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## Short pronghorn season worrisome

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

DALHART -- As the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department prepares to fly its aerial pronghorn antelope surveys in advance of issuing hunting permits for next fall, a Pampa outfitter said ranchers in the eastern Panhandle are losing out on revenue because of the short pronghorn season.

Cal Ferguson, a Pampa outfitter, said he would like to see the nine-day hunting season in late September and early October extended to an 18-day season.

He said the number of permits controls the number of pronghorn taken, but he said he's being approached by landowners who already have permits for hunters but don't have the time to organize hunts.

Ferguson said he hasn't got the time during a nine-day season to help them all and has to turn down business because of the time con-

straints.

"I have landowners calling me, trying to get me to take their permits," Ferguson said. "I'm having to turn away 10 or 15 a year that I could find hunters for and have the capability of running those hunts. I just don't have the time."

Since the hunts are on a permit basis, Ferguson said it wouldn't affect the number of animals killed, but not being able to get hunters out into the field is costing landowners income.

"Some of these landowners are missing out on \$5,000," Ferguson said.

At a meeting here Thursday concerning pronghorn antelope, a Texas Parks and Wildlife official danced around Ferguson's question.

"One of the reasons we've kept the season so short is the high success rate we have with harvests," said Danny Sweptson, a district

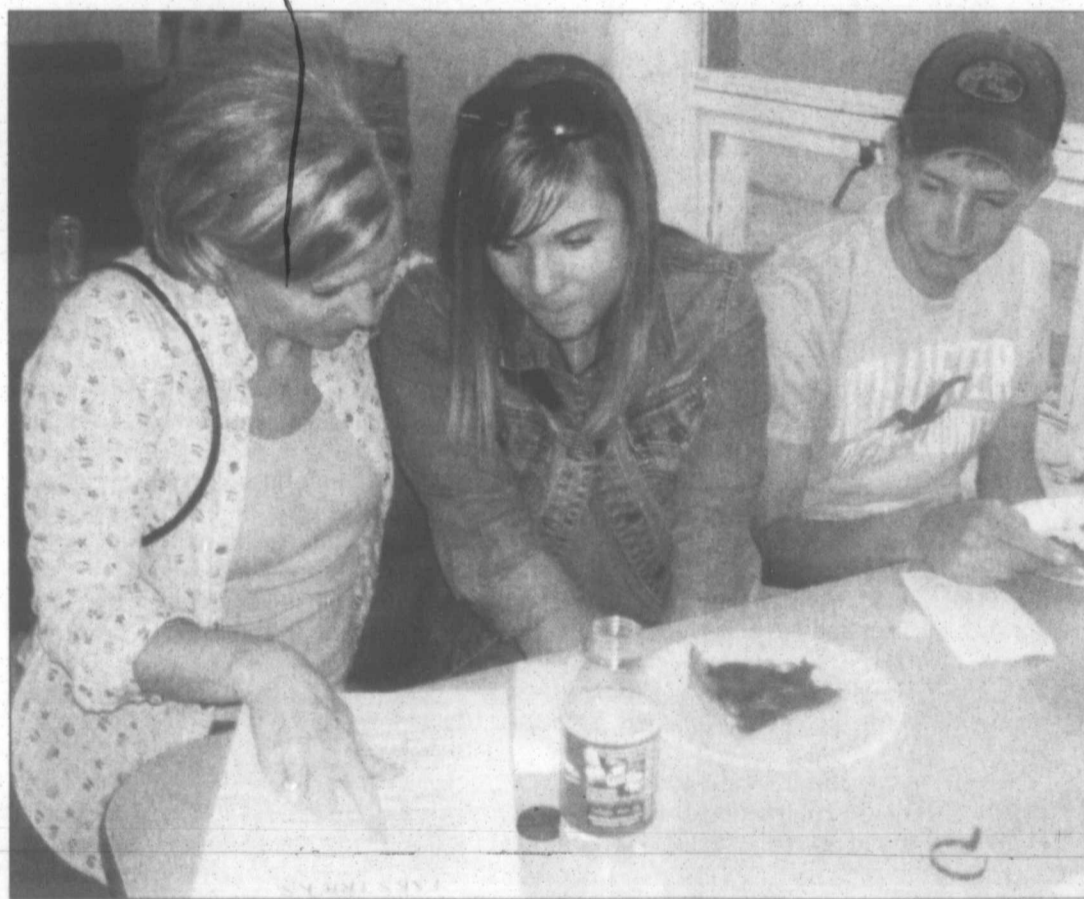
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## Reflective moment



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
The reflection of a pumpjack at Recreation Park testifies to the severe weather and heavy rains Pampa had over the weekend.

## Pizza and TAKS



Courtesy Photo

English teacher Lee Ann Ammons and juniors Lacy Loving and Brody Russell go over last minute TAKS tips at the TAKS Blitz Pizza Party held at the high school last week. The event was considered a success since 71 people attended.

## Meals on Wheels annual walk scheduled on May 4

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Pampa Meals on Wheels hopes to attract many walkers, whether teams or individuals, for their second annual "March for Meals in May" fundraiser on May 4 at Recreation Park.

The money raised will be used by the Meals on Wheels organization to help deliver meals to elderly or home bound people.

Those wishing to walk need to fill out an entry form and either drop it off or mail it in and list the names and telephone numbers of those participating. T-shirt sizes for everyone and the total amount of entry fee that is enclosed.

Over the next few weeks, walkers need to get set donation amounts or pledges per lap walked from family, friends or businesses.

The event will be from 5 - 8 p.m., but it is a come-and-go event so participants can come and walk any time during those three hours. The cost to enter is \$10 per person and the first 100 entrants receive a free T-shirt.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a free meal of chili dogs, chips, cookies and cold drinks that evening. Medals will be given to teams that walk the

farthest and also the team that brings in the most pledges.

Entry forms with above mentioned information can be dropped off at the Meals on Wheels office between 8 a.m. and noon at 302 E. Foster or mailed to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066.

For more information, call Pampa Meals on Wheels at 669-1007.

## NWS details twisters in area on April 21

The National Weather Service in Amarillo has issued preliminary storm survey results for the tornadoes April 21, 2007.

**TORNADO #1:** Channing tornado, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph), 18 miles long, 1/2 mile wide, began at 6:51 p.m., ended at 7:27 p.m., no fatalities, no injuries.

The tornado originated in northeast Oldham County about four miles west of Boys Ranch and moved north northeast. The tornado crossed highway 385 at the Oldham-Hartley county line, crossed highway 354 two miles east of Channing and finally dissipated across extreme eastern Hartley County about one mile south of Highway 87. Numerous power poles, fences and a few highway signs sustained damage.

**TORNADO #2:** Cactus tornado, rated EF-2 (maxi-

mum winds 110-137 mph, 25 miles long, 3/4 mile wide, began at 7:15 p.m., ended at 7:50 p.m., no fatalities, 14 injuries.

This tornado was a very strong and wide EF-2 tornado with maximum winds estimated to be around 130-135 mph. Evidence suggests that the tornado was about 3/4 of a mile wide as it passed through Cactus. The most significant damage occurred across the northwest half of Cactus, but most homes and businesses received some damage as a result of this tornado. It is estimated that at least 10 mobile homes were demolished and many more left uninhabitable. Residents and local officials report that many residents were well warned and left their mobile homes for more substantial shelter that likely kept casu-

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South-southeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 71. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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**COAST GUARD**

**Cadet appeals sex charge conviction**

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)— A former Coast Guard Academy cadet convicted of sex charges in a military trial has filed an appeal, claiming that several errors were made during his court-martial last summer. Among the key points in the appeal filed April 13 is a claim that a key witness, a female cadet, had previously falsely claimed sexual assault against a Coast Guard enlisted man to avoid discipline.

Webster M. Smith, of Houston, was the first student court-martialed in the academy's 130-year history. The case involved four female cadets, but the jury acquitted Smith of sexual misconduct charges, including rape, involving three of them. The primary charges on which he was convicted stemmed from a series of sexual encounters with a classmate in her dorm room last October.

She said she was too afraid to protest because she feared Smith would reveal a secret, described in Smith's trial as a crime that could have jeopardized her Coast Guard career.

Smith, who testified in his own defense, acknowledged that they took naked pictures of each other, gave each other massages and had oral sex that night. But he said it was all consensual.

The appeal claims Smith's lawyers weren't allowed to question or cross examine the female cadet about the allegedly false sexual assault accusation, according to documents.

Limiting cross-examination, the appeal says, denied Smith his constitutional right of confronting his accusers, "of showing, through cross-examination, that (the female cadet) had lied before under similar circumstances and that she had a motive (indeed the same motive) to lie again."

*Emergency Services*

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Nineteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests. One arrest was made at the intersection of 23rd and Aspen streets for no driver's license.

A traffic complaint was received in the police department lobby.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of South Cuyler, the 200 block of North Nelson, the 500 block of North Nelson, the 900 block of Twiford, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 900 block of West Wilks, the 600 block of North Christy, the 600 block of North Banks, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the 900 block of South Nelson and the 1300 block of East Francis.

Lost property was reported from a complainant in Lubbock.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

A welfare check was made at One Medical Plaza.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 2500 block of Charles and the 400 block of West Crawford.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of Beryl.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60 and the intersection of

Harvester and Doucette streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Rosewood.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

Improper photographing or visual recording was reported on two occasions in the 500 block of North Somerville.

A sexual offense was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Credit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart, the 1800 block of North Zimmers, twice in the police department lobby, the 200 block of West 28th, and the 300 block of Tignor, where a cell phone valued at \$29 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of Lefors. A window was broken and a bottle of Crown Royal, a surround sound system, 45 Xbox games and money were taken. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$2,570.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville. Two window screens were damaged and a hand gun and .22 double barrel rifle were taken. Estimated cost of damage and loss is \$876.

**Sheriff**

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

**Monday, April 23**

Dillon Thomas Downs, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of South Cuyler by Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jose Guadalupe Nava, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Aspen by PPD for no valid driver's license.

Emmeual Eugene Wine, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bench warrant.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, April 23**

5:41 p.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 2500 block of Charles on a vehicle fire.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, April 23**

1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Senate panel approves cap on automatic admissions**

AUSTIN (AP)— A Senate panel has signed off on a measure to cap the number of students automatically admitted to Texas universities under the state's top 10 percent law.

The Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education on Monday approved Senate Bill 101, which would cap admissions under the top 10 percent rule at 50 percent of the freshman class.

"This is a bill, not about repealing the top 10 percent rule, but a bill about allowing universities flexibility," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, the bill's author.

But Sen. Royce West, a longtime opponent of altering the law, said he has at least 11 votes to block the bill from a Senate debate, which it would need to become law.

"If everyone who says they want to keep the top 10 percent rule the way it is sticks, then we have the votes right now to block the bill," said West, D-Dallas.

The proposal would take effect starting in the 2008-2009 school year. Lawmakers said the change could mean that students wanting to go the University of Texas at Austin would

need to graduate in the top 7 percent of their high school class.

The top 10 percent law was adopted 10 years ago after a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decision-making factors.

The bill would have affected only UT-Austin this year, which admitted 71 percent of its freshman class under the top 10 percent law.

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Contractor Louis Austin from One Stop Flooring lays new tile today in the public area of the Chamber of Commerce building after the carpet was removed.

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## Attorney arrested on solicitation

QUANAH -- A government attorney from the Dallas area was free on bond today after being arrested last week here on charges of online solicitation of a minor.

David Kurt Warner, an attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Carrollton, was free today on \$100,000 bond after being arrested in Quanah shortly after noon Thursday by Texas Rangers, Hardeman County Sheriff's deputies and the Texas Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Theft Service on charges of online solicitation of a minor. Online solicitation of a minor is a third degree felony.

Warner was booked into the Hardeman County jail and bond was set at \$100,000.

According to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne with the Texas Department of Public Safety, law enforcement officers launched an investigation after being contacted by a volunteer group called

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Hawthorne said Warner apparently traveled from the Dallas area to Quanah

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## Season

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wildlife biologist leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "In some of our units, we get 100 percent, perfect utilization already."

Swepton estimated the average success over the past decade at 60 percent. He said about 35 percent of those getting permits don't hunt.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist said that over the years, the hunting season has been lengthened. At one time, he said, it was

only two days.

Swepton said there have not been any discussions about lengthening the season. He said that if the season was lengthened in the Panhandle, it would have to be lengthened statewide.

There is also the question of landowners not wanting hunters on their properties any longer than necessary.

"There's some folks, I've been told," Swepton grinned, "that would just as soon the hunters send their checks and not show up."

The pronghorn is becoming a more popular game animal in the Texas Panhandle. Bo Adkins, a Texas Parks and Wildlife official out of Dumas, said

last year he issued 306 hunting permits. This year, he said he would probably top that number by 40.

Actually, said Ken Cearley, a wildlife biologist with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, calling the pronghorn an antelope is technically incorrect.

"Antelope come from Asia and Africa," Cearley said. "A pronghorn is the only member of its family. It's a very unique species."

It's unique to North America.

"Somewhere, somebody down the line thought they resembled an antelope and started calling them that," Cearley said, "but actually as far as taxonomy is con-

cerned, they had to create a family just for pronghorn, and they're the only member, the only genus in it."

Historians have made estimates about the great bison herds of the Great Plains in centuries past, Swepton said, but no one has ever estimated the number of pronghorn.

"Probably, they outnumbered the bison something like three to one," Swepton said. "You're talking about millions of animals."

Today, about 25 percent of the pronghorn in the state are in the Panhandle and about 70 percent of them are in the Trans-Pecos area.

## Storms

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alties to a minimum.

The tornado originated in extreme western Moore County about five miles south of Highway 87. The tornado moved north northeast and moved through Cactus at approximately 7:42 p.m. The tornado continued north northeast and dissipated in Sherman County about five miles north of Cactus.

**TORNADO #3:** East of Sunray tornado, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph) nine miles long, 3/4 mile wide, began at 8:35 p.m., ended at 8:50 p.m. No fatalities, no injuries.

The tornado began about four miles east of Sunday and moved north into Sherman County. Empty rail cars were overturned and a barn was destroyed along with roof damage to several hog barns. Maximum winds were likely around 100 mph.

**TORNADO #4:** Valero refinery tornado, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph) two miles long, 4 mile wide, began at 8:59 p.m., ended at 9:02 p.m. No fatalities, no injuries.

This tornado occurred near the Valero McKee Refinery located six miles southwest of Sunray. The tornado was rated a strong EF-1 with winds approaching 110 mph. Double wooden power poles were snapped near their bases. The tornado resulted in minor damage to the southeast property of the refinery.

**TORNADO #5:** South of Sunray tornado, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph, seven miles long, 1/4 mile wide, began at 8:45 p.m. and ended at 9 p.m. No fatalities, no injuries.

This tornado was rated a strong EF-1. It began about four miles east of Dumas and moved northeast and likely dissipated about four miles south of Sunray.

Minor damage was reported at Texas Beef Feed Yard. Double wooden power poles were snapped near their bases.

**TORNADO #6:** Fourway tornado, 12 miles south of Dumas, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph, two miles long, 4 mile wide, began at 7:50 p.m., ended at 7:55 p.m. No fatalities, no injuries.

The tornado developed approximately one to two miles south of FM 1913 about three miles east of Fourway and likely dissipated a mile or two north of FM 1913. Visible damage was limited to five single power poles snapped, fence downed and large round hay bales tossed around.

**TORNADO #7:** Southeast Randall County, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph, 10 miles long, 1/2 mile wide, began at 9 p.m., ended at 9:15 p.m. No fatalities, no injuries.

The tornado occurred in the extreme southeast corner of Randall County about 10 miles due south of Palo Duro State Park. Damage occurred to farm structures and power poles. One horse was killed as a result of the tornado. This was yet another high end EF-1 tornado. It dissipated somewhere in Palo Duro Canyon in Armstrong County.

**TORNADO #8:** Wayside tornado, rated EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph), two miles long, 1/4 mile wide, began at 8:32 p.m., ended at 8:36 p.m. No injuries, no fatalities.

Tornado occurred about two miles south of Wayside in Armstrong County. Known damage limited to power poles. The public reported seeing the tornado drop into Palo Duro Canyon.

**TORNADO #9:** Gray County tornado, EF-1 (maximum winds 86-109 mph), 10 miles long, 50 yards wide, began at 9:50 p.m., ended at 10:10 p.m. No injuries, no fatalities.

The tornado began in extreme southwest Gray County about one mile north of Interstate 40 and 1/2 mile west of the Carson County line. The tornado moved north northeast and caused considerable damage to a homestead where a home lost part of its roof. A couple rode out the storm inside the home but were not injured. Several storage and outbuildings were destroyed. Several power poles were downed along its path.

**TORNADO #10:** Northeast Armstrong County tornado rated EF-0 (maximum winds 65-85 mph, two miles long, 50 yards wide, began at 9:40 p.m., ended at 9:45 p.m. No injuries, no fatalities.

The tornado formed in extreme northeast Armstrong County and remained over open country. This was the same storm that produced the above-mentioned tornado in Gray County.

**TORNADO #11:** Eastern Carson County tornado, rated EF-2 (maximum winds 110-137 mph) 11 miles long, 1/4 mile wide, began at 9:35 p.m. ended at 10:10 p.m. No injuries, no fatalities.

The tornado started over open country in extreme northern Armstrong County and moved north northeast into eastern Carson County where it stayed on the ground for about 10 miles. The tornado plowed through a storage area for tractors and other farm equipment. Tractors, turbines, vehicles and cotton presser boxcars similar to railroad cars were moved and thrown about in the tornado for considerable distances. Power poles were also damaged.

*Disclaimer: Information entailed in this report is preliminary. Times are approximated. It is possible that additional tornadoes could be added or information updated as more information is obtained during the next several days.*

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# Viewpoints

## Spring brings annual cleaning ritual ...

Spring is a time of renewal, of freshness and a sense of a new beginning, almost as though the New Year really begins in April instead of January.

One dreaded spring ritual, however, involves not the new but the old. Old dust, old cobwebs, old items you forgot you even had.

Spring cleaning is/ an annual ritual that might be best listed as a hopeful New Year's resolution -- many intend to do it, but when the time comes, there are so many more pleasurable things to do that the deep, intense cleaning planned for this time of year is forgotten or shoved aside.

I can understand the theory of spring cleaning. The world becomes fresh and

clean again with renewed life and kinder temperatures. Why not make the inside of your home as spotless and clean-smelling as the great outdoors seems to be?

The problem with this idea is that no one is inclined to spend all their time indoors choking on clouds of last winter's dust when warm breezes and sunny skies beckon.

Besides, who wants to pole vault through a landscape of boxes and odd-shaped items freshly dragged from the closet when there are so many opportunities to do something else?

This year, I decided that come what may, I was going to observe the spring cleaning ritual and bewilder

myself with strange things that I have no idea why I saved, much less remember saving, while chasing dust bunnies and stale odors around the room.

I opened the first closet with a sense of virtue and a determination to make

**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer



everything spotless. I stared at the ceiling-high tower of boxes, bags, fishing equipment, and assorted mystery items and decided to tread softly until I got the closet at least half emptied, for fear that any sudden jarring would send the whole pile down atop my defenseless head.

Next came an unaccustomed workout during which I repeatedly climbed onto a step stool, reached for a perilously balanced box, shifted it forward to loom threateningly above, then took the whole weight of the box off

the stack as I stepped down to the floor. Bending forward, I put the dusty carton on the floor out of my pathway.

As I worked my way down the tower of things, different muscles came into play and I finally reached a level that did not require climbing ability. A good thing, too, because my shak-

ing calf muscles were screaming in protest at this unaccustomed exercise.

I did have one or two UFOs, or unidentified falling objects, land with a thump, but fortunately they were not breakable.

I got the closet unloaded, and discovered that a tightly configured stack of items will spread out to cover the entire floor, no matter how large the room or how small the stack.

It's time to admit to the full scope of my ambition, which is to not only do a thorough spring cleaning but to sort out items to put in a garage sale and thus make room and money for other stuff I'll shove in a closet and forget about six months from the day I got them.

I started emptying a box, sorting with care, and putting items chosen for the garage sale in a different box. At first, it was hard to put anything in the garage sale box, but I reminded myself that I didn't want to have to put all those things back in the closet.

My good intentions started to meet stiff resistance as I found more and more things that had sentimental or practical value of some sort. Next, I lost track of which was the "keep" box and which was the "sell" box.

I finally got the bright idea to label the two boxes. I finished with the first box, only to make the mistake of look-

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2007. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

On this date:

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise" was composed by Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

*'The door to the past is a strange door. It swings open and things pass through it, but they pass in one direction only. No man can return across that threshold, though he can look down still and see the green light waver in the water weeds.'*

— Loren Eiseley  
American anthropologist  
(1907-1977)

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire began the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a week-long occupation of

several campus buildings.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis, the Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris at age 89.

Ten years ago: The prosecution and defense presented opening statements in the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Timothy McVeigh. The Senate voted 74-26 to approve the chemical weapons treaty, five days before the pact was to take effect. Comedian Pat Paulsen died in Mexico at age 69.

Five years ago: After an extraordinary meeting at the Vatican sparked by a sex abuse scandal, American Roman Catholic leaders agreed to make it easier to remove priests who were guilty of sexually abusing minors.



## Critical thinking key to surviving propaganda

So many Americans graduate high school and college having learned what to think as opposed to acquiring the tools of critical, independent thinking. Likewise, they have learned little about our nation's history. As such, they fall prey to the rhetoric of political charlatans and quacks. Let's look at a couple of examples.

One of the arguments against international trade is that companies such as Nike and Gap Inc. exploit workers in Third World countries by paying them wages far lower than those that prevail in the U.S. and other developed nations. Are the workers being exploited? It all depends on how you answer the following question: If someone comes along and offers you an opportunity superior to any other that you have, is "exploitation" an appropriate term to describe that offer?

Put more concretely, if a U.S. company pays a Cambodian \$3 a day, when his next best opportunity — digging through trash at a nasty dump — yields 75-cents a day, has that company made him worse off or better off? If your answer is "better off," how can "exploitation" be an appropriate term to describe the transaction?

You say, "It's exploitation because the worker should have been paid more." I think George Mason University should pay me more. Is it appropriate to use the term "exploitation" to describe my relationship with George Mason University?

Now let's turn to history. Dr. Condoleezza Rice said,

in an October 2003 speech to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, "When the Founding Fathers said 'We the People,' they did not mean me. My ancestors were considered three-fifths of a person."

Though not Dr. Rice's intention, this common misunderstanding of history is often used to discredit the great men who founded our nation — without telling the whole story.

The Founding Fathers struggled over the issue of slavery. George Washington, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Jay, Patrick Henry and others were highly critical of slavery, describing it as a "lamentable evil," "disease of ignorance,"

"oppressive dominion" and "an inconsistency not to be excused."

The delegates at the 1787 Philadelphia Constitutional Convention had to negotiate many contentious deal-breaking issues. Slavery was one of those issues. The Southern states made it clear that they wouldn't vote to ratify the Constitution if it abolished slavery or ended the slave trade. Delegates from slave states wanted slaves counted as whole persons for the purposes of determining representation in Congress. That would have given the South greater political power.

Delegate James Wilson offered a compromise whereby slaves would be counted as three-fifths of a person for the purposes of determining the number of representatives a state had in

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**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

**■ April 16**  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on energy legislation in Texas:

Are you concerned that Texas, once known for cheap power, now has some of the higher electric rates in the nation?

Does it bother you that Texas could become more vulnerable to rolling blackouts and brownouts if the state's reserve power-generating capacity shrinks as a result of rising demand fueled by heavy population growth?

Well, let's do something about it. Let's embark on an unprecedented program of energy efficiency and con-

servation — unprecedented, at least, for Texas, which has been a leader in producing energy but not in conserving it.

The state undoubtedly will need to build more power plants if it keeps growing by leaps and bounds. Texas' population is projected to soar nearly 50 percent during the next 30 years, to 34.6 million. The population of 10 Dallas-Fort Worth area counties is expected to swell to 9.1 million by 2030, a nearly 80 percent jump from its 2000 level.

But even though expanded electric generation capacity will be needed, we can reduce the required number of new power plants significantly if we kick our energy conservation and efficiency efforts into a higher gear.

The fewer new power plants we

need, the less the negative environmental and health effects we will suffer from plant emissions such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury and particulate matter. Emissions of carbon dioxide, which scientists say contribute to global warming, also would be lower.

Energy conservation and efficiency measures that help curtail electricity demand also could reduce the threat of rolling blackouts and brownouts on hot summer days, when power consumption peaks.

A heightened focus on energy conservation and efficiency also could lower electric bills and help recharge consumers' pocketbooks.

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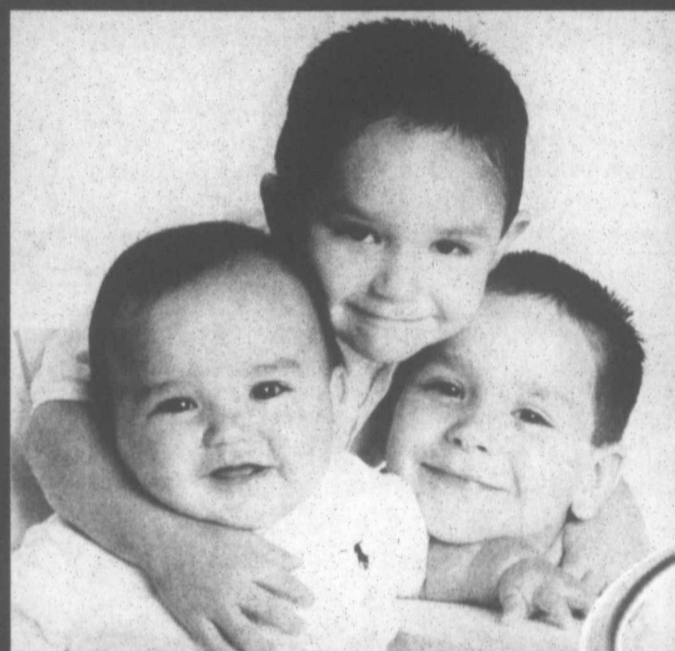
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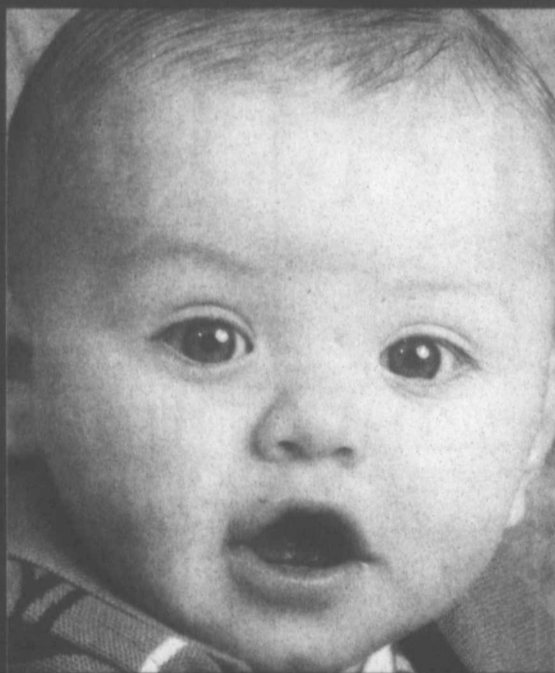
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading the letter from "Invaded" (March 9), and her description of the behavior of "Thelma," the gossipy coordinator, I was disgusted. That woman should be reported to personnel for her nosiness and big mouth. Medical and mental health information are private. And the card to the woman who'd had a miscarriage may have been extremely hurtful if she didn't want anyone to know. Most women who have had multiple miscarriages don't tell anyone until they are sure they will carry the baby to term. Returning to work and talking to people who do not have the need to know is hard for them. I can't believe the gall of that woman. Maybe she needs a heavier workload to keep her busy, or to be dismissed! - - **DISGUSTED IN FORT COLLINS, COLO.**

**DEAR DISGUSTED:** A number of people who, like you, were appalled by "Thelma's" behavior, or had similar stories to share, weighed in on "Invaded's" letter. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "Thelma" has exposed herself and her employer to fines upward of \$25,000 and other regulatory action. "Invaded" should immediately contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. This woman's "gossip" is far more than annoying. It's a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This law was designed to protect the privacy of all Americans with regard to their medical information. The Office for Civil Rights specifically handles violations of the act. A fact sheet on how to file a complaint is available at [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacyhowtofile.htm](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacyhowtofile.htm). - - **JOE IN ATLANTA**

**DEAR ABBY:** With regard to "Thelma" asking her co-workers about their private

medical business, I went through the same thing at one of my previous jobs. I found that if you turn the tables, things change rapidly. A woman in our office always asked the most inappropriately personal questions and made everyone around her uncomfortable. We squirmed for months, until one of my friends suggested the following idea. All of us in the office got together and made a list of the top 100 worst questions you could ever be asked. We all kept copies of them in our desks, and whenever "our Thelma" came around to one of us, we picked one to sincerely and innocently ask her. After trying to hem and haw her way out of questions about her sex life, her hair dye and various other things, she finally started avoiding us -- to the point of turning around and heading the other way whenever she saw one of us coming. Problem solved! We found that a little of her own medicine worked wonders. - - **TERRY T., ST. JOSEPH, MO.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Tell "Invaded" to get a medical dictionary. When asked for a reason for medical leave, give the most complicated explanation of the illness. Words like "projectile vomiting," "explosive diarrhea" or "rhinorrhea with catarrh" will usually stop the conversation. - - **JANE IN BERKELEY, CALIF.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I also live in New Bern, N.C., and gossip in this town is not limited to her law firm -- it's pervasive. I know the focus of "Invaded's" letter was labor law, but there's also the issue of emotional pain that gossip can cause when a person is going through a difficult time. If you're not a close friend or relative who is providing emotional support during a time of need, you should not be discussing the person's personal life. Period. - - **CAN'T WAIT TO MOVE**

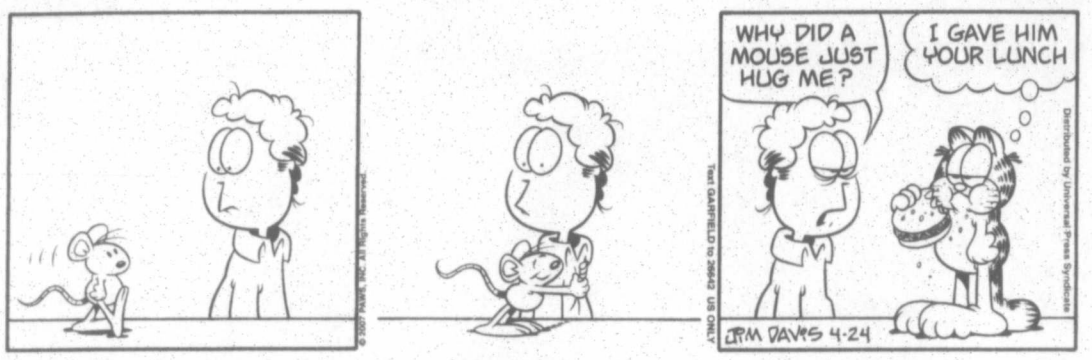
## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



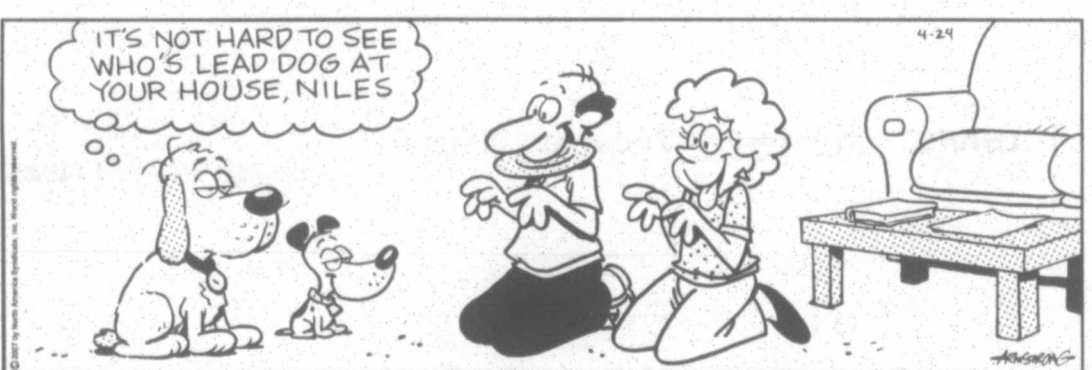
## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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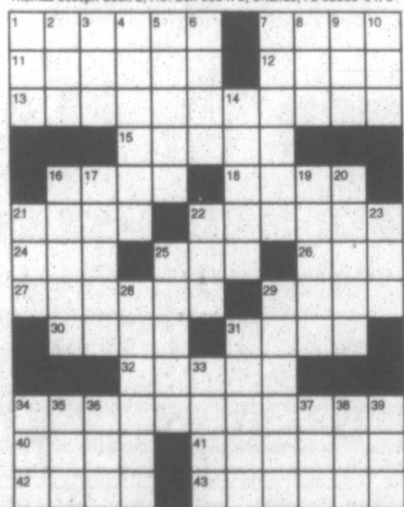
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- 12 On the roof of
- 13 Small parks' comparisons
- 15 Belief
- 16 Goad on
- 18 Reservoir makers
- 21 Golf-course rental
- 22 Seasoned stew
- 24 Before today
- 25 Lot buy
- 26 Rebel general
- 27 Confined in water
- 29 Theater fixture
- 31 Stallion's mate
- 32 Wall painting
- 34 Ability to spend freely
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- 41 Quiz-show fodder
- 42 Take to the sky
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### Yesterday's answer

- 6 Lowly worker
- 7 Strong cardboard
- 8 Dined category
- 9 Steaming head
- 10 High need
- 14 Fragrant fellow
- 16 Wise guys
- 17 Likely
- 19 Grinding tooth
- 20 Shoe material
- 21 Pinnacle
- 22 Grammys
- 23 Goller's head
- 25 Funny need
- 28 Meddle fellow
- 29 Kind of closet
- 31 Computer shortcut
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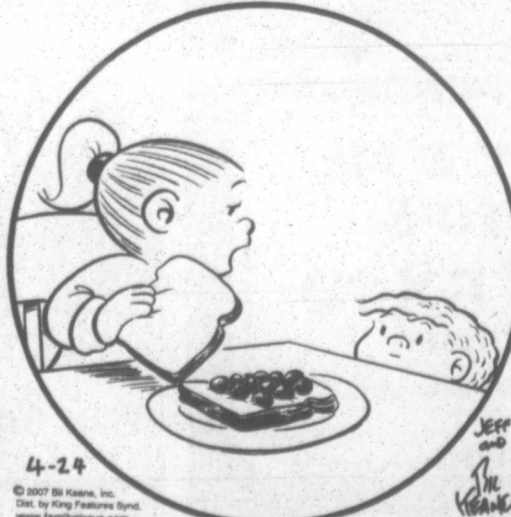
## Marmaduke



"Is that as far as you are going to fetch it?"

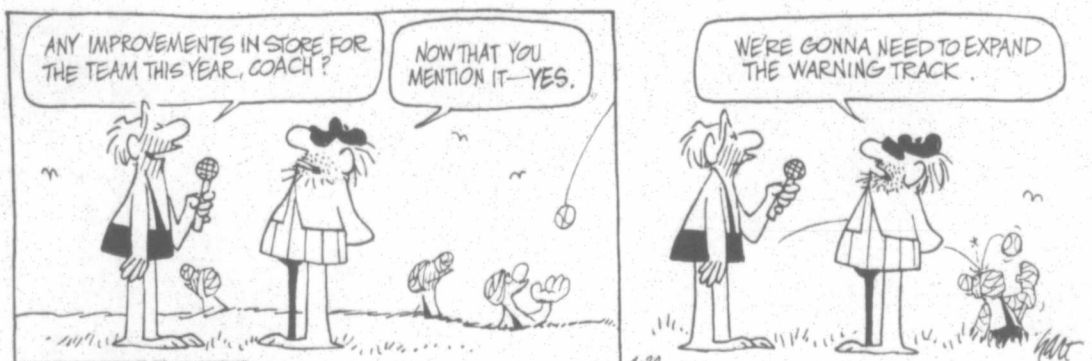
## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"We're out of jelly, so I'm making you a sandwich out of a few grapes."

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



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Eleven-year-old Caitlyn Tracy opens up the first new account at the new branch of Pamcel Federal Credit Union on opening day one recent afternoon. Setting up her savings account is teller Janna Goldsmith. The branch, which is in the old Royse Animal Hospital, is located at 1939 N. Hobart.

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Events calendar

- **Registration for the first summer semester** at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is ongoing through June 4. Classes offered include English, composition, technical writing, Web site design, non-western world literature, federal and state government, U.S. history, psychology and more. For more information, call 665-8801.
  - **Heritage Art Club** of Pampa will conduct its club show and silent auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Items for the auction will be on view at the center a week prior to the show.
  - **"Our Diamond Miss" pageant** is scheduled Saturday at the high school in Booker. The pageant is open to any girl between 0 and 19 years of age. The baby competition will be divided into three divisions ranging from 0 to 35 months. The older girls will have six divisions ranging from 2 to 19 years of age.
- World of Babies will consist of part-wear/Sunday-wear, sportswear, photogenic and portfolio. The older age divisions will include modeling, talent, glamour, photogenic and portfolio. To find out more, call (806) 435-3495 or (806) 658-4761. Entry forms are available at [www.ourdiamondmisspageants.com](http://www.ourdiamondmisspageants.com) on the Internet.
- **The deadline to enter Panhandle Professional Writers' 2007 Youth Writing Contest** is Monday. The contest is open to students from third grade through high school. Short story and poetry categories are open to all grades. Middle school and high schoolers may enter a screenplay. Published authors will score the contest and provide critiques. Submissions must include a SASE. Finalists will be notified by mail and winners announced during a reception July 21. Winning submissions will be published in Range Writers Jr. For guidelines and information, log on to [www.panhandleprowriters.org](http://www.panhandleprowriters.org) or e-mail [bcollins16@suddenlink.net](mailto:bcollins16@suddenlink.net)

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## Dueling Mountains

For many years people believed Mount Everest was the tallest mountain in the world. Then, in the 1980s, a geographer claimed that Mount K-2 in Pakistan was higher.

Scientists pulled out their equipment — lasers and satellites — to settle the argument. The results? Mount Everest is the highest.

**Climb Mount Everest**  
 When people climb high, steep mountains they set up camps along the way. Can you find your way to **Camp 1**, then to **Camp 2** and finally to the top?

**How tall is Mount Everest?**  
 It is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

To find out, do the math puzzle on every yeti footprint and copy the answers onto the lines above the matching footprints.

**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

**Meet Yeti!**  
 Yeti is perhaps Nepal's most famous resident. It is also called the Abominable Snowman.

Markings thought to be yeti footprints have turned out to be the melting tracks of birds and rodents. Once a supposed yeti scalp was found. However, tests showed it to be mountain goat hair.

Until proof of a yeti is found, it will remain a mystery.

**Standards Link:** Geography: Understand that culture and experience influence people's perception of places and regions.

**Animals of the Himalayas**  
 Mount Everest is in a range of mountains called the Himalayas. The mountains are high and covered with snow. Despite the cold, many animals live there.

One creature that some claim lives there is a large furry creature called Yeti or the Abominable Snowman.

Other animals that scientists know for sure live in the Himalayas are hidden in our drawing of what a yeti might look like. Can you find a leopard, rhinoceros, bear and monkey?

**Standards Link:** Know the approximate location of major ranges on Earth.

**Extra! Extra! Mountain Climbing Math**  
 Look for numbers in the newspaper. Use the numbers to create a math problem that adds up to the same number as the height of Mt. Everest.

**Standards Link:** Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies in the problem-solving process.

## The Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Ice Design**  
 Who made this design on the ice? Was it a yeti? Can you make the design without crossing or retracing any line?

Stumped? Solution: [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html)

**Standards Link:** Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

## Double Double Word Search

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

ABOMINABLE	T E V E L R A N G E
EVEREST	S R Y E L S C A T R
NEPAL	E H B E A R L M I U
CREATURE	R M M A T H I W A T
YETI	E L B A N I M O B A
SNOWMAN	V L A E Y A B N C E
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### The Key to Success

Look for an article in the newspaper that tells about a person you believe is a success. What key things helped the person become a success? Think about something you would like to succeed at. How can the same keys help you?

**Standards Link:** Life Skills: Understand personal wants and needs and how goal-setting can help one achieve success.

### Write On!

## Greatest Achievement

What is your greatest achievement to date? Describe it and be sure to include *who, what, where, when* and *why*.

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: RANGE**

One meaning of the noun **range** is a series of connected mountains.

The Rocky Mountains are a huge mountain **range** in North America.

Try to use the word **range** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

**Missing Words**  
**Mount Everest Conquered**  
 On May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay \_\_\_\_\_ the top of Mount Everest. They were the first \_\_\_\_\_ to do so. One of the reasons Hillary wanted to climb Mount Everest was to look for the legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

The mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ by a legally \_\_\_\_\_ person named Erik Weihenmeyer on May 25, 2001.

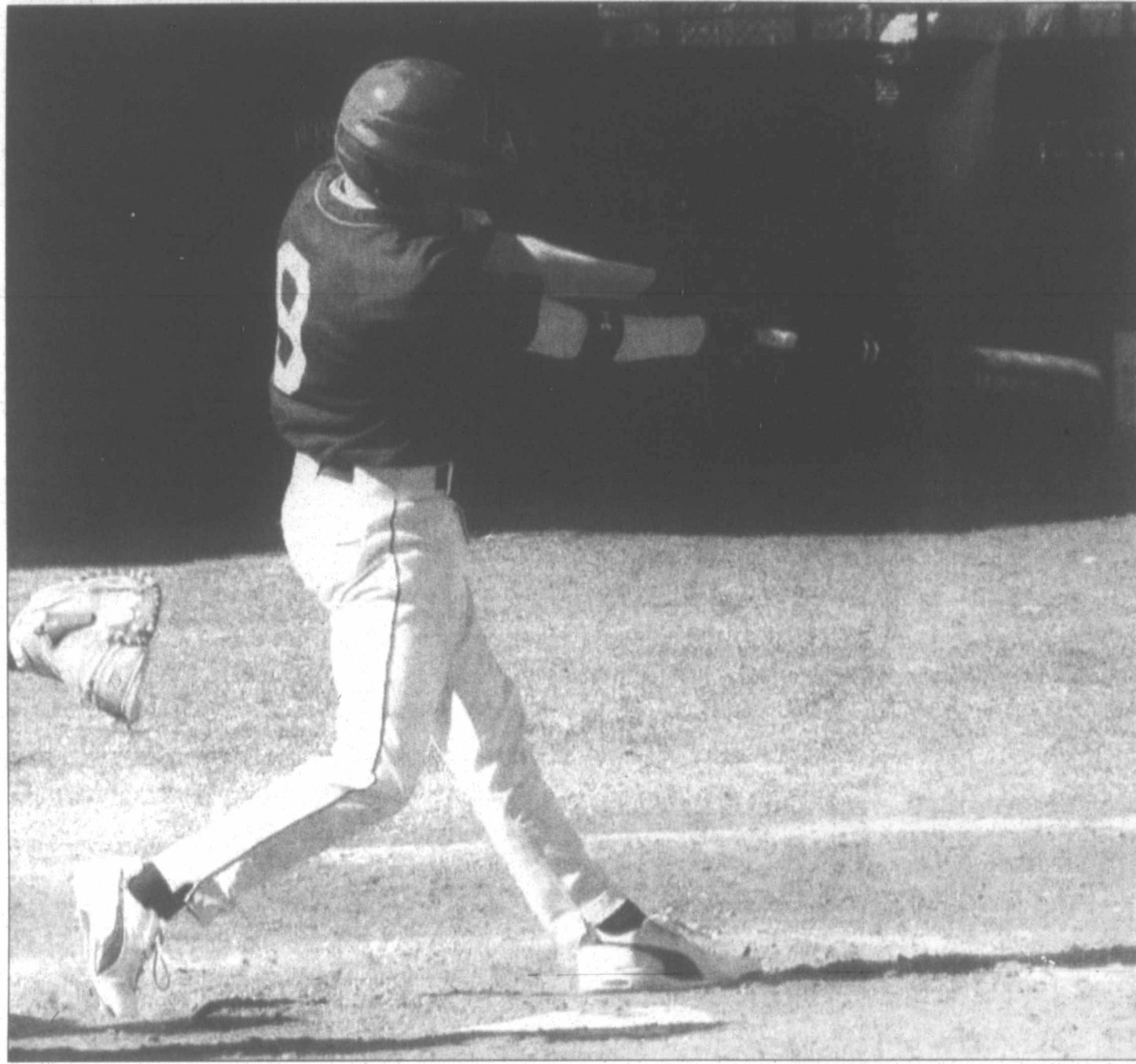
Mount Everest was named after Sir George Everest, the first person to record its \_\_\_\_\_ and location.

Fill in the blanks with the words below:

blind reached  
 height yeti  
 people scaled

**Standards Link:** Reading: Use general skills and strategies of the reading process.

# Sports Day



Sophomore Jeremy Busse had two RBIs against Canyon and two singles against Hereford.

Courtesy Photo

## JV boys stand up to district competition

The JV baseball team has had a successful run over the past few days, with two wins in district play to push their record to 10-5 for the season and 4-1 in district.

On Saturday, the boys traveled to Canyon and defeated the Eagles 4-1.

Braden Hunt pitched seven innings with six strikeouts, and hit one double from the plate.

Mitchell Killgo hit two doubles with one RBI, and Jeremy Busse batted in two runs.

On Monday, the

Harvesters traveled to Hereford to take on the Whitefaces, coming home with a big 14-4 win.

In five innings, John Luke Covalt pitched with 10 strikeouts.

Covalt, Busse and Killgo each hit two singles, and

Jeremy Maxwell hit three singles.

Braden Hunt also contributed with a triple.

The JV boys will play again at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Field against Randall in their last game of the year.

## Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author David Halberstam, 73, killed in Calif. car crash

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Journalist David Halberstam, who produced a steady stream of well-regarded books on topics as diverse as Vietnam, civil rights and the 1949 American League pennant race, died as he lived: On his way to an interview.

The 73-year-old writer was killed in a car crash Monday while working on a book about the legendary 1958 NFL championship game between the Baltimore Colts and the New York Giants.

Halberstam was riding in a car that was broadsided by another vehicle in Menlo Park, about 25 miles south of San Francisco. He was pronounced dead at the scene, and the cause appeared to be internal injuries, according to San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault.

"The world has lost one of our greatest journalists," said Arthur Sulzberger Jr., publisher of The New York Times, where Halberstam won a Pulitzer Prize in 1964 covering Vietnam.

Halberstam's 1972 best-seller, "The Best and the Brightest" a critical account of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia and especially Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, established him as one of the most committed journalists of his generation.

"He was the institutional memory of the Vietnam War. I think he understood it bet-

ter than any other journalist," said former CNN correspondent Peter Arnett, who won a Pulitzer for Vietnam coverage in 1966 while with The Associated Press.

Halberstam's other books included "The Powers That Be," a 1979 undressing of the titans of the news media; "The Fifties," his 1993 chronicle of that decade's upheavals; "Summer of '49," his account of that year's Yankees-Red Sox rivalry; "The Reckoning," about the U.S. auto industry; and "The Children," a 1999 narrative about the civil rights movement.

His 2002 best-seller, "War in a Time of Peace" — an examination of how the lessons of Vietnam have influenced American foreign policy in the post-Cold War era — was a runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize in nonfiction. His book "The Coldest Winter," an account of a key early battle of the Korean War, is scheduled to be published in the fall.

At the time of Monday morning's accident, Halberstam was being driven to an interview with Hall of Fame quarterback Y.A. Tittle.

The drivers of the two cars were injured, but not seriously. Halberstam was being driven by a graduate journalism student from the University of California at Berkeley, where he had visited over the weekend.

## Utah can't stop Houston's All-Star duo

HOUSTON (AP) — Each of the Houston Rockets have to make 10 consecutive free throws before they are allowed to leave the practice floor every day.

The often frustrating drill paid off Monday night, as the Rockets used an exceptional game from the line to offset Carlos Boozer's 41 points and beat the Utah Jazz 98-90 to go up 2-0 in the first-round playoff series.

Tracy McGrady scored 31 points for the Rockets, who hit 34 of 38 free throws to win for the 10th time in 14 games.

Boozer matched a career-high point total, tossing in jumpers from all angles over 7-foot-6 Yao Ming. He finished 17-of-30 from the field and had 12 rebounds and six assists.

It wasn't enough, though, as Houston shot poorly from everywhere but the foul line and still managed to win.

"We find some way to keep ourselves in a

game, despite shooting the ball extremely bad," said McGrady, who went 9-for-29 from the field. "But we hit big shots when we needed them. We're doing a great job of getting to the free throw line."

Yao had 27 points and hit all nine of his free throws. McGrady went 12-for-14 from the line.

The Rockets shot 36 percent from the field (30-for-83), including going 4-for-24 from 3-point range.

"If that's how the series is going to be called, we have to adjust a little bit," Boozer said. "But that's how we have to play them. They're two superstars."

Chuck Hayes, whose wife gave birth on Saturday, had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who have won seven of eight playoff series when they led 2-0.

## A-Rod homers twice, Yankees lose

By The Associated Press

If the Yankees are going to start winning, Alex Rodriguez might have to homer three or four times a game.

For the second time in four games, A-Rod homered twice in a Yankees' loss. Rodriguez tied Albert Pujols' major league record of 14 April homers, but the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat New York 10-8 Monday night and sent the Yankees to their fourth straight defeat.

"This obviously is a tough time for us, but it's a long season. We've got to keep working ourselves out of it," Rodriguez said after the Yankees' fourth consecutive loss on a five-game road trip that ends Tuesday night. "We need a win in the worst way. Again, I think hard work and

grinding through it and supporting your teammates are the most important things."

Rocco Baldelli hit a three-run homer off Kei Igawa (1-1) in the second. B.J. Upton lined a solo shot off the left-field foul pole in the fourth for a 5-0 lead, then added a three-run double against Luis Vizcaino in the seventh to finish with a career-high four RBIs.

"Against this team with their lineup, you've really got to hunker down inning by inning because they're going to keep coming at you," Devil Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "They're never out of the game, and it's never comfortable."

At St. Petersburg, Rodriguez was 4-for-5 with three RBIs and four runs, raising his average to .400.

## Seattle's rookie picks up first win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brandon Morrow impressed Mike Hargrove with his velocity in spring training so much, the rookie right-hander made the Seattle Mariners' pitching staff with no previous major league experience.

"I did it because he can throw a ball through a brick wall," Hargrove said. "He has an above-average slider and above-average split. It was a no-brainer."

Morrow earned his first major league victory — and a shaving cream pie in the face from his teammates to celebrate — after combining with J.J. Putz on 4-2-3 innings of one-hit, shutout relief as Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Morrow (1-0) pitched 3 1-3 innings of one-hit relief in helping the Mariners to their first win since beating Texas

at home on April 15. He featured a fastball clocked as high as 97 mph, so he didn't need to throw many off-speed pitches.

"I've gotten a few innings in so I wasn't nervous," said Morrow, drafted out of California last June with the No. 5 overall pick. "It was more of an adrenaline thing."

The Rangers tied it at 4 in the fifth against starter Cha Seung Baek, but Morrow struck out Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz with the bases loaded to keep the Mariners even.

Morrow struck out the side in the ninth inning against Texas on April 14, and Kinsler was one of them. Morrow remembered how he pitched to Kinsler in that game.

"I got him in Seattle with a fastball," said Morrow, who made his fifth big league appear-

ance. "I don't know if he doesn't see the ball well out of my hand or what. I wasn't really thinking too much at that point. I was just rearing back and throwing."

Putz got the final four outs in order for his first save, leaving the tying run at second base in the eighth.

"Brandon Morrow picked us up just huge," Putz said. "His fastball was 96, 97 (mph). He was throwing strikes, he was pitching inside, he had everything going."

Ichiro Suzuki went 3-for-5 with a three-run triple for the Mariners, and Jose Lopez had three hits for Seattle, which improved to 3-1 against Texas this season. The Mariners are 3-8 against the rest of the American League.

Hank Blalock had a two-run homer for Texas, which has lost four of six.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 25, 2007:

How you handle situations involving your home life could separate you from many. A partnership, be it personal or professional, provides many avenues for gain. Sometimes you might be slightly put out or confused by others. Be aware that a boss doesn't mean to be vague, or a parent difficult. Creativity surfaces. If you are single, you'll discover that you have much more going for you than you might think. Others do whatever they need to be close. If you are attached, take a long-overdue vacation or special retreat together. LEO understands and gives you a strong sense of centering.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Finally, you feel as if you are flowing. Follow through on what might seem to many an impulsive idea. Your fiery energy punctuates your choices. A friend clearly doesn't understand what you are up to. Tonight: Ever creative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Creativity stems from being centered. Clearly a boss or someone you look up to doesn't understand how you process things. You might not be able to explain where you are coming from either. Do yourself a favor — don't worry. Tonight: Think of your home as your castle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Be careful not to chat someone to death. You might not be absolutely sure which way to proceed with a

dubious matter. Clearly you do have all the facts. Information will keep tumbling in. Tonight: Work on your listening skills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your possessiveness might mar what could be an easy day where you gain, especially financially. Don't buy another's hard sell. There is much more to this story than you realize. Understand your options, but don't make a decision just yet. Tonight: Time to treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Follow through on a decision, even if a partner doesn't support you. Blaze a trail knowing that right now you will land well. Not every moment is as fortunate as this one. Use your time well. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Deliberate rather than act. Make strong choices, but perhaps wait to act on them. By tomorrow, life's situations could look a lot different. Work with someone distinctly and directly. A personal matter will work out. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can, because tomorrow holds surprises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A little ingenuity or risk here and there will help you zoom in and create your desires. Be careful with financial risk, as, like it or not, there could be a huge backfire. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Much drops on you out of the blue. You don't need to agree, yet take a hard look at a career matter or an issue that could be related to your well-being. A family member might be adding to the confusion. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Once more, Lady Luck plays a substantial role in your decisions. You might be tentative about a trip or some other eye-opening experience. Don't be; jump in. Enjoy what comes forward. Tonight: Relax to fine music or a good movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Teamwork draws unanticipated results. If you want to try something differently or manage a matter in a more powerful manner, listen to someone who has that operating style. Strong feedback comes your way. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take a strong look at what might be going on around you. What you can be sure of is that you might not be able to do what you want, vis-à-vis an emotional situation. Choose what's important. Tonight: A meeting has impact.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take charge and get a job done. Through role-modeling, you can convey your sense of what is needed to get the job done correctly. Evaluate a decision with this information in mind. Don't allow your own needs to interfere right now. Tonight: A must-go situation.

BORN TODAY

Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell (1599), radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi (1874), actor Al Pacino (1940)

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**1 Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)**  
To the Registered Voters of Lefors, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Lefors, Texas.)  
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) full term Board Members (Norifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta los 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2007 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir 3 llenar un asiento vario)  
LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES 103 N. Court Street, Lefors, TX (DIRECCION ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES 103 N. Court Street, Lefors, TX  
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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 (entre los 8:00 en la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 30,

**1 Public Notice**

2007 and ending on May 8, 2007, (y terminando el Mayo 8, 2007.)  
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May 4, 2007  
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April 30, 2007 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
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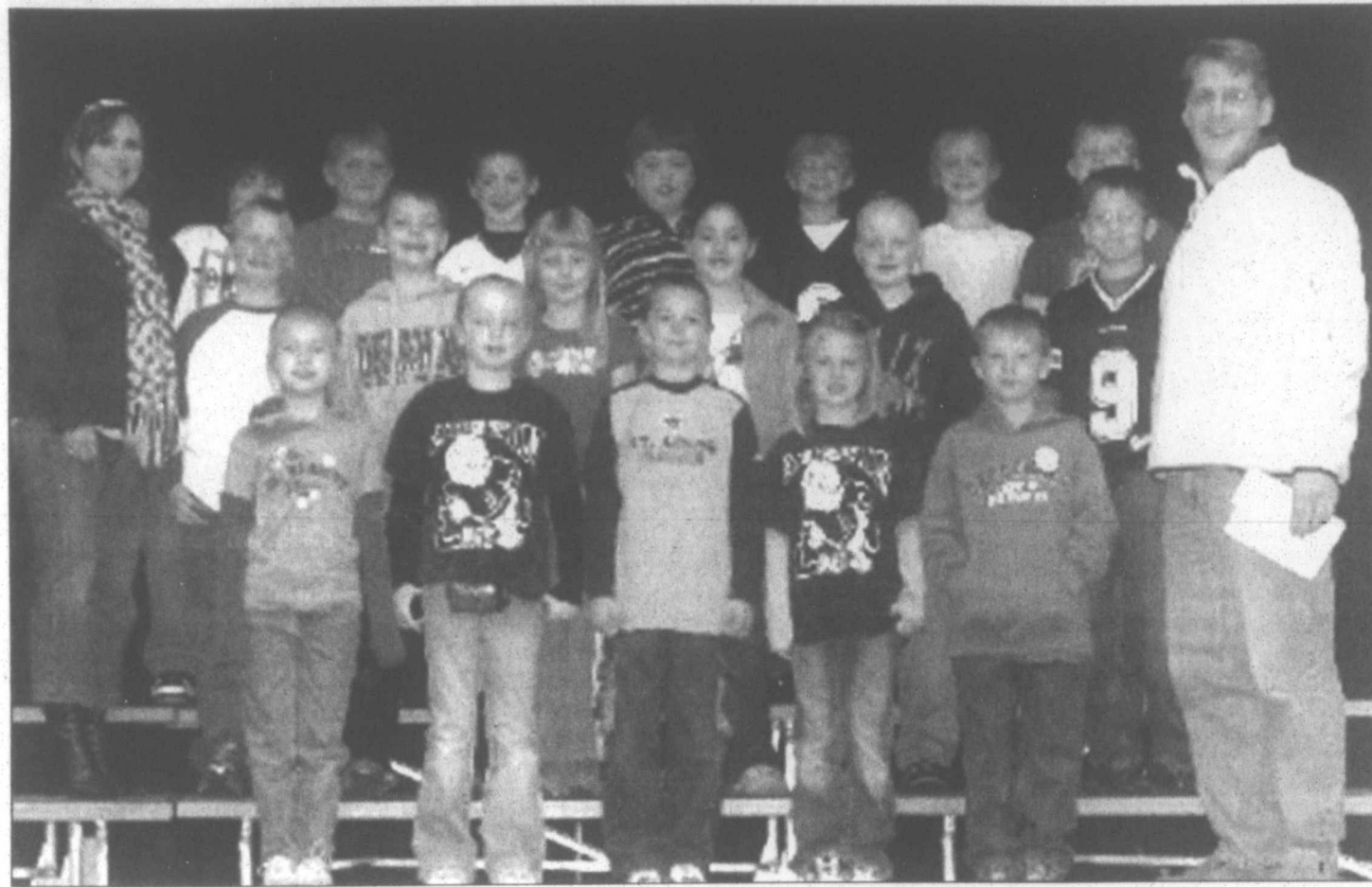
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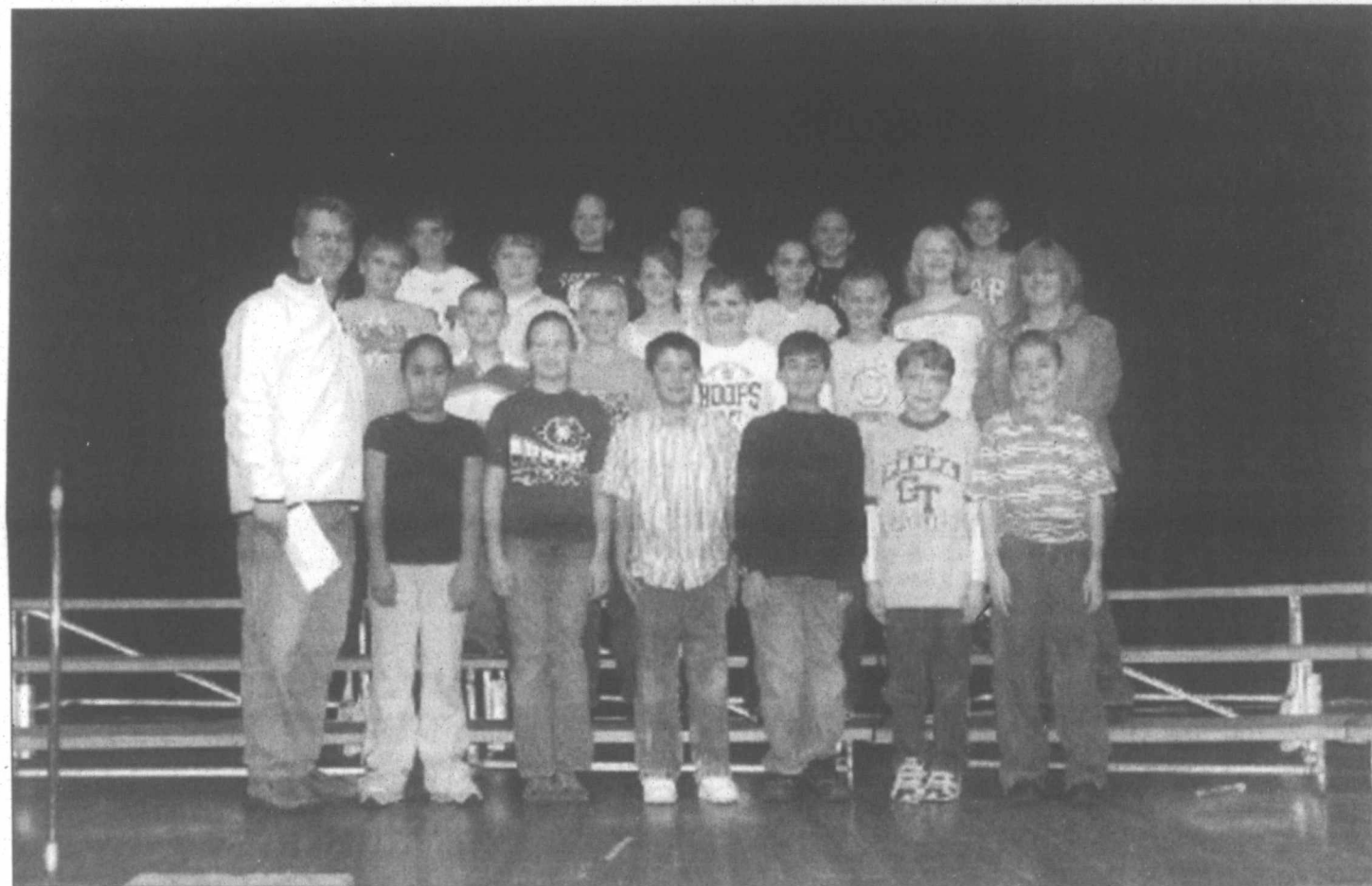
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## Penny campaign



COURTESY PHOTO

Austin Elementary School students recently participated in a fund-raiser for CASA of the High Plains. The school netted \$1,486.43 for the Change a Child's Life penny campaign. Mrs. Sherrill's class led the campaign with \$172.69. Above: (Back row) Michael Mojica, Landon Taylor, Kolton Jefferies, Evan Free, Joshua DeLoach, Sara Shoenrock, Matthew Lewis; (second row) Mrs. Sherrill, Carson Troxell, Bryson Burrell, Nikki Kerns, Millie Borunda, Gunnar Stevens, Cory Chiedester; (bottom row) Kristi Klusmeyer, Tatum Magee, Benjamin Karson, Megan Brock, Cade Ferguson and Worley Kennedy, CASA board president.



COURTESY PHOTO

Children at Austin Elementary School recently participated in the Change a Child's Life penny campaign for the benefit of CASA of the High Plains. In all, the school raised \$1,486.43 for the campaign. Mrs. DeFever's class raised \$161.49. Above: (Fourth row) Tanner Logan, Madison Joyce, Taylor Smith, Zanna Beck, Kyle Grant; (third row) Christian Free, Dylan Patterson, Taylor Giles, Samantha Woodruff, Morgan Hookings; (second row) Hunter Hughes, Blayne Troxell, Logan Turley, Cyler Clifton, Mrs. DeFever; (front row) Worley Kennedy, CASA board president, Ann Gonzales, Cindy Schepp, Max Lopez, Paul Cuellar, Jacob Sexton and Damon Campbell. Not pictured: LeAnne Hinton.

## Powers

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ing up and seeing all the remaining containers just waiting to be opened.

My second mistake was to decide to take a break from the closet-sorting and do some deep-cleaning in another room

for a change of pace.

As I laundered curtains, swore at window streaks, made several spiders homeless and mopped linoleum, I realized that I now had two rooms which looked worse instead of better.

I calculated how long I had been hard at work and decided I had earned a break.

I wandered outside and found a few projects in the back yard to do, such as

watching the grass grow. I didn't check my watch again until I realized my shadow had grown much taller than I was.

I went back inside, saw the two wrecked rooms, and turned on the TV.

After all, it will all be there tomorrow, just waiting for me to go on the attack again. Meanwhile, I think my spring has sprung.

## Williams

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the House of Representatives. The corresponding compromise was to set 1808 as the year to abolish the slave trade.

There's little question that slavery is an abomination and a gross violation of human rights, but the Founders had to decide whether there'd be a Union. Had morality been their sole guide, the Constitution would have never been ratified and a Union would not have been created.

One question we might ask those who condemn the Founders is whether black

Americans would be better off or worse off today with the Northern states having gone their way and the Southern states having gone theirs, and as a consequence no U.S. Constitution and no Union.

Americans' ignorance of our history and inability to think critically have provided considerable ammunition for those who want to divide us in pursuit of their agenda. I don't usually buy into conspiracy theories, but it's tempting to think America's charlatans, quacks and demagogues are in cahoots with the teaching establishments at our government schools and colleges to dumb down the nation.

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

## GOP lawmakers plead with Dems to listen to military officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Democrats head toward a showdown with President Bush on Iraq, a leading Republican warned that they are making an all-too-familiar mistake: not listening to seasoned commanders.

Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., said catastrophe always follows when civilians turn a deaf ear to their military officers.

In the 2003 run-up to the war, Young said

in an interview, administration officials dismissed a top Army officer's estimate that securing Iraq would probably require several hundred thousand troops.

"I just don't think that it's a good idea for us here in the Congress to try to manage the conduct of the war," Young, a military appropriations expert, told his colleagues during a meeting Monday.

## Energy

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A variety of bills pending in the Legislature provide opportunities for Texas to put additional muscle into energy conservation and efficiency efforts. Measures have been

filed that would:

— Expand financial incentives for utilities to offer programs that encourage customers to undertake energy conservation measures such as buying higher-efficiency air conditioning and heating systems or installing new attic insulation.

— Boost energy efficiency standards for various appliances and types of equipment to match regulations already adopted in other states. Examples range from walk-in freezers to swimming pool pumps.

— Tighten building codes to require more energy-efficient structures.

— Provide financial incentives for electricity consumers to cut usage during periods of peak consumption, which could reduce the need for new generating plants.

— Encourage plants and businesses to adopt more energy-efficient measures, such as developing onsite combined heat and power (co-generation) systems and installing solar power units.

Don't forget that you can do a lot on your own to reduce energy consumption and save on electric bills — things like adjusting home thermostats, using compact fluorescent light bulbs and weather-stripping doors that leak air.

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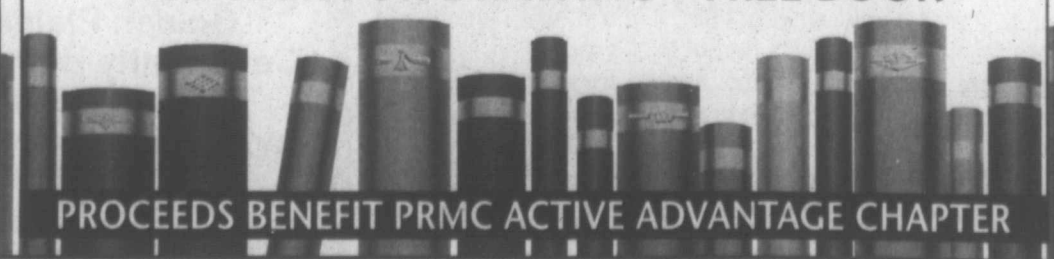


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