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CRMWA files protest over Roberts County project

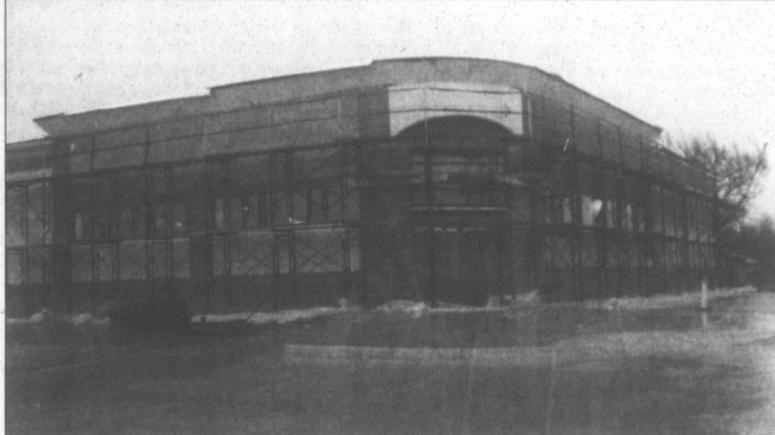
By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
PLAINVIEW -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has filed a protest with the Texas Railroad Commission concerning a water flood project in Roberts County.

Water Authority, said because of possible pollution concerns, the water authority filed a protest with the Texas Railroad Commission over PetroSearch's permit.
"Contamination is much more of an issue than the water PetroSearch would use," said board member Jerry Carlson of Pampa.
While CRMWA has almost 300,000 acres of water rights in and around Roberts County, it does not have the water right to this particular patch of ground. Its water rights, however, adjoin the property where

the pilot project is to be tried.
Wayne Beninger, chief operating officer of PetroSearch Energy Corp., appeared before CRMWA board of directors at their quarterly meeting here to explain what his company is doing.
"What we are planning to do is water flood an oil reservoir at about 4,200 feet," Beninger said, "in what's called the Lower Albany Dolomite."
He said there are other water flood projects in the area, including one by PetCo south of Pampa in Gray

County where they will be using 2,000 barrels a day of fresh water.
PetroSearch has a permit from the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District for 5,000 barrels of fresh water a day.
"The purpose is to flood this field to recover additional oil," Beninger said.
Normally, he said water flood is done using salt water or brine, but in their project, Beninger said it wasn't economically feasible.
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Taking shape



The new CVS Pharmacy at the corner of Hobart and Kentucky is beginning to take shape as workers put up scaffolding around the exterior of the building Monday.

Fund-raiser to help pregnancy support

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
The Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa and Hope House Maternity Home are looking for participants for their "Walk for Life" fund-raiser.
Anyone interested in making the two-mile walk is encouraged to pick up a form at the office and get sponsors to pledge money on their behalf.
Director Monica Galloway said that participants have the next week and a half to get family, friends or businesses to sponsor them and pledge any amount

of money for a donation.
"We have 19 businesses from the community that are sponsoring this year's event and are providing free T-shirts and water bottles to those who walk," Galloway said. "We will also be giving away door prizes the day of the walk."
The Pregnancy Support Center provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, diapers, formula and clothing to those who cannot afford these items due to different circumstances.
Hope House Maternity
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Federal funds available to conserve natural resources

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
More than \$1 million is currently being offered to conserve natural resources on agricultural lands in Texas, according to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
Conservation Innovation Grants totaling \$300,000 are available for new technology. CIG, a component of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, provides farmers and ranchers the opportunity to innovatively address some of the state's most pressing natural

resource conservation needs, according to a NRCS news release.
"These grants offer an opportunity to promote public-private partnerships and support the agency's agenda to provide innovative technologies and approaches to environmental enhancement and protection on working agriculture lands," said Walt Douglas, NRCS acting state conservationist for Texas.
State, tribal and local governmental entities, non-governmental organizations and individuals may apply. Project proposals should demonstrate the use of innovative technolo-

gies, management systems and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals or guides or to the private sector.
Applications are due in the Texas NRCS state office by April 30. Project proposals will be evaluated with the assistance of the State Technical Committee based on the criteria identified in the request for proposal.
Selected applicants may receive grants up to 50 percent of the total project cost, not to exceed \$75,000. Applicants must provide non-federal

matching funds for at least 50 percent of the project cost, of which 50 percent may be from in-kind contributions. Projects may be single- or multi-year, not to exceed three years.
Additional information, the Request for Proposals and related forms are located on the Web at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig and at www.grants.gov.
April 27 is the deadline for applying for a portion of the approximately \$1 million now available to protect agricultural land in Texas
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Washita Battlefield site to be officially dedicated

CHEYENNE, Okla. — Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, in cooperation with the Black Kettle National Grassland and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, will officially dedicate a new cultural heritage center with a special ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday.
Unfortunately, construction delays related primarily to inclement weather have pushed back the permanent opening of the new visitor center until late May or early June. However, the visitor center will temporarily open for the ribbon cutting and Old Settlers Reunion activities on Friday and

Saturday.
Due to limited parking at the event site, people wishing to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday need to park near the rodeo grounds at the northwest corner of Highway 47 and Fairbarn Road in Cheyenne, Okla. Buses and vans will take park visitors from there to the event site.
The shuttles will begin transporting people at 8:30 a.m. and it is recommended that visitors arrive by 9 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ceremony.
The ribbon cutting ceremony will feature several elements, such as a traditional blessing and the singing of flag songs of the Cheyenne and

Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. State Rep. Purcy Walker will sing the national anthem and other music will be provided by Cheyenne Elementary School students.
To honor the occasion, guest speakers will include Bob Blackburn, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society; Michael Blake, the author of "Dances With Wolves"; Jerome A. Greene, retired National Park Service historian and author of "Washita: The U.S. Army and the Southern Cheyennes, 1867-1869;" and Lawrence Hart, the Director of the Cheyenne Cultural Center in Clinton, Okla. Other speakers will

include representatives of the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Town of Cheyenne, and Western National Parks Association (WNPA).
A special part of the Friday activities will be the participation of nine authors: Bob Blackburn, Michael Blake, Kim Doner, Tim Giago, Jerome A. Greene, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mary Jane Warde, and Bill and Cindy Paul. The authors will greet visitors and sign books after the ribbon cutting ceremony until 3 pm. Collectively, the authors have written about the 1868 engagement
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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. West-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.
 Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South-southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
 Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
 Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Windy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
 Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. South-southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 Eight traffic stops were made.
 Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive, the intersection of Alcock and Faulkner streets and the 1000 block of North Sumner.
 Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of South Gray, the intersection of McCullough and Hobart streets, the 2800 block of West Kentucky, the intersection of Kentucky and Terrace streets, Highway 60 East, the 1100 block of Cinderella, the 1100 block of Sandeewood, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1400 block of North Faulkner, the 1500 block of North Hobart, the intersection of 23rd and Nelson streets, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 800 block of East Francis, twice in the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 1800 block of Holly, the 1800 block of Chestnut, the 800 block of East Foster and the 1000 block of South Banks.
 Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 900 block of Duncan.
 Found property was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.
 A runaway was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.
 Information and a runaway were reported in the 100 block of East Tyng. The runaway was located before the call was completed.
 Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Tyng and the 100 block of Marie.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of East Francis.
 Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Frederic and Graham streets and the 1300 block of Coffee.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of Charles, the 900 block of East Francis and the 700 block of Deane Drive.
 Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of North Gray. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.
 A domestic disturbance and simple assault were reported in the 1400 block of Williston. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.
 Assault/family violence was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. Minor injuries which did not need medical treatment were reported in connection with the incident.
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Williston.
 One burglar alarm was reported.
 Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.
 Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville. The theft involved a scam with bogus raffle tickets. Estimated value of loss is \$30.
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby.
 Burglary was reported in the 800 block of Scott. A pit bull valued at \$400 was taken.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Charles. Compact discs valued at \$200 were taken out of a vehicle.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.
Saturday, April 14
 10:45 p.m. — A 1995 Buick Regal, driven by Joyce Smith Aycock, 64, of Mobeetie and a 1999 Mercury Cougar, driven by Samuel Keith Bowman, 38, of 1601 Somerville, collided in the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.
Monday, April 16
 11:14 a.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Danny Eugene Winborne, 57, of 2200 N. Sumner, and a 2006 Dodge Charger, driven by Heather Dawn Hickerson, 26, of Lefors collided in the 100 block of North Russell. No injuries were reported. Winborne was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.
 4:03 p.m. — A 1982 Toyota Corolla, driven by Nicholas Ryan Day, 17, of 114 N. Houston, and a 1998 Oldsmobile 98, driven by James Charles Castillo, 45, of 1523 N. Hamilton, collided in the 1300 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported. Day was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Monday, April 16
 Marvin Monrow Finney, 31, of Lefors was arrested by Pampa Police Department for evading arrest, criminal trespass, assault causing bodily injury/family violence, and capias pro fines for no insurance, failure to control speed, operating an unregistered vehicle and three counts of no valid-driver's license.
 Terry Lynne Hulsey, 43, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a probation violation for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.
 Paulin Soto Soria, 40, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for aggravated sexual assault of a child.
Tuesday, April 17
 Paul Thomas Gerik, 50, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for disorderly conduct, no insurance and failure to change vehicle registration.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Monday, April 16
 7:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a LifeStar standby.
Tuesday, April 17
 5:08 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of Browning on a lifting assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Monday, April 16
 12:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
Tuesday, April 17
 5:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Browning. No transport.

Correction

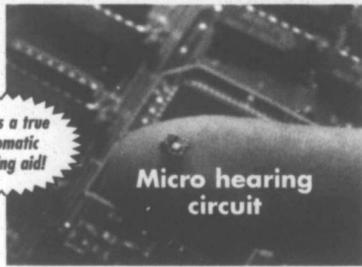
Jesse Richard Salley was listed incorrectly in Monday's arrest record.

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Panel OKs barring state funds for embryonic stem cell research

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas House committee voted to bar state funding for embryonic stem cell research, regardless of whether restrictions on federal funding for the research are lifted in the future.
 The House State Affairs Committee voted Friday on the proposal by Rep. Bill Paxton, R-McKinney. The bill prohibits state funds from being used for biomedical research if the use of federal funds on the research was prohibited as of Jan. 1, 2007.
 "I'm not for embryonic stem cell research, because I believe that life begins at conception and that's killing a living human being," said Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, the committee's chairman.
 Opponents of the bill say Texas would be hampered if Congress or a future administration changes course and allows federal funding for

embryonic stem cell research.

'I'm not for embryonic stem cell research, because I believe that life begins at conception and that's killing a living human being.'

— Rep. David Swinford R-Dumas

Embryonic stem cells interest scientists because they can morph into all the cell types in the body. Researchers hope to learn how to control them and coax them into becoming

specific cell types on demand so they could grow replacements for damaged tissue.

Extracting the stem cells means destroying the embryo, which is opposed by people who believe that life begins at conception.

Advocates of the research on Monday criticized Swinford's handling of the bill.

Friday's vote came after a committee meeting that began Thursday and lasted through the night. Critics said the vote came hours after testimony concluded and while the committee was focused on an unrelated bill.

"Those of us who rely on the hope stem cell research holds, and anyone who cares about an open public dialogue, should be outraged at the manner in which the vote was taken on Friday afternoon — without discussion and while two members opposed to the bill were absent," said Judy Haley, president of Texas for the Advancement of Medical Research.

Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, called the vote's timing a "sneak attack."

"It's a shameful case of putting politics ahead of science as well as patients and their families," she said.

Swinford defended Friday's vote, saying it came after people had a chance to speak at the committee meeting. The committee arranged its work around the House's meeting schedule, he said.

Paxton said he missed the vote because he wasn't expecting to meet Friday, but he supported the outcome.

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Retirement reception



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Clarence Marak, one of the original owners of Titan Specialties, is retiring after 40 years. Titan hosted a retirement luncheon and reception Monday in his honor. Marak's children flew in from Arlington for the event. Pictured, from left, are Clarence Marak, Betty Lou, his wife of 42 years, son Ken and daughter-in-law Kim and daughter Jan.

Va. Tech gunman from S. Korea

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — The gunman suspected of carrying out the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead was identified today as a senior English major from South Korea. But police and university officials offered no clue to his motive.

"He was a loner, and we're having difficulty finding information about him," school spokesman Larry Hincker said, a day after the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The rampage consisted of two attacks, more than two hours apart — first at a dormitory, where two people were killed, then inside a classroom building, where 31 people, including the gunman, died after being locked inside, Virginia State Police said. The gunman committed suicide.

Police identified the gunman in the classroom attack as 23-year-old Cho Seung-Hui (pronounced Choh Suhng-woo). Cho held a green card — meaning he was a legal, permanent U.S. resident — and had been in the United States since 1992, federal officials said. Officials said he graduated from a public high school in Chantilly, Va., in 2003.

His family lives in Centreville, Va., a Washington suburb, but he was living on campus, in a different dorm from the one where the bloodbath began, the university said.

One law enforcement official said Cho's backpack contained a receipt for a March purchase of a Glock 9 mm pistol. As a permanent legal resident of the United States, Cho was eligible to buy a handgun unless he had

been convicted of a felony. Investigators stopped short of saying Cho carried out both attacks. But ballistics tests show one gun was used in both, Virginia State Police said.

And two law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information had not been announced, said Cho's fingerprints were found on the two guns used in the rampage. The serial numbers on the two weapons had been filed off, the officials said.

The gunman's family lived in an off-white, two-story town house in Centreville.

"He was very quiet, always by himself," neighbor Abdul Shash said of the gunman. Shash said the gunman spent a lot of his free time playing basketball.

Site

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along the Washita River, Southern Plains Indians, the Indian Wars, Oklahoma History, Indian Boarding Schools, and the American West. Books will be available for purchase in the WNPA bookstore in the new

visitor center during the two-day limited opening and are available at the current park headquarters' next to the Rook Theater in downtown Cheyenne.

Talks and tours of Washita Battlefield National Historic Site will also be available after the ceremony, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. Buses will shuttle visitors from the

new building to the park overlook on Highway 47A, and also back to the parking area at the Cheyenne rodeo grounds.

Museum exhibits will be installed in the new building during late summer or early fall. Mark your calendars and plan to join the National Park Service for a Grand Opening of the Washita Exhibits on Saturday, Nov.

17, 2007.

This ribbon-cutting event coincides with National Park Week and will mark a special day in the park's history.

With the forthcoming opening of this new center, the park will more effectively tell Washita's compelling and tragic story to visitors. A spacious cathedral-like main gallery anchors the center of

the building and will provide a setting commensurate with Washita's significance in history.

The new visitor center will also feature a 27-minute film, interpretive exhibits and a WNPA sales outlet with a wide selection of books. Progress of the construction can be viewed at www.nps.gov/waba.

The Cheyenne Arapaho

Old Settlers Reunion events will continue on Friday with free hamburgers and hot-dogs at Dobson Telephone at 4 p.m. and the Rodeo at 7 p.m. For more information on the opening ceremonies call 580-497-2742, ext. 0. For more information on the Cheyenne Arapaho Old Settlers Celebration call 580-497-3318 or visit www.rogemills.org.

Remnants of deadly storm linger in northeast

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Floodwater still swirled through low-lying communities today after a deadly spring storm swept the Northeast, but commuters and air travelers swept an easier time.

The nor'easter left a swath of devastation from the beaches of South Carolina to the mountains of Maine. It knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people, and the storm system was blamed for at least 17 deaths nationwide.

While some towns were starting the cleanup today, authorities in Nashua, N.H., began evacuating a town house development in an area where the Nashua and Merrimack rivers converge. Dozens, if not hundreds, of peo-

ple were affected there, deputy Fire Chief Steve Gallipeau said.

More than 170,000 utility customers were without power Tuesday in North Carolina. Utilities in New Hampshire, where 30,000 were still without power, said repairs were going slowly because of continued flooding, washed-out roads and the storm's broad reach, which meant other utilities couldn't send spare crews to help.

The storm dumped up to 9 inches of rain on parts of New Jersey, and more than 8 inches fell in New York City's Central Park. The park's Sunday total, 7 1/2 inches, quadrupled the 101-year-old record for April 15.

Showers lingered today and forecasters said the system wouldn't move out

entirely for another day or more. Flood warnings remained posted in parts of New Jersey and eastern New York.

But the Port Authority said the New York area's airports, where about 600 flights had been canceled, were operating normally today.

New Jersey was placed under a state of emergency and more than 1,400 residents were evacuated — many by boat. Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey said he expects the state to qualify for federal assistance to recover from the storm.

"We're going to well exceed it (the federal aid threshold), without question," Codey said.

The storm was especially harsh in Bound Brook, where five homes burned down.

NEWS BRIEFS

Miami EMS fund-raiser

The Miami Volunteer EMS will host their annual fund-raising dance Saturday night. A live band will play country and western music at the Miami Roberts County barn by the railroad tracks in Miami. The event will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is BYOB.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7.50 per person or can be purchased in advance for \$6 per person. For advance tickets or more information about the event,

contact Charles at 662-9531.

Appraisal District to meet

Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the conference room of the appraisal district offices at 815 N. Sumner.

Agenda items include the annual audit report, possible purchase of a projector and screen, the annual investment report and the chief appraiser's report.

Walk

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Home, which has been open since October, provides housing to pregnant women who do not have any other place to go during their pregnancy and birth of

their baby. "Both of our facilities help teach life and parenting skills to the young women of the community," Galloway said. "For those who use Hope House, we have transitional housing to help the women move on to independent living."

To participate in the Walk for Life, which is scheduled

for 2 p.m. April 29 at Recreation Park, go by the Pregnancy Support Center at 110 E. Francis to pick up a pledge form. These forms can be picked up and turned in any time from now through the day of the walk.

For more information about the event or the services they provide, contact Galloway at 669-2229.

Water

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"That's why we looked at the Ogallala as a source of water for the flooding," Beninger said.

PetroSearch is interested in the southeast portion of the field, about 1,700 acres. "This entire field was originally established in 1953," Beninger said. "It produced about 23 million barrels."

The area in which PetroSearch is interested produced about five million barrels of oil. Most of that production ended about 1980.

"This was originally owned by Conoco," Beninger said.

Conoco never flooded the

field, he said, but there have been some saltwater disposal wells drilled in the field.

The oil reservoir Beninger is interested in is some 3,000 to 4,000 feet below the Ogallala fresh water formation.

"The chance of contamination is minimal," Beninger said.

The water will be withdrawn from the Ogallala and pumped down into the oil formation at 4,200 feet. He indicated that a double layer of pipe would be cemented in to prevent leaks into the Ogallala.

"Everything will be monitored," Beninger said. "Everything will be done according to Railroad Commission rules."

He said the wells will be monitored and will be tested annually.

"The opportunity for us

to contaminate the water zone, I think, is very, very small," Beninger said.

The flooding program is projected to last 15 years with most of the fresh water being used in the first three years. The fresh water will gradually be replaced with produced water.

"As the produced water goes up," Beninger said, "there's no sense in our continuing to use fresh water out of the Ogallala when we have produced water. After a certain point, about five million barrels of net reservoir injection, we'll be using almost all produced water."

PetroSearch plans on pumping water into 39 existing wells. Beninger said 23 producing wells would be drilled for oil production.

Funds

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through the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.

"This program helps communities preserve open space, wildlife habitat and cultural resources," said Douglas. "This is an excellent way to keep prime farmland in agriculture and, at the same time, keep farming and ranching communities thriving by relieving development pressures."

Nationwide, \$69 million is available to all 50 states, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for FRPP projects in 2007.

NRCS is seeking proposals from local, state and federally recognized tribal governments and non-governmental organizations interested in working together to acquire conservation easements on farms and ranches. Proposals postmarked or received at the NRCS state office in Temple by the close of business April 27 will be ranked and considered for funding.

Final project selections are expected to be announced in June. Instructions for project proposals are available on the federal grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13031&mode=VIEW> and at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp>.

FRPP protects productive agricultural land by purchasing conservation easements to limit conversion of farm and ranch lands to non-agricultural uses.

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MEET OUR STAFF

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Her staff of RNs, LVNs and Texas Certified Home Health Aides are given monthly inservices and earn CEUs to update their patient skills and knowledge. The supervisory RNs are Board Certified in Wound Care, Home Health & Geriatric Care.

Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Her training and organizational skills help process all the needed paper work that will allow the patients to receive the care they need.

Both Michael and Teresa have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Teresa Henson and Michael Kirkpatrick



Viewpoints

Recalls make ordinary Americans feel threatened

It may be that those who would like to see the U.S. topple and fall will not have to fire a single shot. All they have to do is wait for enough of us to be sick or dead from tainted food.

Meanwhile, those of us who have so far successfully dodged the botulism and salmonella bullets are wondering when our number will be up.

What strikes me as so ironic about the entire situation is that our federal government has made itself into a health watchdog in recent years by taking a more and more active role in passing legislation that advocates certain ways of living and eating while aiming hard slaps at anything perceived as a health or safety threat.

Yet a very basic element of the health and well-being of all Americans, namely, the safety of our food supply, is not being given adequate attention.

Take the peanut butter panic, for example. I am still in search of a peanut butter brand that tastes as good to me as Peter Pan, the brand found in our household until that heartbreaking day in February when recalls of Peter Pan and Great Value brands were announced. I checked the number on the lids of our jars and, sure enough, every one of them was the one consumers were being told to discard due to potential salmonella contamination.

What worried me most was that we had been eating

out of one of the jars for a while, and had ingested about three-fourths of the jar by the time of the recall. But that jar must not have been packing much of a punch, because neither of us had gotten sick.

Great Value brand peanut butter is once again on the shelves, but Peter Pan is still missing. I am beginning to wonder if it will ever make a comeback.

One recent recall involves pets, not people. An ingredient used in many varieties of pet food and treats was found in March to contain plastic. The ingredient,

wheat gluten, was imported from China.

The plastic proved deadly to dogs and cats who were fed the food that contained the contaminated wheat gluten. Some pet owners turned making pet food at home for their furry friends.

Other scares in recent months for American households include botulism in olives, arsenic in bottled mineral water, a virus in oysters, salmonella in cantaloupes and E. coli in spinach.

The federal government, if it wants to ensure the safe-

ty and health of all Americans, should focus on beefing up the Food and Drug Administration and get more inspectors working to check both foreign and domestic foods in hopes of stopping further outbreaks before they occur.

We should not be dependent on foreign food, no matter what sort of trade agreements might seem to be a good thing for both sides. We should certainly look twice at any food imported from another country, and consider finding another source for food currently imported from any country which might have a greater-than-average interest in doing us harm.

On the domestic front, we should have enough inspec-

tors to regularly check food manufacturers' facilities and growers' croplands. Safety issues should be reported and remedied before any of the product is allowed to leave the location.

There should also be adequate inspection of all ingestible items imported from any country. Anything considered to have possible contamination should be stopped in its tracks and sent back from whence it came.

The federal government should make sure all our food is safe before they worry about what food we should and shouldn't eat.

Meanwhile, I'm considering converting a portion of my backyard to a vegetable garden.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 17, the 107th day of 2007. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (He was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York harbor.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair.

In 1969, a jury in

Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1990, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the civil rights activist and top aide to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Atlanta at age 64.

Ten years ago: House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced he would borrow \$300,000 from retired Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to pay a sanction imposed for violation of House rules. Former Israeli president Chaim Herzog died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell ended his 10-day Middle East peace mission after failing to get the cease-fire he'd sought between Israel and the Palestinians. A federal judge ruled the Justice Department couldn't interfere with Oregon's assisted-suicide law. (The law was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

"I think America is richer in intelligence than any other country in the world; and that its intelligence is more scattered than in any country of the world."

— Will Durant
American historian
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THE DETROIT NEWS

Phony science used to create public policy

The public has become increasingly aware that the science behind manmade global warming is a fraud. But maybe Americans like bogus science in pursuit of certain public policy objectives. Let's look at it.

Many Americans find tobacco smoke to be a nuisance. Some find the odor offensive, and others have allergies or asthma that can be aggravated by smoking in their presence. There's little question that tobacco smoke causes these kinds of nuisances, but how successful would anti-smokers have been in a court of law, or public opinion, in achieving the kind of success they've achieved based on tobacco smoke being a nuisance?

A serious public health threat had to be manufactured, and in 1993 the Environmental Protection Agency stepped in to the res-

cue with their bogus environmental tobacco smoke study that says secondhand tobacco smoke is a class A carcinogenic.

Why is it bogus? The EPA claimed that 3,000 Americans die annually from secondhand smoke, but there was a problem. They couldn't come up with that conclusion using the standard statistical 95 percent confidence interval. They lowered their study's confidence interval to 90 percent. That has the effect of doubling the margin of error and doubling the probability that mere chance explains those 3,000 deaths.

The Congressional Research Service said, "Admittedly, it is unusual to

return to a study after the fact, lower the required significance level, and declare its results to be supportive rather than unsupportive of the effect one's theory suggests should be present." The CRS was being kind.

This kind of doctoring of research results would get a graduate student expelled from a university.

In 1998, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer released the largest ever and best formulated study on ETS. The research project ran for 10 years and in seven European countries. The study, not widely publicized, concluded that no statistically significant risk

existed for nonsmokers who either lived or worked with smokers.

During the late '90s, at a Washington affair, I had the occasion to be in the presence of an FDA official. I asked him whether he would approve of pharmaceutical companies employing EPA's statistical techniques in their testing of drug effectiveness and safety. He answered no. I ask my fellow Americans who are nonsmokers: Do you support the use of fraudulent science in your efforts to eliminate tobacco smoke nuisance in bars, restaurants, workplaces and hotels?

You say, "Okay, Williams, the science is bogus, but how do we nonsmokers cope with the nuisance of tobacco smoke?" My answer is that it all depends on whether you prefer liberty-oriented solutions to problems or those

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Walter Williams
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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 8

Houston Chronicle on military manpower shortages in Iraq:

The U.S. Army is struggling to adequately man the Bush administration's surge in Iraq and cope with resurgent Taliban forces in Afghanistan. One method the military will use to make ends meet will be to reduce soldiers' customary year of rest between tours of duty.

Recent articles written by veteran military affairs reporter Mark Benjamin for the Internet news magazine Salon offer evidence that another, even less desirable tactic is being used

to flesh out troop consignments for duty in Iraq. According to interviews Benjamin conducted with Iraq-bound enlisted personnel, soldiers with serious health liabilities were ordered back to the war zone. Army physicians at Fort Benning, Ga., told Benjamin, changed the injured soldiers' medical records to certify them as fit for duty without fresh medical examinations. According to medical records, some of their ailments and injuries make it impossible for the soldiers to carry heavy weapons or wear protective body armor or helmets.

The Army commander of the 3rd Brigade at Fort Benning did not dispute assertions that injured troops are being deployed in Iraq, but claimed they would be put in safe, noncombat roles

once there. He denied that medical records had been altered to make unfit personnel eligible for duty.

House Armed Forces Committee Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo., and Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman Vic Snyder, D-Ark., have requested that the Government Accountability Office investigate the allegations that wounded and injured soldiers are being "sent into a combat theater with pre-existing medical conditions that could adversely impact their military readiness."

The two lawmakers cited President Bush's decision to order more troops into Iraq as putting a heavy stress on available military forces. "However,"

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Above the Clouds HAIR • NAILS • TANNING

Above the Clouds, located at 1405 N. Banks, is a full-service hair salon owned by Cel and Alan Cloud since 2001. It is open Tuesday through Saturday. Customers can visit Above the Clouds and get their hair styled, their nails done, pamper themselves with a pedicure or catch up on their tanning.

"We offer a full-service nail salon that has recently been remodeled," said Cel. "We have a clean, friendly, non-smoking environment. The staff is available to accommodate customers old or new at their convenience."

Above the Clouds has two nail techs and five hair stylists. Nail techs are Angie Odell and Teresa Peters. Heather Douglas, Rachel Soto, Vicky Halliburton, Edwina Shouse and Ashli Poor Evans work as hair stylists.

Douglas manages Above the Clouds. She has worked in Pampa for 14 years as a licensed beautician.

Cel and Alan Cloud are both natives of Pampa. Cel has been employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 27 years as a program technician.

Alan is the vice president of D.E. Rice Construction located in Borger. He has been employed with the construction company for 17 years.

The couple originally rented the Above the Clouds starting in 1999 and purchased it in 2001.

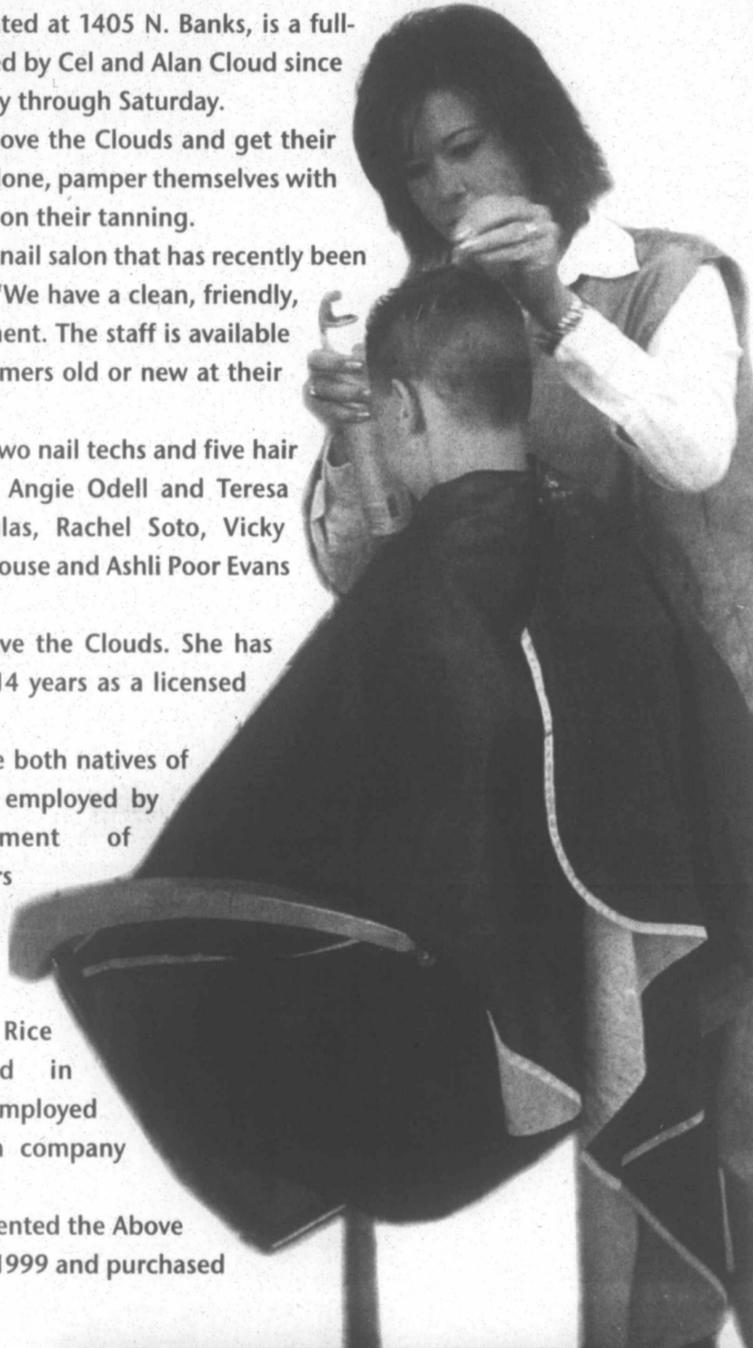
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Events calendar

- **The Red Hat Dollies** of Pampa will meet for lunch and bingo at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Members are asked to bring prizes for bingo.
- **Miami Volunteer EMS** will hold a country western dance fund-raiser from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday at the Roberts City Barn in Miami. Tickets to the dance, which will include a live band, will be \$7.50 per person at the door or may be purchased for \$6 per person in advance. For more information, call (806) 662-9531.
- **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Monday, 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.
- **Heritage Art Club** of Pampa will conduct its club show and silent auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Items for the auction will be on view at the center a week prior to the show.
- **Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will sponsor its Cowboy Poetry Spring Fling at

- Old Tascosa beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 28. The event, which is open to the public, will include food, cowboy poetry, music, "tall-talers" and more.
- **The deadline to enter** Panhandle Professional Writers' 2007 Youth Writing Contest is April 30. The contest is open to students from third grade through high school. Short story and poetry categories are open to all grades. Middle school and high schoolers may enter a screenplay. Published authors will score the contest and provide critiques. Submissions must include a SASE. Finalists will be notified by mail and winners announced during a reception July 21. Winning submissions will be published in Range Writers Jr. For guidelines and information, log on to www.panhandleprowriters.org or e-mail bcollins16@sudenlink.net.
- **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.
- **The Pilot Club of Dumas** will host a "Panhandle Playday" on May 19 at Ceta Canyon for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The day will include fishing, outdoor games, indoor board games, hiking, bingo and crafts. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person. Scholarships are available through requests. To register or for more information, call (806) 935-3080 or (806) 570-4274.

Military

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they wrote, "we cannot let these demanding deployments drive the force to send unfit wounded and injured service members into combat."

The president has already apologized for the scandalous conditions at Walter Reed Army Hospital's outpatient facilities in the nation's capital, but has not explained how they could have been allowed to continue for so long. In like fashion, shortages of lifesaving body armor and blast-resistant vehicles in Iraq have persisted for years, leaving soldiers vulnerable to improvised explosive devices.

The men and women of our armed forces and their families are the only Americans asked to sacrifice for a military policy that a majority of the people no longer support. Congress owes it to the troops to fully investigate whether they are being sent into harm's way without adequate equipment, training, rest or recuperation.

Williams

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that are more tyranny-oriented.

The liberty-oriented solution has to do with private property rights, whereby the owner of property makes the decision whether he will allow smoking or not. If one is a nonsmoker, he just doesn't do business with a bar or restaurant where smoking is permitted. A smoker could exercise the same right if a bar or restaurant didn't permit smoking. Publicly owned places such as libraries, airports and municipal buildings, where ownership is ill defined, presents more of a challenge.

The tyranny-oriented solution is where one group uses the political system to forcibly impose its preferences on others. You might be tempted to object to the term "tyranny," but suppose you owned a restaurant where you did not permit smoking and smokers used the political system to create a law forcing you to permit smoking. I'm sure you'd deem it tyranny.

The public policy debate on smoking has been settled through bogus science. My question is, how willing are we to allow bogus science to be used in the pursuit of other public policy agendas, such as restrictions on economic growth, in the name of fighting global warming?

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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This Week: Food Chains

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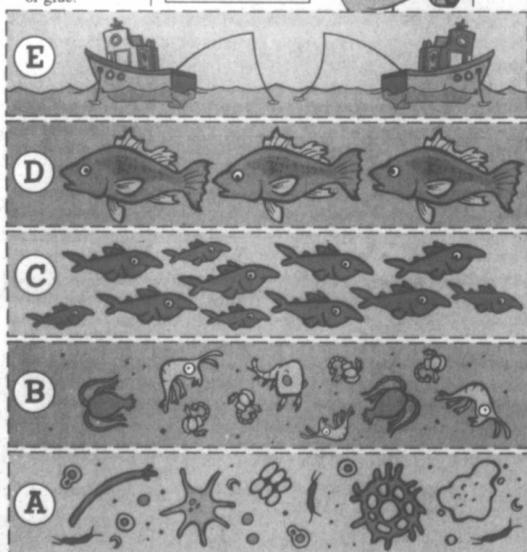
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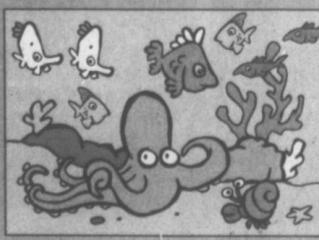
Not a chain made out of food! Food chains describe which plants or animals eat or are eaten by other animals.

Below is a food chain you can make to learn how sea plants and animals need the creatures lower on the food chain in order to survive.

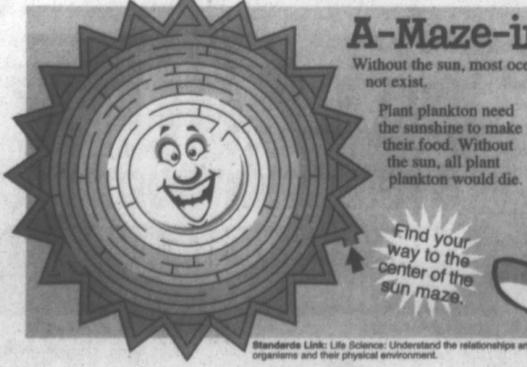
1. Cut out each strip of the "chain."
2. Make a loop with strip A, plant plankton. Join the ends with tape, staples or glue.
3. Thread strip B, animal plankton through strip A. Join the ends of strip B to make a second loop in the chain.
4. Thread strip C through strip B. This shows that small sea animals eat plankton. Join the ends to make a loop.
5. Thread strip D through strip C. This shows that large sea animals eat smaller sea animals.
6. Thread strip E through strip D. This shows that people eat larger fish such as bass, halibut and salmon.



See the Differences in the Sea? Look at the two undersea pictures. Can you find 10 or more differences?



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



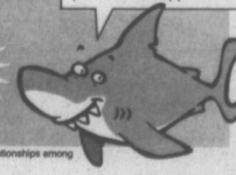
A-Maze-ing Sun

Without the sun, most ocean animals would not exist.

Plant plankton need the sunshine to make their food. Without the sun, all plant plankton would die.

Find your way to the center of the sun maze.

Look at the food chain. What would happen to all of the other animals in the food chain if plant plankton disappeared?



Extra! Extra! See, Sea and C

Homonyms are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Go on a fishing trip through today's newspaper. How many homonyms can you hook?

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand level-appropriate reading vocabulary.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Help Sharkey find the puzzle pieces to complete each equation.

6	+		=	13
	+		=	
	+		=	12

11 0 7 8
3 2 5 4

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

Double Double Word Search

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

PLANKTON	Y N O S U N C P K T
OCEAN	C E P O O L T L N P
CHAINS	E P K M S N I A H C
SURVIVE	X P L R A V E N A D
SHARKEY	I A M L A C B K S A
HOMONYMS	S H P X O H A T X E
SALMON	T D N O C E S O P R
PLANT	E V I V R U S N M H
SECOND	Y S M Y N O M O H T
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THREAD	
LOOP	
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Who eats what?

Clip a newspaper picture of an animal. (It can be a human being.) Then clip a picture of something that the animal eats. Then clip a picture of something that the animal's food eats. Keep going as long as you can.

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand relationships between organisms and their physical environment.

Write On!

Perfect Snack

What is your idea of the perfect after school snack? Write about this snack and why others should give it a try.

Kid Scoop Together:

TRY THIS AT HOME

Green Groups

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures that fit each category in the spaces below. Paste the words and pictures onto each strip. Cut out both strips and paste the two strips on another sheet of paper side by side. Which strip was easier to fill? Why?

Things That Save Natural Resources

Blank space for pasting words and pictures.

Things That Can Be Recycled

Blank space for pasting words and pictures.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Know that all organisms (including humans) cause changes in their environment, and these changes can be beneficial or detrimental. Know ways that humans can alter the equilibrium of ecosystems.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: PLANKTON

The noun plankton means a mixture of tiny plants and animals floating in fresh or salt water.

Some sea life live on nutrients found in plankton. Try to use the word plankton in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please help me get the word out about a common condition that severely affects children's ability to succeed in school because it inhibits reading, spelling and concentration. My daughter, who was obviously bright, tested at first-grade reading level in fifth grade. She had undergone all the school testing for learning disabilities, plus two days of testing at a respected university hospital. None of these tests or specialists revealed what could be wrong with her. My child's self-esteem suffered. Her confidence faltered; she began acting out in school. At home she was a great kid, until it came time for schoolwork. Then the battles began. She thought she was dumb. When studying, she could read for only a very short time. She often begged me to read things to her. When working on spelling and assigned to rewrite the words she missed five times, she often recopied them wrong. We thought she just wasn't trying. After much research on the Internet, I came across a disorder called "convergence insufficiency disorder." This visual condition is the leading cause of eyestrain. Fortunately, we had the opportunity to have her tested at the Mayo Clinic, where her condition was confirmed, and she was successfully treated with vision therapy. It was as though a miracle had occurred. After six months of treatment, my daughter is almost at her age-appropriate reading level. Her comprehension and retention have markedly increased, and her self-esteem and attitude about reading are much better. Children with this condition will not benefit from tutoring, special education or extra help from teachers until the condition is diagnosed and treated. My child had

20/20 vision and still had this disorder. It's not routinely checked with eye exams, and schools don't test for it. I suspect that many children out there are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed and going untreated. The treatment for convergence insufficiency disorder is noninvasive, effective, and much of it can be done at home. Please help me get the word out so other families won't have to go through what we experienced. — **ANGIE W. IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR ANGIE: I am pleased to help you get the word out to other families whose children are struggling to learn. After reading your letter, I contacted my experts at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and was informed that this problem, where the eyes drift too much inward (or outward) in attempting to focus, can also be present in adults. The symptoms can include eyestrain, headaches, blurred vision, sleepiness and trouble retaining information when reading. Other symptoms associated with convergence insufficiency include a "pulling" sensation around the eyes, the rubbing or closing of one eye when reading, words seeming to "jump" or "float" across the page, needing to reread the same line of words, frequent loss of place, general inability to concentrate and short attention span. The good news is: Vision exercises can fix the problem in most cases, some done at home and some performed in-office with a vision therapist. Prism glasses are another option; however, they are more often prescribed for adults with this disorder than for children.

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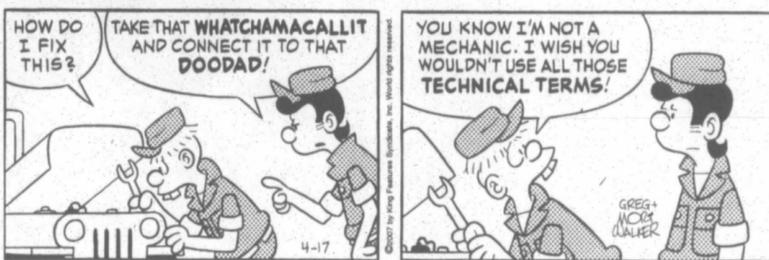
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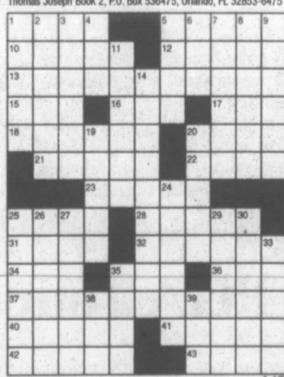
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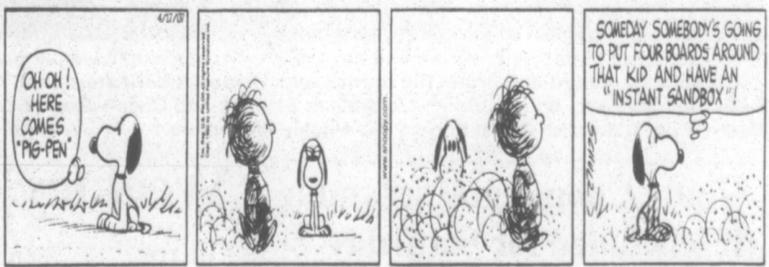
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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters face last home game Friday

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters are rapidly approaching the end of their regular season, as they continue to carry the lead in district 3-4A with a so-far perfect 7-0 record.

"We are shooting for an undefeated district season," coach Bobbi Gill said, "That is a goal that this team set early in the year and thus far have done what it takes to accomplish it."

Coach Gill is confident that her girls have what it takes to accomplish that goal, and can rest assured that girls have both the talent and desire necessary to not only blow away district competition, but go far into the playoffs.

The senior pitching duo, Cassy Tice (12-3) and Nicole Clark (7-3-2) have done more than their fair share from the mound, keeping hits to a bare minimum.

It also never hurts to have good hitters like Logan Winkelman, Stephanie McVay, Kelby Doughty and many others on the team.

With two games remaining in the district season, and one game with Palo Duro to be rescheduled later in the week, the Lady Harvesters are just days away from claiming the district championship.

On Friday, Pampa will welcome Hereford on the Lady Harvesters' home field at 4:30 p.m.

The last time Pampa faced the Lady Whitefaces was just over two weeks ago in Hereford, and the Lady Harvesters came home with a 7-3 victory with the help of



Callie Preston (left), Nicole Clark, Logan Winkelman, Kenzi Nickell and other teammates break from their huddle, ready to start the fourth inning of last week's home game against Caprock.

Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Clark's pitching and Doughty's big hits.

"These games this weekend mean a lot for the team," coach Gill said, "Friday is going to be an emotional day for the team."

After this season, Pampa will say goodbye to six valuable senior girls from the softball team, Cassy Tice, Nicole Clark, Stephanie McVay, Kenzi Nickell, Logan Winkelman and Kali

Jimenez. "We have a tremendous amount of talent throughout our program and these seniors have really helped bring that along," coach Gill said, "They have set a good exam-

ple and level of expectation

in our program that will need to be met by all athletes in the years to come."

Though the team can't help but anticipate the graduation of these young ladies,

coach Gill says the team just needs to stay focused and finish the season in the fashion that she knows they want to, because it's not over until it's over.

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Longhorns



The Longhorns of the Optimist 3rd and 4th grade boys basketball league placed 2nd in the regular season with a 6-2 record and 3rd in the tournament. Pictured here are: (Back row, L-R) Asst. Coach Misty Baten, J.T. Skinner, Tyler Curfman, Johnathan Stevens and Coach Jeanna Zuniga. (Front row, L-R) Clay Baten, Cory Chidester, Adam Zuniga and Hadley Thompson.

Nets hand their patsies another loss

By The Associated Press

The Nets might never own the hearts of New York basketball fans. They might have to settle for owning the Knicks instead.

While the Knicks are the area's more popular team, their on-court performances pale in comparison to their neighbors from across the Hudson River. That fact was highlighted again Monday night in New Jersey's 104-95 victory.

The Nets won their sixth straight at Madison Square Garden and 10th in the last 11 meetings overall against the Knicks. New Jersey has won 22 of the last 26 in the series, including two victories in the last four nights, and is 20-4 against New York in the regular season since acquiring Jason Kidd.

"I love the setting. This is the best arena in the world," Kidd said. "To bring your 'A' game every time you have the opportunity to play here as a visitor, you always want to shine. We've been

very fortunate to be able to do that."

Their 'A' game meant Vince Carter had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and the Nets clinched at least the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference. Carter had his second triple-double of the season of fourth of his career. That still leaves him 10 this season behind Kidd, who also had one in the same game Carter had his first.

In other games it was: Houston 120, Phoenix 117; Utah 130, Portland 93; Denver 122, Minnesota 107; Boston 91, Miami 89; Memphis 101, San Antonio 91; New Orleans 125, Sacramento 118; and Milwaukee 102, Atlanta 96.

New Jersey is still hoping to catch struggling Washington for the No. 6 seed and face Atlantic Division champion Toronto in the first round. The Nets (40-41), who have won three straight and five of six, finish their season Wednesday night at home against Chicago.

Cindy Cooper golf scramble rescheduled for Saturday

The 1st Annual Cindy Cooper Golf Scramble has been rescheduled for Saturday, due to the snowy weather Pampa got over the weekend.

Originally scheduled for last Saturday, the golf scramble was organized to raise funds for uniforms, sports equipment and travel expenses for local Special Olympics athletes.

Those who were registered to play in Saturday's golf scramble need to be re-registered in order to play in the rescheduled scramble this weekend.

To register, contact John Hervey at 669-0573.

To sponsor a tee box or to make a donation, contact Shelly Dyer at 665-4726.

Weekley's chips save first PGA Tour win

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Boo Weekley always knew it was a matter of time until he won on the PGA Tour, no matter how many dramatic misses he had.

Weekley erased his very public flub at the Honda Classic last month with two stunning chip-ins that saved par and helped him win the Verizon Heritage on Monday.

Only six weeks ago, Weekley missed a 3-footer

on the 72nd hole that would've given him the Honda title. Instead, he slipped into a four-man playoff won by Mark Wilson.

Even when Weekley stumbled at Harbour Town Golf Links, he didn't think back to last month's problems and only to what lay ahead.

"It was just a matter of time getting, I reckon, my stars lined up in the sky," Weekley said.

A year from now, those same stars could line up at

Augusta National.

Along with \$972,000 and a PGA Tour exemption through 2008, Weekley becomes the first PGA Tour winner to qualify for next year's Masters after Augusta National chairman Billy Payne restored a privilege taken away in 1999.

"I don't think the plaid's going to fit me," said Weekley, picking at his tartan winner's coat. "I'd like to have a green one to go along with."

Weekley nearly squandered a three-shot lead before his heart-stopping finish.

Weekley made bogey on the 16th, then muffed a chip behind the 17th green. He followed the blunder with a 40-foot, par-saving chip to keep a one-stroke lead.

But then Weekley had his troubles on Harbour Town's lighthouse hole, No. 18. He chipped across the green and into the fluffy rough down a short slope.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER, I'D LIVE OVER A DELICATESSEN. — ANONYMOUS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 18, 2007:

The time feels right to restructure your life this year and head in another direction. Know when to say that enough is enough. You understand far more than you realize, especially as you frequently tap into new resources for learning. Your creativity might be slightly askew or unusual. Your intuition often guides you regarding money. Still, use care. If you are single, you look at people differently, hence your choices could be very different too. A change might work! Try it. If you are attached, you will want to spend more downtime with your sweetie. Sometimes you don't feel as frisky as you would like. TAURUS helps you spend money!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your high energy, mixed with your strong instincts, punctuates your decisions. Understanding will take you down a new path if you remain open to feedback. A risk could be a really bad idea. Think in terms of restraining yourself. Tonight: Gather your bills.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Friends push you in one direction, as they want you to do what they feel is right. Remember, ultimately you answer only to yourself. Be more positive about your energy and direction. Someone has his or her own agenda, which means this person might be difficult. Tonight: Act on impulse.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take your time making decisions.

You need more information. Listen to your instincts. Someone you respect might push you quite hard. Stay on top of your work and responsibilities, even if you want to assume a low profile. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Aim for what you want, and you'll land on the right path. Experience a change and be more optimistic. You might want to rethink a decision that involves friends or a meeting. Visualize more of what you want. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might decide to take a stand and handle a problem differently. Try another approach. You might be hard on a boss. Your creativity surges but might not help on the professional or responsibility front. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take a risk and reach out for someone. Your understanding takes you to a new level. The knowledge you gain helps you see life far differently. You could push yourself far too hard. Remember, even you have limits. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might need to head in a new direction. Understand more of what is needed and be willing to provide just that. A friend could be unusually difficult and tough. Work around a problem rather than make it bigger. Tonight: Make time for the apple of your eye.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others understand much more than you realize. Investigate and get to the bottom of an issue. Understanding will evolve if you let go of a certain tenaciousness or need to have things your

way. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Listen to your instincts and understand where you are coming from. You might need to follow an even pace, especially as information heading in your direction could be quite upsetting. You know what you are doing! Tonight: Mix rest with a touch of exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your creativity must bubble forth in order to jump over an obstacle a partner drops on you. A financial issue could come to a head. You have answers, but at the same time, you might not want to touch the situation. Honor what bothers you. Tonight: In the whirlwind of fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ An appearance involving a family member or your personal life must take precedence. You could have a problem with people in general who let you know they don't agree. You might not even care. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You say what you think and could find that you are subject to some strong reactions. Someone you deal with could be quite tough. Know when you have had enough, and go in your own direction. Think before you act. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

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TV host Conan O'Brien (1963), actress Hayley Mills (1946) author Kathy Acker (1947)

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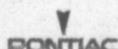


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