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A young man, who apparently fell asleep at the wheel, drove into the lobby of the Edward Jones building at 1921 North Hobart at 6:41 a.m. Saturday morning. The police department, fire department and ambulance personnel all responded.

Out of control car plows through building, no injuries

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

Fortunately, neither Duane Harp or Roger Lamb were sitting in their office early Saturday morning, or they might have been caught in the headlights of oncoming traffic.

At 6:40 a.m. on Saturday, April 19 officers were dispatched to the Edward Jones building located at 1921

North Hobart in regard to a 1995 White Chevrolet Blazer hitting the south end of the building with enough force to shatter the large display windows into the main traffic lanes of Hobart Street. Upon arrival, all the officers could see was a hole in the south side of the building. However, as they got closer, they could see that the entire Blazer was inside the office.

"Luckily no one was hurt," Duane Harp of Edward Jones Investments said. "It wouldn't be unusual for me or Roger to be there that early, but no one was in the building."

The driver, Antonio Acosta age 17 of Pampa, was sitting on the curb waiting when



the officers arrived, Guardian EMS was summoned but Acosta refused treatment. Citations were issued to Acosta for failing to maintain a single lane, no driver's license and no insurance.

The vehicle came to a stop inside the conference room of Edward Jones. Landlord Les Howard, a contractor, was on hand with his equipment to help get the vehicle out of the building. The business is still running, but from

See **ACCIDENT**, Page 3

Pampa ISD lauded by Texas School Board Association

Pampa ISD joins a select cadre of public school districts that has earned distinction for good governance from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). The district met specific criteria to be recognized in the Association's Good Governance Program and will be featured in the TASB magazine, Texas Lone Star.

"With this kind of leadership our school board is demonstrating excellence for all of our schools," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said.

To be recognized, a district must meet six criteria: undertake the TASB governance audit, notify TASB when the audit is complete, be rated acceptable or higher in the accountability system two of the four most recent years, have rising assessment participation, achieve acceptable or higher in the FIRST rating system and demonstrate that all board members have met training requirements.

"Undertaking the TASB

Board Effectiveness Audit is no small task and Pampa ISD worked diligently to incorporate all of the audit practices into its board work. TASB's board of directors applauds the efforts of this and other exemplary school boards as they serve their communities on behalf of Texas schoolchildren. The district leadership team is well deserving of state and national honors for its leadership in setting a clear focus for a district that is changing as the Panhandle economy grows," Bill Nemir, TASB Leadership Team Services director said.

The district's success in passing a \$48 million bond proposal last school year is a testament to the community's faith in the board and direction of the district.

"I think it's a nice tribute to our school board and our vision for the school district and the work of our school board to provide good and equitable educational opportunities for all of our students," Haenisch said.

Account established to help Pampa woman

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

An account has been established at First State Bank of Miami, 120 W. Kingsmill, for Debra Moore of Pampa.

Funds contributed to the account will go toward medical expenses associated with Moore's cancer treatment, according to Phyllis Harden, who established the account.

Persons wishing to donate to the account by check may

make the check out to First State Bank of Miami and note on the memo line that the check is for the Debra Moore account.

Briarwood Full Gospel Church is also accepting donations to help with Moore's expenses, Harden said. The church is located at 1800 W. Harvester, telephone 665-7201.

For more information, call Harden at 669-6182 or 898-8432.

Carter: Gray Co. child abuse 'extremely high'

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

Two weeks ago, a raid on a polygamist compound near San Angelo, Texas, and discussions of possible child abuse there have spotlighted an issue that is a national problem.

Last year, there were 286 confirmed victims of child abuse in Gray County. In statistical terms, 18 percent of local children are victims of sexual assault, violence and neglect.

"The most important thing to know is that this is happening in Pampa, this is happening in Gray County," Roxanne Carter, executive

director of The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center said. "It's difficult in a small town not to get caught up in things being perfect. We need to get past that."

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. "Child abuse in Gray County is extremely high," Beth Sutherland, chair of Gray County Child Welfare Board said.

According to information from The Bridge, one in four girls will be sexually abused before the age of 18. For boys it is one in six. That statistic, however, reflects only the number of children who report it. In many cases the

child does not report the abuse, refuses to talk about it or denies that something happened.

Typically, the abuser is someone that the child knows. In only one percent of the cases referred to The Bridge, which has provided child-sensitive services to more than 15,000 young victims and their families residing in the Texas Panhandle since 1989, is the alleged offender a complete stranger to the child. The majority of perpetrators are family members, friends of the family or individuals entrusted with the care of the child.

"Parents need to be aware daily of what a child is doing,

who's around them. If they see something that isn't right, they need to report it," Carter said.

According to The Bridge, parents should know their child's friends and their families, youth group leaders, teachers or any other person who spends time alone with their child. Provide supervision at extra-curricular activities, malls and public restrooms. Explain to your child that they have a right to say no. Encourage them to ask questions. Listen when your child tells you that they do not want to be or go with someone and understand that no one should want to be with your child more than

you. Texas Family Code (261.101) states that a person having cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect must report immediately. Failure to report is punishable by imprisonment for up to 180 days and/or a fine up to \$2,000.

To report child abuse, call 1-800-252-5400, go online at txabusehotline.org or contact local law enforcement.

"Every community has physical, sexual and fatal abuse going on," Carter said. "We need to stand up and say we're not going to accept it."

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Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Windy, with a south-southeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. Windy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

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Harold Adkism



Adkism

Harold Adkism was born on June 2, 1937, in Paris, Texas. He lived in various places before he resided in Pampa, Texas.

He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church with the late Reverend Nelson and Reverend Patrick. Harold was a faithful servant as a Deacon and Financial Trustee.

Harold worked at Cabot

later known as Ingersol Rand for 30 years where he retired.

He leaves to mourn his passing, Louise Adkism (special friend); two sisters, Dorothy Blackwell and Lucille (Bobbie) Wooten; three

brothers, the late Hubert Adkism, Arthur Gene Adkism and McCurtis (Tina) Adkism, all residing in Paris, Texas; four children, Harold Wayne Adkism (Christine) of Amarillo, Teresa Perkins-Lee

(Dwight) of Houston, Jimmy (Petie) Davis of Clovis, N.M., and Bobby Wayne Davis of Colorado; four grandchildren, Darryl J. Briscoe (D.J.), Margie Bates, Vivian Ingram and Danielle Wedgeworth; six great-grandchildren; 22 nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 19
 Thirty-one traffic stops were made. Stops in the 800 block of South Hobart, the 200 block of North Starkweather and the 1100 block of Barnes resulted in arrests.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Kingsmill and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Rham and Hobart streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of Red Deer, the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets, and the intersection of 30th and Duncan streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 400 block of Graham, the 2000 block of

North Sumner, the 300 block of North Banks, and the intersection of 23rd and Williston streets.

Agency assistance was reported at the intersection of Atchison and Frost streets.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of South Wells and the 600 block of North Dwight.

A runaway was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of South Russell, the 1300 block of Coffee, the intersection of Kingsmill and Hobart streets, the Starkweather Street railroad crossing, the intersection of Harvester and Starkweather streets, and the 1200 block of Hamilton.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of Denver.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Christine. A garage window valued at \$100 was shot out with a BB gun.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks. The driver's door and hood of a 1991 Honda were dented.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of East 17th, the 1100 block of Neel Road and the intersection of Mary Ellen and Louisiana streets.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 300 block of East Browning and involved minor injuries.

Four alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Hazel. The window of a back door was broken, but no items were

missing.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis. A back door was broken, and an electric guitar, amp, guitar case, saw, tool box with tools, pedal and rotazip were taken. Estimated value of items taken is \$2,725.

Sunday, April 20
 Twelve traffic stops were made. Stops at the intersection of Francis and Hazel streets, and the intersection of McCullough and Clark streets resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets, the intersection of Roberta and Zimmers streets, the 900 block of East Francis and the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets and in the 1100 block of East Francis.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2100 block of Lea, the 800 block of South Banks, the 1200 block of Darby, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 1400 block of East Browning and the 1000 block of South Banks.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Albert and Barnes streets.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 800 block of Locust, the 1800 block of Hamilton and the 1900 block of Lynn.

Lost property was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner. The incident involved a check book.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Russell.

A missing person was reported at the intersection of Browning and Yeager streets.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 17th and Hamilton streets, the intersection of

Starkweather and Yeager streets, the 800 block of Magnolia, the 900 block of Duncan and the 1000 block of Barrett. At least one arrest was made in connection with the call concerning the intersection of Starkweather and Yeager streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of Love.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1000 block of North Frost, the 900 block of Varnon Drive, the 2400 block of Rosewood and on North Crest Road.

A threat was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Stalking was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road. The incident was verbal only.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of West Browning.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence and unlawful restraint were reported in the 2500 block of Rosewood. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault causing bodily injury/domestic was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. A person was taken to the hospital to be tested for internal injuries in connection with the incident.

At least one arrest was made in connection with an information report taken in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee. A gold and diamond wedding ring valued at approximately \$2,800 was taken from the center console of a pickup.

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Viewpoints

Earth Day: It's getting easier to be 'green'

Today is Earth Day, an annual observance which began in the U.S. in 1970 when concern for environmental pollution first spurred action by a significant portion of the country's population.

Surprisingly enough, the first Earth Day was not spearheaded by a concerned private citizen, scientist or member of an environmental group, but by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. He came up with the idea of a nationwide grassroots demonstration on the environment, and thus the first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970.

This event brought together various groups which had been fighting against various harmful environmental con-

ditions. Their concerns included oil spills, factories and power plants which produced pollution, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife.

Earth Day has since focused on various environmental issues as they became known, such as global warming and the development of clean energy sources which do not produce pollution as a by-product of their development or use.

What can Pampans do to live in a more environmentally-responsible way? One answer is to take advantage of the city's recycling center, located behind Hobart Street Park at 707 Municipal Drive.

The recycling center pays

cash for aluminum cans, with the price paid depending on the market. Aluminum cans should be taken to the center only during hours of operation, when the center is manned, in order to receive cash for the cans.

The center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, according to the City of Pampa web site.

Pampa's recycling center also accepts other recyclable items. They include plastic milk jugs, water bottles, soda bottles, tin cans, white

paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard and used motor oil and filters. There are bins designated for each type of recyclable item, and contributors are asked to place the proper items in the proper bins, since the center is a self-service facility. No aerosol cans are accepted at the center.



Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa also holds a Household Hazardous Waste Day at the center each September. On this day, local residents may dispose of hazardous waste items which are not accepted at any other time. These items include pesticides, herbicides, drain opener, oven

cleaner, stain removers, polish, hobby supplies, pool chemicals, transmission and brake fluids, antifreeze, acids, photographic chemicals, paint, solvents, varnish and products labeled "Caution," "Warning" or "Poison."

Other items also accepted on Household Hazardous Waste Day include car batteries and a limited number of tires per visitor.

The national government's Earth Day web site offers tips for citizens who wish to do their part in reducing pollution of the environment. These tips are listed under the headings of reduce, re-use and recycle.

Consumers can reduce how much material they use by buying permanent items

instead of disposables, buying and using only what they need, buying products with less packaging and buying products that use less toxic chemicals.

Re-use materials by repairing items as much as possible, using durable coffee mugs, using cloth napkins or towels, cleaning out juice bottles and using them for water, using empty jars to hold leftover food, re-using boxes, buying refillable pens and pencils, participating in a recycling program, donating extras to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away and re-using grocery bags as trash bags.

Recycling efforts can See **POWERS**, Page 10

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 22, the 113th day of 2008. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

On this date: In 1509, Henry VIII became king of England following the death of his father, Henry the VII.

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on coins.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler. However, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

Our readers write

The cost of trials ...

Dear Editor,
After reading the recently published letter entitled "The Cost of Trials," we felt compelled to express our point of view.

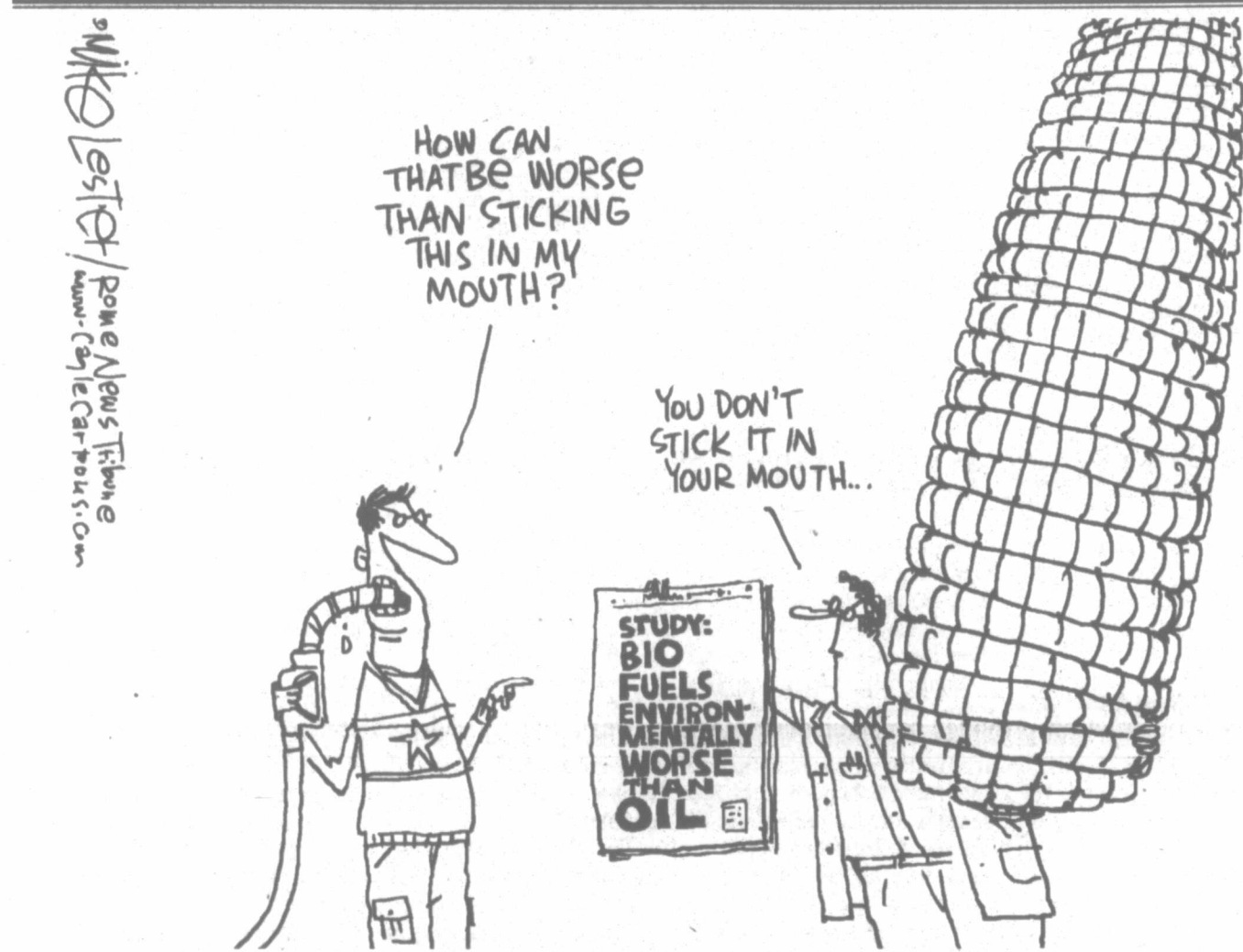
While the cost of pursuing appropriate legal avenues may be high in the United States of America, we feel that it is a process that needs to continue. If Gray County needs to reduce expenses, we need to look around for other opportunities of reduction. We must not fail in our obligation of trying any person charged with committing such a hideous crime against our way of life.

Citizens in Gray County felt the shock and remorse of

losing our own. We do not need to lose faith in the officials we have elected. I know that they will serve us all. Profits should not be the determining factor that decides if a crime goes unpunished or unheard.

As the family of Zach Doan, our interest in the Levi King case is personal; our family, along with the families of Brian and Michelle Conrad, has paid a much higher price than the cost of a trial. We anxiously await the day we can face the accused in a Texas Court of Law.

Patricia Doan Squires
On behalf of the Doan Family



Trade restrictions no paradise for country

Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, pandering to anti-trade activists, suggest that should they become president, they will restrict trade agreements. Before you buy into their promised paradise, there are a few trade questions you might consider.

Suppose you were choosing a country to live in. Which country would you prefer: a country that has the world championing at the bit to put its money into or one where the world is unwilling to invest? Let's look at the numbers.

The United States is the world's largest recipient of foreign direct investment. According to the Economic Report of the President, in 2004, foreigners owned \$5.5 trillion in U.S. assets and had \$2.3 trillion in sales. They produced \$515 billion of goods and services,

accounting for 5.7 percent of total U.S. private output, and employed 5.1 million workers, or 4.7 percent of the U.S. workforce in 2004.

According to the Congressional Research Service, in 2006 alone, foreign investors spent \$184 billion investing in U.S. businesses and real estate, the highest amount foreign investors have spent since 2000. My question to Clinton, Obama and the anti-trade lobby is, would Americans be better off if there were no foreign investment in our country?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 1996 and 2006, about 15 million jobs were lost and 17 million created each year.

That's an annual net creation of 2 million jobs. Roughly 3 percent of the jobs lost were a result of foreign competition. Most were lost because of technology, domestic competition and changes in consumer tastes.

Some of the gain in jobs is a result of "insourcing." Foreign companies, such as Nissan, Honda, Nokia, and Novartis, set up plants, hire American workers and pay them wages higher than the national average. According to Dartmouth College professor Matthew Slaughter, "insourced" jobs paid a salary 32 percent higher than the average U.S. salary. So here's my question to anti-traders: If "outsourcing" is

harmful to the U.S., it must also be harmful to European countries and Japan. Would you advise them to take their jobs back home?

Wal-Mart has become the whipping boy for political demagogues, unions and anti-traders. I suggest that they have the wrong target. The correct target is revealed by answering the question: "Why does Wal-Mart exist and prosper?" Wal-Mart exists and prospers because tens of millions of Americans find Wal-Mart to be a suitable source of goods and services. Clinton, Obama, unions and anti-traders should direct their outrage and condemnation at the tens of millions of Americans who shop at Wal-Mart and keep it in business.

There's great angst over the loss of manufacturing See **WILLIAMS**, Page 10

Walter Williams
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 11
Houston Chronicle on taking politics out of health insurance:

Say the words "Texas" and "health insurance," and it's pretty certain that "worst," "last" or "lost chances" will follow close behind. Last year, though, Texas leaders got fed up with the selfishly politicized plight of uninsured children and made two powerful changes.

The results are better than the state's health commission could have imagined. After an unpromising start, the Legislature changed a bad law and partially restored CHIP, the federal/state

child health insurance program for the working poor. Then hospitals, schools and businesses collaborated with child health activists to get eligible youngsters signed up.

Here's how they've done: By April, when the reforms were fully in effect, 108,914 children had joined the thrifty CHIP program. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission had predicted a grand total of 129,000 new enrollees by 2009.

After years of uninsured children needlessly becoming sick or dying, Texas lawmakers, advocates and business leaders have reason to be proud. They ought to take a moment to savor a job well done. Then they should lose not a second more before completing the task: About 1.5 million Texas chil-

dren remain uninsured.

Making the connection between parents, eligible children and affordable health coverage requires several pieces of policy machinery to move at once. Restoring CHIP's 12-month enrollment period was an essential cog. Another was allowing eligible families to have \$10,000 rather than \$5,000 in savings, and to deduct child-care costs when calculating their income. Families no longer have to re-enroll every six months or trade their economic safety cushion for insurance.

After the restoration passed, advocates had to tackle the nagging problem of underenrollment. In fall 2007, the Children's Defense Fund joined

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BUSINESS REVIEW



Rasco Construction's custom-built buildings are of varying sizes and designs. The staff builds any size custom building to the specifications of the customer. Rasco Construction now offers a larger 40' wide building.

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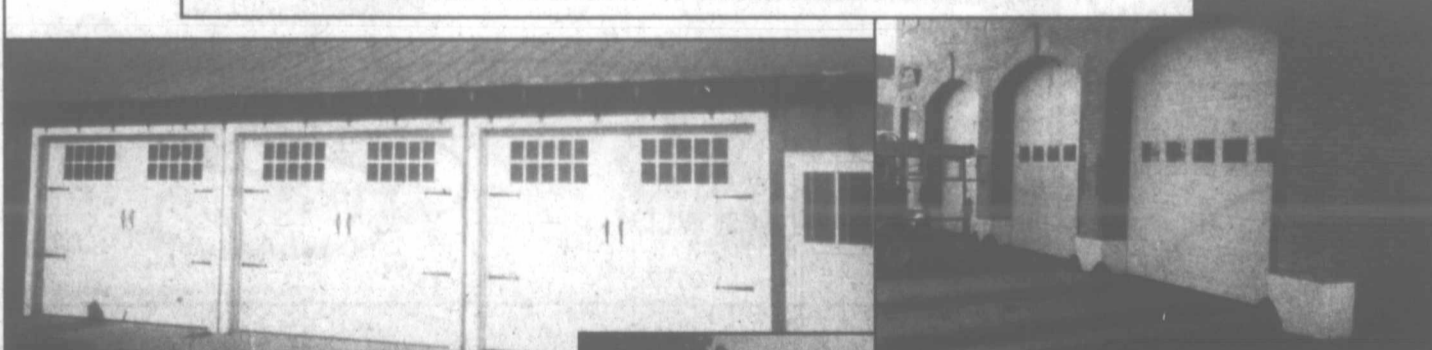
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "Concerned Grandpa" (Feb. 11), regarding his son-in-law taking his 4-year-old grandson hunting. I'll bet you were inundated with mail from both sides of this issue. I fail to see how a 4-year-old can comprehend the safe use of a firearm, or navigate through the terrain to locate prey and return safely home. Before the industrialized age, people were forced to hunt to put food on their tables. Today, whether they consume the meat or not, the majority of hunters (I use the term very loosely) are not "hunting." They are camouflaged, hiding in blinds or in tree stands waiting for the prey to wander by. Some even put out bait to lure the animals to their location. There is no skill in hiding, waiting for an animal to wander by to be shot. These people are animal snipers. A true hunter would stalk prey using a bow and arrow for the kill. That son-in-law would better serve his son by staying home with him and teaching him real life skills. -- **WALTER M. IN FLORIDA**

DEAR WALTER M.: You are correct that my office was inundated with letters from readers on both sides of this issue. The comments ranged from child endangerment and cruelty to animals to the proper use of guns. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I started hunting with my dad and grandpa at the age of 4. It forged a bond between us that lasted until their deaths. Learning to be a hunter is also learning responsibility -- specifically gun safety, game laws, and a deep respect for the animals and nature. Even though you referred to hunting as "killing for sport," please remember: License fees help to pay for game habitat and management. Habitat and proper management assure a healthier game population and the survival of many

species through conservation efforts. Also, children schooled in the safe handling of firearms at an early age aren't as likely to be involved in gun violence. -- **CARING HUNTER, WALTERS, OKLA.**

DEAR ABBY: I was a preschool teacher for several years, and the children who were the biggest bullies and least socialized were always -- and I mean ALWAYS -- the ones graphically exposed to the killing of animals. These children were aged from 3 to 5, the same age as the grandson in South Carolina. The gentle, studious, most popular children never spoke of hunting, but the bullies would talk at length about killing, guns and blood. It affected their emotional stability and ideas about death. Please urge Grandpa's son-in-law to wait until his son is old enough to understand death before allowing him to participate in it. The bonding and skill-building experience will be more meaningful and less traumatizing if the family waits. -- **LOVES CHILDREN -- AND HUNTING -- IN CALIFORNIA**

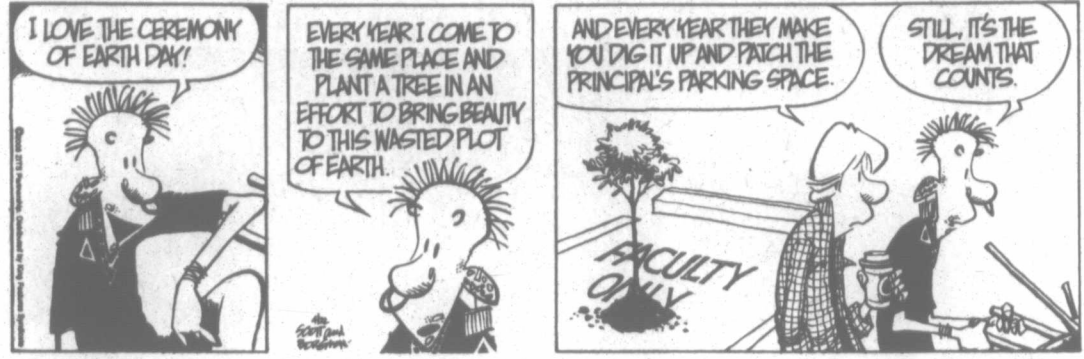
DEAR ABBY: If the boy's parents are responsible hunters, they may be teaching their son gun safety, nature and wildlife conservation during these expeditions. Grandpa should thank his lucky stars that the boy has a father who cares enough about his son to spend time with him. Many fathers just can't be bothered. -- **GAL HUNTER IN N.Y. STATE**

DEAR ABBY: We can't trust our political leaders not to injure others while hunting. How do you trust a 4-year-old to abide by the rules and understand the consequences of breaking them? I can't even get my 4-year-old son to wash his hands after he goes to the bathroom! -- **CONCERNED MOM, MARSHALLVILLE, OHIO**

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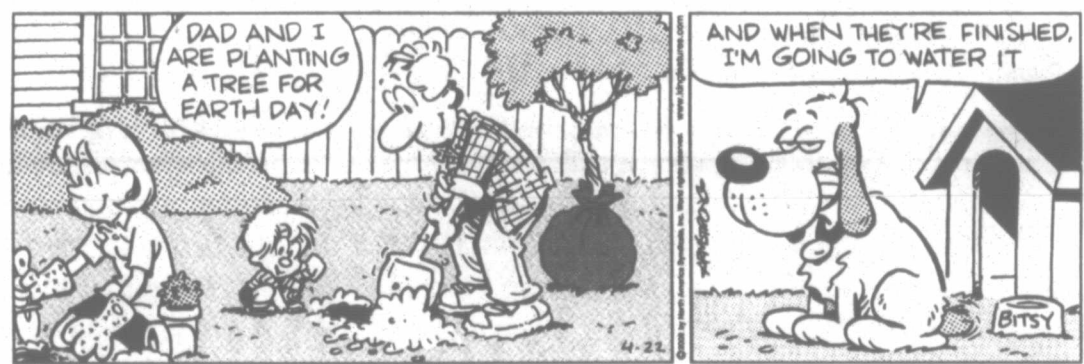
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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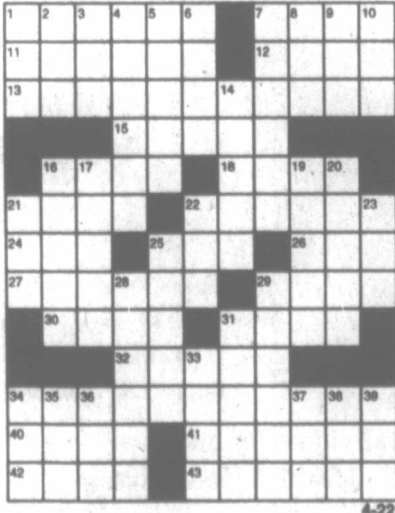
- 1 Rector's charge
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- 25 Fawn's mom
- 26 Tofu source
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- 8 Melody
- 9 Came together
- 10 Cabinet wood
- 14 Spooky hands
- 16 So far
- 17 "Witness" like a group
- 19 Puzzled
- 20 Temperamental
- 21 Deep groove
- 22 Okra holder
- 23 Caustic visitor
- 25 Gave out stuff (usually)
- 28 Draw in, for one
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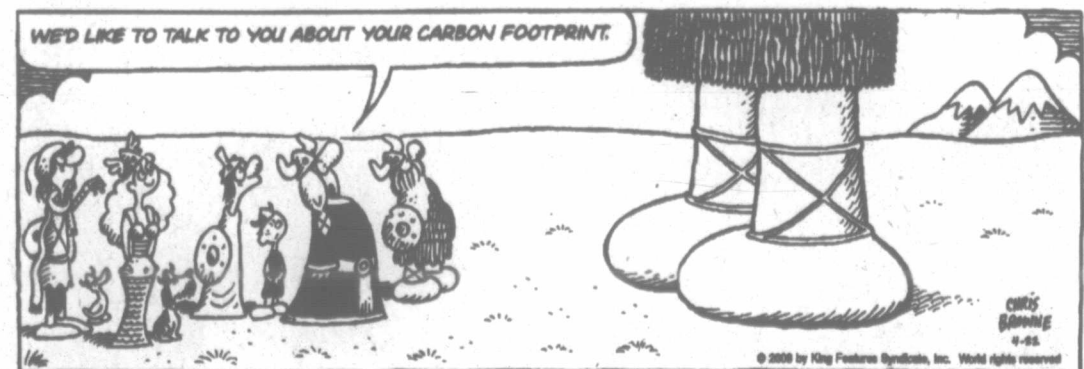
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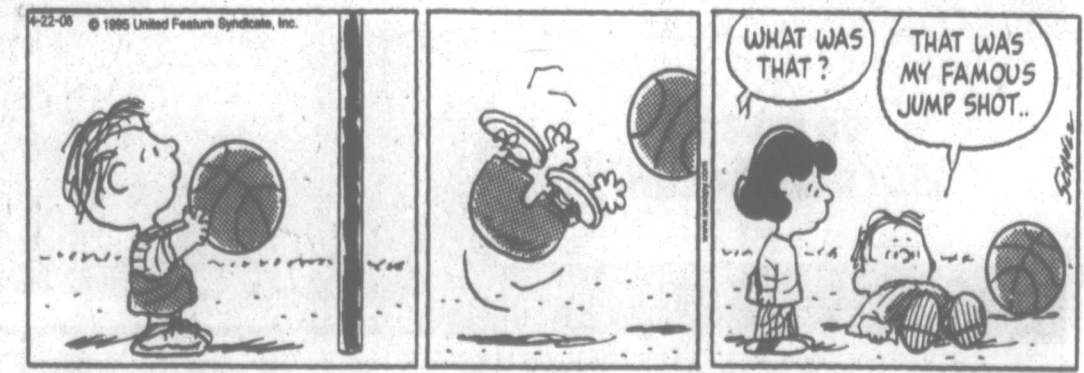
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Sports

Goal!



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Clockwise from left: The "Hot Tamales" played Saturday for the Pampa Soccer Association, ages 2-6. Autumn Woods kicks the ball. The team goes after the ball in hopes of scoring a goal.



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HELLO, JASON! Wow! I would really like to be able to buy that talking pet robot fish!

Psssst! Hey, Jason. I know how you could get that!

LATER

Wendy gave me a great idea! It really worked!

GREAT ADVICE!

How Jason Got the Robot Fish

I got the pet robot fish by first setting a goal to save the money to buy it. The fish costs \$59!

That seemed like an enormous amount of money, but Wendy suggested I think of the \$59 as a series of smaller goals.

So I made a goal to save \$10. After I did that, I made the goal to save \$10 again.

HOW MANY TIMES DID JASON HAVE TO SAVE \$10 TO GET THE \$59 HE NEEDED TO BUY THE TALKING PET ROBOT FISH?

My Basketball Goal

April wanted to be able to sink 25 baskets in a row. At first she could only sink about three in a row. Twenty-five was a big goal, but breaking it into smaller goals saved the day.

First, April set the goal of sinking five baskets in a row. Then 10, then 15, then 20 and finally — she did it! April sank 25 baskets in a row!

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

You Can Do It!

What is a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

My Goal: _____

Break your goal into smaller goals:

First: _____

Second: _____

Third: _____

Fourth: _____

Goal: _____

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository responses to a prompt; main idea and details.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

George is knitting a scarf. He needs four more yards of yarn. Help him find three skeins of yarn that equal exactly four yards of yarn.

93 inches 80 inches

25 inches

41 inches 52 inches

10 inches

Standards Link: Measurement: Calculate inches to yards.

Double Double Word Search

BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER GOAL PROJECT MONEY TRASH CHECK ACHIEVE SMALLER SUCCEED RENT YARN SCARF FACTORS SAVE

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

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

Kid Scoop Together: Try This At Home

Your name: _____
 Learning buddy's name: _____

Can You Predict?

PART 1: Look through the newspaper and find a headline that interests you. Read the headline and look at any photos that accompany the article. With your learning buddy, discuss what you think the article will be about. Make a list of information you both expect to find in the article:

- _____
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PART 2: Now read the article together. Which of your predictions were accurate? Which were not? List five facts you learned from the article:

- _____
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details in expository text; make and check predictions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GOALS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rent or Own?

Look in the classifieds. Make a bar graph showing the number of houses for sale and the number of places for rent. Which group is larger? What factors might be responsible? Can you find articles to support your opinions?

Standards Link: Measurement: Represent data using graphs.

Write On! I Did It!

Tell about a time you set a goal and achieved it. What was your goal? What steps did you take to achieve it? How did achieving your goal make you feel?

Lady Harvester JV softball defeats Randall 13-12

The Lady Harvester JV softball team finished their district season last Friday, defeating Randall 13-12.

"The JV softball team had a good year, finishing the season 16-12, wrapping it up with a come from behind win at home versus Randall," Coach Ches Tucker said.

Pampa trailed 11-2 after two innings but came to life in the third inning by scoring eight runs to cut the lead to 11-10. Randall scored one run in the fourth for a 12-10 lead. As daylight faded, Pampa was able to score three runs in the last innings for an exciting win.

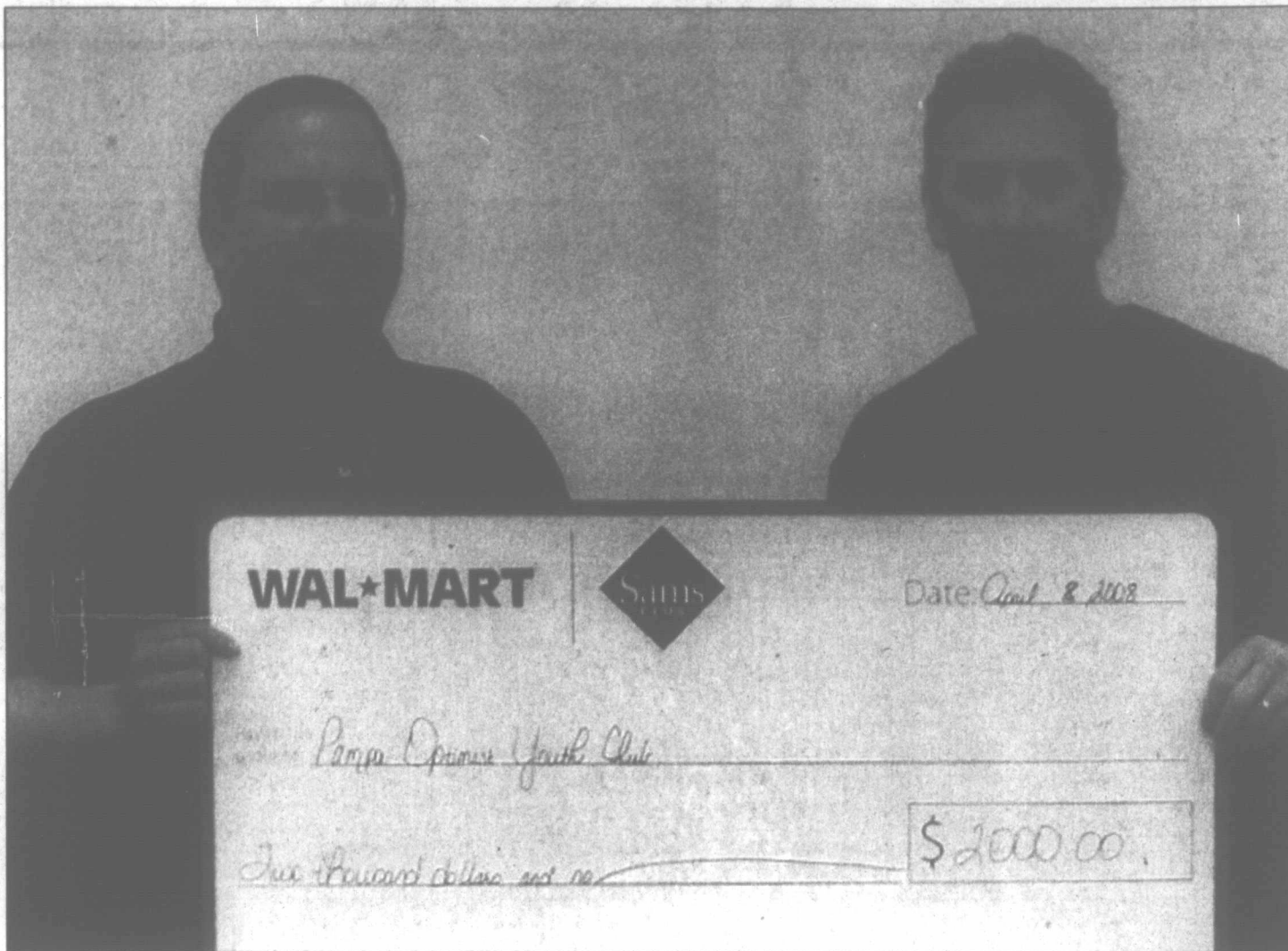
Pampa out hit the Raiders 11-7. Leading hitters for Pampa were Kaci Reyes with one double and one single, Devin Valentine with two

singles, Mikaela Flores with two singles and Brooklyn Barker with one single.

Jordan Mayhew picked up the win to finish the season with a 9-7 record. She struck out six and walked four.

The JV were also the Dumas Tournament champions, finished second in the Childress JV tournament and third in the Borger JV tournament, according to Tucker.

"We got into a slump the last half of the year, but have some positive momentum going into the next year with this group," Tucker said. "There were a lot of opportunities for growth throughout the year and hopefully that will pay off for us next year. With a lot of hard work we can get to the place we want to be."



The local Wal-Mart Supercenter recently made a donation to Pampa Optimist Youth Club in the amount of \$2,000. The check was presented to Shane Stokes, club representative, by store manager Mike Zawicki.

JV baseball wins last home game

Last night the Pampa Harvester JV baseball team concluded its last home game with 6-3 victory over the Hereford Whitefaces.

Leading the Harvesters to a victory on the mound was freshman Garrett Ericson who went the distance to pick up the win. Ericson pitched all seven innings, only allowing five hits and one walk while striking out eleven Whiteface hitters.

Offensive leaders for the game were Anthony Allen 3-3 with two doubles, Jeremy

Busse 2-3 with one double, Mitch Simon 1-2 and Ramon Jimenez 1-3.

"Today was a complete team effort that took everyone doing their part to insure the victory," Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "It's always nice to win but even better when you can do it in front of your home crowd."

The win bumps the Harvesters' record to 5-2 in district and 11-8 overall. Their next game will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26 at Randall.

House of Cheer



Gymnastics of Pampa's House of Cheer senior squad puts on their best faces before their recent competition in Amarillo. Front row: Kendra Boaz, Karli Harden, Amanda Bennett, Chelsea Whinery, Madison Fatheree and Makayla Hampton. Middle row: Karami Rice, McKinlee Stokes, Taylor Smith and Lindsey Saxour. Back row: Danielle Wall, Kelley Malone and Ashtin Sackett.



Courtesy Photo Senior Krishna Henderson, with her parents Keenan and Susan, recently signed to Southwestern Oklahoma State for volleyball. Krishna was a three year letterman in the sport.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 23, 2008:

Please note a tendency to go to extremes in some form this year. The variations you create might be fascinating to an observer. Nevertheless, often you might feel thwarted and frustrated. Trust in key established relationships, and you will get past any problems more easily. If you are single, you will discover an abundance of suitors. The call will be yours if you want to relate to any of them. If you are attached, the two of you will experience some wonderful times as long as you aren't into being right. **SAGITTARIUS** helps you get to the root of problems.

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) ★★★★★ To learn more, you can either keep digging or detach and see what you notice when you are not triggered. Either approach will work. Detachment might be easier. Try it out. Some of you might try a mix of the two. Tonight: Go for a ride or take a walk. Clear your mind. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Two proves to be a stronger number than one, no matter what you are doing. Work with one person at a time, avoiding groups. If you take a risk, make sure you can deal with the end results if they are negative. Investigate and open up to new beginnings. Tonight: Dinner for two. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Recognize when you cannot initiate and need to back off. You might be experiencing more pressure than you are

comfortable with. A friend really supports you in any way you need, though this person will tell you if you are self-destructive. Tonight: Whirling around. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly, and you might get some flak, but you'll also gain a deeper understanding. Praise, as well as criticism, heads your way. Take both with a grain of salt. Accomplishment is your middle name today. Tonight: Easy does it. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your playful side emerges. Allow more lightness into your life. Spontaneity works, especially if you're making plans involving travel or people at a distance. Think in terms of having a good time. Tonight: Let your hair down! **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Information comes forward that puts a smile on your face. You have the ability to move situations forward. Investigate and understand what is behind another's reaction. You might think you are heading down the right path. Tonight: Head home. Think "adventure." **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You have a lot to say, but so do others. If you start discussing an issue, you can be sure others will spout off. Decide if you want to hear all this chatter. Actions still speak louder than words. Consider what you want from a situation. Tonight: Meet a friend for nibbles and catching up on news. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Extremes punctuate your day. You might spend in excess and/or choose to go way overboard in some fashion. Only you can control yourself. Get on an exercise program. Screen calls. Tonight: Your

treat. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You naturally help others smile. Touch base with the many people you care about. Resolving problems happens easily. Expect high responsiveness from a child or new friend. If you think you have solutions, test them on a partner. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Step back for now. You might not feel up to snuff, or you might not be pleased if you take a proactive stand. Observe others' reactions. Do your research and find out what undercurrents exist first. Tonight: Make it early. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Friendship is always highly valued by the Aquarian. Today, your words mean a lot to certain friends. Realize you cannot give to everyone on an equal level. If you take your time and decide on your priorities, life could be more peaceful. Tonight: Aim for what you want. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Take a stand and handle whatever you need to. Investigate a proposition, especially if it involves finances. Creativity helps forge a barrier or melt away a problem. You can do it. Tonight: Too many irons in the fire? **HISTORICAL FIGURES BORN TODAY** English painter J.M.W. Turner (1775), Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev (1891), physicist Max Planck (1858) *** Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>. © 2008 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Rangers lose to Red Sox 8-3

BOSTON (AP) — It didn't take Boston rookie infielder Jed Lowrie long to experience the strong offense he was joining. In the 12 games since he was called up on April 10, the Red Sox have scored at least five runs 10 times. On Monday they did it with a lineup that was missing Manny Ramirez and Sean Casey, two of their leading hitters. "We're playing well and having good at-bats all throughout the game," the infielder said. "We're pitching well and everything seems to be clicking right now and it's one of those things where you try to hold onto it as long as you can." The Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-3 Monday to complete a four-game sweep. They reached base on 12 hits and 11 walks. And they

did it while Ramirez, batting .338, and Casey, hitting .349, were given the Patriots Day game off. Julio Lugo went 4-for-4 to raise his average to .314, one of six regulars batting over .300, and Boston won for the ninth time in 10 games to boost its record to an AL-best 14-7. "They rely on everybody and it seems like everybody seems to contribute," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I think (if) you ask any manager if it's nice not to see Manny in the lineup and they'll tell you, 'yes.' I'm no different. These guys, they scored runs." In the only other AL game on Monday, Detroit beat Toronto 5-1. David Ortiz is even back to normal with two doubles and three RBIs Monday. The slugging designated hitter is batting .306 (11-for-36) in his past eight games since struggling at .070 (3-for-

43) in his first 12. On the holiday that commemorates Paul Revere's ride and the battles of Lexington and Concord, Boston's first two batters in the game that began at 11:06 a.m., Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia, reached base five times in 10 trips. "That's the key for us," Ellsbury said, "getting on base and allowing our great batters in our lineup to get up. As long as we get runners on, we know we're going to score some runs." They didn't need many as Clay Buchholz (1-1) pitched six scoreless innings for his first win as a starter since Sept. 1 when he threw a no-hitter in his second major league start. "I felt a lot more comfortable today when there were people on base for some reason," he said. "I felt I had four pitches working and I could throw them in any count."

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Retirement reception

Richard Steele, from left, Lee Carter, Kathy Gomez and Trudy Meyers at a retirement reception for Carter recently.

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include not only taking items to a recycling center or recycling drive but buying recycled items as well. Some paper products, for example, which are on store shelves are made from recycled paper.

Here are the relative "life spans" of several items, or the amount of time it takes each type of item to completely break down and disappear after being placed in a landfill:

Banana — three to four weeks
Paper bag — one month

Cotton rag — five months
Wool sock — one year
Cigarette butt — two to five years
Leather boot — 40 to 50 years
Rubber shoe sole — 50 to 80 years
Tin can — 80 to 100 years
Aluminum can — 200 to 500 years
Plastic six-pack rings — 450 years
Plastic jug — one million years

Other long-lived items which wind up discarded in landfills and elsewhere include Styrofoam items and plastic bags. Only one percent of plastic bags are recycled worldwide, and only two percent of U.S. bags are

recycled. It is estimated that about 100 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year in the U.S.

One way to combat the plastic bag problem is to buy cloth shopping bags and take them with you when shopping, so that your purchases may be placed and carried in them. Also, ask for paper rather than plastic bags when given a choice.

It isn't difficult to get into the habit of taking a few steps to help reduce pollution and lessen demand for environmentally harmful items. You'll be doing the world a favor, and you'll feel good about yourself for doing it.

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jobs. The number of U.S. manufacturing jobs has fallen, and it's mainly a result of technological innovation, and it's a worldwide phenomenon. Daniel W. Drezner, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, in "The Outsourcing Bogeyman" (Foreign Affairs, May/June 2004), notes that U.S. manufacturing employment between 1995 and 2002 fell by 11 percent.

Globally, manufacturing job loss averaged 11 percent. China lost 15 percent of its manufacturing jobs, 4.5 mil-

lion manufacturing jobs compared with the loss of 3.1 million in the U.S. Job loss is the trend among the top 10 manufacturing countries who produce 75 percent of the world's manufacturing output (the U.S., Japan, Germany, China, Britain, France, Italy, Korea, Canada and Mexico).

But guess what — globally, manufacturing output rose by 30 percent during the same period. According to research by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, U.S. manufacturing output increased by 100 percent between 1987 and today. Technological progress and innovation is the primary cause for the decrease in manufacturing jobs. Should

we save manufacturing jobs by outlawing labor-saving equipment and technology?

Economist Joseph Schumpeter referred to this process witnessed in market economies as "creative destruction," where technology, innovation and trade destroy some jobs while creating others. While the process works hardships on some people, any attempt to impede the process will make all of us worse off.

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

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Houston hospitals and the Houston Independent School District to reduce the problem.

Under the 100 Percent Campaign, as it's called, HISD included a simple insurance question on all its enrollment forms. Then local hospitals hired HISD specialists to study those forms, flagging every unin-

sured child and pinpointing the most suitable coverage whether CHIP, Medicaid or a Harris County Gold Card.

To connect children with insurance, businesses, including HEB food stores, and school leaders joined in. Principal Maria Moreno of Gulfport's Las Americas Middle School put the parents of uninsured kids on a weekly auto-call. The most recent message promises the calls will stop when parents sign their children up for insurance.

Texas CHIP enrollment has hit its highest level since January 2004.

Most Texans now know that CHIP and Medicaid are cost-effective, and we see that efforts to enroll children can work.

But we still need to cover all of Texas' 1.5 million uninsured minors. It is time to separate the words "Texas," "health insurance" and "lost chances" for good. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

Woman discovers 8-foot alligator in her Florida kitchen

OLDSMAR, Fla. (AP) — And some people get jittery about mice in the kitchen.

Authorities say 69-year-old central Florida woman found an 8-foot long alligator prowling in her kitchen late Monday night.

Sandra Frosti says the gator must have pushed through the back porch screen door and then went inside through an open sliding

glass door at her home in Oldsmar, just north of Tampa. It then apparently strolled through the living room, down a hall and into the kitchen.

A trapper with Animal Capture of Florida removed the alligator, which was cut by a plate that was knocked to the ground during the chaos. But no one inside the house was injured.

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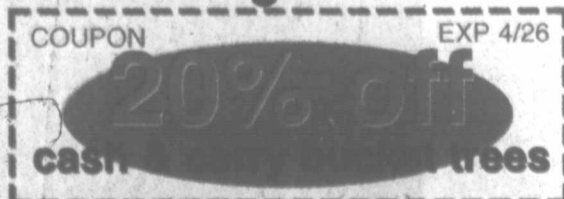
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