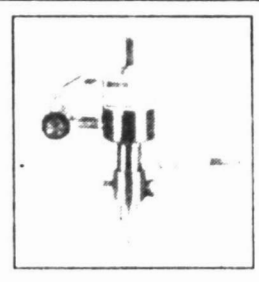


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## City pays \$10,000 in Tulia settlement

**BY DAVID BOWSER**  
SIXI WELLS

The City of Pampa will pay \$10,000 to settle a lawsuit concerning a drug sting in Tulia that went wrong.

Pampa City Commissioners voted during a special meeting Monday afternoon to settle a lawsuit brought by two women arrested in Tulia as part of a Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force drug sting for \$50,000. The city will pay a \$10,000 deductible. The city's insurance carrier will pay the remaining \$40,000.

**Officials oppose governor's tax plan**

Gov. Rick Perry's plan to revamp the way the State of Texas finances schools could be in trouble.

Pampa City Commissioners voted to oppose the governor's plan during a special meeting Monday afternoon.

Based on information provided by the Texas Municipal League, which is actively opposing the governor's plan, the Pampa City Commission took a

stance against the plan expected to be introduced in a special session of the Texas Legislature later this month.

Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant said the governor's plan could reduce the city's revenues.

Part of Perry's plan to reform school finances would cap or freeze city property taxes. There has also

with the alleged activities in Tulia.

Grant said the other members of the task force had agreed to settle for a similar amount.

In other business, Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews resigned. Ray Warren was named by the commission to replace Andrews.

"We're going to miss him," Mayor Tommy Robbins said of Andrews.

Commissioner Larstina Curry said she had learned a lot from Andrews.

The commission also approved the purchase of two cars for the police department and on three quarter to pick up for the landfill from the low bidder, Culberson Stowers' Chevrolet. The total cost of the three vehicles was \$56,650.32.

Although Pampa was not directly involved in the operation, it was a member of the task force that ran the operation as were a number of other panhandle cities and counties.

Earlier this year, Amarillo settled their part of the lawsuit for \$5 million. The task force will be disbanded next month.

The City of Pampa and Chief Trevlyn Pitner were parties to this law-

out only because of our participation in the Panhandle Narcotics Trafficking Task Force," Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant said Monday in a prepared statement. "The City of Pampa and Chief Pitner had no direct involvement

(See PLAN, Page 3)

## End of PEDC now in sight

**BY DAVID BOWSER**  
SIXI WELLS

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation expects to be out of business by mid-year next year.

In reviewing the PEDC's obligations, the board Monday night agreed that they might be able to shut down by the end of the second quarter of 2005.

The board voted Monday evening to pay \$250,000 on the Bank of America note, bringing it down below half a million dollars.

John Horst, director of finance for the city of Pampa, said the PEDC had \$2,700,000 in cash plus a sales tax check that was deposited Monday for \$52,000. That brings the current cash balance to \$332,000.

### April snow



A late season snow that fell Monday afternoon melted almost as fast as it came down, but briefly the purple flowers peaked through snow-covered grasses in Pampa's lawns. The snow flurries preceded a hard freeze that hit the panhandle overnight, dropping temperatures into the 20s.

Doug Locke, PEDC president, said that in his opinion it might be possible to dissolve the group by the end of the first quarter.

Pampa residents went to the polls to disband the organization several years ago, but because of the obligations the PEDC has, it has been an extended process.

Locke said Monday that all bank notes had been paid off except for \$736,000 to Bank of America and \$158,000 to NBC.

Wayne Wilson of W&W Everglass Tank Company is buying the Crall Products building and a note on equipment there from the PEDC for \$150,000. Locke was quick to point out that while the deal has been negotiated, it is still pending environmental inspection and appraisal.

The sale is expected to close by mid-May.

The PEDC is funded by a portion of Pampa's sales tax.

## U.S. troops deploy outside Najaf; helicopter shot down



Doug Locke, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, goes over PEDC finances with John Horst, Pampa's financial director, prior to Monday's PEDC meeting.

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops, becoming the dead-est month since the Iraq war, backed by tanks and artillery, pushed to the outskirts of the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Tuesday for a showdown with a radical cleric who said he was prepared to die in his battle against the U.S.-led occupation.

An American helicopter went down near Fallujah and an insurgent said he hit it with a rocket-propelled grenade. There were no reported injuries to the crew, although the team securing the site later suffered unspecified casualties, a Marine commander said.

At least 78 U.S. troops were killed and 561 were wounded in Iraq in the first 12 days of April, said Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, the deputy chief of staff for operations at the Pentagon.

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Gen. John Abizaid, the top commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, said Monday that he had ordered U.S. Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to adjust the U.S. troop rotation and get out of Iraq this week so that U.S. commanders can use the use of perhaps 40,000 more soldiers than they otherwise would have.

On the way to Najaf, the U.S. forces' 80-vehicle convoy was ambushed Monday night by mortar firing small arms and setting off roadside bombs north of the city. One soldier was killed and an American civilian contractor was wounded, officials in the

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said their mission was to "capture or kill" radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

In an interview Tuesday with Al-Manar, the Hezbollah television station in Lebanon, al-Sadr said he was not in direct negotiations with U.S. forces, and that he continued to demand the Americans withdraw from Najaf.

"I am only afraid of God," he said. "I am ready to sacrifice myself for the Iraqi people."

Units set up a cordon on approaches to the city, barring his al-Mahdi Army militiamen from leaving.

Iraqi leaders launched hurried negotiations aimed at averting a U.S. assault on the

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Thursday, April 8

Retaliation was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Oil was drained out of a vehicle.

Violation of a protective

order was reported at PRMC. Stalking was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred at One Medical Plaza.

#### Monday, April 12

An information report concerning two alleged assaults was taken in the 400 block of

Municipal Drive. No injuries were reported.

Driving while license is invalid was reported in the 1200 block of Alcock.

Reynaldo Wilson, 28, 1117 N. Starkweather, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest/detention.

### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

#### Friday, April 9

5:10 p.m. — A 1982 Mercury Cougar, driven by Patricia Reed, 22, 916 S. Nelson, and a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by

Amanda Jean Copeland, 36, Pampa, collided in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway. The Cougar then collided with a parked trailer. No injuries were reported. Reed was cited for unsafe lane change and no valid driver's license.

## OBITUARIES

### MELVIN W. STEPHENS

Melvin W. Stephens, 77, of Pampa, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stephens was born June 18, 1926, in Five Points, Ala. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1944, moving from Alabama. He owned and operated Stephens Truck & Equipment since the 1960s.

He was a member of the First United

Methodist Church and the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Stephens and wife Paula of Dallas; one daughter, Judy Magness and husband Larry of Opelika, Ala.; one brother, Clarence Stephens of Roanoke, Ala.; and one grandson, Jonathan Magness of Graz, Austria.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### LORETTA BAKER WILKINSON

Loretta Wilkinson, 97, of Muskogee, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Country Gardens Assisted Living in Muskogee. She was born on May 31, 1905, in McGregor, Texas, to William Morgan and Rhetta (Chapman) Baker. On Sept. 17, 1933, she married C.V. Wilkinson in Waxahachie, Texas.

Mrs. Wilkinson spent the latter years of her life in Pryor, Okla., where she was active in the "Friends of the Library," and the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by one son, Dr. D.L.

Wilkinson and his wife Nancy of Muskogee; and a daughter, Vivian Beam and her husband Bob of Edmond, Okla.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private family service was held. The family requests donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Pryor.

The family has entrusted Bradley Family Funeral Service of Muskogee with the arrangements.

Friends may send condolences to the family at [www.bradleyfuneralservice.com](http://www.bradleyfuneralservice.com).

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, April 12

9:53 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 2100 block of North Russell. The fire alarm company canceled the call before firefighters arrived.

### SHERIFF

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

#### Monday, April 12

Christopher Ford Veal, 17, 1800 N. Christy, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for intoxication assault with vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

Schuyler Bond Danner, 20, 300 Sunset Dr., was arrested by DPS on a bond surrender for a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

#### Tuesday, April 13

Ike Hughes Jr., 55, Amarillo, was arrested for failure to appear/assault causing bodily injury.

### STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Anthony Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.71	Unlimited	20.35	0.19
Milo	5.22	Williams	9.99	0.11
Corn	5.88	MCD	28.72	0.30
Soybeans	8.91	Amos	43.24	0.13

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

IBM	47.31	0.20	SLB	62.86	0.20
BP	53.05	0.15	CVX	12.68	0.68
Celanese	40.85	0.30	Wal-Mart	91.94	0.47
Cabot Corp	32.70	0.57	OKI	22.00	0.27
Cabot Oil Gas	32.67	0.03	SS Corp	12.80	0.20
Coca Cola	50.88	0.06			
AT&T	30.15	0.45	New York Gold	419.25	
Intel	33.12	0.19	Silver	8.02	
NOI	28.89	0.02	West Texas Crude	37.84	

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Sunday, April 11

6:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Elm and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.

1:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

#### Monday, April 12

6:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Price Road approximately 1/2 mile north of 23rd and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Henry. No transport.

10:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded north on Highway 70 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston on a call for lifting assistance.

10:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 east of Pampa and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 east of Pampa and transferred a patient for pick up by LifeStar helicopter.

10:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Carr and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

#### Tuesday, April 13

2:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No patient.

## Trial to begin in alleged border baby-selling ring

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — The first case against a woman accused of smuggling pregnant women over the Mexican border in an alleged border baby-selling ring was set to begin with jury selection Tuesday.

Maria Dolores Bondoc, 54, has been indicted on three state counts of sale and purchase of a child, two counts of unlawful transport and three counts of giving pregnant women a dangerous drug to induce labor.

There will be separate trials for each of at least three alleged victims.

Assistant District Attorney Roberto Balli said Monday that jury selection could conclude by Tuesday morning and the trial could begin Tuesday afternoon.

He said prosecutors were working with eight women who felt they had fallen prey to an advertisement in "Fama," a tabloid popular among Mexican and Central American teens.

The ad showed a despondent woman and proclaimed in Spanish, "Are you pregnant?" and "Give the opportunity to loving parents who want to adopt." It promised medical assistance and housing and gave a toll-free telephone number that connected to Bondoc's branch of the

AAA-Alamo adoption agency.

The San Antonio-based agency has several offices around the state.

The agency has not been charged with any part in the alleged scheme, but Balli said the investigation is ongoing.

About a month before Bondoc's Sept. 17, 2002, arrest, several women called the Mexican consulate for help from the hospital, where they had just given birth.

Daniel Hernandez Josef, the Mexican consul in Laredo, said that they found something that seemed irregular and pointed it out to authorities.

"It's not only that you advertise in a type of magazine that reaches a certain profile of teenager — uneducated with very little schooling, it's that you place an ad that caters to their sense of despair. ... They have options in Mexico, including adoption."

Several of the women told investigators they were brought across the Rio Grande on inner tubes, one at eight months pregnant, and kept secretly in residences until their babies were due.

Balli says some of the women were given misoprostol, a controlled substance, to bring labor sooner.

## Canadian carrying 32 razor blades receives prison term

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Pakistani national and Canadian citizen has received more than five years in prison from a federal judge for carrying 32 razor blades in his carry-on luggage to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

U.S. District Judge Terry Means on Monday sentenced Fazal Karim to 63 months in prison and ordered that he be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation after completing his sentence. Means also ordered Karim to pay a \$20,000 fine.

Administration screeners on March 5, 2003 found 32 double-edged razor blades in Karim's carry-on luggage, concealed in a box containing a coiled belt.

Karim had attempted to enter a secure area of DFW Airport to board a flight to Houston.

FBI agents discovered that Karim at time of his arrest was not a tourist, but an immigrant without authorization to live in the U.S.

Prosecutors contended that security screeners foiled the Pakistani's attempt to evade and test airport security for potential terrorist aims.

## Judge rules against rape conviction

HOUSTON (AP) — A man freed from prison more than a year ago has won another court victory in his attempt to clear himself after a rape conviction, but a state district judge rejected his claim of prosecutorial misconduct.

Josiah Sutton, 22, spent 4 1/2 years in custody before new DNA tests excluded him as a suspect, discrediting original tests performed by the Houston police crime lab.

The state Court of Criminal Appeals should throw out his conviction, State District Judge Joan Huffman of Houston ruled Monday. The case is headed to the appeals court next.

Huffman said "inaccurate scientific evidence was admitted during the trial" and there was "clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable juror would have convicted him in light of the new evidence."

But the judge also found that Sutton failed to prove that the Harris County district attorney's office intentionally withheld evidence at his 1999 trial. Sutton was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

His attorney, David Dow, who is director of the Texas Innocence Network, has also pursued a pardon for Sutton. Those efforts have stalled, in part because District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal refused to formally say that Sutton's is a case of actual innocence, according to the Houston Chronicle's Tuesday editions.

The entire matter could be cleared from his record with a pardon on the "basis of innocence" from Gov. Rick Perry. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, criticized Gov. Rick Perry and the state Board of Pardons and Paroles for not acting faster in Sutton's case.

## Economy: Retail sales showing 1.8 percent gain in last month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cash-flush consumers kept shopping counters humming in March, propelling the largest monthly sales increase in a year at America's retailers.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that retail sales rose by 1.8 percent in March from the previous month.

Shoppers treated themselves to a wide range of goods in March, splurging on cars, clothes, furniture and building and garden supplies.

The latest snapshot of consumers' spending appetite is good news for the economic recovery's vigor. Consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States. Thus, consumer behavior plays an important role in shaping the recovery.

Economists said an improved job climate, tax refunds and super-low borrowing costs probably made shoppers feel more inclined to indulge in March.

"Consumers showed a voracious appetite for spending," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Businesses boosted their inventories by 0.7 percent in February — the biggest increase since August 2000. Businesses' sales rose by a solid 0.5 percent in February from the previous month.

Because inventory building adds to economic growth, the inventories report provides another piece of encouraging evidence that the economy is gaining ground.

On Wall Street stocks slipped. The Dow Jones industrials lost 34 points and the Nasdaq was down 15 points in morning trading.

The 1.8 percent increase in retail sales, the biggest advance since March last year, followed a brisk 1 percent rise in February,

which turned out to be much stronger than the 0.6 percent increase first estimated a month ago.

Analysts believe that the economy will grow at a healthy rate of at least 4.5 percent in the first six months of this year, supported by both consumer and business spending. Economists said March's strong retail sales figures will lead them to boost projections for first-quarter economic growth.

The Federal Reserve since June of last year has held a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent. Extra-low borrowing costs have motivated some consumers and businesses to step up spending and investment, forces that are helping the economy grow.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and other Fed policy-makers have reminded Main Street and Wall Street numerous times that rates can't stay at such super-low levels indefinitely.

That has prompted some economists to predict that the Fed will start pushing up rates later this year. Others don't see a rate increase until 2005. There seems to be agreement, though, that the Fed will leave rates alone at its next meeting in May.

Some Fed policy-makers have suggested that there needs to be a sustained recovery in the job market before the Fed start ordering rates to go up.

After months of lackluster job gains, the economy in March added 308,000 jobs — the most in four years. President Bush has trumpeted that as evidence his economic policies are working. Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry says that's not the case and has pointed to the net 1.84 million jobs the country has lost since Bush took office in January 2001.

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been talk in the Texas Legislature that would affect city sales taxes.

The Texas Municipal League, an organization that includes about 1,000 towns and cities in the state, argues that cities collect between 15 and 20 percent of total property taxes in Texas, while school districts collect over 60 percent of the property taxes. Between 1985 and 2002, the municipal share of property taxes fell from 20.3 percent to 15.3 percent.

Cities get little direct aid from the state, Grant said.

The property tax revenue collected by cities goes for police and fire protection, streets and street maintenance, solid waste, water, waste water, storm water drainage, air quality, parks and code enforcement.

"To place a very restrictive cap on city evaluations could severely limit the viability and ability of cities to provide services, and even affect cities' bond ratings leading to increased infrastructure costs," said Loyd Neal Jr., mayor of Corpus Christi and a member of the Texas Municipal League executive committee.

The commission, with their resolution Monday, said they will oppose any effort by the governor or Texas Legislature to reform school finance or taxes that would negatively impact the city.

# Gov. Perry calls special session to address school finance woes

By APRIL CASTRO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday called a long-anticipated special legislative session on school finance, ordering lawmakers to return to work April 20.

"Since the implementation of the Robin Hood school finance scheme, the brightest minds in Texas have pondered a permanent solution," Perry said. "The time for pondering is over; the time for action is now."

Lawmakers have been working since last spring to reach a consensus on how to overhaul the so-called Robin Hood system of public school finance, which redistributes property tax revenue from wealthy districts to poor districts.

Perry has said any replacement plan should eliminate Robin Hood, lower property taxes, maintain funding equity to schools and foster a healthy job climate that doesn't discourage businesses from relocating to the state.

Last week, Perry proposed a plan that would lower property taxes for homeowners and businesses while getting additional revenue by taxing cigarettes, video lottery gambling and adult entertainment events, among other sources.

Part of the plan, a "constitutionally linked" property tax that would separate residential from commercial property tax

rates, has been unpopular among lawmakers and business leaders. Under the plan, homeowners would be taxed by school districts, while businesses would be taxed by the state.

Some parts of Perry's proposal would require a constitutional amendment. That means surviving a popular vote in November and two-thirds approval in both legislative chambers — a daunting hurdle in the current partisan atmosphere.

Perry reiterated Tuesday his assertion that his plan would cut school property taxes by \$6 billion and pump \$2.5 billion into public schools.

He said he would be open to other plans that emerge during the 30-day special session. He stressed that he does not want any kind of tax bill that would harm the state's business climate or slow job creation.

"I can't promise our work will be done in one session, or two, or three. But I can promise this, we won't fail simply because we refuse to try," Perry said.

Perry called three special sessions last year on congressional redistricting. The Republican-backed redistricting plan was finally approved after bitter partisan fighting. Democrats twice fled the state in boycott to halt business in the capital.

On Tuesday, Perry warned against such partisan battles.

"There may be a temptation for parti-

san tensions to surface during this important special session, but partisan bitterness has no place in this debate," Perry said. "For this noble effort to succeed, we need the undivided focus and good faith effort from Republicans and Democrats in both legislative bodies."

Robin Hood was adapted in 1993 as a temporary fix, after a court ruled that Texas schools must be given equal opportunity to provide basic education.

But districts on both sides have been unhappy. Poor schools have benefited, but many say they need more money. Wealthy districts have complained that they have raised local property tax rates to the legal limit and say they still don't have the money they need.

There are about 1,040 school districts in Texas, but only 139 are property wealthy.

The state has set a property tax rate cap for school districts of \$1.50 per \$100 in property value. Many districts are at that cap, with no way to raise additional revenue. The statewide average is \$1.48, and homeowners, too, are pleading for relief from high property taxes.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn urged Perry to allow the Legislature to consider restoring funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program. But, Perry said he did not anticipate opening the special session to consider anything beyond school finance.

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The commission also voted to purchase street signs for \$20,674.12 from Centerline Supply.

"This is the last year of a five-year program," Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works.

The commission approved the purchase of 40 new golf carts from Cilb Car for the city's golf course. The cost of the carts plus financing is \$80,000 including trade-in of the old carts. There will be three annual payments of \$20,011.48 and a final payment of \$19,965.56.

They approved the first reading of an ordinance that would accept Atmos Energy Company natural gas rates and charges within the City of Pampa. The new rates were negotiated by a coalition of 66 West Texas cities with Atmos Energy.

"I actively served on the steering committee," Grant said, "and I am proud of the results we had."

Grant pointed out that the small cities in West Texas negotiated the rate down to 41 percent of Atmos Energy's requested rate while Amarillo and Lubbock, who each negotiated their individual rates, ended up with about 54 percent of the requested rate.

Under the new contract, residential rates will go up

3.09 percent. Commercial rates will go up 2.83 percent. Industrial rates will go up 2.32 percent.

The commission also approved the second and final reading amending the city's operating budget to pay a one time fee of \$4,000 for a new website on the internet and \$3,000 annually to maintain it.

They also approved a lease agreement for a Pampa Industrial Foundation building in the 800 block of East Foster.

The city will lease the building for \$100 a year plus \$50 a year for insurance and maintenance. The building will be used for storage, Grant said, but can be offered for industrial use should it be needed.

"Without an economic development organization," Grant said, "we have to be innovative with our thinking."

A vote on accepting a seal-coating bid was postponed to the commission's next regular meeting on May 11.

The commission also adopted two resolutions.

One set the time for the commission's regular meetings at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The second resolution opposed Gov. Rick Perry's plan to finance schools in Texas.

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**PEDC**

money. It has been averaging about \$50,000 a month. If that rate remains constant, Locke said, the PEDC will have \$600,000 in a year, which would be the end of the first quarter 2005. That money coupled with the sale of the Crall Products building should pay off the last of the PEDC debt.

The question still facing the board, he said, is the liability of the PEDC with regard to United Medicorp. The PEDC had agreed to give the company money based on their employment level through 2008.

"They've been an asset to the community," Locke said

**Miami EMS plans dance fund-raiser**

MIAMI — Miami Volunteer EMS is holding a country dance fund-raiser from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Miami/Roberts County Fire Barn.

Tickets are \$6 apiece in advance and \$7.50 at the door.

Proceeds from the event will help support the Miami Emergency Medical Services.

For more information, call Rusty at (806) 868-4861.

of United Medicorp.

Locke said if the PEDC can come up with a liability figure, the money they would owe United Medical over the next four years, the economic development corporation could deposit that amount with the city to make the payments as required.

An audit of the PEDC's finances by Pampa accountant Doug Ware was deferred until the group's next meeting on May 17.

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**IRAQ**

city, site of the holiest Shiite site, the Imam Ali Shrine.

The sons of Iraq's three grand ayatollahs met al-Sadr Monday night in his Najaf office and assured him of their opposition to any U.S. strike.

"They agreed not to allow any hostile act against Sayyed Moqtada al-Sadr and the city of Najaf," said a person at the meeting, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The delegation also was reportedly trying to work out a compromise to prevent a U.S. attack.

Col. Dana J.H. Pittard, the commander of the force, said his troops were aware that a "single shot in Najaf" by U.S. soldiers could outrage Iraq's powerful Shiite majority.

"Look at this as the Shiite Vatican," Pittard said before the deployment.

The grand ayatollahs have long kept the young, fiercely anti-American al-Sadr at arm's length. The meeting reflected an eagerness to avoid bloodshed and al-Sadr's increasing influence.

Al-Sadr ordered his militiamen out of police stations and government buildings in Najaf and the nearby cities of Karbala and Kufa. Police were back in their stations and on patrols, while al-Sadr black-garbed gunmen largely stayed out of sight.

The militia rebuffed a U.S. demand to disband.

Earlier Tuesday, al-Sadr militiamen based in the main mosque in the nearby city of Kufa opened fire on a passing patrol of Spanish forces, prompting a short gunbattle.

Overnight, a mortar was fired at the Spanish base between Kufa and Najaf, and Spanish forces repelled an attack on a nearby water distillation plant.

Near Fallujah, a masked insurgent said he hit the U.S. helicopter with a rocket-propelled grenade, although Marine Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne said it was not known what caused the Sikorsky H-53 to go down.

Troops removed those on board, and "there is no indication the crew was injured," Byrne said. He was not certain how many were aboard.

The team that secured the craft was ambushed by gunmen using small weapons, RPGs and mortars, and it suffered casualties, Byrne said, but he would not give details.

Witnesses told The Associated Press that four U.S. soldiers were shot by insurgents at the site about 12 miles east of Fallujah in the village of Zawbaa.

Another team later blew up the aircraft to prevent it from being looted, he said.

While a cease-fire has kept Fallujah relatively calm for four

days, the area between the besieged city and Baghdad has seen heavy clashes by insurgents and U.S. forces. An Apache helicopter was shot down Sunday in nearby Abu Ghraib, killing its two crewmembers.

Before Tuesday's helicopter crash, a U.S. convoy was attacked near the same site, and two Humvees and a truck were burning, said witnesses, who also reported U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military said about 70 Americans and 700 insurgents had been killed this month, the bloodiest since the fall of Baghdad a year ago with U.S.-led forces fighting on three fronts: against Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad and on its outskirts.

More than 600 Iraqis have been killed in Fallujah since the siege began on April 5, said the head of the city hospital, Rafie al-Issawi. Most of the dead registered at hospitals and clinics were women, children and elderly, he said.

About 880 Iraqis have been killed in the violence, according to an AP count based on state-

ments by Iraqi hospital officials, U.S. military statements and Iraqi police.

Another toll from the week's violence: more than 40 foreigners reportedly were taken hostage by insurgents, although a dozen had been released Sunday and Monday. Those still believed held included three Japanese and truck driver Thomas Hamill of Macon, Miss., whose captors had threatened to kill them.

Four Italians working as private guards for DTS Security, a U.S. company, were reported missing in Iraq, the ANSA news agency quoted the Foreign Ministry as saying Tuesday. An Arab satellite TV network said the four were kidnapped by insurgents near Fallujah and showed video of them in a room surrounded by gunmen wearing Arab headscarves.

Eight Ukrainian and Russian employees of a Russian energy company who were kidnaped in Baghdad were freed Tuesday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said. Seven Chinese were freed Monday after being held for a day, China's official news agency said.

**Cancer support group to meet Thursday**

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, April 15, in the second floor classroom of the main building at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The topic will be "Laugh - It Matters!" The program will include a video and discussion on the healing power of laughter and humor.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Americans must stay the course

We need to stay the course in the war against terror.

Every night we hear a television talking head reminding us about the latest body count of United States military personnel in the war against terror, either in Iraq or Afghanistan. The talking heads keep inferring that we are bogged-down in another Vietnam type conflict. We are being told by these talking heads that the suicide rate of military personnel is horribly high. We are being told that the Europeans consider Americans immoral. We are being told that we should back off and appease the terrorists and they will leave us alone. We are being told that Iraqis were better off under a dictator than without. We are being lead to believe that service members are deserting by refusing to return to Iraq from their leave.

Let's not let facts get into the way of television journalism, which seems to be judged by ratings, rather than factual information.

Fact: American losses Iraq and Afghanistan are remarkably low for an armed conflict, due to smarter soldiers and smarter tactics. Also, the Commander in Chief is allowing the Generals to run the war, very unlike the Vietnam conflict, as it was run from the Oval Office. Excepting the D-Day invasion, a single day in World War II would commonly yield 600 American casualties.

Fact: The suicide rate among American service members is 3% lower than the American national average for same age and same gender persons. The few suicides of American service members



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GUEST COLUMNIST

seems to make for good television by instilling fear and anger, but is actually an insult to the service members' families.

Fact: The Europeans refuse to defend their own back yard against terrorists. They demand for the United States to police Bosnia and Kosovo against the same terrorists that we are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Why is it that Americans are immoral for fighting terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it's not immoral to keep Europe free from the same terror groups? If Spain pulls their troops from Iraq, do you think these troops will be repositioned to Bosnia or Kosovo to help us defend Europe from the terrorist?

Fact: The United States tried the appeasement tactic by withdrawing from Lebanon and Somalia. Did the withdrawals stop terror attacks? No, in fact appeasement fueled further attacks by leading the terrorists to believe that we were unwilling to defend ourselves. The terrorists have an agenda to convert the world to their religion and their way of life. They believe they are fighting a holy war and they will not rest until America and the American way is destroyed.

Fact: Free Iraqis are thanking American service members daily. As I

prepare to deploy to Iraq later this year, soldiers currently in Iraq are briefing me via email. I am being told that schools are being opened, utilities are being restored, and the military contractors are employing Iraqis. I am being told that Iraqi girls are looking at the female service members in admiration of our free society, hoping that someday they too will have the same freedom. This is a freedom that would never be realized under the former dictator or a fundamentalist terrorist regime.

Fact: Except for the highly publicized refusal by one or two soldiers to return to Iraq after their leaves, the desertion rate is nil. These men and women are dedicated professionals and are returning to their posts from leave, even after getting a taste of home for a short two weeks.

We must not allow Europeans or terrorists dictate policy to us through television talking heads. Instead, we must use all resources available to educate ourselves about the terrorists threatening our freedom.

Our red-white-and-blue colors must not cover from terror. We must stay the course against terror or live in fear to leave our own homes.

It would be immoral for us to abandon the people we liberated before eliminating the threat to their freedom. It would be immoral for us to allow fundamentalist terrorists to dictate to us, or the rest of the world, how life must be lived. Our colors must not run!

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Writer's intent: To address serious problem with humor

To the editor:  
Ms. Stone, I too, have better things to pray for than trash. I pray for the citizens and businesses to rid Pampa of our trash problem, which, is the gist of my response to your letter in Sunday's paper.

How do you spell humor, Ms. Stone? You see, I'm what I like to say, "a closet writer." I write about issues that affect Pampa, like Wal-Mart Supercenters, like our trash problem. Ms. Stone, you recognized the trash problem by writing of the hamburger business and Allsup's trash on your property. Why are you picking up other citizens' and businesses' trash? Because the trash is on your property is the answer; but, why is there trash in the first place? Because the wind blows? No, because uncaring individuals and businesses trash your neighborhood!

No, you won't see my name on a highway adoption sign; you'll see it in the paper where more eyes will read about a problem and where, I pray, maybe one person or one business will care enough about Pampa and use a trash receptacle or dumpster for what they were intended.

Yes, I pray for whirled peas, too.  
**Dennis Palmitier**  
Pampa

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 13, the 104th day of 2004. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1776, the first president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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## We suffer from misplaced memory

The first good Rocky movies (skip Rocky V, please) had a common plot element. Out of low or high self-esteem, the boxer isn't doing what he is called to do — train hard and have the "eye of the tiger." Revived midway through the movie by his wife's love or a friend's death, he gets in shape and eventually wins.

The nation of Israel had a similar problem of forgetfulness throughout the Bible. Nehemiah (chapter nine) is one of many books that notes how God performed miracles, but then "our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks." Stephen said the same thing in Acts (chapter seven), and those who could not handle the truth stoned him. Only the work of the Holy Spirit could revive Israel's Rockys.

And what about us? Right after the 9-11 disaster, Americans of all persuasions knew we were in a war. Now, 31 months later, much is forgotten. Democrats and some Republicans bloat about the Patriot Act, as if we were not in wartime. In the same breath, we hear complaints that the Bush administration is guilty for underestimating the terrorist threat before 9-11 and overestimating it ever since.

The current welfare reform gridlock represents another case of misplaced memory. I spent 20 months on leave from my teaching responsibilities in 1995-1996, commuting to Washington and pushing for legislation that did not follow the laws of political entropy. Opportunity knocked: Members of Congress were



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desperate for some way to stop the upward march of welfare dependency.

Semi-miraculously, a strong welfare reform measure made it through both houses. Bill Clinton, seeking re-election, signed the bill. Groups like the Urban Institute and the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities wailed. Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund was typical in her prediction that welfare reform "will hurt and impoverish millions of American children."

Eight years later, even those with short memories should be able to remember the stats: Welfare rolls down over 60 percent since 1996, and not rising during recession. A 20 percent decline in poverty among children of single moms, and a greater decline in black child poverty. A 50 percent improvement in the employment rate for poor single moms. Almost every study shows great improvement.

One criticism of the 1996 welfare reform is valid: It propelled single moms into the workforce, but not into marriage. Marriage should be the long-term goal, because only a responsible husband can provide the true safety net that a mom needs. Marriage isn't far off for some:

One study of 4,700 new and unwed parents in inner cities found that at the birth of their child, half were living together, another quarter were romantically involved, and four out of five mothers and fathers were considering marriage.

Furthermore, some 82 percent of the fathers in that "Fragile Families" study were employed, earning \$17,500 on average. Sadly, only 15 percent of the unmarried couples did get hitched. If that figure could become 50 percent or more, the biggest offensive ever in our continuing wars on poverty would be underway. The innovation in this year's welfare reform bill is a "Healthy Marriage Initiative" that could help couples to commit and could help to save marriages in trouble.

A new initiative might be asking for too much. If we could just remind old dogs of old tricks, let alone teach them new ones, we'd be a step up. Sadly, Senate Democratic leaders are now holding welfare reform hostage as they push for an increase in the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7 an hour. That's a good thing only if the improvement in wages for some outweighs the declining job prospects for others, especially inner-city teen-agers.

Political gambits aside, here's the basic question in fighting both welfare and terrorism: Can we remember the crises of 1996 and 2001 and be grateful for improvement, or are we casting a new movie: "Rocky Meets Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind?"

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Americans must stay the course

We need to stay the course in the war against terror.

Every night we hear a television talking head reminding us about the latest body count of United States military personnel in the war against terror, either in Iraq or Afghanistan. The talking heads keep inferring that we are bogged-down in another Vietnam type conflict. We are being told by these talking heads that the suicide rate of military personnel is horribly high. We are being told that the Europeans consider Americans immoral. We are being told that we should back off and appease the terrorists and they will leave us alone. We are being told that Iraqis were better off under a dictator than without. We are being lead to believe that service members are deserting by refusing to return to Iraq from their leave.

Let's not let facts get into the way of television journalism, which seems to be judged by ratings, rather than factual information.

Fact: American losses Iraq and Afghanistan are remarkably low for an armed conflict, due to smarter soldiers and smarter tactics. Also, the Commander in Chief is allowing the Generals to run the war, very unlike the Vietnam conflict, as it was run from the Oval Office. Excepting the D-Day invasion, a single day in World War II would commonly yield 600 American casualties.

Fact: The suicide rate among American service members is 3% lower the American national average for same age and same gender persons. The few suicides of American service members



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seems to make for good television by instilling fear and anger, but is actually an insult to the service members' families.

Fact: The Europeans refuse to defend their own back yard against terrorists. They demand for the United States to police Bosnia and Kosovo against the same terrorists that we are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Why is it that Americans are immoral for fighting terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it's not immoral to keep Europe free from the same terror groups? If Spain pulls their troops from Iraq, do you think these troops will be repositioned to Bosnia or Kosovo to help us defend Europe from the terrorist?

Fact: The United States tried the appeasement tactic by withdrawing from Lebanon and Somalia. Did the withdrawals stop terror attacks? No, in fact appeasement fueled further attacks by leading the terrorists to believe that we were unwilling to defend ourselves. The terrorists have an agenda to convert the world to their religion and their way of life. They believe they are fighting a holy war and they will not rest until America and the American way is destroyed.

Fact: Free Iraqis are thanking American service members daily. As I

prepare to deploy to Iraq later this year, soldiers currently in Iraq are briefing me via email. I am being told that schools are being opened, utilities are being restored, and the military contractors are employing Iraqis. I am being told that Iraqi girls are looking at the female service members in admiration of our free society, hoping that someday they too will have the same freedom. This is a freedom that would never be realized under the former dictator or a fundamentalist terrorist regime.

Fact: Except for the highly publicized refusal by one or two soldiers to return to Iraq after their leaves, the desertion rate is nil. These men and women are dedicated professionals and are returning to their posts from leave, even after getting a taste of home for a short two weeks.

We must not allow Europeans or terrorists dictate policy to us through television talking heads. Instead, we must use all resources available to educate ourselves about the terrorists threatening our freedom.

Our red-white-and-blue colors must not cover from terror. We must stay the course against terror or live in fear to leave our own homes.

It would be immoral for us to abandon the people we liberated before eliminating the threat to their freedom. It would be immoral for us to allow fundamentalist terrorists to dictate to us, or the rest of the world, how life must be lived. Our colors must not run!

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Writer's intent: To address serious problem with humor

To the editor:  
 Ms. Stone, I too, have better things to pray for than trash. I pray for the citizens and businesses to rid Pampa of our trash problem, which, is the gist of my response to your letter in Sunday's paper.

How do you spell humor, Ms. Stone? You see, I'm what I like to say, "a closet writer." I write about issues that affect Pampa, like Wal-Mart Supercenters, like our trash problem. Ms. Stone, you recognized the trash problem by writing of the hamburger business and Allsup's trash on your property. Why are you picking up other citizens' and businesses' trash? Because the trash is on your property is the answer; but, why is there trash in the first place? Because the wind blows? No, because uncaring individuals and businesses trash your neighborhood!

No, you won't see my name on a highway adoption sign, you'll see it in the paper where more eyes will read about a problem and where, I pray, maybe one person or one business will care enough about Pampa and use a trash receptacle or dumpster for what they were intended.

Yes, I pray for whirled peas, too.  
**Dennis Palmitier**  
 Pampa

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 13, the 104th day of 2004. There are 262 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

**On this date:**  
 In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)  
 In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.  
 In 1776, the Declaration of Independence of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.  
 In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.  
 In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.  
 In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.  
 In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

Letters must be **300 words or less**. Letters submitted for publication must be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. All letters will be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, and taste. We will not publish anonymous letters, letters that are potentially libelous, or personal attacks. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication nor can we guarantee a date of publication.

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Due to volume and repetition, we will limit submissions from the same person to two letters per month.

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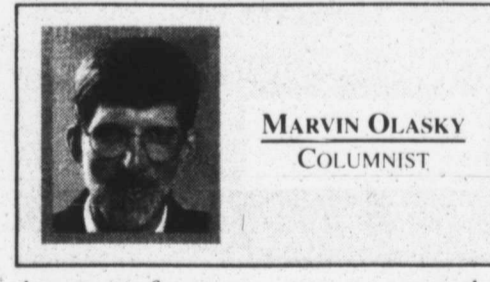
## We suffer from misplaced memory

The four good Rocky movies (skip Rocky V, please) had a common plot element. Out of low or high self-esteem, the boxer isn't doing what he is called to do—train hard and have the "eye of the tiger." Revived midway through the movie by his wife's love or a friend's death, he gets in shape and eventually wins.

The nation of Israel had a similar problem of forgetfulness throughout the Bible. Nehemiah (chapter nine) is one of many books that notes how God performed miracles, but then "our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks." Stephen said the same thing in Acts (chapter seven), and those who could not handle the truth stoned him. Only the work of the Holy Spirit could revive Israel's Rockys.

And what about us? Right after the 9-11 disaster, Americans of all persuasions knew we were in a war. Now, 31 months later, much is forgotten. Democrats and some Republicans bloviate about the Patriot Act, as if we were not in wartime. In the same breath, we hear complaints that the Bush administration is guilty for underestimating the terrorist threat before 9-11 and overestimating it ever since.

The current welfare reform gridlock represents another case of misplaced memory. I spent 20 months on leave from my teaching responsibilities in 1995-1996, commuting to Washington and lobbying for legislation that did not follow the laws of political entropy. Opportunity knocked; Members of Congress were



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desperate for some way to stop the upward march of welfare dependency.

Semi-miraculously, a strong welfare reform measure made it through both houses. Bill Clinton, seeking re-election, signed the bill. Groups like the Urban Institute and the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities wailed. Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund was typical in her prediction that welfare reform "will hurt and impoverish millions of American children."

Eight years later, even those with short memories should be able to remember the stats: Welfare rolls down over 60 percent since 1996, and not rising during recession. A 20 percent decline in poverty among children of single moms, and a greater decline in black child poverty. A 50 percent improvement in the employment rate for poor single moms. Almost every study shows great improvement.

One criticism of the 1996 welfare reform is valid: It propelled single moms into the workforce, but not into marriage. Marriage should be the long-term goal, because only a responsible husband can provide the true safety net that a mom needs. Marriage isn't far off for some:

One study of 4,700 new and unwed parents in inner cities found that at the birth of their child, half were living together, another quarter were romantically involved, and four out of five mothers and fathers were considering marriage.

Furthermore, some 82 percent of the fathers in that "Fragile Families" study were employed, earning \$17,500 on average. Sadly, only 15 percent of the unmarried couples did get hitched. If that figure could become 50 percent or more, the biggest offensive ever in our continuing wars on poverty would be underway. The innovation in this year's welfare reform bill is a "Healthy Marriage Initiative" that could help couples to commit and could help to save marriages in trouble.

A new initiative might be asking for too much. If we could just remind old dogs of old tricks, let alone teach them new ones, we'd be a step up. Sadly, Senate Democratic leaders are now holding welfare reform hostage as they push for an increase in the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7 an hour. That's a good thing only if the improvement in wages for some outweighs the declining job prospects for others, especially inner-city teen-agers.

Political gambits aside, here's the basic question in fighting both welfare and terrorism: Can we remember the crises of 1996 and 2001 and be grateful for improvement, or are we casting a new movie: "Rocky Meets Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind?"

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# BUSINESS REVIEW

## Nursing home care, does it have to be a bad experience?

By **TERRI ADAMS**,  
MARKETING DIRECTOR,  
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At the beginning of our life, all things are new and full of hope, learning to walk or speaking your first words. Every year brings new adventure, new challenges and new hope.

The Bible states that for everything there is a season. "There is a time to be born and a time to die; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embrace." Ecclesiastes 3:2-5

In the young years, the season of uncertainty comes upon us. The uncertainty of "will I pass this test", "will I get my driver's license", or "will he/she kiss me at the end of our date."

For the generation who grew up in the 1920s and 1930s, even the uncertainty of getting to school was very realistic. For Janice (Bond) Carter and her brother Kenneth, it meant walking three miles each way every day. During the winter months, when insulated clothing had yet to be invented, the children would be so cold when they arrived



(Courtesy photo)

**Janice Carter lives at Pampa Nursing Center, but still volunteers here. This day she was filling Easter eggs for the kids.**

to school, the teacher allowed them to stand by the circulating wood and coal stove for class until they warmed up.

In the season from our 20s through our 40s, the dreams of graduating from college, getting that great job or living in our own home keep the years flowing by. For some it is marriage and maybe even the pitter-patter of little feet. With this adventure, there is now someone to care about other than ourselves. The word responsibility takes on greater meaning than ever before.

Carl Slate's dream changed during this season, when good ole' Uncle Sam

sent him a letter saying he had been drafted into the United States Army. "I served in Panama," stated Slate. "My dreams were changed by that." Carl's dream changed to serving his country and fellow man. Talk about a responsibility!

"I had a dream to be an engineer," said Pat Plemons. "I was real good in math. But my dreams changed when I got married and had children." Pat's dream changed to being a wife and a mother.

At age 50 and 60, the season of life changes depending on current events that happen along the way. Grandchildren could now be part of the picture. What



(Courtesy photo)

**Carl Slate's dream changed when he received a letter from Uncle Sam. Carl is pictured here with CNA Janice Vargas.**

society now calls a mid-life crisis could be happening or sometimes just thought about.

Also during this season, as children are grown and the house becomes our own again, we look for new adventures and new hopes. This time the adventures may not be so much for our families and ourselves, but for others around us. Volunteering at schools, community functions, nursing homes, and hospitals now fills our time. "I came to Pampa Nursing Center to live because I volunteered here when I was younger," Janice Carter stated. "I called Bingo on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the resi-

dents and I really like it here."

For some, the dream changes when a spouse passes away or a terrible disease such as cancer invades our bodies and our lives. Trips to the doctor now occupy the time. The dream now becomes the will to survive. For some folks, the dream changes just as we become older.

During all our seasons, we have learned that dreams sometimes change from our original dreams, some for the better and some for worse.

Most of our life we dream of independence, health, and love until our days here on earth are through. However,

no one can predict nursing home care to be a part of that dream. When it is, Pampa Nursing Center can help fulfill all of the things that made your dream in the first place.

Pampa Nursing Center believes in going against the grain of typical nursing home standards. The staff chooses to take the road less traveled by. The staff that takes more time for the resident paves this road. This means giving better quality of care, hence a resident's independence and health. Paving that extra mile on this road means that the staff sometimes just sits and listens, gives a hug, holds a hand, or buys the resident a Coke.

If a picture paints a thousand words, then the smiles on the residents' faces at Pampa Nursing Center could fill a gallery.

"I like it here at Pampa Nursing Center because I like the attention that I get," said Pat Plemons. "My dream now is to crochet and embroidery and to build myself back up to where I was before."

For everything there is a season, the nursing home season is not for everyone, but Pampa Nursing Center is here when or if this season ever comes into your life or the life of your loved one. For everything there is a season and a time and a purpose under heaven.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Waitress Who is Harassed Can Use This Tip to Stop it

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding the letter from "Grossed Out in Florida," the 18-year-old waitress who is subject to lewd remarks and repeatedly asked out by much older men at her workplace. Please urge her to inform her supervisors that she's being sexually harassed, because her employer has a responsibility to stop the harassment. If possible, she should put her concerns in writing and keep a copy of the letter. If management refuses to address her concerns, she should contact an attorney or legal organization for more information about her rights.

Young women and girls in the hospitality industries are often targets of sexual harassment that is believed to be "just part of the job." These situations may escalate into stalking and other forms of violence. Being "friendly," "polite," and telling a harasser that he reminds you of "someone very special" -- even if it is her grandfather -- is NOT a way to stop sexual harassment in the workplace.

Please encourage your readers to identify sexual harassment and to understand that they have legal rights. Equal Rights Advocates (ERA) provides free legal advice and information about gender discrimination concerns in employment and education, including sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, family medical leave, pay equity and retaliation for complaining about these issues. ERA's Legal Advice and Counseling Hotline can be reached at (800) 839-4372. -- IRMA D. HERRERA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR IRMA: Thank you for sharing this important resource. I predict your hotline will be inundated. And I apologize for making light of the problem. Sexual harassment isn't a laughing matter, especially to the target. Readers, ERA also has a Web site: [www.equalrights.org](http://www.equalrights.org). Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Grossed Out in Florida" asked where older men "get the idea" they can date much younger women. For the answer to that question one need only look at the nearest movie theater marquee:

Harrison Ford (61) with Michelle Pfeiffer (45), Kristin Scott Thomas (43) or Anne Heche (34) -- a 16- to 27-year age gap.

Michael Douglas (59) with Famke Janssen (38), Frances McDormand (46) or Gwyneth Paltrow (31) -- a 13- to 28-year age gap.

Steve Martin (58) with Bonnie Hunt (39), Jean Smart (44) or Helena Bonham Carter (37) -- a 14- to 21-year age gap.

All of these relationships are presented as perfectly normal. Also, consider the fuss that was made about Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton in "Something's Gotta Give." How NICE it was to see contemporaries as a love interest! In reality, Diane is nine years younger than Jack. It's no wonder these men think that young girls will be interested because, hey, if it can happen in the movies, it can happen in real life, right? -- REALITY CHECKER, GURNEE, ILL.

DEAR REALITY CHECKER: Not only can it happen in real life -- it has: Humphrey Bogart married Lauren Bacall, Michael Douglas married Catherine Zeta-Jones, Warren Beatty married Annette Bening, Kevin Costner just married Christine Baumgartner, Harrison Ford is dating Calista Flockhart. And the reverse can be true: Let's not forget Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher!

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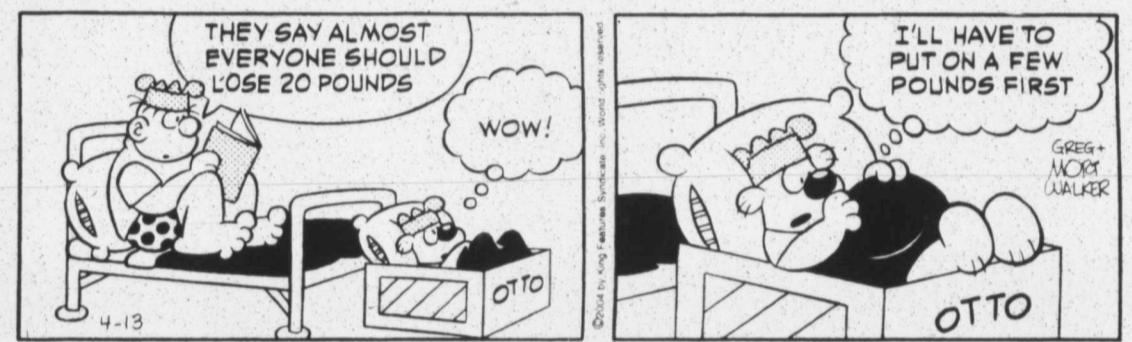
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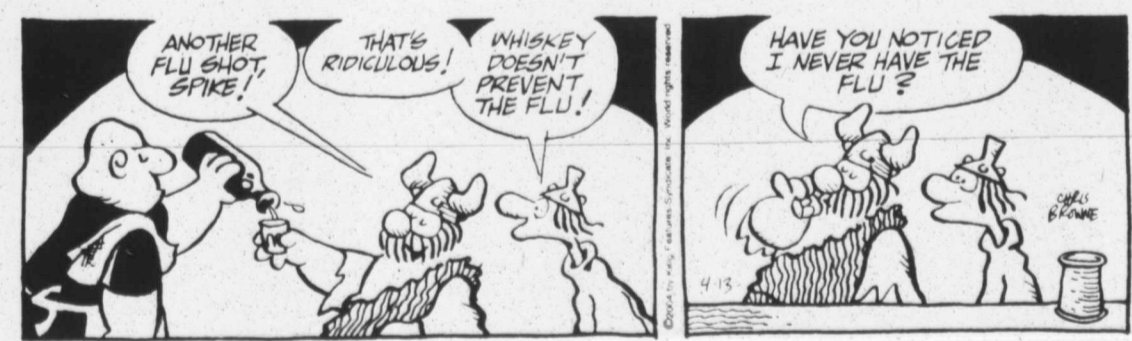
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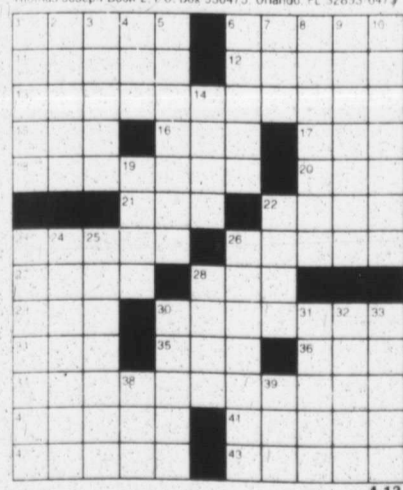
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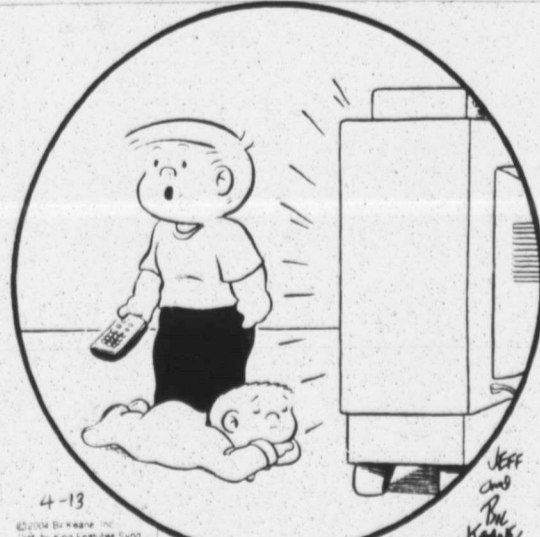
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## Mickelson now one of best players, period

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The short trip down Magnolia Lane ends with a circular drive in front of the Augusta National clubhouse, and that's where it all might finally sink it for Phil Mickelson.

Only the Masters champions are allowed upstairs in their private locker room. Everyone else enters through a side door on the ground level.

Suddenly, Mickelson's career is looking up.

Despite winning 22 times on the PGA Tour and routinely dazzling galleries with shots most guys can't even picture, Mickelson's record always carried an asterisk, if not a label: best

player to never win a major. Now, Mickelson is one of the best players, period.

All it took was a back nine Sunday that ranks among the best performances in the 68-year history of the Masters. He birdied five of the last seven holes, including an 18-foot putt on No. 18 for a one-shot victory over Ernie Els. It was only the fourth walkoff birdie to win a green jacket, and it was the most dramatic of them all.

This was John Elway finally winning the Super Bowl. It was Dale Earnhardt winning the Daytona 500.

"Having come so close so many times ... to have it be such a difficult journey to

win my first major makes it that much more special, sweeter," Mickelson said. "And it just feels awesome."

Mickelson did not have the toughest or the longest road to his first major championship.

Tom Kite was a 16-time winner with two PGA Tour money titles. He had the 54-hole lead at the '84 Masters and the '89 U.S. Open and collapsed both times, with final rounds of 75 and 78. He finally ended his 0-for-67 streak in the majors by winning at Pebble Beach in the '92 U.S. Open.

Mark O'Meara had 14 titles and was 0-for-56 in the majors until he won the '98 Masters, then added the

British Open at Royal Birkdale later that summer.

That became the pinnacle of their careers. Kite was 42, O'Meara was 41.

Mickelson turns 34 in June, approaching the prime of his career.

When he lost the 2001 PGA Championship in Atlanta by one shot to David Toms, the frustration was starting to show. Mickelson said he didn't want to win one major, but a bunch of them.

Draped in a size 43-long green jacket, still trying to sort through the raw joy of winning his first major, Mickelson wasn't ready to look too far ahead.

"Well, one isn't really a bunch, but it's a nice start,"

he said. "I hope it does lead to more, but right now I just want to cherish this one."

Tiger Woods already has eight majors, winning his first at age 21.

Els, who shot 67 and looked like the next Masters champion for the longest time Sunday, won the first of his three majors at 24.

Mickelson still has some ground to make up.

Then again, Ben Hogan was 34 when he won his first major at the 1946 PGA Championship. Despite a car accident that nearly took his life, Hogan won nine majors and was more dominant than any other professional in the majors by winning six out of eight during one stretch.

### NOTEBOOK

#### FOOTBALL

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The NCAA filed a legal brief in support of the NFL's appeal to keep former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett out of the

President Myles Brand said that college sports' largest governing body asked the federal appeals court to consider six points regarding antitrust legislation before issuing a decision. The points were not cited in the statement.

The court will hear the dispute over whether Clarett can enter the NFL draft less than a week before its April 24 start.

The NFL has asked the court to overturn a lower court ruling that said the league's rule that a player must be out of high school three years for draft eligibility violated antitrust law.

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach has agreed to a three-year contract extension, Tech officials said Monday.

Leach, who is 31-21 in four seasons at the school, will be paid more than \$1 million a year through the 2008 season.

The Red Raiders were 8-5 last season, and beat Navy in the Houston Bowl. Tech has gone to a bowl in each of Leach's four seasons.

#### TENNIS

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Fourth-seeded James Blake beat wild-card entry Wayne Odesnik 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

Third-seeded Taylor Dent took a big early lead and then fell apart, losing to Franco Squillari 0-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

Dent, ranked 35th in the world, was ahead 4-1 in the second set when the 130th-ranked Squillari rallied.

#### BASEBALL

**PAMPA** — With the help of Modern Woodmen of America's Matching Fund Program, local members of the fraternal financial services organization helped raise funds for the P.I.S boys baseball team through a brisket dinner held last month.

The dinner raised \$2,993, including \$2,500 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office. The money will be used for field and dugout improvements.

Modern Woodmen members from Pampa are part of a nationwide network of camps (chapters) that help their communities through social, educational and volunteer activities, according to Modern Woodmen camp secretary Diane Karr.

"With the Matching Fund Program, we help carry out Modern Woodmen's mission to improve quality of life for members and their communities," says Karr. "And thanks to the hard work of members nationwide, Modern Woodmen makes donations totaling more than \$5 million annually."

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The organization's Pampa camp provides a number of volunteer service and social activities for local members.

## Spurs keep Trail Blazers from making the playoffs

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — While it might be mathematically possible for the San Antonio Spurs to wind up as the top seed in the Western Conference, coach Gregg Popovich doesn't think they will.

San Antonio is a game behind rival Minnesota in the West, with one game to go at home against Denver on Wednesday. Minnesota's finale is at Memphis.

The Spurs, who eliminated the Trail Blazers from the post-season with a 78-66 victory Monday night, would win the tiebreaker and claim the Midwest Division title.

"I wouldn't expect it," Popovich said. "Minnesota has been through a lot the last five, six, seven years. They want to get someplace this year, so they are going to go into Memphis and they'll take care of business."

Even Tim Duncan, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds against the Blazers, was skeptical of finishing at the top.

"It's kind of disappointing to look back at some of the games that we lost," Duncan said. "But we're excited about how far we've come."

The Blazers, meanwhile, will miss the playoffs for the first time in 22 seasons.

The Blazers' fate was sealed by about halftime against the Spurs when the Denver Nuggets beat the Sacramento Kings 97-89 to earn the final playoff spot in the West.

The Blazers had been to the playoffs for the past 21 seasons, a mark that was the longest active streak in the NBA and one short of the league record. Portland not only needed to beat San Antonio, but also needed losses by the Jazz and the Nuggets.

The Blazers host the Lakers in their finale Wednesday.

"Looking back, there are

several games I'd like to take back," coach Maurice Cheeks said. "But we'll practice tomorrow and get ready for the last one. What we'll do is practice and have a little fun."

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 22 points.

Zach Randolph had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Blazers. As the final quarter wound down, Portland guard Derek Anderson put his arm around forward Ruben Patterson, whose face was buried in his hands.

"It hurts," Patterson said.

Portland shot a season-low 30.8 percent from the floor and trailed by as many as 21 points as team owner Paul Allen watched sternly from his court-side seat. Their 66 points was the fewest they've scored this season.

The Blazers were rattled by Saturday's 110-100 overtime loss at Denver, which they complained could have gone the other way if Earl Boykins had been called for fouling Damon Stoudamire with 2.3 seconds left in regulation.

Anderson missed his first two shots, both 3-point attempts, and San Antonio went up 18-8 on Hedo Turkoglu's hook shot.

Stoudamire's 3-pointer narrowed it to 27-22, but the Spurs responded with six unanswered points and pulled ahead 37-25 at halftime.

"Every streak has to come to an end," Anderson said.

**Notes:** The scores of the Utah and Denver games weren't shown on the scoreboard within the Rose Garden during the game. Cheeks and most of the players said they didn't know the Nuggets had won until after the left the court Monday night. ... The Blazers' 25 first-half points were their fewest this season. The franchise low for a first half is 24 points. ... Utah's second-best current streak of 20 straight playoff appearances also was snapped.

## Pampa Boxing Club members win at Golden Gloves Tournament



Mercedes Larrazolo shows her Golden Gloves championship trophy.

LUBBOCK — Jose Nunez, Jose Larrazolo and Mercedes Larrazolo of the Pampa Boxing Club brought back championship trophies from last weekend's Golden Gloves Tournament. Each boxer fought and won one match each. Mercedes has been a licensed boxer for the past years, but hadn't been able to get a match. She won the 80-pound class.

Pampa boxers who didn't get matched up were Karim Molinar, Damien Flores and Juan Recendiz Rios.

The next tournament the boxers may compete in will be April 24 in Wichita, Kan.

The new Pampa Boxing Club would like to thank all the businesses and people who helped out the club in any way. The club would like to extend a special thanks to school administrator John Kendall for letting the boxers use the old Baker Elementary School.

"He (Kendall) has contributed greatly to the accomplishments that the club has made," said Pampa coach Lupe Larrazolo. "The club thanks him for helping the kids achieve their goals of making it to Golden Gloves."

Coach Larrazolo also said the club is proud of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa's accomplishments at the recent Golden Gloves Tournament, and wishes them luck at all future competitions.

### PAMPA BOWLING ROUNDP

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## Stars bounce back to beat Avalanche in overtime

DALLAS (AP) — Two games and 2 1/2 periods into their first-round matchup, the Colorado Avalanche seemed to be toying with the Dallas Stars.

Then things turned serious for Colorado. And the Avalanche couldn't respond.

Philippe Boucher scored the tying goal with 4:27 left in regulation, then Steve Ott won it with a breakaway goal off a neutral-zone steal 2:11 into overtime, giving Dallas a 4-3 victory Monday night that revives the Stars' chances in the series.

"It's a great feeling, but it's only one game," said Scott Young, who began Dallas' rally with a power-play goal with

two seconds left in the second period. "We couldn't afford to lose this game."

A loss would have left the Stars facing a 3-0 series deficit, which has led to elimination for every team since 1975. Now they've got a chance to tie the series in Game 4 on Wednesday night. It's in Dallas, where the Stars have lost only one of their last 20 games.

Colorado won the first two games by a combined score of 8-3, with the outcome of both never in doubt. The Avalanche again had a two-goal cushion, leading 3-1 until Young's goal.

"That goal was frustrating, it gave them life," Colorado center Chris Gratton said. "It got

the fans back into it. The building was jumping and it gave them the momentum right back."

Still, Colorado goaltender David Aebischer kept it 3-2 for much of the third period and the Avs were less than five minutes from another victory.

Dallas goaltender Marty Turco also helped keep things tight, primarily by making a glove save on a point-blank shot by Rob Blake seven minutes into the third period.

"It was my opportunity to step up," said Turco, who had 14 saves, just three in the third period and overtime. "It was one-on-one. I like to think I thrive in those situations."

Aebischer, who made 28 saves, lost for the first time in his playoff career. How Patrick Roy's replacement responds to allowing the two late goals could be a key to the rest of this series.

### Herd wins girls district golf title

HEREFORD — Hereford and Randall finished first and second in the weather-shortened final round of the District 3-4A Girls Tournament Monday at John Pitman Golf Course.

Both Hereford and Randall qualified for the Region 1-4A Tournament.

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**Pampa scores:** Carissa Snelgroves 47-237; Krissy Holman 54-242; Stacy Pepper 64-283; Telissa Sealy 66-284; Brittany Taylor 58-269.

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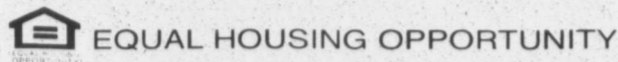
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 You find that you alternate between an assertive stance and a more empathetic approach. Not knowing what really works for you, experiment some. Take your time if you are unsure of yourself, learning to mix in your developing new style. Co-workers, friends and loved ones are each individuals responding in different ways. Work remains a high priority this year. A pay raise or promotion waxes to you if you are giving 100 percent. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish with more nurturing. Take a massage class together. Add a touch more socializing in 2005. Do more of what your mate likes. If you are single, late 2004 and the beginning of 2005 offer many choices. Others are drawn to you like you are a magnet. PISCES makes a good healer for you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 \*\*\* Aim for more of what you want during the daylight hours, when success will greet you. Groups will be instrumental. Take your time with a friend and thank him or her for an uncalld-for gesture. You pull back later today and do some soul searching. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Stay on top of work. You easily could be distracted by a child or loved one. You present yourself unusually well right now, especially in the afternoon. A meeting will prove to be significant if you stay focused. Tonight: Where the gang is.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Stay on top of news and infor-

mation. Reach out for those at a distance. Find an expert if need be. Follow an instinct to take charge and be in a leadership position. Others respond to your ideas and directions. Tonight: Count on it being a late night.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You find that a loved one will give you a new sense of direction if you let him or her in the door. Openly discuss what might be on your mind, even with business associates. You'll find solutions as a result. Tonight: Watch a movie.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Work with others, as they won't leave you alone anyway. Though you might prefer to get more done, you are working with an open-door policy. Later in the day, by talking to one person at a time, you'll accomplish much more. Tonight: Togetherness works.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Learn to pace yourself, as you could easily throw your energy into one project, falling into exhaustion. What happens could take you to a new realm if you listen to suggestions. By the afternoon, you cannot effectively close your door. Others seek you out. Follow through on what you want. Tonight: Join a co-worker for a nibble or two.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Examine what is happening within a key group around you. Brainstorm to your heart's content, because creativity will spring from this type of exchange. Another lets you know how much he or she cares. Pace yourself. Tonight: Play it easy.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You are coming from an anchored point of view. Be playful and direct in your dealings with a co-worker. This person might have strong feelings for you. Your sensuality and flirta-

tionous merge in a way that many cannot resist. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You say what you feel, but you might not be ready for the return comment. Someone close could be eyeing you, wanting to be closer. Be careful with this person's feelings. Trouble could come out of your friendly ways. Tonight: head home.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Investigate possibilities more carefully than you have in prior years. A friend or loved one might have a moneymaking suggestion, but still get your facts straight. Schedule a discussion for late in the afternoon. Others are responsive. Tonight: Dinner out.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Handling you is like having a tiger by its tail. Fortunately, a loved one or admirer enjoys your vital energy and taming you. Realize how expenses could be getting out of whack. Think before leaping in, if you can. Tonight: Keep on smiling.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Slow down in the morning, especially if something feels a bit off to you. Later in the day, you discover what is really going on. Express what is on your mind, mid-afternoon, when the planets cheer you on. Tonight: What would make you happy?  
**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Julie Christie (1941), singer Loretta Lynn (1935), baseball player Pete Rose (1941)  
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**AXYDLBAAXR** is **LONGFELLOW**  
 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.  
**4-13 CRYPTOQUOTE**  
 I B F Y F E Y F I R G R E P A G L  
 A T Y F E M S C D V S D B I I G  
 Z F I B Q E C M V F G Y I B F  
 N S Y Y G Y I B E I Y F L V F Q I A S I  
 — F M S I B R B E Y I G C  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LOOKING BACK. I HAVE THIS TO REGRET, THAT TOO OFTEN WHEN I LOVED, I DID NOT SAY SO. — DAVID GRAYSON**

**115 Trailer Parks**  
 TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

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 Doug Boyd Motor Co. "On The Spot Financing" 821 W. Wilks 669-6062  
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 Call 835-2773  
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 17 ft Bass boat, 115 hp Mercury outboard, Dilly trailer, depth finder, life vests, skis, current tags. 665-7657 after 6 p.m.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

# Kid Scoop.com

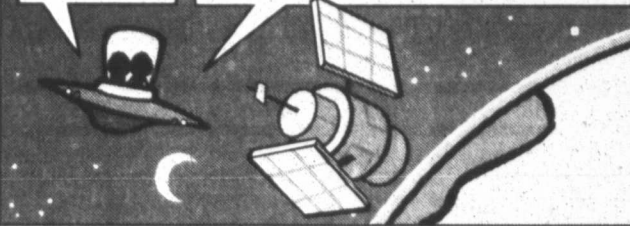
## This Week: Ozone

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Use the code to find the missing words.

What's that thing, Zeff?

That's a Earthling scientists use them to take special pictures of the earth's atmosphere.

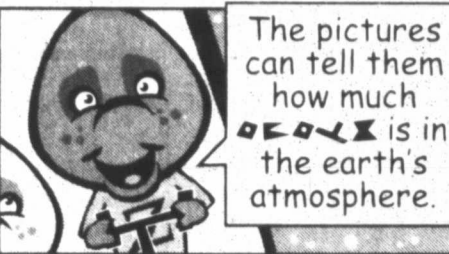
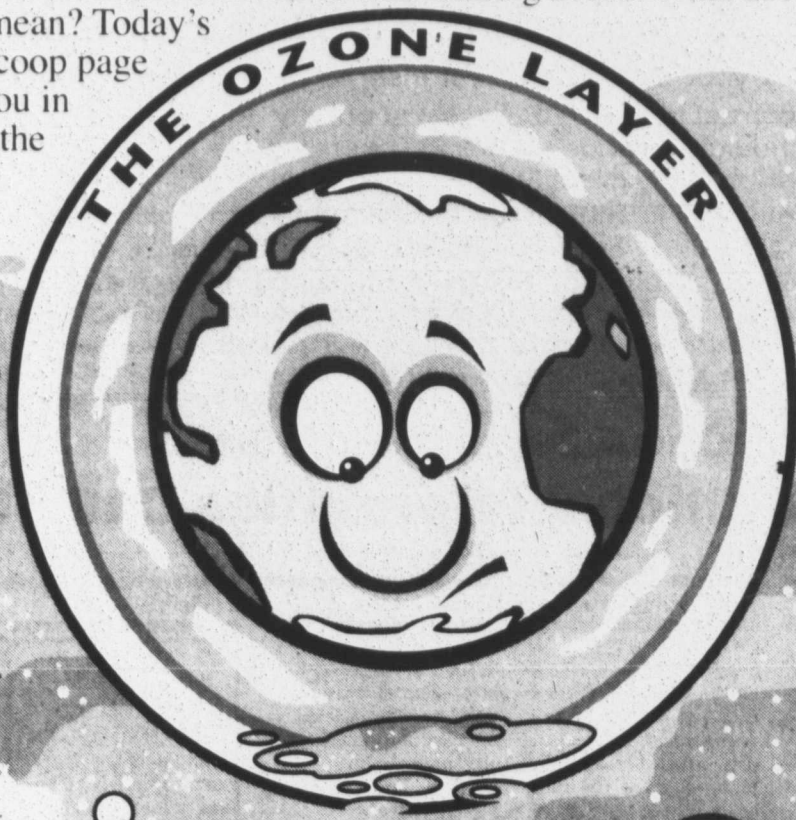


**Q: What's the ozone?**

**A:** The ozone is a layer of the atmosphere that blocks ultra-violet sun rays from making it to the surface of the earth.

# There's a Hole in the Sky!

Scientists have discovered that there is a hole in the ozone located over Antarctica and its surrounding ocean. What does it all mean? Today's Kid Scoop page fills you in about the ozone hole.



The pictures can tell them how much is in the earth's atmosphere.

**Q: How did the ozone hole form?**

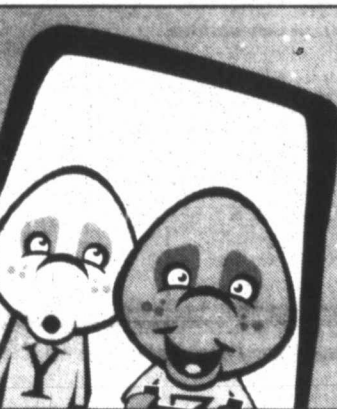
**A:** During the Antarctic winter, sunlight causes chemical reactions in the cold air trapped over the South Pole.



Over , the pictures show what looks like a .

Man-made chemicals called **chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)** and **halons** are contributing to the hole in the ozone layer. These chemicals, in sunlight, attack and destroy ozone.

CFCs are used in aerosol sprays, refrigerators, air conditioners and other products.



The '' is actually a place where there is so little ozone that pictures can't detect any.

### CODE

	= A		= N
	= C		= O
	= E		= R
	= H		= S
	= I		= T
	= L		= Z

### Holes in the Story

Quick! Fill up the holes in the story using the words below.

plankton big sunscreen survive planet kills cancer

### Too Many Rays

Ultra-violet rays can cause skin . People with all skin types need to wear even if they don't live in Antarctica. Our atmosphere has lost ozone all around the . Most of the loss is over Antarctica, but there is some loss just about everywhere.

Too much ultra-violet radiation also small plants and animals, such as Larger animals need to eat the small plants and animals to . So if the little guys go, the big animals will have trouble surviving. Scientists warn us that too much ultra-violet radiation can cause some really problems.

**Standards Links:** Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer in absorbing ultra-violet radiation. Reading Comprehension: Students use context to understand the meaning of words and sentences.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Ode to Air

Our Earth needs air  
oxygen is very helpful  
You need it to live  
Garden plants reproduce air  
from carbon dioxide  
Even if you can't see it, it is  
always there  
Never fear, air is here!

Walker,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

My candle had a flame,  
With a match I lit it there.  
I put a jar on top, it died.  
Because it used up all the air.

Francisco,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

If we did not breathe, we  
would be knocked out in the  
first three minutes. In the next  
two, you would die.

Christopher,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

I think it is important to keep  
the rain forest the way it is  
because we need oxygen, and  
that is where it comes from.  
Don't cut trees; they are  
homes to animals.

Jordan,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Oh air, you blow my hair.  
Air like a scary bear.  
You taste like a delicious pear  
With your sweetness in the air.  
For you are my refreshing air.

Selena,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Air helps everything live. Air  
carries smell. Air carries sound  
for us to hear. Air makes  
waves to surf. Air helps planes  
fly. Air pushes rain clouds  
away so the sun comes out.

Jordan,  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Air: All humans and animals  
need it to live and to survive.  
It helps our fields and plants  
grow. Without air, we would  
quickly perish away. Also,  
trees would die if we didn't  
have air.

Jeremy,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

If I did not have air it would  
be like standing there, holding  
your breath, waiting for your  
lungs to explode.

Kyndal,  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

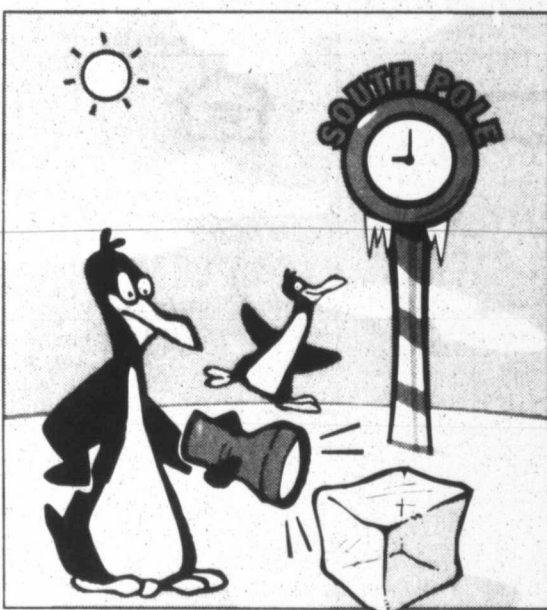
Air is important in many  
ways. It can help us breathe. If  
we die, it isn't going to be a  
nice sight. I'm also too young  
to die.

Ethan,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Q: Will the ultra-violet rays melt the Antarctica ice cap?**

**A:** No. Our sun sends out different kinds of rays. Some rays are heat rays and others, like ultra-violet, are light rays. Light alone can't melt ice.

**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer and the way in which it varies both naturally and in response to human activities.



Find the differences in these two pictures.

**Standards Link:** Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Extra! Extra! Clean Air Bumper Sticker

Look through the newspaper for words you could use to write a clean air message on a bumper sticker.

**Standards Links:** Sentence Structure: Understand and be able to use complete sentences in writing.

## The Good News!

In 1987, representatives of countries from around the world met in Montreal, Canada, and made an agreement to stop using chemicals that cause ozone to disappear from our atmosphere. The agreement, called the Montreal Protocol, seems to be working. Ozone is not disappearing as fast as it was 15 years ago.

To find out what year scientists think that the atmosphere will have all of its ozone back, color all the odd-numbered squares **blue** and the even-numbered squares **orange**.

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**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer and the way in which this layer varies in response to human activities.

## Double Double Word Search

RAYS  
ATMOSPHERE  
AEROSOL  
OZONE  
LAYER  
EARTH  
SCIENTISTS  
POLE  
HOLE  
SUN  
COLD  
SKY  
LIGHT  
CAP  
HEAT

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

Z	R	V	O	P	H	E	A	T	S
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E	N	R	Y	E	O	O	O	I	R
O	L	Z	A	J	N	D	N	G	E
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A	W	C	Z	P	A	C	Y	U	L
S	T	S	I	T	N	E	I	C	S

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

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Focus on the Air

Look through the newspaper for articles that mention the air or the environment. Write a paragraph that summarizes one of the articles.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write summaries that contain the main ideas of the reading selection and the most significant details.



# What is the dirtiest word in the world?

ANSWER: Pollution!

## Write On!

### Best Book of the Summer

Summertime is also reading time! What book do you recommend other kids read this summer?

**Deadline:** May 9, 2004  
**Published:** Week of June 6, 2004  
Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade.