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Well cap kept shut despite possible seeping

By COLLEEN LONG AND HARRY WEBER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal government Monday allowed BP to keep the cap shut tight on its ruptured Gulf of Mexico oil well for another day despite the possibility something is seeping from the sea floor near the well.

The Obama administration's point man for the spill, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, said early Monday that the company promised to watch closely for signs of new leaks around the mile-deep well, which has stopped gushing oil into the water since the experimental cap was closed Thursday.

Late Sunday, Allen said something was detected seeping near the broken oil well and demanded in a sharply worded letter that BP step up monitoring of the ocean floor. Allen didn't say what was seeping. White

House energy adviser Carol Browner told the CBS "Early Show" the possible seepage was found less than two miles from the well site.

The concern all along — since pressure readings on the cap weren't as high as expected — was a leak elsewhere in the well bore, meaning the cap may have to be reopened to prevent the environmental disaster from becoming even worse and harder to fix. An underground leak could let oil and gas escape uncontrolled through could continue bedrock and mud.

"When seeps are detected, you are directed to marshal resources, quickly investigate, and report findings to the government in no more than four hours. I direct you to provide me a written procedure for opening the choke valve as quickly as possible without damaging the well should hydrocarbon seepage near the well head be confirmed," Allen said in a letter to BP Managing Director Bob

When asked about the possible went until Monday afternoon.

seepage and the

monitoring, BP spokesman Mark Salt would only say that "we continue to work very closely with all government scientists on this." Allen said BP

testing the cap, meaning keeping it shut, only if the company continues to meet their obligations to rigorously monitor for any signs that this test could worsen the over-

Clearly we want this to end. But we don't want to enter into a situation where we have uncontrolled leaks all over the Gulf floor.

CAROL BROWNER

White House energy adviser

reached nearly \$4 billion. The company said it has Browner said Allen's extension made payments totaling \$207 million

to settle individual claims for damages from the spill along the southern coast of the United States. Almost 116,000 claims have been submitted and more than 67,500 payments have been made, totaling \$207 million.

With the newly installed cap keeping oil from BP's fractured well out of the Gulf during a trial run, this weekend offered a chance for the oil company and government to gloat over their shared success — the first real victory in fighting the spill. Instead, the two sides have spent the past two days disagreeing over what to with the undersea machinery holding back the gusher.

The apparent disagreement began to sprout Saturday when Allen said the cap would eventually be hooked up to a mile-long pipe to pump the crude to ships on the surface. But early the next day, BP chief operating officer Doug Suttles said the cap should stay clamped shut to keep in the oil until a permanent fix.

The company very much wants to avoid a repeat of millions of gallons of oil spewing from the blown well for weeks, watched live across the country on underwater video.

If the valves are kept closed, as BP wants, it's possible that no more oil will leak into the Gulf of Mexico. Work on a permanent plug is moving steadily, with crews drilling into the side of the ruptured well from deep underground. By next week, they could start blasting in mud and cement to block off the well for good.

But the government is worried that the cap on the well is causing oil and gas to leak out elsewhere, which could make the sea floor unstable and cause the well to collapse. That's why federal officials want to pump the crude to ships on the surface. That would require opening the well for a few days to relieve pressure before the pipes could be hooked up, letting millions more gallons of oil spill out in the interim.

Gun permit allows quick access to capitol

By JAY ROOT THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Everyone from lobbyists to lawyers and journalists is rushing to get permits to carry guns inside the Texas Capitol, where legislators already often tote pistols in boots and purses or stow them away inside their desks.

A unique loophole in a new security procedure means a gun permit is like a special-access pass into the lines at the metal detectors that were set up after a shooting incident earlier this year.

'Nobody wants to be the one standing in line behind three hundred kids wearing the same colored T-shirt," said University of Texas political scientist Jim Henson. "If you're trying to get in and out really quick and there's going to be choke points, well, people don't want to have to deal with that."

There's now a frenzy for folks to get trained and licensed to carry a firearm, domed building, allowing people who especially before the legislative session a few rounds outside the doors of the ons — or unconceal them — along are certified to carry a gun to bypass begins in January. It's not required that main entrance. No one was harmed. with their wallets and keys.

people have a gun to enter the Capitol through the express lane. Merely holding a valid permit, and presenting it at the entrance, will get them expedited

Everybody is doing it or is planning to do it," said lobbyist Bill Miller, who has taken the required training and is waiting for his license to arrive

The metal detectors were installed at the Capitol's four public entrances in May, a few months after a man fired off

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is known to sometimes carry a .380 caliber pistol, vehemently objected to the metal detectors, saying he didn't want to see airport-like security logjams at a Capitol known for its open and freewheeling culture.

Texas law allows people to carry a weapon if they have a permit and as long as the gun is concealed. A separate lane for license-holders had to be created so gun-toters could enter without having to pull out their weap-

Guard troops to deploy to border states Aug. 1

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the U.S.-Mexico border Aug. 1 for a yearlong deployment to keep a lookout for illegal border crossers has been somewhat deficient and and smugglers and help in criminal investigations, federal officials said Monday.

can use their weapons only to troops are insufficient. protect themselves, Gen. Craig McKinley, chief of the National four border states are contributing Guard Bureau said at a Pentagon 54,000 troops to the wars in Iraq news conference. The troops will- and Afghanistan, they still have a undergo initial training and be sizable number of guard troops in fully deployed along the nearly the states for other deployments 2,000-mile southern border by or disaster response. More can be September.

ment comes as drug-related vio- for by the federal government, lence has escalated in Mexico. he said. Several people were killed over the weekend in a car bombing and where we would be overextending in a separate massacre at a private the National Guard for this effort,' party in Mexico. It also comes as the U.S. debate over illegal imelection year.

ever been, but there is more to retary overseeing the agency. be done," said Alan Bersin, commissioner of Customs and Border new office in Ajo, Ariz., to focus Protection, part of the Homeland exclusively on cross-border crime Security Department.

The 1,200 troops will be distributed among four border states, with Arizona rancher was murdered. Arizona getting 524; Texas, 250; to a national liaison office.

Security Department will provide at least 300 Customs and Border Protection agents and inspec- emphasis on the Tucson sector tion officers would be sent to the in Arizona, an area favored by Tucson area, along with mobile smugglers and the principal point surveillance vans and additional of illegal entry into the United technology.

"It will help," Arizona Attorney Morton said.

General Terry Goddard, said Monday in Santa Fe, N.M., where he WASHINGTON (AP) — Na- was attending the annual meeting tional Guard troops will head to of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. "Manpower clearly has been deficient. Technology they're bolstering that."

But the governors of Texas and Arizona, both Republicans, The troops will be armed, but complained last week that 1,200

McKinley said even though the deployed at state cost if governors The deployment announce- wish, but the 1,200 are being paid

'Right now I cannot see a case

As part of the effort, Immigramigration has intensified in this tion and Customs Enforcement is beefing up its presence in Arizona, "The border is more secure said John Morton, the Homeland and more resourced than it has Security Department assistant sec-

Morton said ICE is opening a and to deploy a specialized investigative team in Douglas, where an

Also, the agency will send ICE California, 224 and New Mexico, lawyers to U.S. attorneys offices to 72. Another 130 would be assigned help prosecute felons who illegally re-enter the country after depor-Bersin also said the Homeland tation. It also will increase the number of ICE agents in Mexico six more aircraft, including he- to 40, making it ICE's largest office licopters, to the border. He said among 63 offices in 44 countries.

> "We are placing a particular States along the southwest border,"



MARSHAL HERRON, AN employee of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, plays golf Monday as part of Youth Summer Sports Camp 2010. The camp, which held three sessions this summer, includes archery, rock climbing, team sports, cooperative games, swimming lessons and other aquatic activities. Campers range in age from 7 to 13.

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Westwind Brass Band wraps up free summer concert series

By TRISTIN WALKER STAFF WRITER

This summer the Westwinds Brass Band performed a series of seven "Concerts in the Park" in Lubbock on Sunday evenings in June and July.

Sunday evening the band performed its final summer concert at Wagner Park. Those who attended had the opportunity to watch a free concert and bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a summer evening listening to the brass

Charlotte Wheat and her husband, A.W. Wheat, said they have been coming to the concert for three years and have really enjoyed it.

"We just love to come, watch the people, and we always have a very nice and relaxing evening," Charlotte said. "Families come together, and some even bring picnics with them."

She said her and her husband are both former members of the band and have enjoyed listening to the music together on summer evenings.

said with a smile, "and it reminds me of an easier time

little girl."

John Geist attended the final concert Sunday with his family and said he has been going for over 20 years.

"My parents used to take me when I was younger," Geist said, "and now I am taking my

Geist said what keeps him coming back is the atmosphere that the Westwinds Brass Band brings to the parks in the evenings. He said the concerts provide for a nostalgic summer evening and a nice event at which to spend time with

"It really just feels like summer to me coming here and listening to the band play," Geist said. "It's nice to just relax here before starting the

Greg Burnes, who plays the trombone, has been playing for the band since the 1970s. He said playing for the band is one of his favorite pastimes.

"It's really fun hanging out with the other members because we all love music and "It's really neat," Charlotte have fun playing," Burnes

He said it is fun meeting

when I used to play outside in other people from the comthe summertime when I was a munity who share the same interest in music. He said this has been a really good summer, and he is looking forward to next year.

Phil Anthony has been the director for the Westwinds Brass Band for 14 years and a band conductor for the past 27 years. He said the people and the fun times are what make him love the job.

Everyone here just enjoys playing music and learning new and challenging songs together," Anthony said. "We always have a great time, and it's really fun all around."

The concerts are really nice because the neighborhoods around the area come out and really support us, and it also brings the community together, Anthony said.

He also said they have had a great turnout this year, and hope to keep seeing more people from the Lubbock community each year.

"It is just a wonderful experience to come out to the park on summer evenings and listen to the music," Anthony said, "and we are looking forward to playing again next summer." >>> tristin.walker@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY TRISTIN WALKER/The Daily Toreador

PHIL ANTHONY, DIRECTOR of the Westwinds Brass Band for the past 14 years, leads the band during its last summer performance Sunday at Wagner Park in Tech Terrace.

Breakthrough gel helps AIDS prevention

For the first time, a vaginal gel has proved capable of blocking the AIDS virus: It cut in half a woman's chances of getting HIV from an infected partner in a study in South Africa. Scientists called it a breakthrough in the long quest for a tool to help women whose

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partners won't use condoms.

The results need to be con-But they are optimistic it can be and Infectious Diseases.

"It's the first time we've ever firmed in another study, and that seen any microbicide give a posilevel of protection may not be tive result" that scientists agree is enough to win approval of the true evidence of protection, said microbicide gel in countries like Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the the United States, researchers say. U.S. National Institute of Allergy

The gel, spiked with the AIDS drug tenofovir, cut the risk of HIV infection by 50 percent after one year of use and 39 percent after 2 1/2 years, compared to a gel that contained no medicine.

To be licensed in the U.S., a gel or cream to prevent HIV infection may need to be at least 80 percent effective, Fauci said. That might be achieved by adding more tenofovir or getting women to use it more consistently. In the study, women used the gel only 60 percent of the time; those who used it more often had higher rates of protection.

The gel also cut in half the chances of getting HSV-2, the herpes virus that causes genital warts.

Even partial protection is a huge victory that could be a boon not just in poor countries but for couples anywhere when one partner has HIV and the other does not, said Dr. Salim Abdool Karim, the South African researcher who led the study. In the U.S., nearly a third of new infections each year are among heterosexuals, he noted.

He will present results of the study Tuesday at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna. The research was published online Mon-

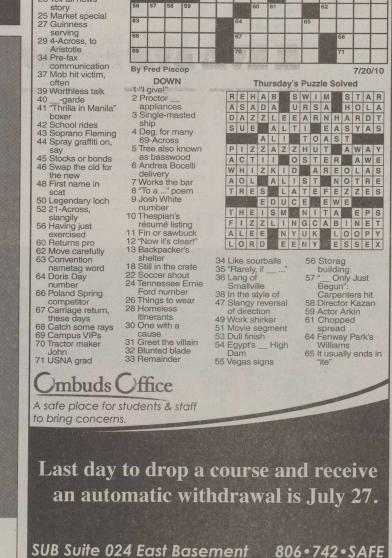
day by the journal Science. "We now have a product that potentially can alter the epidemic trends ... and save millions of lives," said Dr. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, the lead researcher's wife and associate director of the South African program that led the testing.

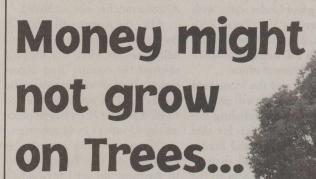
Mitchell Warren, head of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, a nonprofit group that works on HIV prevention tools, said the study shows a preventive gel is possible.

"We can now say with great certainty that the concept has been proved. And that in itself is a day for celebration," he said.









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Barefoot Bandit, mom could seek profit

SEATTLE (AP) — The tale of the rich off his tale. Barefoot Bandit is Hollywood-ready, with its barely schooled, shoeless scamp dodging police as he allegedly stole planes and cars in a cross-country dash before he was nabbed in a highspeed boat chase in the Bahamas.

A well-known entertainment lawyer hired by Colton Harris-Moore's mother says he is being swamped by unsolicited offers for book and movie deals, and no law would prohibit the 19-year-old or his mom from getting

But hardball-playing prosecutors could seek to have them agree to turn over any profits from such deals in exchange for Harris-Moore avoiding a long prison sentence. The government could use the money to repay his alleged victims.

not look kindly on either the defendant or his family getting rich," said Mark Bartlett, former first assistant U.S. attorney in Seattle. "It would be

very difficult for him to make a pitch for leniency without a clean and total disgorgement of profits he or his family members are making."

Harris-Moore was arrested in the Bahamas a week after he reportedly crash-landed there in a plane stolen July 4 from an Indiana airport. He "Most victims in this case would made initial court appearances in Florida last week and is being returned to Seattle, where he faces a federal charge in the crash-landing of a plane stolen from Idaho last year.

The self-taught pilot is suspected of more than 70 crimes across nine states since he walked away from a halfway house in April 2008, many of them in Washington's bucolic islands. Some prosecutors and a defense attorney who was asked to represent him have expressed interest in negotiating a "global" plea deal to resolve all or most of the allegations.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has declined to comment on how the prosecution will proceed, except to

to Harris-Moore to see which might be prosecuted in federal court. Police suspect Harris-Moore took stolen cars, a boat and planes across state lines, and interstate transportation of stolen property is a federal offense with a 10year maximum sentence.

John Henry Browne, a Seattle lawyer who has been asked to represent Harris-Moore, did not return calls and e-mails seeking comment.

A global plea deal would be more answer for."

say it is reviewing crimes attributed efficient than prosecuting him in one jurisdiction after another, but it isn't clear that would satisfy the local, elected prosecutors who have dealt with Harris-Moore the longest.

> "I never say never, but my preference is that he answer for Island County charges in Island County court," said Island County Prosecutor Greg Banks, whose jurisdiction includes Harris-Moore's hometown of Camano Island. "He's got a lot to

Dallas area mayor who killed self, daughter was facing financial troubles

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — A daughter's death a homicide. Dallas area mayor who authorities police said Friday.

her friends. But the two of us were Jayne." lost, alone and afraid. Corinne just

The note, which also gave instructions on how to care for the family's two dogs and four cats, was among four that police found Tuesday when they discovered the bodies of Coppell Mayor Jayne Peters, 55, and ner 19-year-old daughter, Corinne.

Both women had been shot in he head. The Dallas County Medial Examiners Office has ruled the elder Peters' death a suicide and the

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believe killed herself and her daugh- the usually prompt mayor failed to not to resuscitate. ter left a note saying the two were show up for a city meeting. They still grieving over the 2008 death of found an envelope taped to the door dence also revealed that the mayor their husband and father from cancer, containing a house key and typed had financial troubles. note that said: "To our first respond-"My sweet, sweet Corinne had ers, Here is the key for the front door. service for the two, Peters' pastor said grown completely inconsolable. She I am so very sorry for what you're the mayor tried to hide her financial had learned to hide her feelings from about to discover. Please forgive me. problems from her daughter after the

Another typed note left in the kept on asking, 'Why won't God let kitchen listed contact numbers of finally, desperate soul," Rev. Dennis me die?' We hadn't slept at all and family members. It also said, "Please, neither one of us could stop crying please, please, no funeral, no mewhen we were together," read a morial — just cremate us both." A Coppell, adding that his comments typed note that police found in the handwritten note on the door of the had been approved by the family.

bathroom where the mayor's body Police arrived at the home after was found was signed by her and said

Along with her grief, recent evi-

At a Friday afternoon funeral death of her husband.

"Jayne was a deeply troubled and, Wilkinson said during the service at First United Methodist Church in

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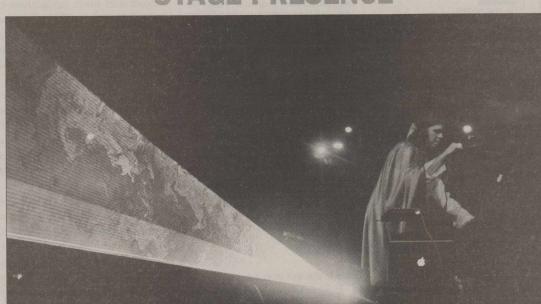


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Darker motives lurk behind global warming initiative

By THOMAS LOTT

Last week, I had to watch another video on global warming. I tical side of the requests they are am sick and tired of these videos making. They want us to stop not because I do not believe what using fossil fuels because they are what they are asking us to do.

I have no idea whether global have something to replace it. warming is true — I am not a planet, but I am very good at seeing true motives behind a person's

to slow the emission of carbon worse for the environment. dioxide and do so as soon as pos-

there always seems to be a need

sions they are talking about.

They want to replace fossil scientist who has researched the fuels with hybrid cars, which are is because it is cheap and easily subject and made predictions on more "efficient" with gas, and how warming could affect our eventually move to electric cars say we are running out of it and why it is wrong or that it might altogether.

ideals. I see these motives and they is that, although hybrid cars do would not be dependent on foreign What I constantly hear is that hybrid cars drive them more than tic and Pacific coastlines or drill anymore? That is right, they have if global warming is not stopped they would a gas-powered car. That closer to the shore in the gulf. it could change our world for the is kind of funny to me. In actuality, worse. I always hear that we need the increased use of these cars is cause it is cheap and efficient. If started to realize the earth was

If I have heard right, what mary source of electrical energy. these scientists are requesting we They want us to use wind energy do is stop the use of fossil fuels for instead. What they do not tell our cars and homes and cease the you about this is wind energy is production of concrete. The last not nearly as efficient as energy one may sound ridiculous because from coal and cannot be stored. Also, wind energy requires a lot for concrete, but apparently the of wind — something that is not want us to have less people so we production of concrete is one of in place at all times — in order to do not need the roads or apart- when this happens?

Finally, they want us to stop:

So let's look at the more prac- struction will be necessary. In our theirs and I would not be surmeet that demand.

I look at these three things and they are saying, but because of running out. Well, if you want to laugh. The underlying fact behind stop using something, you must all of these requests is that each of them will cost a lot more money.

> The reason we use gasoline accessible. Now they will try and What they do not tell you horrible for our country. Well, we to be.

Secondly, they want us to wind energy, we will be asked to fast as they first believed. move away from coal as our pri- spend a lot more money in the short run and have less efficient

apartment buildings, office buildings and roads. But I look at this request and I only see one reason to build less of any of these; they ment buildings.

This dilemma reminds me of from Katy. producing so much concrete. As China. Do we really want to have **tlott33@yahoo.com.**

the primary factors for the emis- the population continues to grow, a cap and trade bill on children? however, more and more con- We complain to China about society, concrete is what helps us prised if it were being considered for the United States.

> One other thing I have to laugh at behind all of this is something very simple. People have been drinking the global warming kool-aid for years now. These people will not listen to other people's arguments about our dependence on foreign oil is not be as fast as some believe it

But did anyone else notice it get better gas mileage, owners of oil if we could drill off the Atlan- is not even called global warming moved to using the phrase "Cli-The reason we use coal is be- mate Change" because people we move away from it and toward not warming, or at least not as

> Climate Change is beginning to be blamed for everything and environmentalists are using it to They want us to build less press forth their agenda. But what they are really trying to do is take power away from the corporations and make people spend more on

> > And who must pay the bill

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All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.

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THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI) And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food." - Genesis 1:29 There were 847,864 cannabis (marijuana) arrests in the U.S. in 2008, almost triple the number arrested in 1991. In the past decade, more than 6.5 million cannabis arrests have been made in the U.S. - about the equivalent of the populations of Mississippi, New Mexico and Wyoming combined. About 89 percent of those arrests were for simple possession only. That means a cannabis smoker is arrested every 38 seconds in the U.S. At the end of 2009, there were more than 1.6 million Americans in state Get the free mobile app at or federal prison. That is a population http://gettag.mobi larger than that of 12 states and the

location!

Make no mistake: this is prohibition. The money, man power, prison cells and multiyear terms spent to enforce this prohibition grandly dwarf the alcohol prohibition of the 1920s and early 1930s, and they didn't even bother changing the Constitution this time. But just like that prohibition, there is money to be made in illegal drugs,

The majority were serving time for

District of Columbia.

drug-related offenses.

of violent crimes that would make Al Capone look like Mother Teresa. These people know if illegal drugs (cannabis most of all) are legalized, their fortune and power will be taken from them. So, like Capone, they have no interest in seeing their product legalized. When millions of people demand an illegal product, the person who is willing to do anything to anyone to make a

and those making the most money have bank accounts and laundry lists

As we should have learned almost 80 years ago, prohibition only creates more violent crime and empowers evil men.

dollar is who will gain the most.

Alas, they are not the only ones that stand to lose. If illegal drugs were legalized in this country, prisons would empty and the majority of police and prison guards on force would have little to nothing to do with their day.

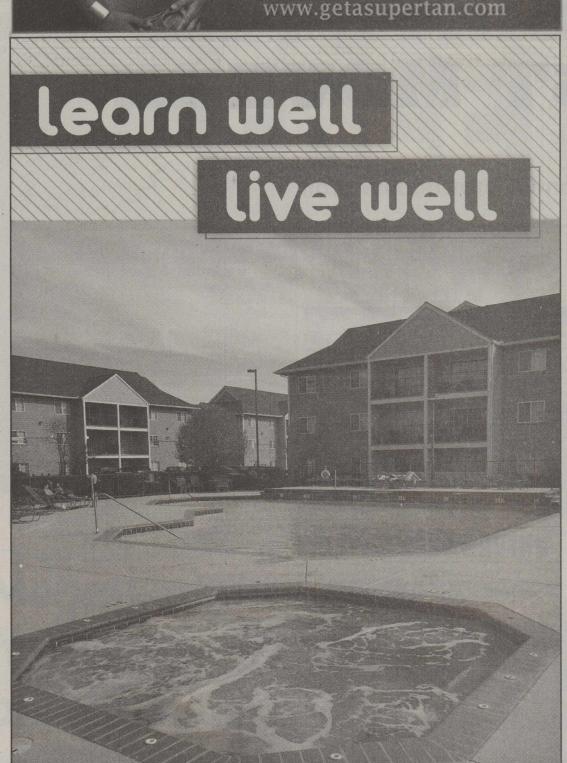
For you see, marijuana arrests far exceed the number of arrests for manslaughter, murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault combined.

Thousands of jobs would be lost in the government as well as in the drug dealing business that supports many Americans.

Richard Nixon created the DEA in 1973 and our nation has never been the same. The American government's war on drugs and its own people began.

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