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Pampa News photo by Julie Ann Thompson
Fisherman Charlie Powell uses corn for bait in hopes of catching trout off the dock at Recreation Park Lake.

School Board hears update on PHS renovations

By **KERRI SMITH**
The Pampa News

School board members heard a report on construction and also voted to purchase Read 180 during a meeting for the Pampa Independent School District last week.

Mike Baker from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper was on hand to give an update of renovations at Pampa High School. He presented the proposed color scheme that administrators have helped decide on for the new areas of the school that are currently under construction.

"In order to match the existing tile at the current high school, we've decided mainly to use shades of brown with accents of gold since that goes with the school colors of green and gold," Baker said. "The paint color that will be used in the classrooms is a light tan, so it will give the rooms a warmer feel than if we just used white paint."

"The carpet for the administration area and new library will be a light brown with

flecks of green and gold and maroon. Areas of the library will have accent colors of different hues of blues. The science wing will have dark brown cabinetry and the bathroom floors will be mosaic tile."

The board discussed with Baker the issue of having small acid basins under the sinks in the new science labs to help collect, dilute and dispose of chemicals that are used by the students.

Board member Lee Porter was concerned that these basins might be too small to accommodate the chemicals that are flushed through the system on a daily basis.

"We just need to make sure these acid basins and all of the piping can withstand the use of chemicals," Porter said. "Even though the current students are using chemicals that are not very strong, in the future we might be teaching dual credit classes at that school and they might use stronger chemicals. Since we are building this all from scratch, we need to just

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Park continues to be center for community activities

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

Fisherman Charlie Powell battled the wind and soaked up the sun as he waited for a bite on a recent outing to Pampa's Recreation Park Lake.

"I usually do pretty well. I use corn and catch mostly trout," Powell said.

The lake was constructed in 1992 as part of Recreation Park, an ambitious million-dollar project undertaken by the City of Pampa in collaboration with Texas Parks and

Wildlife. Stocked twice annually with rainbow trout in December and February, and once a year with bass and catfish, the lake provides

locals with year-round fishing opportunities.

The lake is seven surface acres in total. A dam down stream keeps the water in the lake, which is filled with runoff from rain. There is a fresh water fill for use in extremely dry conditions, but, according to Community Services Director Shane Stokes, it is rarely used. All Texas state laws apply to anyone fishing at Recreation Park. A valid fishing license must be carried by anyone over the age of 17 or born after Sept. 1, 1930.

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Pampa News photo by Julie Ann Thompson
Ducks and geese flourish at Recreation Park Lake and occasionally do some fishing of their own as pictured here.

Meeting will show how to detect child abuse

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

A community meeting on child abuse will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 21 at Trinity Fellowship Church, 2225 N. Hobart. Those planning to attend are asked to enter through the northeast doors of the church.

"It's going to be very interactive," said Shelly Bohannon, rural forensic

interviewer for The Bridge children's advocacy center. "It gets the group involved. It's a good time to learn what to look for and dispel some myths about what to look for concerning child abuse."

The Bridge, with offices in Amarillo and Pampa, and CASA of the High Plains are co-sponsoring the meeting.

Other topics to be covered

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New business specializes in decorative toll painting

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

A new business has opened in Pampa that caters to folks with a with a flair for the artistic. Started by veteran painters.

All Seasons Hand Painted Home Decor, located at 823 W. Francis Street, was started by veteran painters Ann Fellers and Denia Cochran.

They specialize in decorative toll painting, but the women can decorate anything from ornaments, wall-hangings and table top decorations to large fireplace

screens, Cochran said. Much of their work can be seen on display at their new store.

"We try to keep a variety of things," Fellers said. "We can paint on glass, wood, candles or even do custom paintings like wedding albums."

Fellers, who's been painting since 1985, said that she and Cochran started the business because they both simply loved to paint. They've done several shows at M.K. Brown Auditorium, and when they got the opportunity to redo the building on Francis, they couldn't resist.

"We both have other jobs, so this is a side job for us,"

Fellers said. "But now we have room for teaching classes and an area to paint."

The women will be teaching beginner classes starting in May and are hoping to have at least four students when they begin.

"We'll pick a project, like a plate or a platter, and then pick a pattern. Every student will paint the same thing," Fellers said.

All Seasons is open the first Saturday of every month and can open on other times by appointment. To schedule an appointment or to sign up for classes, call 665-6264 or 665-2588 after 5 p.m.



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Owner Ann Fellers holds one of her favorite pieces, a tray with floral decorations painted in acrylic, which can be seen on display at her new store, All Seasons.

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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south.

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Obituaries

John Gregory Cline, 22

John Gregory Cline, age 22, formerly of Headrick, Oklahoma, died from injuries resulting from an automobile accident near Abilene, Texas, Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

He was born January 9, 1986, in Amarillo, Texas, to Raylynn (Dillman) Cline and John Norman Cline.

Greg attended the Altus Public School System and graduated from Altus High School in 2004. He served in the United States Military from September 2005 until April 2007. He was a C130 Crew Chief Mechanic.

After moving from Headrick, he made his home in Abilene, Texas.

Greg had worked for FB's Welding in Altus, Can-Doo Budget Rentals and Longbow Bullet Factory.

He enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors; especially hunting, fishing, riding ATVs and hanging out with his friends.

Greg is survived by his father, Johnny Cline of Headrick, Oklahoma; three

sisters, Shay Meece of Yukon, Oklahoma, Lacey Shelton of Amarillo, Texas, and Jessica Cline of Abilene, Texas; one brother, Levi Cline of Headrick, Oklahoma. He is also survived by his grandparents, John and Shirley Cline of Altus, Oklahoma, and Janice Rucker of Pampa, Texas; one niece and nephew, Gracey Shelton and Bostyn Shelton, both of Amarillo, Texas; and a host of other relatives and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Raylynn Cline in 1994; and grandfather, Terrell Rucker in 1994.

Memorial services were conducted for John at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Lowell-Tims Funeral Home Chapel in Altus, Oklahoma with the Rev. George Lupton officiating. Music featured during the services was "Desperado" and "The Dance." Arrangements were under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home in Altus, Oklahoma.

Eva Holloway, 87

SKELLYTOWN — Eva Holloway, 87, died April 9, 2008, at Weatherford, Okla.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

Jean Thompson, 74

Jean Thompson, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died April 9, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thompson was born June 25, 1933, at Amarillo and graduated from Dumas High School in 1953.

She married Clark Thompson on May 29, 1954, in Masterson.

Mrs. Thompson had been a resident of Pampa since 1966, joining Barrett Baptist Church, present-day Cornerstone Baptist Church, that same year. She was a long-time Sunday School teacher.

For many years,

Mrs. Thompson volunteered with Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her husband, Clark Thompson, of the home; two daughters, Debbie Taylor of Pampa and Shelly Sexton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Don Tweedy of Fort Worth; one sister, JoElla Turner of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd Ave., Pampa, TX 79065.

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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.

Ten traffic stops were made. Stops at the intersection of Brown and Starkweather streets, the 1000 block of South Hobart, the 300 block of West Francis, and the intersection of Gwendolen and Nelson streets resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

A vehicle accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Magnolia, the 500 block of North Russell, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 1400 block of East Kingsmill, the 500 block of South Ballard and the 400 block of Graham.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Found property was reported at 800 Municipal Drive. A bicycle was found in front of the bicycle

impound lot.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A billfold containing a driver's license, Social Security card and ID card was found.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 1100 block of West Wilks, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, and the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 900 block of Mary Ellen and the 2200 block of Beech.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana in a drug-free zone was reported at the intersection of Frost and Cook streets.

Eighteen business checks were made.

One building check was made.

Theft was reported at Aaron's Sales, 211 W. 30th. A power supply for a laptop computer was taken.

Theft was reported at One Medical Plaza, 100 W. 30th. A fetal Doppler valued at \$581 was taken.

Theft was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. A 30-pack of beer valued at \$48 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$48.30 was taken.

Edward Munoz, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of South Starkweather by PPD for no insurance and a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Thursday, April 10

Robert Tracy Hayes, 29, of Borger was arrested in the 1000 block of South Hobart by PPD for expired inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Andrew Shane Keeton, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Francis by PPD for displaying expired inspection, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to appear.

Fire

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

Wednesday, April 9

10:28 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 400 block of Magnolia to investigate arching powerlines.

1:45 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of East Foster on a carbon monoxide investigation.

10:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill on a call for medical assistance.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 9

Jacklyn Sue Woods, 17, of Skellytown was arrested by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

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Storms damage homes, businesses

HURST, Texas (AP) — Dozens of homes were damaged and at least 180,000 customers lost electricity Thursday after storms packing strong winds blew through West Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

No deaths or serious injuries were reported in North Texas, and three people suffered minor injuries in the West Texas town of Breckenridge, officials said.

"If there's any good news in a storm as severe as last night's, that is the good news," American Red-Cross spokeswoman Anita Foster said.

In DeSoto, just south of Dallas, about 20 homes were damaged and there was severe roof damage at a senior apartment complex and at a hotel with about 50 people in it at the time, officials said.

Foster said the Red Cross set up two shelters in North Texas, one in the Fort Worth suburb of Hurst in Tarrant County and another in the tiny Johnson County town of Lillian, about 25 miles south of Fort Worth.

Bobby Russell, a 45-year-old maintenance man, said he was huddled with wife and two teenage children in their Hurst duplex when a falling tree punched a hole in the roof and collapsed a wall of his daughter's bedroom.

Board

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make sure we get it right the first time and it will be sufficient for years to come."

Baker and a representative from Western Builders said they would do some

research on these basins and how other school districts have fared with this product and get the information back to the board in the near future.

The board approved a recommendation to purchase

Read 180 Curriculum for \$89,750 for the initial cost and a minimal annual cost after that. This curriculum will be used to help those students who are two or more years behind on their reading comprehension and

levels. A budget amendment was approved to purchase this curriculum.

Board members discussed local policy FMH, which is the policy on whether senior students can participate in commencement ceremonies

if they have not passed all of their TAKS tests before the event. No decisions were made and this will be discussed again at a later meeting.

The board spent approximately 45 minutes talking

about goals for the 2008-2009 school year and how to best arrive at the best goals for the students of the district.

Lake

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Boats are allowed on the lake so as long as they are not motorized.

"The limit is five fish per day," Stokes said. "The trout are usually fished out by now. They die out in the

warm water."

Along with the lake, Recreation Park offers 27 RV hook-ups as well as volleyball and basketball courts that have recently been fenced in for convenience. There is also a covered group shelter pavilion avail-

able for rental. It rents for \$20 per day and is coordinated through the City Administration Office.

Another unique feature of Recreation Park is the Clyde Carruth Pavilion — a bull barn facility used for 4-H, FFA, stock shows, indoor air

rifle shooting and occasional arts and crafts shows.

"Two years ago, we used it to house fencing material after the wildfire," Gary Willoughby, Gray county commissioner of Precinct 2, said. "It's a point of delivery for emergencies. If they

think we need extra medicine for any kind of disaster in the area, it goes there."

Events like "Burning The Bricks" and the annual High-Plains off-road mud bogs continue to be held at Recreation Park. The city's efforts to improve the area

are still underway.

"We just put an irrigation system in and planted grass," Stokes said. "So we'll have a nice grassy area for people to hang out soon."

Child abuse

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include how to talk to a child about child abuse and what to teach a child to better protect them from abuse.

"We will talk about the reporting laws, and things parents and grandparents need to do if their child dis-

closes something to them" Bohannon said. "We will cover everything from prevention to reporting."

Others who may find the meeting helpful, in addition to parents and grandparents, include nursery workers, Sunday school teachers and youth workers, according to

a letter concerning the meeting from Janet Watts, executive director of CASA of the High Plains.

The Bridge provides services to children who are victims of neglect or abuse. These services include recording interview by trained interviewers of

abused children for forensic purposes and providing a place where trained medical personnel may examine sexually abused children. It helps enable law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors and the mental health and medical communities to work together

to serve victims of child abuse and sexual assault.

CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains community volunteers to act as advocates in the best interest of abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes.

CASA volunteers visit with all parties involved in the child's care, including teachers, counselors and child protective services workers, to gather information. They represent the child in court and share their information with judges, prosecutors and attorneys ad litem.

Authorities find bed in polygamist temple compound

ELDORADO, Texas (AP)

Agents searching a 1,700-acre polygamist compound in West Texas found a bed in the soaring limestone temple and prosecutors believe it was used for male members to have sex with their underage wives after sect-recognized unions.

The discovery was revealed Wednesday as troopers completed their weeklong search of the grounds of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, said spokeswoman Teta Mange.

The temple "contains an area where there is a bed where males over the age of 17 engage in sexual activity with female children under the age of 17," according to an affidavit quoting a confidential informant who had been providing information to the Schleicher County sheriff

for years.

Texas law prohibits polygamy and the marriage of girls under 16.

The search of the compound in Eldorado, 40 miles south of San Angelo, began last Thursday after a 16-year-old girl called a local family violence shelter to report her 50-year-old husband beat and raped her.

She called several times before counselors figured out how young she was, a discovery that legally obligated them to call authorities even though the hotline typically promises confidentiality, shelter officials said Thursday.

Since then, the state has taken legal custody of 416 children, who are being housed at two sites in San Angelo, about 200 miles west of San Antonio. Another 139 women voluntarily left the

compound known as the YFZ Ranch and were being housed with the children.

Court documents said a number of teen girls at the compound were pregnant, and all the children were removed on the grounds that they were in danger of "emotional, physical, and-or sexual abuse."

On Wednesday, state officials said the women and children were in good overall health but would not comment on pregnancies. About a dozen children appear to have chicken pox but were being separated at the evacuation sites, which include an old historic fort and a convention center here, said Child Protective Services spokesman Chris Van Deusen.

Authorities were trying to determine the identities and parentage of many of the chil-

dren; some were unwilling or unable to provide the names of their biological parents or identified multiple mothers.

During their search of the compound, agents found a bed in the temple with disturbed linens and what appeared to be a female hair, said the affidavit signed by Texas Ranger Leslie Brooks Long and unsealed Wednesday. The temple also contained multiple locked safes, vaults and desk drawers.

Officials still aren't sure

where the 16-year-old girl is who made the initial call, and she is not named among the children in initial custody petitions by the state.

Tammy Harris, the executive director of the shelter that took the girl's calls, said Thursday the shelter called Child Protective Services and law enforcement as soon as workers determined that she had given birth at 15.

"This is a very overwhelming situation," said Harris, who declined to give details of the calls made by the girl.

"It is something that is new to most of us."

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Flight delays likely to continue

WASHINGTON (AP)

This week's flight cancellations by American Airlines are likely to spread to other U.S. airlines in the weeks ahead as federal regulators step up a by-the-book review of carriers' compliance with maintenance and safety orders issued in recent years.

"If we do uncover any safety issues from these audits, the carriers will have to make a business decision as to how to deal with the issue," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr said.

Midwest Airlines on Thursday became the latest airline to ground planes and cancel flights to re-inspect a wiring harness, the same issue that has forced American to cancel more than 2,400 flights and Alaska Airlines to cancel about 40 more in recent days.

Nicholas Sabatini, the FAA official who ordered the audits last month after Southwest Airlines was found to have flown planes that missed inspections, faced tough questions from Congress Thursday about his responsibility for the lapses. Some of Sabatini's congressional testimony from last week, which came during a hearing that featured whistle-blowers, has been labeled as "misleading and inaccurate" by House lawmakers — charges the FAA has denied.

Sabatini told the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation that he was accountable for the recent breakdowns, and blamed the Southwest incident on the failure of both FAA and airline employees.

Depending on how you look at it, this could be viewed as a classic bureaucratic overreaction after the agency was embarrassed by the disclosure last month that FAA inspectors were letting Southwest ignore airworthiness directives — or that the top brass, shocked at how lax the safety review system had gotten, has finally awakened and ordered a high-impact new way of doing business.

"There's always going to be extremes, just as there are in politics, and to some extent this is a political issue," said Bob Harrell of New York-based travel and

aviation consulting firm Harrell Associates. "Auditors get paid to audit, get paid to find things."

Another sign of the political stakes: the Senate confirmation process for acting FAA Administrator Robert Sturgell, who was nominated by President Bush in October, has been put on hold. Sturgell announced last week that four U.S. airlines are being investigated for failing to comply with federal regulations, that the probe would take months to complete and could result in fines.



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Viewpoints

Silly lawsuits make mockery of judicial system

I was wounded, physically wounded Saturday morning at my place of employ. I was innocently and efficiently going about my duties here at The News when I was cruelly set upon and injured. Though I have not yet informed my employer, I'm considering a lawsuit. At the very least, I should claim workman's comp. Right now, the only thing holding me back is the uncertainty of locating an attorney to take my case.

My hand is BRUISED, and though it did not bleed, I assure you it hurt. Throbbled. All day Saturday. It hurt really bad when I typed. Alas, I made it through the

work day, but my hand was limping. I think it was swollen.

And ... it ruined my weekend.

You see, I was making my way from my cubicle to the corridor outside my work area when, wham, the incident occurred like lightning. Let me now say: I hold my work environment personally responsible. My co-workers should not put pieces of furniture in my path, nor should they put pieces of furniture out of my path.

Anything that is not soft that I can run into is dangerous.

This is what happened.

The editor's file cabinet JUMPED out and dealt a sharp, severe blow to my hand as I was passing. It leaped right out there and ambushed me. It was so fast I didn't see it move.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor

Now, some clueless and completely unfeeling persons would no doubt hold ME responsible for the incident, but I vow that file cabinet is entirely to blame.

I reckon if a woman can get money from a judge for spilling hot coffee on herself

after plunking the cup of coffee down between her legs and DRIVING, I ought to be compensated for the pain I endured Saturday through the malicious, um, presence of that file cabinet. Did I mention I have a bruise? Of course, there were no witnesses.

That might be a problem.

And, unfortunately, the bruise is fading rapidly. Er, another problem.

If you think my, okay, imaginary lawsuit is wacky,

Merilee at Kern Communications has a few that are just as silly. Only these suits are real. An electronic news release from merifee@kerncommunications.com listed the following zany cases, as provided by Jeff Isaac of "Blue Jeans Law" fame, for all to enjoy:

"1. California: Man sues himself for trying to raid his own trust fund (LODI v. LODI, 219 Cal. Rptr. 116; Cal. App. 3 Dist 1985);

"2. Missouri: Prisoner sues three judges, a prosecuting attorney and a court clerk for allegedly conspiring against him (HORSEY v. ASHER, 593 F.Supp. 441; W.D. Mo., 1983);

"3. Michigan: Distraught man brings suit against a careless driver on behalf of his 'beautiful oak tree,' which the driver crashed into (FISHER v. LOWE, 333 N.W.2d 67; Mich. Ct. App. 1983);

"4. Ohio: Youth baseball coach is (was?) being sued by the father of the catcher on the team due to a 'winless season';

"5. Canada: A judge has found a man guilty of abusing his girlfriend, and, as part of his sentence, he has prohibited the man from having another girlfriend for three years."

Only on this hemisphere, right?



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 10, the 101st day of 2008. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

On this date:
In 1790, President Washington signed into law the first United States Patent Act.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1932, German president Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1957, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to all shipping traffic. (The canal had been closed due to wreckage resulting from the Suez Crisis.)

In 1957, John Osborne's play "The Entertainer," starring Laurence Olivier, opened

'Take from me the hope that I can change the future, and you will send me mad.'

— Israel Zangwill
English dramatist
(1864-1926)

in London.

In 1963, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Thresher sank during deep-diving tests off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

In 1978, Arkady Shevchenko, a high-ranking Soviet citizen employed by the United Nations, sought political asylum in the United States.

In 1992, comedian Sam Kinison, 38, was killed in a car crash outside Needles, Calif.

Ten years ago: The Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

Five years ago: Iraqi television aired videotaped greetings from President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The House passed a bill creating a national Amber Alert system and strengthening child pornography laws. A fire in a boarding school for the deaf in southern Russia killed 30 children. Eva Narcissus Boyd, the singer formerly known as "Little Eva," died in Kinston, N.C.

One year ago: A woman wearing an explosives vest strapped underneath her black robe blew herself up in the midst of 200 Iraqi police recruits in Muqadiyah, killing 16. Two Russian cosmonauts and U.S. billionaire Charles Simonyi arrived at the international space station. DNA tests showed that former boyfriend Larry Birkhead was the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby.



Internet filters useful tool for parents

Many times when I speak before groups, I get questioned about some of the adult information on the Internet. Usually, the questions come from concerned parents or teachers. Being a parent myself, I understand their concerns. There are definitely places on the Internet that I don't want my children going.

But, you have to put it in perspective. There are definitely places in our COMMUNITY that I wouldn't want my children going. The Internet is like any community. Just as any town has churches, schools and bars, the Internet has churches, schools and bars. The solution is NOT to disallow access to the Internet altogether. After all, in this day and age kids without access to the Internet are labeled "disadvantaged" by their teachers. The Internet is the BEST resource for students to learn more about their

studies and the world.

The key is to "control" their access to the Net. Of course, how this is done is the subject of many debates on Capitol Hill.

Congress attempted to legislate this issue a while back. They wrote a bill called the "Communications Decency Act" (CDA) and attached it to the "Telecommunications Act of 1996." What the bill basically stated was that it was "illegal for a minor to view indecent material on the Internet."

The Supreme Court threw out the CDA almost immediately. They cited two reasons: First, WHO got to determine the definition of decent? Eric Spellmann? Congress? The President? The word "decent" is incred-

ibly subjective. Since it couldn't be defined in a black and white manner, it was unenforceable. Second, the Supreme Court quickly realized that "inappropriate sites" would simply move to other countries to escape our laws. Remember: Laws made by our Congress are only enforceable as far as our borders. We do not have the right to dictate the information another country puts on the Internet.

Today, the government is a little smarter when it comes to protecting our youth. The president and many congressmen have decided to back a new solution, one that doesn't infringe on First Amendment rights.

Filtering software is the

answer. Here's how it works: Parents install filtering software on their system. They lock it with a password. The software then monitors all information transmitted or received from the Internet.

Kids are protected in three ways. First, the software comes with a predefined list of sites that are deemed inappropriate for kids. If little Johnny attempts to go to one of those sites, the software blocks the attempt and logs it for parents to view later. Most filtering software also comes with a utility to update those sites once per month. Parents can add to or delete sites from the list.

The second level of protection is at the "word" level. If the software detects certain language on a Web page or an e-mail message, it will not display it. This technique not only protects the kids from inappropriate language, but can also be set up

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 27
San Antonio Express-News on Beijing and the upcoming Olympic games:

Politics is an inherent part of the Olympic Games. From the opening ceremonies to the final medal counts, the games are a pageant of national flags and political identities.

That was part of Pierre de Coubertin's vision for the Olympics for nations to compete peacefully on the athletic field rather than destructively on the battlefield. The Olympic Charter seeks "to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of man,

with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

The relationship between politics and sports isn't always a healthy one. Hitler turned the Berlin games of 1936 into a propaganda spectacle. Terrorists turned the Munich games in 1972 into a nightmare.

The U.S. boycott of the Moscow games in 1980 and Soviet reciprocation during the Los Angeles games of 1984 were political intrusions of dubious merit. Now some activists are advocating a boycott of this summer's games in Beijing the "Genocide Games."

There can be no doubts about the heinous nature of China's communist leadership. Its brutal internal repression, violation of basic human rights,

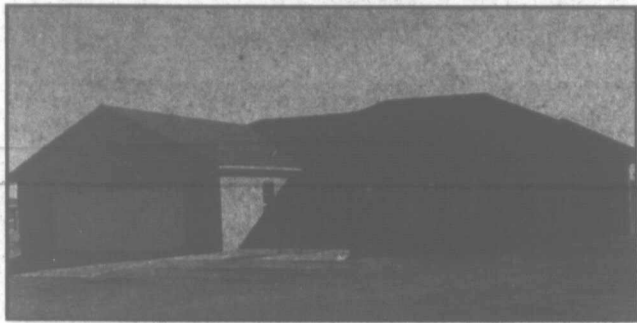
support for murderous regimes in Sudan and Burma and obsession with ostracizing the people of Taiwan all deserve to be roundly condemned.

The recent ruthless crackdown on protesters seeking autonomy in Tibet provides a lurid confirmation of the iron fist Chinese President Hu Jintao and his government wield. Yet these violations of peaceful society and human dignity don't necessarily provide sufficient reason to keep American athletes from competing in Beijing. Engaging in competition isn't tantamount to endorsement.

They do, however, provide ample reason for American political leaders especially President Bush to consider

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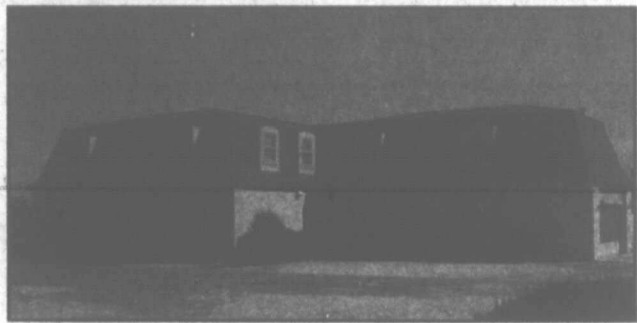
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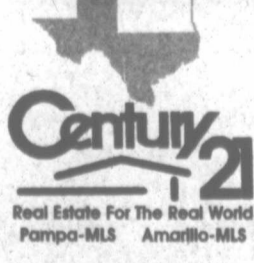


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My domestic partner and I have been together 12 years. I love him dearly. He is sweet, funny, witty, kind, and most important, willing to live with me. I can't imagine life without him. The problem is, he has no common sense. He doesn't "get" that dishes we cook and eat with should not be used for feeding the cats. If the toilet runs over (we have old plumbing), my best bath towels should not be used to clean up the mess when there's a mop in the closet. If we're out of cat food, he should go to the supermarket and buy some, not open the can of goose liver pate we brought back from Paris. That sort of thing. The immediate cause of my annoyance is if you have two credit cards, one with a 7 percent interest rate, the other with a 21 percent interest rate, you don't put a \$2,000 purchase on the card with the higher interest rate. My partner is 42, but sometimes I feel like I'm the parent of a 4-year-old. If I say anything, he accuses me of being a "control freak." I don't consider myself one, but I just don't want my favorite punch bowl used as a bucket. Any ideas before I shoot the both of us? -- **READY TO SCREAM, GROVELAND, FLA.**

DEAR READY TO SCREAM: Until they start cloning couples, there will always be one more responsible person in a relationship. Because your partnership has lasted as long as it has, I'm sure he has his strengths, too, that are different from yours. Because you already know the state of your plumbing, stash a supply of rags or old, faded towels in your linen closet and show them to him, so that when another emergency occurs, he will be able to locate them quickly. Transfer your fine china and crystal to a cabinet that's less convenient to

reach -- perhaps even one with a lock -- so it won't be so available when the livestock gets hungry. And warn your partner in advance that certain items -- like pate -- are only for special occasions. Also, consider transferring your balance from the high-interest credit card, or keeping it in a safety deposit box. If all that fails, remind yourself what it was like back on the dating circuit. If that doesn't make you count his virtues, nothing will.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Bob," who has a strange sense of humor. A lot of people don't find him funny, and this time I'm afraid he's gone too far. His most recent prank was to fake his own death. Bob even went so far as to submit a fake obituary. The problem is we have mutual friends in other states who are convinced he is dead and are pretty shaken up about it. I want to tell everyone the truth, but I know Bob will see it as a betrayal. I don't want to hurt our relationship, but I hate to see our friends in pain. What should I do? -- **DILEMMA IN DALLAS**

DEAR DILEMMA: Your "friend" has a cruel and twisted sense of humor, and if you are wise, you'll distance yourself from him. Not only has he hurt people who care about him, but if he has done this to avoid paying taxes or other financial obligations, it is fraud. Since you asked, you should inform anyone who inquires that Bob is still very much among them -- and advise them to give him a call when you know he'll be picking up. P.S. If someone did that to me, I'd pretend he WAS dead.

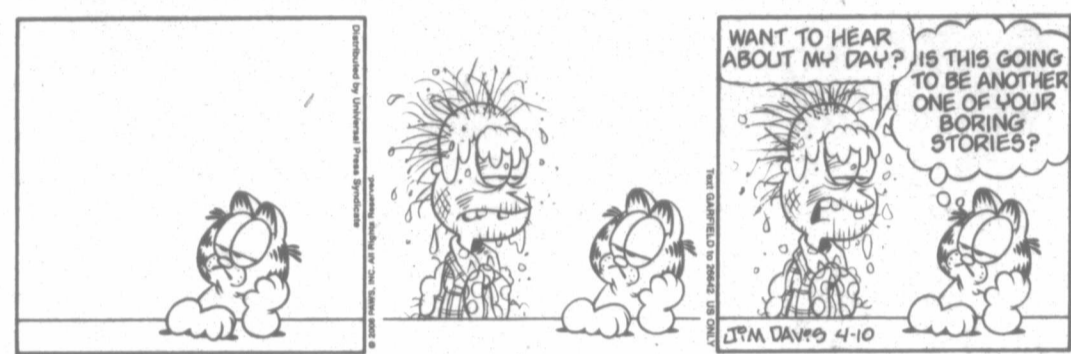
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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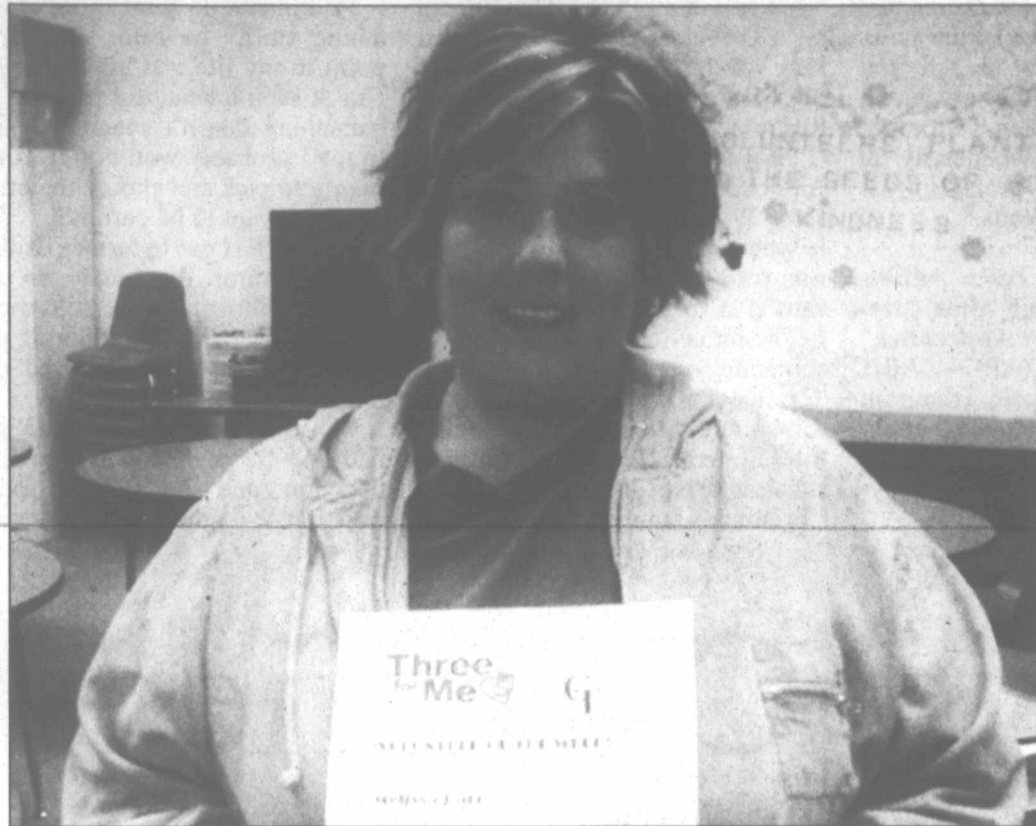
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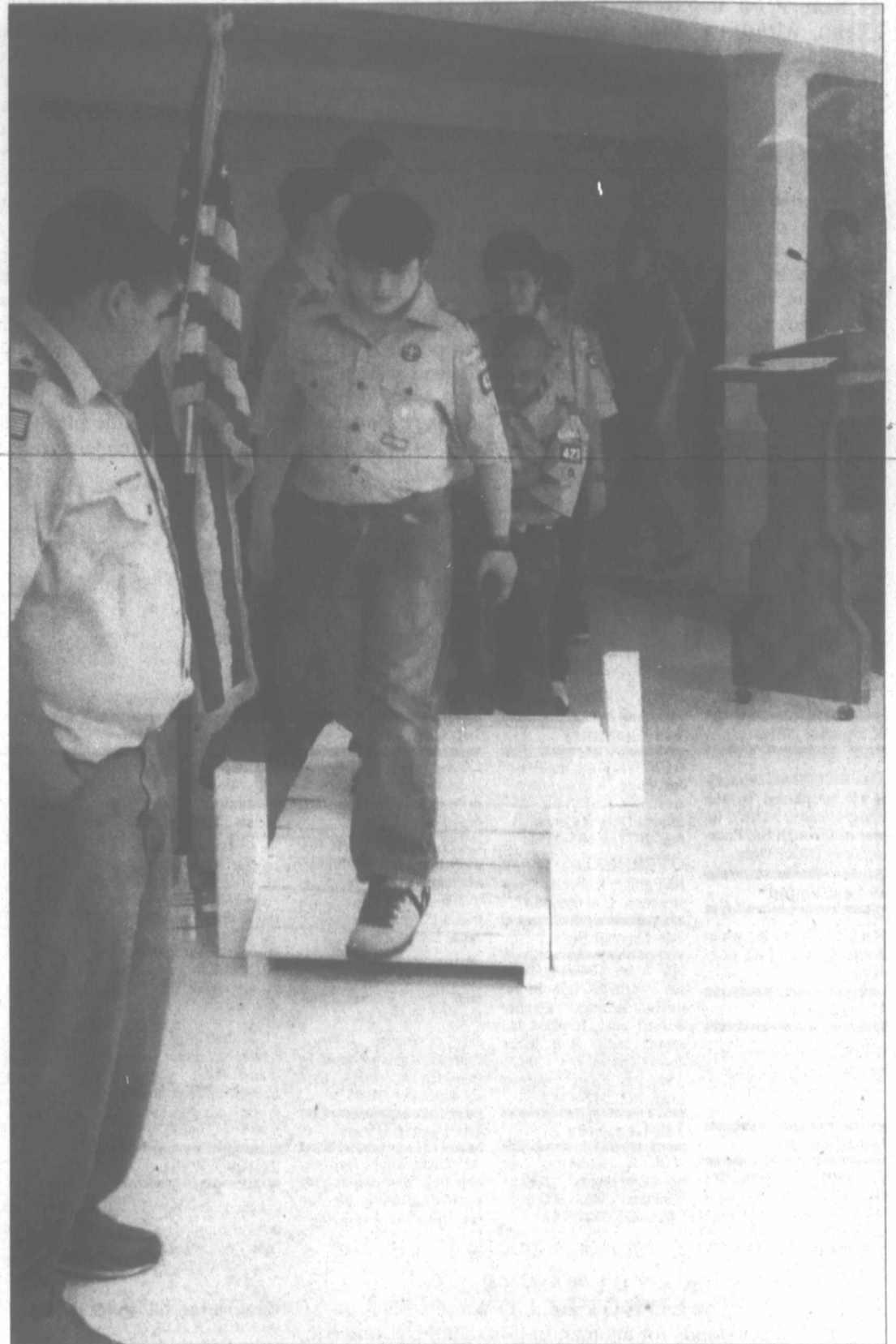
Promise Keeper



Courtesy Photo

Promise Keeper for the first of April at Pampa Junior High School was Melissa Parr. Her name was drawn from several names of volunteers at the junior high school. Parr won a gift certificate to Subway.

Scout ritual



Courtesy Photo

Trace Leftwich crosses a bridge during a recent Bridging Ceremony at First United Methodist Church for Boy Scout Troop 413 of Pampa. The fifth-grade boys "bridged" over into Boy Scouts after just finishing the rank of Webelos 2. The six boys were awarded their Arrow of Light award, a patch they will wear in Boy Scouts. All awards earned during Cub Scouts were removed from their uniforms and can no longer be displayed in Boy Scouts. Older Scouts removed all awards and ranks from the Webelos and then placed new red shoulder loops on their shirts to signify their new status as Boy Scouts. Also pictured with Leftwich is Key'Shawn Morris, Aron Avila, Orin Boyd, Darian Reeves, Cub Master of Pack 423, Kevin Rivas, Josaph Liberty, Matthew Sweet (not visible), Jared Willis and Dathan Reeves.

Events calendar

- **"Fang-Tastic" 47th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt** will be staged April 12-13 at Waurika, Okla. The event will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers from Granbury, food booths, longest snake auction, carnival, gifts, souvenirs and more. For further information, call (580) 228-2553 or visit www.rattlesnake-hunt.com on the Internet.

- **Circle in the Square Theatre School** will be holding auditions April 12 in Dallas for its professional two-year workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week summer workshops. For more information, write to: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; call (212) 307-0388; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. Applications can be downloaded at www.circlesquare.org on the Internet.

- **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. April 14 in the Hazlewood Education Building at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Reports will be heard and plans will be made for programs in 2008. The meeting is open to the public.

- **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). 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: 9:30-11:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., April 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art** will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 17. The event will include viewing of the film "Art21: Art in the 21st Century," music by the Jim Laughlin Quartet, art activities and more. For further information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **The Pampa chapter of Ducks Unlimited** will stage a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at the local Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, call 662-0926.

YOUNG AT HEART

Elders improve with exercise, too

By ROSALIE MARION BLISS
ARS News

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans strongly urge people to engage in regular physical activity and avoid sedentary pastimes. That's because previous research has provided evidence that physical activity and nutrition work together for better health.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS)-funded scientists have again reported on how the elderly also can engage in physical activity to improve quality of life. ARS is the chief scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In a recent study involving a group of 213 volunteers aged 70 to 89 years, the better the participants' adherence to a physical activity program, the greater their improvements in physical functioning. The study was led by physiologist Roger Fielding with the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (HNRCA) at Tufts University, Boston, Mass. He is director of the center's Nutrition, Exercise Physiology and Sarcopenia Laboratory.

At the beginning of the study, all of the male and

female volunteers were sedentary and had a variety of physical health problems. The researchers found that more than half were able to engage in regular moderate exercise for one year. Those who improved the most reported exercising 150 minutes or more per week. The study was published in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

An earlier HNRCA study also showed that the elderly can get in step with exercise. Each of 70 study volunteers, aged 70 years or older, were "aging in place" (meaning living at home) and had some functional impairment. The participants were randomly assigned to either a home-based progressive strength, balance and general-physical-activity intervention, or to a group that received home-based nutrition education.

After six months, each volunteer was tested for strength, balance, gait speed and cardiovascular endurance. The researchers concluded that minimally supervised exercise is safe and can improve functional performance in elderly individuals. The study was

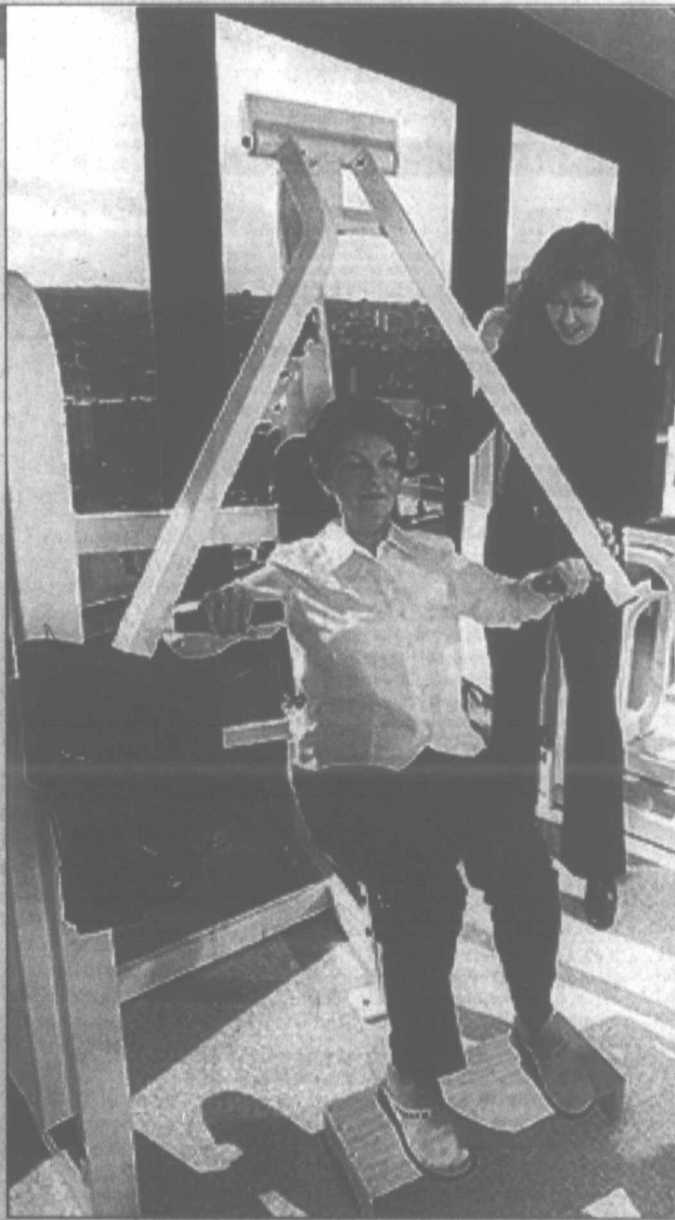


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As part of the Strong Living Program, exercise physiologist Jennifer Layne (middle) and program coordinator Charlotte Mallo test a volunteer's muscle strength in the Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, and Sarcopenia Laboratory.

published in *Journals of Gerontology Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences*.

Read more about ARS research and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

in the March 2008 issue of *Agricultural Research* magazine.

Sweetheart of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Pampa Lions Club named Kristen Lea Dunn, daughter of Randy and Brenda Dunn, February Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month. Dunn's honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: FFA leadership and judging competitions; FFA livestock exhibitor; president of local high school FFA chapters; Lone Star Farmer degree (junior year); academic awards in English, Agricultural Sciences, Art and U.S. History; DAR Good Citizenship Award-winner; 2005 student ambassador for the Amarillo delegation of People to People; Student Ambassador of the Year award-winner; Students Against Destructive Decisions; and National Honor Society member. Dunn belongs to Zion Lutheran Church and is a member of its youth group. She plans to major in food technology at the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, where she has received the Honors Endowed Scholarship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 11, 2008:
Aries is not a naturally nurturing sign, but this year you will learn more about the art of caring. You will want people to feel more secure when relating with you. You also could be considering a major revision/change/transformation, though you might not be ready to act on it this year. Real estate might be a major focus, or your home and domestic life. If you are single, it appears you don't need to stress out: You'll meet people with ease. Attached Rams will be happiest if involved with a home or domestic goal. **CANCER** sometimes gets too emotional.

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)
★★★ Plans could change radically because of events that suddenly appear on your radar. Be nice about a change in plans: Someone really cannot help it. In fact, if you stop and think, this adjustment works better for you too! Tonight: Play couch potato.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might encounter a misunderstanding or an obstacle or two. How you deal with the situation could define the end results. Your ability to handle difficult personalities emerges. Use your innate skills. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Curb a tendency to become extravagant during a difficult situation. That is not to say that you cannot buy that special item. You just need to understand where to cut back. Listen to a dear

friend. Tonight: Get your bills together.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are in the thick of things and might be difficult to stop. You are certainly on a roll. Someone could be combative or difficult because he or she is jealous. Don't get involved in petty issues. Tonight: On a roll.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Kick back and don't get as uptight as you have been recently. Do listen more carefully. You could prevent a lot of confusion, even if it is good-natured fun. Take your time and don't let anyone or anything pressure you. Tonight: Play it mysterious.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Aim for what you want, and expect nothing less. Friends will do whatever they can to cheer you on. Fatigue could play a large role in upcoming events. You might want to go overboard letting someone know how much you care. Tonight: Where the gang is.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others take their cues from you, which could put you in quite a position, whether you like it or not. Stay steady, realizing what you want. You might be surprised by what someone could request. Tonight: Out there.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to someone's suggestion. You actually might take off early in order to get into this fun weekend. Be open to the very different and unusual. Express your caring through actions. Tonight: Opt for a new type of Friday-night happening.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your day could revolve around one key person or several people. You

don't want to hold a committee meeting. You are better off working with each person individually. Think positively, and the end results could be excellent. Tonight: With a favorite person.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ The smart Goat will defer much more than he or she initiates. You could feel as if people are letting you down. That might not be exactly what is going on. Could your expectations be too high? Not everyone reacts like you. Tonight: Fun and games.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your perspective could prove to be extremely interesting, but not innovative. You could have pushed way too hard for your own good lately. Know when to kick back. Tonight: Keep it low key.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to stop a conversation before it begins. As you let someone really get to know you, recognize why you are allowing yourself to be so vulnerable. What is going on? Be sure of your motives. Tonight: Add that extra zip.

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U.S. Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson (1893), fashion designer Oleg Cassini (1913), English poet Christopher Smart (1722)

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Altrusa



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Chleo Worley, from left, Louise Bailey (behind clown) and Linda Shackelford recently showed off one of the clowns designed for the Altrusa Style Show to be held April 12 at M.K. Brown Heritage Room. A circus theme is being carried out in all the decorations. The show will kick-off at 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$12 a piece at the door.

Spell

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to prevent them from sending personal information to strangers. Once again, parents can add to and delete words from this list.

Finally, the third level of protection involves an enforced timer. Parents can set the software to restrict Internet access to certain times of the day. Not only does this curtail mischief, it prevents kids from spending too much time behind the PC. Homework and chores have to be done, too!

So, which software is the best? Three titles spring to mind: Cyber Patrol (<http://www.cyberpatrol.com>), Net Nanny (<http://www.netnanny.com>) and K9 Web Protection (<http://www.k9webprotection.com>). All three have received awards for their performance. However, after testing all three and talking to many parents, K9 seems to get the highest marks (and it is totally FREE).

Parents and teachers need to remember, though, that this software should not be used as a substitute to supervision. I believe strongly that all kids should be monitored by an adult while surfing the Net. School labs should always have a teacher handy to supervise and assist the students. Before allowing access to the Internet,

schools should also have the students and parents sign off on a "Proper Internet Usage" agreement.

In my opinion, filtering software is a better solution than government intervention. Think about it: It's not the government telling you what you CAN and CAN-NOT see. It's not your Internet Service Provider dictating the information you can view. The power is in YOUR hands. You can turn it off or on. YOU make the final decision about what comes into your home

or school.

One last thing: Filtering software is not perfect. It is meant as a tool to assist the parent and teacher, not to replace them. Personal responsibility should be emphasized in both the classroom and at home. When it comes down to it, we should all be held responsible for our own actions and those of our children.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Training program



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Approximately 30 professionals from police departments, sheriff departments, prosecutors and victim services recently attended a training on sexual assault in Miami. Trainers were Lyn Williams and Lisa Luna from TAASA. Participants learned about what goes on in the mind of a sexual predator and also about youth sexual assault issues. Gray County Deputy Robert Douglas won a hunt trip donated by Top Hand Hunts and a shotgun donated by Roberts County Attorney Leslie Breeding, Wheeler County Attorney Misty Walker and by defense attorney John Warner. Lunch was provided by Roberts County Sheriff Department.

Games

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boycotting the Beijing games opening ceremonies. Participating in that media spectacle does amount to an endorsement of sorts.

At this point, however, Bush seems intent on going to Beijing no matter what. At a news conference this week, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino dismissed the possibility of a symbolic American rebuff by saying, "The president wants to make sure that our athletes have a really good experience."

The athletes would do just fine without him. But nothing could make a stronger American statement about China's decidedly un-Olympic policies than President Bush's empty seat at the opening ceremonies.

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Most retailers post weak March sales

NEW YORK (AP)—Most retailers reported sluggish sales in March when consumers—fretting about mounting economic problems—limited their shopping to food and other essentials.

As the nation's merchants reported sales figures on Thursday, it was clear that shoppers remained focused on buying basics at discounters and wholesale clubs and snubbed mall-based chains for clothing and other discretionary purchases. The earliest Easter in 95 years also hurt sales; shoppers weren't in the mood to buy spring clothing in cold weather.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp. were among the best performers. Wal-Mart raised its earnings outlook, noting that better inventory control helped to limit markdowns on merchandise.

But March proved to be another weak month for many others, including J.C. Penney Co., Gap Inc., and Limited Brands Inc. All of them reported sharp drops in sales.

"Discounters are going to continue to do well in this economy," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Mass. "Anything that is discretionary is going to continue to be under pressure."

According to a preliminary sales tally by Thomson Financial, 17 retailers missed

sales expectations, while only six merchants beat estimates. The tally is based on same-store sales or sales at stores opened at least a year and are considered a key indicator of a retailer's health.

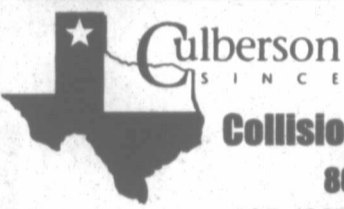
Analysts already had been bracing for a weak March because the early Easter. But retailers struggled with a collapse of confidence among shoppers, who face mounting financial problems—soaring

food and gas prices, limited credit and slumping home prices.

The big worry is that the job market—which had helped to propel spending over the past few years—is showing more signs of weakness. On Friday, the Labor Department reported a loss of 80,000 jobs, the most in five years. Meanwhile, the national unemployment rate rose to 5.1 percent from 4.8 percent.

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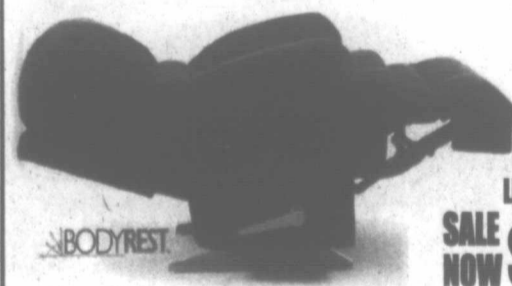
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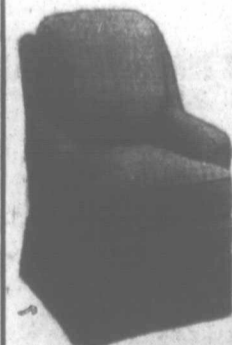
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