy creatures.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to communicate ideas.

Write On!

National Goof Off Day Celebration
March 22 is National Goof Off Day. Tell how you would like to celebrate. Be creative!

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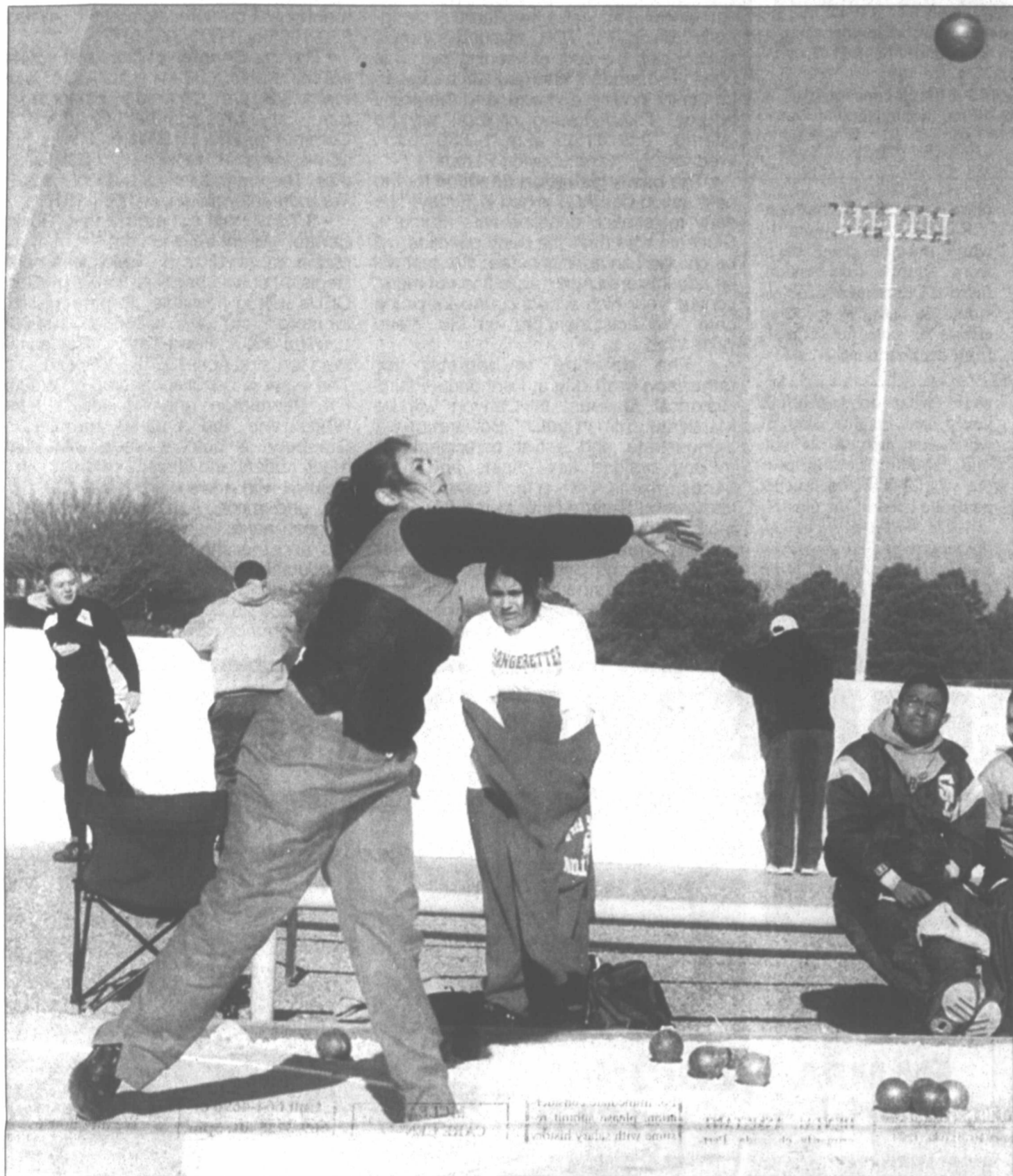
This week's word: **CUSTOMARY**
The adjective customary means something that is based on a usual practice.

It was customary for the kids to goof off when their parents left the room.

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

Sports Day

Great shot!



Lefors Lady Pirate Timbra Overstreet hurls the shot 30'-6 1/2" to a first place finish at the Canadian Wildcat Relays held March 16-17. Overstreet also placed fourth in discus with 85'-7". Emily Jackson of the Pirates placed sixth in triple jump (29'-9 1/2"),

third in the 100 meter dash (13.76) and third in the 200 meter dash (28.66). Also competing for the Lady Pirates was Laci Johnston. In the JV boys' division, Trever Czubinski placed fifth in the 800 meter run and 6th in the 400 meter run.

Optimist tryouts off to good start

Excitement filled Optimist Park on the first day of tryouts Monday.

Players new to the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, the Babe Ruth League and Girls' Major League 10-12 Softball hustled through drills to demonstrate their skills to coaches.

Tryouts and late registration continue today through Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

All players must register. Players trying out are encouraged to bring a glove, a ball cap and a light jacket.

"We have a blind draft in T-ball and the pitching

machine leagues in both baseball and softball," said Kevin Davis, Optimist Baseball Commissioner. "New players in the other leagues need to attend a minimum of two of the tryout sessions."

Practice begins next week with games in some leagues starting as early as the week of April 16.

Under Optimist mandatory play rules all players play at least two innings in the field and bat once in every game.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

NHL suspends Predators' Tootoo 5 games for punch

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL suspended Nashville Predators winger Jordin Tootoo five games for punching Dallas Stars defenseman Stephane Robidas in the face.

Robidas was knocked unconscious on the play late in the third period Saturday night in a 3-2 win by the Predators in Nashville.

"While a player is entitled to defend himself, Mr. Tootoo's forceful blow to Robidas' head was an overly aggressive and inappropriate response," NHL senior executive vice president and director of hockey operations Colin Campbell said in a statement Monday.

Robidas, who was coming to the defense of star center Mike Modano, was assessed a minor for charging on the play, and Tootoo received a double-minor for roughing.

Robidas was carried off the ice on a stretcher and was taken to hospital. He's out at least a week with a concussion.

Campbell added that the injury sustained by Robidas was a factor in the decision.

The 24-year-old Tootoo has three goals, four assists and 104 penalty minutes in 61 games this season. Robidas has 17 assists and 82 penalty minutes in 71 games.

Predators general manager David Poile said the team disagreed with the suspension, but did not plan to appeal.

"Jordin was put in a very difficult situation with Robidas confronting him," Poile said in a telephone conference. "I don't know what he was supposed to do."

Fullback Leach signs offer sheet with Giants

NEW YORK (AP) — Fullback Vonta Leach signed an offer sheet for a four-year contract with the New York Giants on Monday.

The Houston Texans, Leach's current team, have seven days to match the deal, worth more than \$7 million. If they don't match, Leach becomes a Giant.

"It's a good deal for a fullback," agent Ralph Vitolo said. "The Giants are obviously one of the best organizations in the NFL, they

have an excellent quarterback (Eli Manning) and a great offense Vonta could probably excel in. They are a playoff or Super Bowl team."

With escalators, the contract could top out at \$8.5 million for Leach, who was tendered by the Texans for just \$850,000, meaning they won't get any compensation if they don't match the contract.

The 25-year-old Leach played two seasons with the

Packers, appearing in 22 games, but had no rushes for the Packers. He was cut last September by Green Bay and joined the Saints, but soon was cut again and went to the Texans. He had six receptions and one touchdown catch for Houston.

A 6-0, 250-pound blocking back, Leach would team with tailbacks Brandon Jacobs and Reuben Droughns for New York.

Griffey appears headed to RF

By The Associated Press

If Ken Griffey Jr. is ready to play on opening day, he'll find himself in right field.

Cincinnati Reds manager Jerry Narron said Monday he expects to start Ryan Freel in center April 2 against the Chicago Cubs because Griffey is still working his way back from a broken left hand. The longtime center fielder was injured in the offseason while wrestling with his kids.

"Right now, that's what our plan is. We would have loved for him to be available opening day to play

center field — it just didn't work out," Narron said in Sarasota, Fla.

Griffey, a 10-time Gold Glove winner in center, has taken fly balls and made throws from right field in practice. Narron said he was very cautious about deciding to move the 37-year-old slugger from his customary spot.

"We had to make a decision. This late in the spring we need to get our club out on the field," Narron said. "I've got to do everything I can do to put our best club out there. My feeling is that with Ryan Freel out there, it gives us strong defense up

the middle."

Griffey's agent, Brian Goldberg, said his client had been aware of the Reds' plans.

"Junior understands the team tells us where he should play, and that's the way it should be," Goldberg said.

The Florida Marlins certainly know where they want Willis — on the mound for the season opener April 2 at Washington. So when new manager Fredi Gonzalez announced the expected decision, only one guy seemed taken aback.

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