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Stokes: Water park opening a great success

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City officials were glad that Pampans were wet and wild this weekend.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said the opening of Pampa's water park, H2O, this weekend was a great success. He said about 2,000 people came through the gate over the weekend.

He said that 850 people came to the park on Saturday and 1,200 came on Sunday as temperatures soared toward the century mark. "We sold about 100 pizzas," said a beaming Stokes on Monday

after going over the weekend reports.

The concession stand at the water park also offers hot dogs and nachos, though Stokes said the pizzas were the big sellers during the park's opening weekend. The sales number contributed to what the assistant city manager called a great beginning H2O cont. on page 9

One-year-old Heidi Hough floats down the Lazy River with her mother Rebecca Hough during the opening of Pampa's H2O Water Park. >



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staff photo by David Bowser

The First Christian Church of Pampa at 18th and Nelson is getting a new roof. Jesus Gonzales (left), Miguel Valtierra, Ruben Valdez and Mario Wong of Crawford Roofing put stone-coated steel shingles on the church as the area prepares for rain.

County set to talk bids, fireworks

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The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet Wednesday morning to consider the approval of a prohibition on sale of fireworks as the nation heads into its 235th birthday.

The commission earlier this year prohibited the use of rockets, but Gov. Rick Perry last week extended an order banning the use and sale of all fireworks within the county.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet originally signed the ban that Perry extended. The county commission is now expected to approve the ban.

Commissioners will also consider approving the Declaration of Disaster that was signed in conjunction with the fireworks ban.

The commission is also expected to take up bids on tax delinquent properties in Lefors.

They will consider a bid of \$20 from Lavanda Hill on a lot and a half in Thut Heights of Lefors and a bid of \$125 from Kerry Hodge on five lots in Thut Heights of Lefors.

The commission will also consider a request by Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne for a desk top scanner from the county's Record Management Fund.

They will hear a request from COUNTY cont. on page 9

Carson Co. grass fire prompts aid from local units

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Dry winds fanned a grass fire Monday in Carson County.

Brenda Vermillion, Carson County Emergency Management Coordinator, said they are still investigating the cause of the fire today.

The fire was reported shortly after lunch Monday south of Texas Highway 207. The fire was initially severe enough to merit assistance from fire crews from Gray County.

Hoover Fire Chief Joe Millican said today that the mutual aid call came into his office about 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Millican said he put together a strike team that included two fire trucks from the Hoover Fire Department, one from the Pampa Fire Department and one from Lefors.

Gray County also sent a tanker truck from Commissioner's John Mark Baggerman's Precinct 2 to battle the blaze.

Vermillion said fire units from Panhandle, Pantex, Skellytown, White Deer and Groom also responded.

Potter and Randall Counties sent tanker trucks to fight the fire, she said.

The Texas Forest Service was on the scene along with maintainers from the different precincts in Carson County.

The Pampa Red Cross also responded. Vermillion said the fires were east of Texas Highway 207, along Carson County Road 6.

Millican said the fire eventually split in two and stretched over about a mile and a half area at one point.

Fortunately, Vermillion and Millican said, the only structure damaged was one abandoned farm house in the middle of a field that burned. The rest of the damage was to grassland.

The fire units didn't get in after fighting the blaze until about 8 p.m. Monday.

"They were all heroes," Vermillion said proudly of the firefighters. "They battled the blaze in 106 degree temperatures in their bunker gear."

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Few proficient in history

A new national assessment finds that less than a quarter of students are proficient in U.S. history.

The 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress tested students on topics such as the American Revolution, Civil War and the contemporary U.S.

Just 20 percent of fourth-grade students, 17 percent of eighth-graders and 12 percent of high school seniors scored at a level showing solid academic performance.

Much larger percentages of students had a basic knowledge of U.S. history or below.

Education leaders say they're worried the scores are indicative of a narrowing of the curriculum.

El Paso mulls gay benefits

EL PASO (AP) — El Paso is considering reinstating health insurance benefits to partners of city workers who were the unintended targets of an ordinance meant to affect only gay and unwed couples.

The City Council may vote Tuesday on a new ordinance to replace a voter-approved measure that stripped benefits to more than 100 people.

That measure, proposed by a local evangelist and approved in November, limited benefits to city employees, legal spouses and dependent children. But instead of only disqualifying 19 gay partners, the ordinance affected 100 other partners of employees, some retirees and workers not legally considered city employees.

The new ordinance under consideration would restore benefits to all partners, including gays and unwed couples.

Group files sonogram lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — A reproductive rights group has filed a lawsuit against a newly-signed Texas law requiring doctors to conduct a sonogram before performing an abortion.

The Center for Reproductive Rights filed the lawsuit Monday, claiming that the new law violates the First Amendment rights of both the doctor and the patient and discriminates against women. The group says the law forces doctors to deliver "politically motivated communications" to women.

The law, which goes into effect Sept. 1, requires a doctor to describe the fetus' features and allow women to hear the fetal heartbeat. Exemptions are allowed only cases of rape or incest and when the fetus has fatal abnormalities.

Catherine Fraser, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, says Perry "believes the sonogram legislation is important to protect unborn life" in Texas.

Jurors deliberate in sheriff trial

MIDLAND (AP) — Jurors have begun deliberating in the felony trial of a longtime West Texas sheriff accused of retaliating against two nurses who complained to state regulators about a physician friend.

A prosecutor told jurors in closing arguments Tuesday in Midland that the investigation by Winkler County Sheriff Robert L. Roberts Jr. was "heinous" and clearly retaliation. Defense attorneys told jurors that prosecutors had not proven Roberts knowingly and intentionally broke the law.

Roberts is accused of retaliating against the nurses after they sent an unsigned letter to the Texas Medical Board about Dr. Rolando Arafiles Jr. in 2009. The nurses, who alleged Arafiles was endangering patients, were later fired and indicted. One was acquitted and charges were dropped against the other.

Roberts faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Casey Anthony trial resumes

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The murder trial of Casey Anthony, who's accused of killing her daughter, will resume in a central Florida courtroom with the prosecution close to wrapping up their evidence presentation.

Court recessed early on Monday with the state calling only a pair of FBI forensics experts. The reason for the early dismissal was because the prosecution's next witness isn't scheduled to arrive in town until early Tuesday afternoon. State attorneys say they're ahead of schedule and the defense could be able to call its first witness Wednesday.

Anthony is charged with first-degree murder in the death of her daughter, Caylee, and faces a death sentence if convicted. Prosecutors say Caylee was suffocated with duct tape, while the defense says she drowned in her grandparents' pool.

EPA to re-test Houston school

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it will resample air at a Houston-area school after finding an elevated sample of a toxin that could put students at risk for long-term exposure.

The EPA announced Tuesday it plans to resample the air at San Jacinto Elementary School in Deer Park, after sampling between Sept. 4, 2009, and Jan. 10, 2010, raised concerns about "long-term, continuous" exposure to butadiene.

Butadiene is an industrial chemical. No other chemicals were found to be above levels of concern.

Some studies have found that long-term exposure to the chemical could increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases and possibly some cancers.

The elementary school is near a large petrochemical plant. The EPA believes conditions at a nearby middle school would be the same.

Poll: Education most important

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A poll has found that education is the most important issue facing Texas.

The Texas Lyceum released preliminary findings Tuesday, as legislators inch closer to passing a budget that cuts billions from public schools.

The statewide group says 33 percent of likely voters named education as the most important problem. The response is a shift from last fall's numbers, when immigration was a top issue.

But pollsters agree that the picture isn't yet clear of what's to come for Republicans who voted to slash education.

The poll also found that a majority of Texans believe the state economy is better off than the rest of the country.

Mortgage follows when you walk away

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate



Q: Why shouldn't I just walk away from my mortgage? I'm underwater, like millions of others. Why should I keep making payments on a loan that is larger than my house will ever be worth? I know I can rent a house and pay a lot less every month and save the difference to buy another house one day.

A: Well, first I'm assuming you want a financial answer — not a moral one. But I can't resist mentioning that you made a deal, agreed to the loan, and you have a certain responsibility to repay that loan. And no matter what you may think about the bank or lender's actions, no one forced you into that deal. If it had been profitable, you wouldn't be considering "walking away."

If you do walk away, you'll have that on your conscience — and you'll be sending a terrible signal to your children (assuming they are old enough to understand what's happening) about personal responsibility.

Now, beyond that, I can give you several reasons to rethink the idea of "just walking away" from your mortgage.

First, it will ruin your credit. You can be sure that your mortgage default will appear on your credit report — and it will stay there for at least seven years. That means it won't be so easy to buy that next, cheaper home that's in your plan. A low credit score means you'll pay a lot more interest on many other purchases, such as car or a car lease. And it means you'll pay

more for auto insurance, or even life insurance.

Also, if you're ever looking for a job, you can be sure that prospective employers will pull a credit report and see a foreclosure. Plus, you can be sure that before anyone will rent property to you, they'll also pull a credit report. They may not consider you a suitable renter.

So, if you decide to walk away from your home, it will have a significant impact on your finances and job prospects — and your ability to find a place to live. From the tone of your question, I'm not sure you've considered all the consequences.

And it's not as simple as just not making mortgage payments. Yes, you may continue living in your home for a number of months, while a foreclosure process takes place. Foreclosure is an ugly, and very public, process, and it will put your entire family under pressure.

Then, depending on your state of residence, the lender can also pursue you for the difference between the mortgage loan and the price they get when they eventually sell your home. It's called a default judgment. And it means they could garnish your wages and your bank account, and could put a lien on other property you own.

Now, I well understand that you're angry at being "stuck" making payments on a home that is worth far less than your loan. But

take a second look at your situation. It's still the same home that you thought was worth the money when you purchased it! Your family is still living there, and you can afford the payments, according to your question.

Don't take it out on the house — or your family — that the financial markets changed course. Think of it this way: If you had purchased a stock and sold it at a loss, you could never get the money back. At least with your home, you can live in it while you wait for the market to rebound.

If you get out of the housing market now, in such an ugly way, you may never get back on track to home ownership. And that's something you're likely to regret down the line. Yes, it's taking a long time for the housing market to come back — but eventually it will.

Right now you feel like a sucker to keep paying on your mortgage. But the real sucker move is to dump out now — and foreclose your future chances at home ownership. It's one thing to face foreclosure if you've lost your job and simply can't pay. That's a tragedy that many families are facing. But if you can possibly make it work, stick with your home. Down the road, you'll be glad you did. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Boehner joins call for Weiner resignation

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner on Tuesday joined President Barack Obama and a chorus of other Democrats in suggesting that Rep. Anthony Weiner resign, while a member of Weiner's New York congressional delegation said she expects him to quit soon.

Boehner, who until now has let Democrats wrestle with Weiner's sexually charged messages and photos to several women, responded with a one-word answer when reporters asked whether Weiner should quit.

"Yes," he responded. Earlier, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., told reporters, "Hopefully, we are hearing he might resign in a couple of days." She did not say how she learned that Weiner may soon buckle under the pressure.

Weiner is seeking professional help at an undisclosed location. His wife, State Department official Huma Abedin, is due back from an overseas trip early Wednesday.

Rep. Rob Andrews, D-N.J., said after a meeting of all House Democrats that 95 percent of the meeting concerned energy prices. He said Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi repeated her past statements. Pelosi has called for Weiner to resign.

Andrews said there was no discussion of stripping Andrews of his assignment on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

A House Democratic official said the caucus did not consider any action against Weiner because party members wanted to see whether the mounting pressure would persuade him to leave on his own. The official spoke on condition of anonymity, because he was not authorized to comment on the meeting.

Obama's blunt words could help Democrats trying to oust Weiner.

"I can tell you that if it was me, I would resign," Obama told NBC's "Today" show in an interview that aired Tuesday. In a rare foray into a congressman's ethical conduct, Obama said Weiner's actions were "highly inappropriate."

"I think he's embarrassed himself. He's acknowledged that. He's embarrassed his wife and his family. Ultimately, there's going to be a decision for him and his constituents. I can tell you that, if it was me, I would resign," the president said.

Pelosi told reporters Monday, "I hope that the president having spoken and some leaders in Congress speaking out that Congressman Weiner will hear this and know that it's in his best interest for him to leave Congress."

The cascade of raunchy photos and other revelations about the 46-year-old married congressman has been a distraction for Democrats seeking an edge as they look ahead to the 2012 elections. Besides Pelosi, several other Democrats have called for Weiner to quit, including party chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Congress returned to work Monday and the House quickly approved without objection a two-week leave of absence for Weiner. The congressman's spokeswoman has declined to provide information on his whereabouts. The House Ethics Committee has begun a preliminary inquiry that could bloom into a full investigation if Weiner continues to ignore calls to resign.

Weiner's vow to seek treatment and to work to repair his tattered reputation did little to ease the furor. Republicans suggested that Pelosi was not tough enough on Weiner. Michael Steel, a press aide to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said in an e-mail that Weiner's intention to seek a leave of absence "puts the focus" on Pelosi.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., who has called for Weiner to resign, said if Weiner does not leave, Democrats should consider taking away his committee assignment.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 165th day of 2011. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

On this date:

In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1801, former American Revolutionary War General and notorious turncoat Benedict Arnold died in London.

In 1911, the British ocean liner RMS Olympic set out on its maiden voyage for New York, arriving one week later. (The ship's captain was Edward John Smith, who went on to command the ill-fated RMS Titanic the following year.)

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz (OWSH'-vitz) concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1943, the Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education vs. Barnette, ruled that children in public schools could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1967, the space probe Mariner 5 was launched from Cape Kennedy on a flight that took it past Venus.

In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece.

Ten years ago: The Bush administration announced the Navy would end its bombing exercises on Vieques Island off the coast of Puerto Rico by May 2003. President George W. Bush sparred with European leaders in Sweden over climate change, unwavering in his opposition to a global warming treaty.

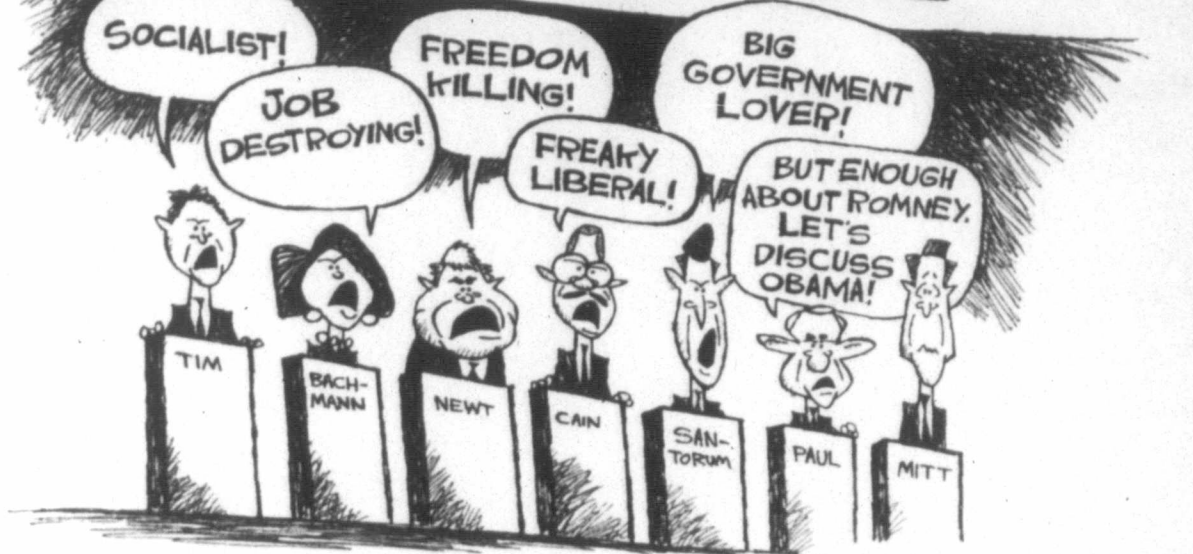
Five years ago: President George W. Bush, just back from a surprise visit to Iraq, dismissed calls for a U.S. withdrawal as election-year politics and refused to give a timetable or benchmark for success that would allow troops to come home.

One year ago: During his latest visit to the Gulf Coast, President Barack Obama promised that "things are going to return to normal" and that the region's fouled waters would be in even better shape than before the catastrophic BP oil spill.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marla Gibbs is 80. Writer Peter Mayle is 72. Actor Jack Bannon is 71. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 66. Real estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump is 65. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 65. Rock musician Barry Melton is 64. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 62. Actor Eddie Mekka is 59. Actor Will Patton is 57. Singer Boy George is 50. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 48. Actress Traylor Howard is 45. Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 43. Actor Faizon Love is 43. Tennis player Steffi Graf is 42. Screenwriter Diablo Cody ("Juno") is 33. Actress Lucy Hale is 22. Actor Daryl Sabara is 19.

Thought for Today: "Hope is a pleasant acquaintance, but an unsafe friend." — Thomas Chandler Haliburton, Canadian jurist and humorist (1796-1865)

REPUBLICAN DEBATE



40 years after leak, the Pentagon Papers are out

CALVIN WOODWARD
Analysis - Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it the granddaddy of WikiLeaks. Four decades ago, a young defense analyst leaked a top-secret study packed with damaging revelations about America's conduct of the Vietnam War.

On Monday, that study, dubbed the Pentagon Papers, finally came out in complete form. It's a touchstone for whistleblowers everywhere and just the sort of leak that gives presidents fits to this day.

The documents show that almost from the opening lines, it was apparent that the authors knew they had produced a hornet's nest.

In his Jan. 15, 1969, confidential memorandum introducing the report to the defense chief, the chairman of the task force that produced the study hinted at the explosive nature of the contents. "Writing history, especially where it blends into current events, especially where that current event is Vietnam, is a treacherous exercise," Leslie H. Gelb wrote.

Asked by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to do an "encyclopedic and objective" study of U.S. involvement in Vietnam from World War II to 1967, the team of three dozen analysts pored over a trove of Pentagon, CIA and State Department documents with "ant-like diligence," he wrote.

Their work revealed a pattern of deception by the Lyndon Johnson, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations as they secretly escalated the conflict while assuring the public that, in Johnson's words, the U.S. did not seek a wider war.

The National Archives released the Pentagon Papers in full Monday and put them online, long after most of the secrets spilled. The release was timed 40 years to the day after The New York Times published the first in its series of stories about the findings, on June 13, 1971, prompting President Richard Nixon to try to suppress publication and crush anyone in government who dared to spill confidences.

Prepared near the end of Johnson's term by Defense Department and private analysts, the report was leaked primarily by one of them, Daniel Ellsberg, in a rash act of defiance that stands as one of the most dramatic episodes of whistleblowing in U.S. history.

As scholars pore over the 47-volume report, Ellsberg said the chance of them finding great new revelations is dim. Most of it has come out in congressional forums and by other means, and Ellsberg plucked out the best when he painstakingly photocopied pages that he spirited from a safe night after night, and returned in the mornings.

He told The Associated Press the value in Monday's release was in having the entire study finally brought together and put online, giving today's generations ready access to it.

The Pentagon Papers chronicle failures of U.S. policy at seemingly every turn. One was a focused attempt from 1961 to 1963 to pacify rural Vietnam with the Strategic Hamlet Program, combining military operations to secure villages with construction, economic aid and resettlement.

The report concludes the U.S. had not learned lessons of the past, namely that peasants would resist attempts to change their lives. The

hamlet program "was fatally flawed in its conception by the unintended consequence of alienating many of those whose loyalty it aimed to win," it said.

At the time, Nixon was delighted that people were reading about bumbling and lies by his predecessors, which he thought would take some anti-war heat off him. But if he loved the substance of the leak, he hated the leaker.

He called the leak an act of treachery and vowed that the people behind it "have to be put to the torch." He feared that Ellsberg represented a left-wing cabal that would undermine his own administration with damaging disclosures if the government did not make him an example for all others with loose lips.

It was his belief in such a conspiracy, and his willingness to combat it by illegal means, that put him on the path to the Watergate scandal that destroyed his presidency.

Nixon's attempt to avenge the Pentagon Papers leak failed. First the Supreme Court backed the Times, The Washington Post and others in the press and allowed them to continue publishing stories on the study in a landmark case for the First Amendment. Then the government's espionage and conspiracy prosecution of Ellsberg and his colleague Anthony J. Russo Jr. fell apart in a mistrial.

The judge threw out the case after agents of the White House broke into the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist to steal records in hopes of discrediting him, and after it surfaced that Ellsberg's phone had been tapped illegally. That September 1971 break-in was tied to the Plumbers, a shady White House operation formed after the Pentagon Papers disclosures to stop leaks and smear Nixon's opponents.

The next year, the Plumbers were implicated in the break-in at the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate building.

Ellsberg remains convinced the mammoth report would have had less impact if Nixon had not temporarily suppressed publication with a lower court order and had not prolonged the headlines even more by going after him so hard. "Very few are going to read the whole thing," he said in an interview, meaning both then and now. "That's why it was good to have the great drama of the injunction."

The declassified report includes 2,384 pages missing from what was regarded as the most complete version of the Pentagon Papers, published in 1971 by Democratic Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska. But some of the material absent from that version has appeared elsewhere.

One volume missing from the Gravel edition and released Monday details U.S. miscues in training the Vietnamese National Army from 1954 to 1959. The U.S. sent more than \$2 billion in aid to Vietnam

then, nearly 80 percent for security.

In words that echo today's laments about money misspent in Iraq and Afghanistan, the report says the U.S. did not get much in return. "Very little has been accomplished," the volume says.

Bureaucratic compromises between the Pentagon and State Department also undermined the training program in Vietnam, according to the document. Increasingly, the U.S. was "selecting the least desirable course of action."

The 40th anniversary provided a motivation for government archivists to declassify the records. "If you read anything on the Pentagon Papers, the last line is always, 'To date, the papers have yet to be declassified by the Department of Defense,'" said A.J. Daverede, director of the production division at the National Declassification Center. "It's about time that we put that to rest."

The center, part of the National Archives, was established by President Barack Obama in 2009 with a mission to speed the declassification of government records.

If not with the same personal vendetta, presidents since Nixon have acted aggressively to tamp down leaks. Obama's administration has pursued cases against five government leakers under espionage statutes, more than any of his recent predecessors.

Most prominent among the cases is that of Pfc. Bradley E. Manning, an intelligence analyst accused of passing hundreds of thousands of military and State Department documents to WikiLeaks. The administration says it provides avenues for whistleblowers to report wrongdoing but cannot tolerate unilateral decisions to release information that jeopardizes national security.

Ellsberg served with the Marines in Vietnam and came back disillusioned. A protégé of Nixon adviser Henry Kissinger, who called the young man his most brilliant student, Ellsberg served the administration as an analyst, tied to the Rand Corporation.

To this day, Ellsberg regrets staying mum for as long as he did.

"I was part, on a middle level, of what is best described as a conspiracy by the government to get us into war," he said. Johnson vowed in the 1964 presidential campaign that he sought no wider war, Ellsberg recalled, even as his administration manipulated South Vietnam into asking for U.S. combat troops and responded to phantom provocations from North Vietnam with stepped-up force.

"It couldn't have been a more dramatic fraud," Ellsberg said. "Everything the president said was false during the campaign."

His message to whistleblowers now: Speak up sooner. "Don't do what I did. Don't wait until the bombs start falling."

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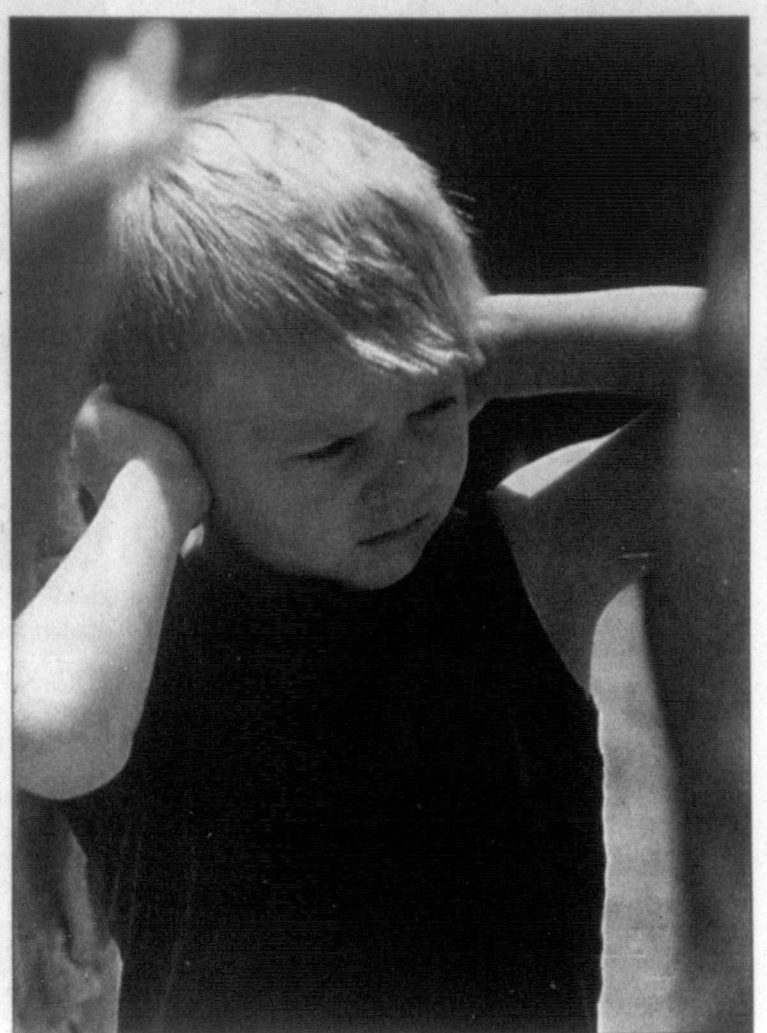
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Ken Allen wipes down his 1931 Sport Coupe with its Chevrolet 350 cubic inch super-charged engine after a rain shower Saturday at Recreation Park.



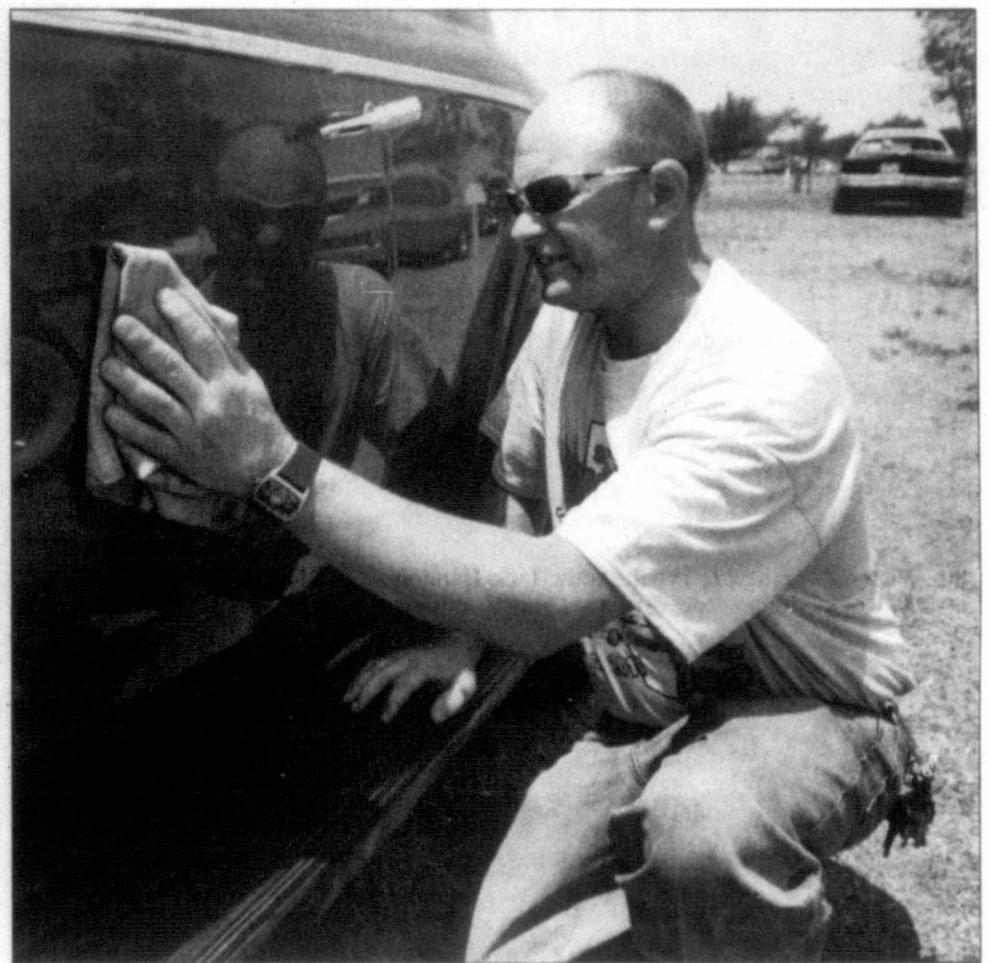
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Ty Purcell, 4, covers his ears as cars burn out at Recreation Park Saturday afternoon.



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Lindsey Lawyer and **Mary Ann Richards** burn out during the weekend celebration at Recreation Park.



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Kris Cox wipes down the mirror finish on his 1940 Chevrolet after showers passed over Recreation Park Saturday during Burnin' the Bricks celebration.



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Two-year-old Presley Guy digs into to a cup of ice cream at Recreation Park Saturday as her father, **Daniel Guy**, watches.



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GOP hopefuls assail Obama, not each other, in debate

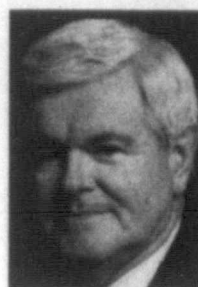
MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Republican White House hopefuls condemned President Barack Obama's handling of the economy from the opening moments of their first major debate of the campaign season Monday night, and pledged emphatically to repeal his historic year-old health care overhaul.

"When 14 million Americans are out of work we need a new president to end the Obama Depression," declared former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the first among seven contenders on stage to criticize the president's economic policies.

Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, invited as an unannounced contender for the 2012 nomination, upstaged her rivals for a moment, using a nationwide television audience to announce she had filed papers earlier in the day to run — a disclosure in keeping with a feisty style she has employed in a bid to become a favorite of tea party voters.

Obama was hundreds of miles away on a day in which he blended a pledge to help companies create jobs in North Carolina with a series of campaign fundraisers in Florida. He won the two states in 2008, and both figure to be battlegrounds in 2012.

The New Hampshire event unfolded more than six



Gingrich



Pawlenty



Paul



Romney



Bachmann

months before the state hosts the first primary of the 2012 campaign, and the Republicans who shared a stage were plainly more interested in criticizing Obama than one another.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who first sought the nomination in 2008, was the nominal front-runner as the curtain rose on the debate. But the public opinion polls that made him so are notoriously unreliable at this point in the campaign, when relatively few voters have begun to familiarize themselves with their choices.

Already, this race has had its share of surprises.

Several likely candidates decided not to run — Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels among them — and at least one who ruled out a race is reconsidering. Texas Gov. Rick Perry has said he will decide after the state Legislature completes its current session, and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's plans are still unknown.

Gingrich, quick off the mark in attacking Obama, suf-

fered the mass exodus of the entire top echelon of his campaign last week, an unprecedented event that left his chances of winning the nomination in tatters.

All seven flashed their anti-abortion credentials, and were largely unified in opposition to same-sex marriage, which is legal in New Hampshire.

Several praised a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would define marriage as between one man and one woman, a position popular among conservative voters. Bachmann said she supported that, but she added that states have the right to write their own laws and said that if elected president, she would not step into state politics — a nod to tea partiers who cherish the Constitution's 10th Amendment.

Obama's rivals found little if anything to like in what the president has done since taking office in the midst of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum accused Obama of pursuing "oppressive policies" that have shackled the economy.

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty labeled Obama a "declinist" who views America "as one of equals around the world," rather than a special nation.

"If Brazil can have 5 percent growth, if China can have 5 percent growth, then America can have 5 percent growth," he added, shrugging off criticism that his own economic projections were impossibly rosy.

Businessman Herman Cain, a political novice, called for eliminating the capital gains tax as a way to stimulate job creation.

Romney stressed his experience as a businessman over 25 years as evidence that he can lead the nation out of a lingering recession.

Said Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, the seventh contender on the stage: "As long as we are running a program that deliberately weakens our currency, our jobs will go overseas. And that's what's happening."

As front-runner of a sort, Romney could well have expected criticism from his rivals.

But Pawlenty, a few feet away on the debate stage, at first sidestepped a chance to repeat his recent criticism of Romney in connection with the Massachusetts health care law that Romney signed as governor. It includes a requirement for residents to purchase coverage, a forerunner of the "individual mandate" that conservatives loath in the new federal law.

"My using 'Obamacare' was a reflection of the president's comments," Pawlenty said, referring to a word he coined in a Sunday interview.

Bachmann — newest to the race — drew one of the loudest rounds of applause Monday night from a partisan debate audience when she predicted that Obama would not win re-election. He is "a one-term president," she declared.

Instead, the most conservative presidential field in memory all but said what Ronald Reagan once preached — that government was the problem.

Romney said the auto bailout was a mistake, and said more generally, "Instead of thinking in the federal budget what should we cut, we should ask ourselves the opposite question, 'What should we keep?'"

Santorum criticized the financial bailout that Presidents George W. Bush and Obama backed, and Bachmann said she had worked in closed-door meetings in Congress to defeat the legislation when it was originally passed.

Pawlenty said politicians had caused the housing price bubble that contributed to the recession, and Paul blamed the recession on the Federal Reserve.

"As long as we do what we're doing in Washington it's going to last another 10 years," Paul said. "What we're doing now is absolutely wrong," he said of federal programs meant to support the housing industry.

Even when they differed, the White House hopefuls did so in muted terms.

Santorum said he wholeheartedly supported Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan's proposal to turn Medicare into a program in which the government subsidizes beneficiaries who would seek coverage from private insurance companies. Under the current system, the government pays doctors and other health care providers directly.

Pawlenty said he would have a plan of his own that shared some features with Ryan's but would differ on other points.

The program's finances are perilous, and Republican calls for fundamental change are at the heart of a roiling debate in Congress that is expected to extend into the 2012 campaign for the White House and both houses of Congress.

Cain bluntly told one questioner he was unlikely ever to receive in benefits from the money he has paid in through payroll taxes during his working life.

Gingrich, who was attacked by fellow conservatives when he criticized Ryan's proposal for being mandatory, said, "When you're dealing with something as big as Medicare ... you better slow down. ... If you can't convince the American people it's a good idea, maybe it's not a good idea."

Gingrich, Bachmann, Romney and Pawlenty all pledged to seek repeal of the health care law that Obama won from Congress earlier in his term. The others on stage hold the same position.

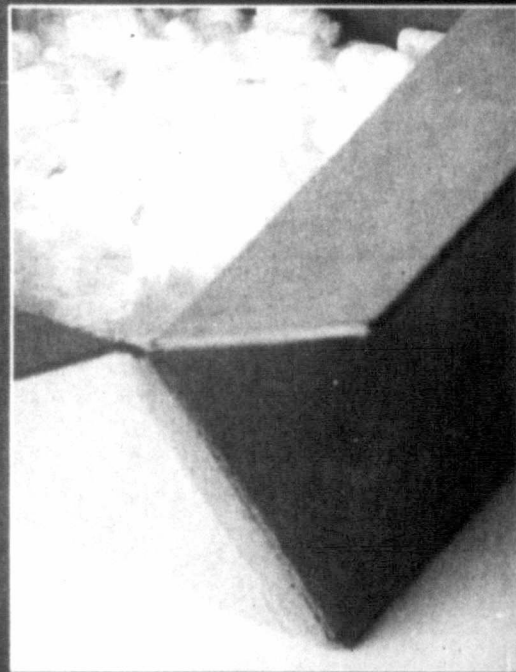
Romney and Paul both said the United States should withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan, but disagreed on a timetable.

Romney said that generals in Afghanistan should guide the pullout schedule of American troops based on conditions on the ground. He said the troops should come home as soon as possible under those conditions. Paul said the president must tell generals what to do. He said if he were president he would begin withdrawing troops almost immediately. He said the United States has no purpose fighting a war in Afghanistan.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman did not participate in the event. He is expected to announce his candidacy within a few weeks.

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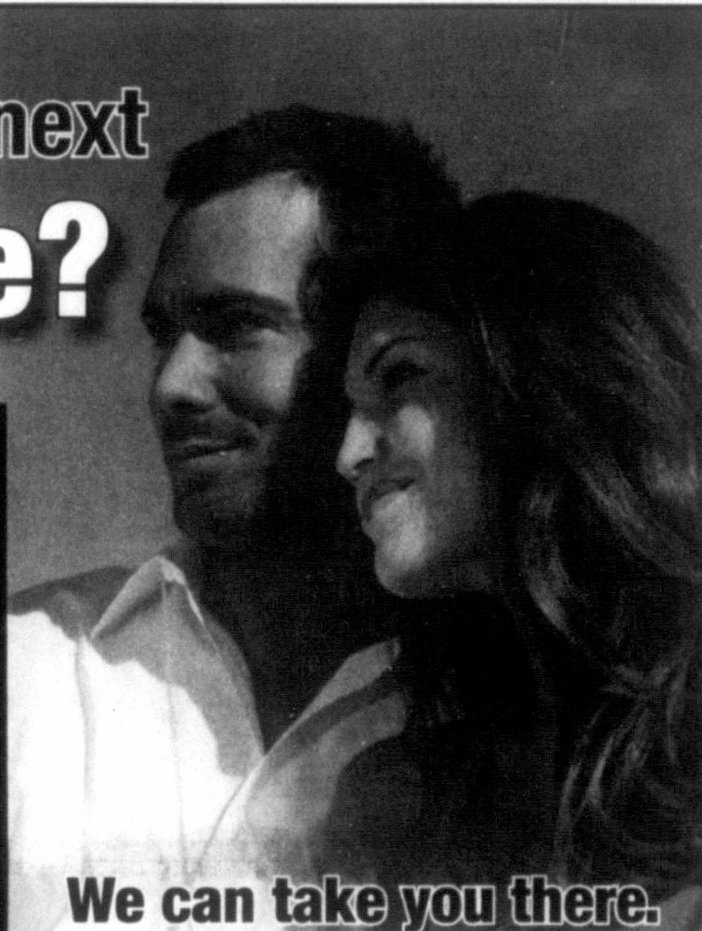
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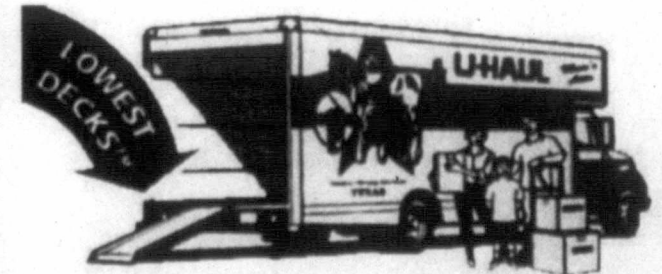
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Fight against Arizona wildfire moves to New Mexico border

LUNA, N.M. (AP) — Crews battling a massive wildfire in eastern Arizona for two weeks shifted their focus Monday to New Mexico, where they lit fires to stifle flare-ups that skipped along treetops threatening a small mountain town.

In the opposite corner of New Mexico, near the Colorado border, a wildfire that has forced hundreds of people from their homes more than doubled in size to an estimated 6,000 acres, after being fanned by high winds.

"We're watching trees explode before our eyes. It's horrendous," said Barbara Riley, a schoolteacher and bed-and-breakfast owner in the northeastern New Mexico community of Raton.

A 20-mile section of the main north-south highway through New Mexico and Colorado remained closed due to the fire, causing hundreds of travelers to drive hours out of their way.

At the Wallow fire Monday in Arizona, crews worked furiously to protect the working-class mountain town of Luna, N.M., just across the border, after a successful weekend of no major fire growth.

Hundreds of firefighters worked alongside U.S. Highway 180 between Luna and the state line, hacking down brush and using chain saws to cut down trees. The other side of the road was blackened from the fires they set to clear a break.

Thick plumes of gray smoke swallowed the evening sun, turning it blood red above Luna, where the sky looked like a thunderstorm was brewing.

At Luna Lake in Arizona, just a few miles from the town of Luna, a steady stream of helicopters collected water and flew west to attack flames sending up thick, gray smoke from the pines. Fire officials said the flare-up was in the tree crowns, an ominous sign that the fire was gaining, but it was still several miles from Luna.

Earlier Monday, Catron County Undersheriff Ian Fletcher said he had not ordered the 200 or so residents

of Luna to leave, but had a plan in case it was needed.

Fire spokesman Sean Johnson said the work crews have done clearing brush and setting their own fires to burn off fuel along the state line has so far spared Luna from the inferno.

"That's what's saved the town," Johnson said. "The line is holding. There's no fire in New Mexico that we haven't set ourselves."

Residents of two Arizona towns on the fire's northern edge were allowed to go back home Sunday, and thousands streamed into Eagar and Springerville throughout the weekend and Monday. Crews have stopped its northern advance and are trying to corral its eastern push into New Mexico by burning a line in front of the fire that it can't cross.

The wildfire near the New Mexico-Colorado border started Sunday on the west side of Interstate 25 and jumped to the east side later that day. Between 800 and 1,000 people were asked overnight to leave their homes northeast of Raton.

The fire prompted the closure of I-25 from Trinidad, Colo., to Raton, sending summer motorists on lengthy detours. Fire officials confirmed two structures have burned, but they could not say whether they were homes, businesses or outbuildings.

The blaze more than doubled in size in a matter of hours Monday, to about 9 square miles, as crews worked to protect evacuated homes and businesses.

Of the plume of smoke rising from the hills outside Raton, Mayor Neil Segotta said: "It looks like your worst nightmare."

The Wallow fire, burning since May 29, had grown to 706 square miles, or more than 452,000 acres, by Monday. Containment increased from 10 percent Monday morning to 18 percent by night, Johnson said.

And officials continued to express optimism that their efforts were paying off.

"It's getting better every day," fire spokesman Kelly Wood said.

The blaze is the second largest in state history, although it has burned only 31 homes, four rental cabins and 36 outbuildings. The state's largest fire, the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski, burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491 buildings.

Although about 7,000 residents of Eagar and Springerville were allowed to go home, about 2,700 others who live in several Arizona resort communities in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest remained under an evacuation order.

Fire officials said Monday they were working to make the picturesque hamlets of Alpine, Nutrioso and Greer safe for residents to go home, possibly later this week.

Greer, considered the jewel of eastern Arizona's summer havens, lost more than 20 homes and a couple dozen outbuildings as flames moved into the valley last week. It includes lodges and hundreds of old and new cabins, including one owned by U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, who was forced to evacuate on June 4.

Several other fires were burning around Arizona on Monday, including a huge blaze near the southeastern border town of Portal that has burned more than 232 square miles since May 8. It is about 50 percent contained. Another fire that broke out Sunday outside Sierra Vista near the Coronado National Memorial has forced evacuations.

In southern Colorado, a wildfire spread to about 1,000 acres and forced the evacuation of a church camp. Crews were attacking the blaze near Westcliffe from the air Monday. It broke out Sunday afternoon and spread quickly in dry conditions.

Meanwhile, in southeastern Colorado, crews are close to containing three large wildfires that broke out last week.

Report: 70 percent of arms seized in Mexico from United States

MEXICO CITY (AP) — About 70 percent of the guns seized in Mexico and submitted to a U.S. gun-tracing program came from the United States, according to a report released by three U.S. senators Monday.

Of the 29,284 firearms recovered by authorities in Mexico in 2009 and 2010, 20,504 came from the United States, according to figures provided to the senators by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Most of those weapons — 15,131 — were U.S. made, while another 5,373 were of foreign manufacture but had moved through the United States into

Mexico. The ATF said the remainder of the weapons total — 8,780 arms — were of "undetermined origin due to insufficient information provided."

The figure of the number of guns arriving in Mexico from north of the border has been polemical ever since a June 2009 U.S. report covering earlier years said that 87 percent of guns seized in Mexico came from the United States.

While the report did not specify why the percentage had changed, the most recent figures appear to included more gun-trace reports, as the reporting program in Mexico became easier to use.

Evidence that U.S. weapons trafficking has been fueling a bloody drug war that has cost more than 35,000 lives in Mexico since late 2006 has angered many Mexicans.

On Saturday, in a speech to the Mexican-American community in San Jose, California, President Felipe Calderon lashed out at the U.S. weapons industry.

"I accuse the U.S. weapons industry of (responsibility for) the deaths of thousands of people that are occurring in Mexico," Calderon said. "It is for profit, for the profits that it makes for the weapons industry."

The report, issued by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and two other senators, recommended background checks for sales at gun shows, a ban on the import of nonsporting weapons and the reinstatement of the assault weapons ban in force in the United States until 2004.

Calderon endorsed calls for reinstating the ban on domestic sales of assault rifles, saying its expiration in 2004 may have played a role in the increase of drug violence in Mexico.

"You can clearly see how the violence began to grow in 2005, and of course it has gone on an upward spiral in the last six years," Calderon said.

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Teachers may get student criminal histories

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is close to enacting a law that would provide teachers with detailed information about the criminal histories of their students, opening juvenile files that have always been confidential and are unavailable in most states.

The legislation, spurred by the fatal stabbing of a high school teacher in Tyler in 2009, is adding to a national debate over whether teacher safety should outweigh the rights of young offenders, who traditionally have moved through the juvenile justice system with their privacy protected.

The new disclosure rules were passed by legislators with little public attention last month. A spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry said the governor is "thoughtfully" reviewing the measure before deciding whether to sign it.

Many juvenile justice experts oppose the new disclosures, saying that they would undercut the purpose of youth corrections — allowing young people to move beyond early

mistakes to lead normal lives. But many educators insist that teachers are in too much danger.

"The bottom line is protecting teachers," said Rep. Jerry Madden, a Republican from the Dallas suburb of Plano, who sponsored the legislation.

Texas law already gives schools more background information on students than most states permit. The new law would significantly expand the details released, including accounts of crimes committed.

"This is a real departure from traditional juvenile court law," said Sue Burrell, an attorney with the Youth Law Center, a San Francisco-based law firm that serves children in the justice system.

More than 4,200 young offenders have been paroled from the state juvenile justice system to enter Texas public schools over the last five years, according to Texas Youth Commission data.

BANANAGRAMS!

Add an R to each of the five-letter words below and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new six-letter word.

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Yesterday's Answer: PLUM, PICKLE, APPLE

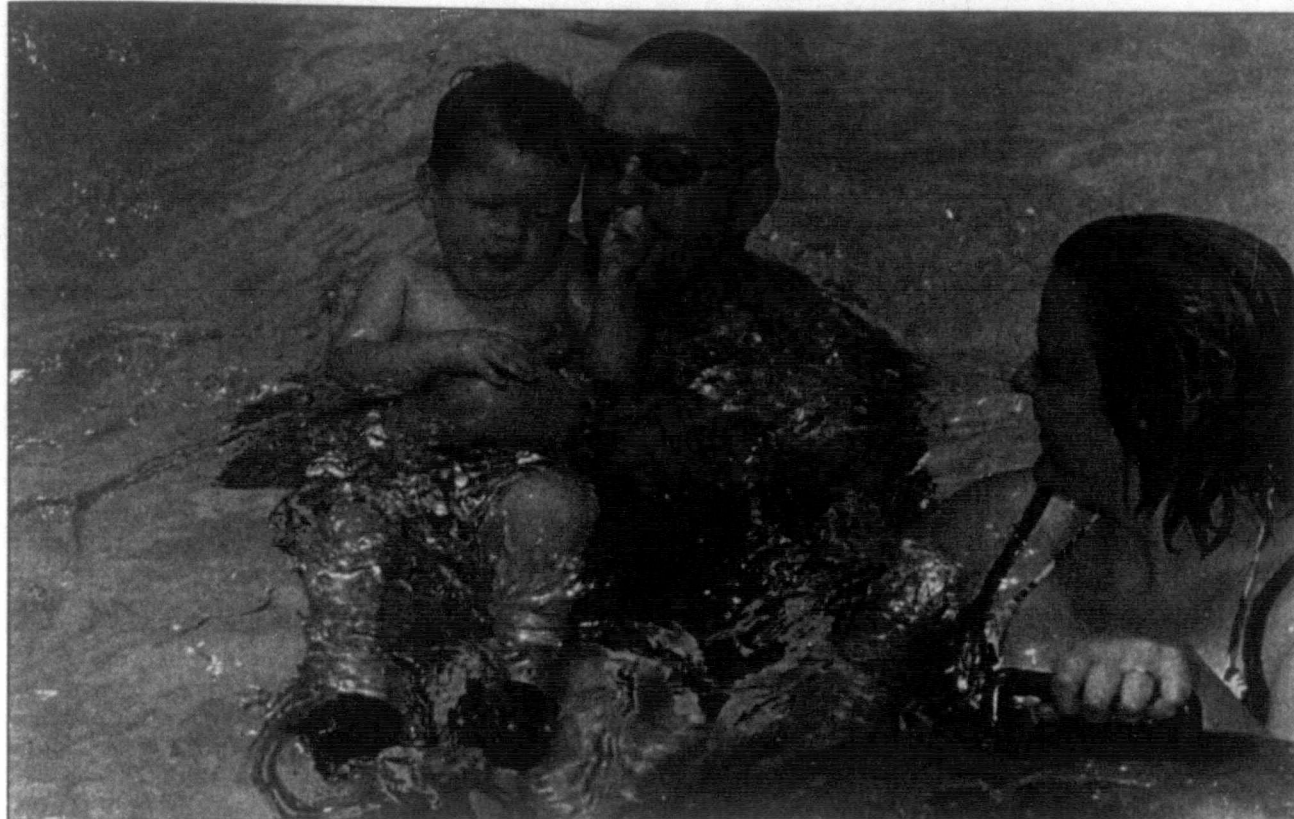
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D.C. Moore to make a caricature map of Gray County. The commission will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in

the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

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Two-year-old Roy McCoy floats down the Lazy River in the arms of his father, John McCoy, as mom, Heather McCoy watches. The McCoy's were just three of the 850 people who attended the Saturday opening of Pampa's new aquatic center.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

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"Everything went well," Stokes said. He admitted that the staff was a little frazzled at first, but they got a feel for what they could handle safely.

"That's the main thing," Stokes said. Unfortunately, when people get there while the park is at capacity, they'll have to wait outside until someone leaves. The capacity number is set based on safety considerations.

Stokes said they are working out a flag system where a flag will fly from the top

of one of the slides when capacity at the park is reached, so customers can drive by and not have to stop and go up to the gate to find out if they can get in.

"It's all because of safety concerns," Stokes said.

There was a waiting line for a big part of the day on Sunday, Stokes said.

He added that he was extremely proud of the staff during the weekend.

"Each one performed very professionally," he said.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I was criticized recently for placing my right hand over my heart while the U.S. flag was flown and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was being sung. I was told that the hand over the heart is for the Pledge of Allegiance only, when the flag is present. Is that true, and what is the proper procedure? — ST. LOUIS PATRIOT

DEAR PATRIOT: No, it is not true. Whoever criticized you was ignorant of the Flag Code, as amended by the 94th Congress and approved July 7, 1976. According to the code, "During the rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present ... shall stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. ... When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the manner they would if the flag were displayed there."

And by the way, happy Flag Day to all my readers out there.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old male who, for the most part, has figured out what I want to do with my life. I'm currently

working, and I am also considering entering the military to boost my character and resume. I want to eventually become a lawyer so I can help people.

Something that irritates my family is my refusal to date. I suffer from anxiety attacks just at the thought of talking to a woman or asking for a date. My older sister asks me when I will marry, and my dad claims I'd be a great father. How can I get my family to understand that I'm not interested in marriage and children? — LOVELESS IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR LOVELESS: I respect your desire to enter the military, boost your character and resume and earn a law degree. But please don't use the military as a way to escape dealing with your inability to be comfortable with half the human race. If and when you enlist, you will be in a work environment where there are females and situations in which you may be required to work as a team. That's why I strongly suggest that you talk to a mental health professional about your anxiety about women BEFORE enlisting.

Marriage and children are not for everyone — and you may be one of those men who should be a confirmed bachelor. But not because you're afraid of women.

DEAR ABBY: My father has been dead for more than 15 years. Any time my mother sees people she hasn't seen since Dad's death, she makes a point of telling them how happy she is now that he's dead! She doesn't care how loudly she declares it or how she says it.

At my son's recent wedding reception, I overheard her having this conversation with my brother-in-law. He made eye contact with me to see if I could hear what she was saying, then shook his head like he couldn't believe what she was saying.

Abby, it's embarrassing that she does this all the time. If I say anything, I know she'll get mad at me. Any suggestions? — CAN'T TAKE HER ANYWHERE

DEAR CAN'T TAKE HER ANYWHERE: Yes. Ignore her. Obviously your parents' marriage wasn't made in heaven — but her widowhood is.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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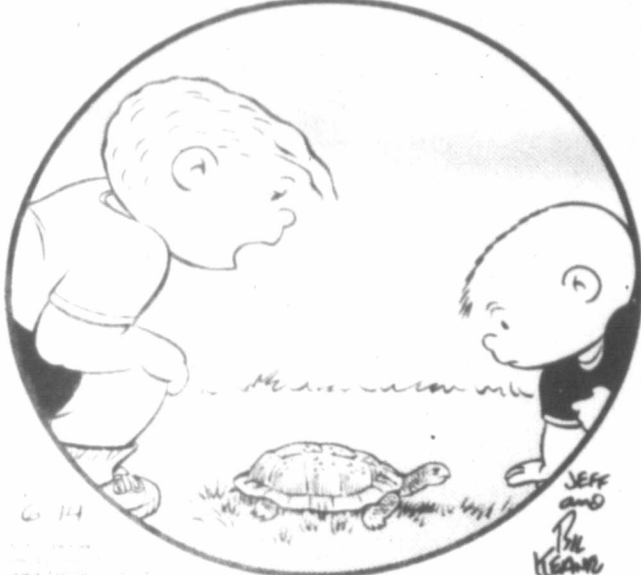
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Yep! That's it. That's all he does."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

AUGUST BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This year, in many ways you are like a pendulum, swinging back and forth. You find your emotions subject to mood swings. You often see the pros and cons of a situation. Intellectually, you can argue both sides of an issue. Others could comment on your changeability, but that this is only a function of opening up, spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. If you are in a relationship, you often feel either guilt or resentment — results of not giving enough of your time to it. You will learn to balance all of these oppositions if you don't fight them. If you are single, you might find a suitor for all your different moods. Know that you are in a phase, and the person you choose today might not be the same person you would choose in a year. **SAGITTARIUS** can be challenging. 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) ***** The push and pull of what you need to accomplish, mixed with others' requests, could keep you moving at a fast clip. You have enthusiasm and insight, which is why others look to you. Confusion surrounds communication. Tonight: Juggle away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You relate strongly to others today, especially about finances — yours and theirs! A relationship discussion could get itself mired in quicksand, if you're not careful. Would it not be better to postpone this talk? Tonight: Chattering the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Deter to others, as it might be the best way to handle the present combustible energy. Nevertheless, you are likely to have your ego drawn into the push and pull of the Full Moon. Confusion will be the end result. Make no decisions. Tonight: Play it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Dive into a project with focus. If you are stressing out about a situation, you will let go eventually. Your focus also will help you accomplish a lot more quite quickly. Avoid personalizing a situation. Tonight: R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You juggle many different

people's concerns. You might not be sure of the best way to go in several different situations. Do yourself a favor: Don't worry. Don't allow a supervisor to trigger your temper! Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Head home early if you so desire. Don't put yourself in the position of being overwhelmed or tired. Sometimes, in times of stress, it is best to be less available. Let everything land as it should. Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You might want to rethink a personal matter before making a definitive statement. You might have had enough of a back-and-forth conversation. Perhaps there is no resolution just yet. Know what you want. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might want to move forward with a project but cannot because of a financial situation. Many different opinions could come forward, making a decision close to impossible. Postpone it, and you will like the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your personality melts another person's resistances. The wave of frustration and irritation could be hard to handle, even if you want this openness. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with others. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Don't respond to a sense of pressure or that someone cannot follow through on a project without your help. You need some downtime, as others need time filling in for you. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You might want to rethink a friendship that is creating a lot of pressure. A meeting also could be a source of irritation. Try to look at the positives, and you'll find that everything falls into place. Eye your long-term objectives. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Assume the lead on a project and stay tuned in to what is important. There could be a great deal of instability at present, making you wonder which way is up. Trust your initial judgments, and stay on course. Tonight: A must appearance.

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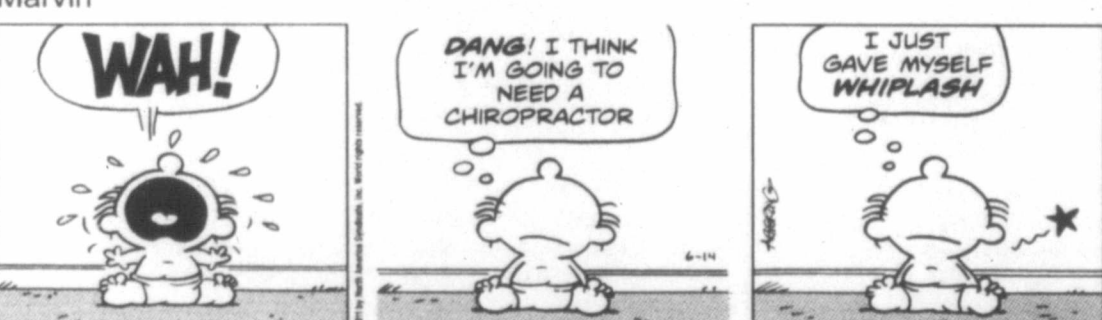
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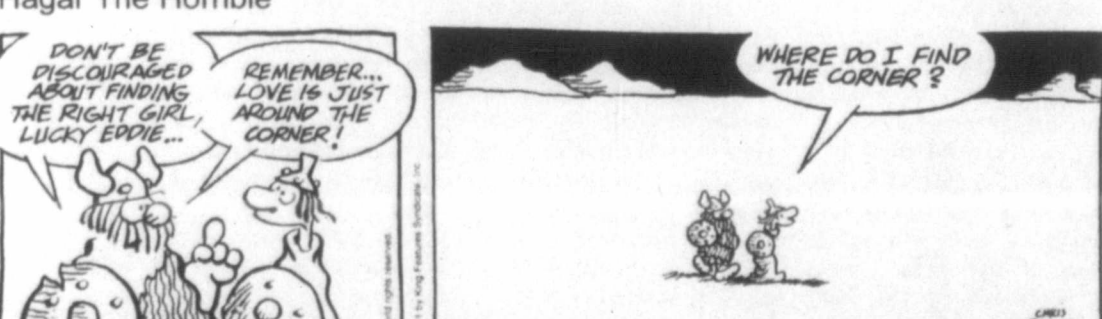
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Sports

Miller: Managing water park builds relationships

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Many would recognize Dustin Miller as the head boys basketball coach. This summer, Miller will manage a different team, as he is one of the managers of the recently opened Pampa H2O Aquatic Center.

Before becoming the manager, Miller managed the M.K. Brown Swimming Pool for eight years. Miller said at first it was just a way to make money during the summers.

"Well initially, it was a summer job and a little extra income," Miller said. "It has turned into a great opportunity to continue relationships with kids and build some with kids I may not know."

Miller said he will be performing basic managerial duties.

"I'll be directly supervising all the staff, scheduling employees and making reservations for the park," Miller said. "Lots of trying to just maintain order and make sure everyone has a great experience."

Managing alongside Miller is Abby Hancock. Several of his current and former players are working there. Latigo



Miller

Collins said Miller is more laid back at the park.

"Basketball practice (Miller) wasn't as laid back, which is understandable," Collins said. "Miller is Miller pretty much everywhere."

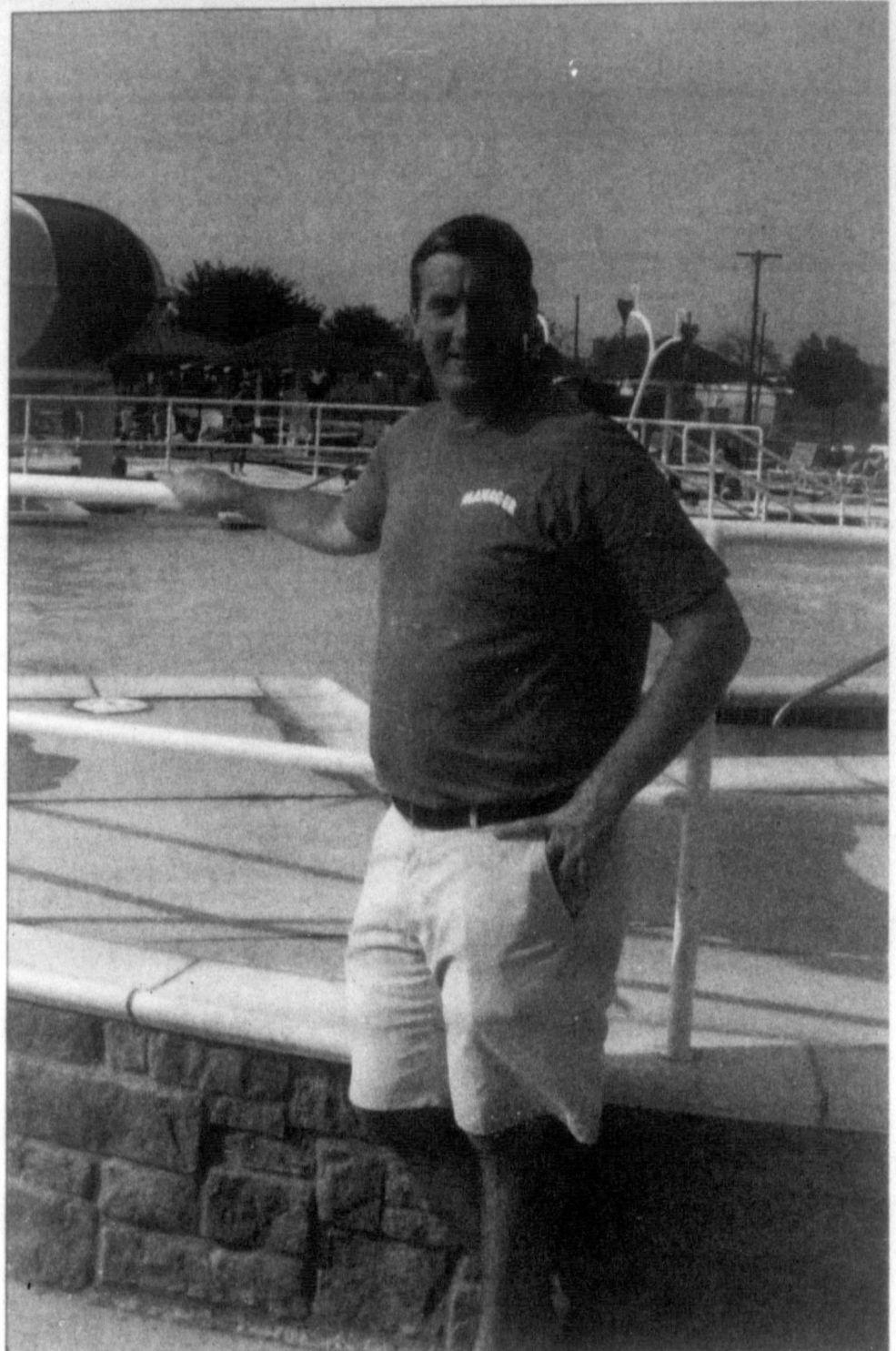
Jesus Cabrales said Miller is similar at both.

"Since (the water park) is new, he is not expecting perfection the first couple of days," Cabrales said.

Miller said managing the water park is similar but has its differences to coaching the Harvesters.

"It's different but in the aspect it's a business and it's a job and they are getting paid," Miller said. "It's the same in a lot of areas. They still represent their families, their school and their town. It's a lot like being a Harvester. This comes with great responsibility."

The Pampa H2O Aquatic Center opened Saturday and had over 800 visitors on opening day.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Dustin Miller, normally seen on the sideline during Harvester basketball season, will be co-managing the Pampa H2O Aquatic Center.

Mavs' title won with camaraderie

DALLAS — Celebrating in their champagne-soaked championship T-shirts, it was easy to look around the Dallas Mavericks locker room and laugh off the reputations each of them once carried.

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For one year at least, the Mavs showed that superteams can be built by a few stars hooking up. With a roster featuring Dirk Nowitzki and no other prime-of-his-career headliner, the Mavericks won the old-fashioned way, with an emphasis on things like camaraderie and unselfishness.

"I just think this is a win of team basketball," Nowitzki said. "This is a win for playing as a team on both ends of the floor, of sharing the ball, of passing the ball, and we been doing that all season long. We world champions. It sounds unbelievable."

Team owner Mark Cuban joked that when Nowitzki re-signed for less money last summer, it meant part of it could be spent on the posse he was recruiting: Ian Mahinmi and Brian Cardinal.

Truth is, Nowitzki returned because Cuban said he was committed to winning with this core group of guys and that he

would surround them with the best supporting cast he could find.

"You have to have players that believe in each other and trust each other and trust your coach," Cuban said. "And that a process. It doesn't happen overnight. There no quick solutions. There not a single template for winning the championship. If there was, everybody would do it."

Perhaps the most remarkable part is that they pulled it off without two guys expected to be starters: Caron Butler, who was their second-leading scorer until a gruesome knee injury on New Year Day, and Rodrigue Beaubois, a second-year guard whose speed and athleticism were supposed to charge up the offense. But Beaubois was hurt until February, then ineffective, then hurt again.

That left Rick Carlisle constantly mixing and matching.

In the finals alone, he gambled by putting a struggling J.J. Barea into the starting lineup and they won three straight games. The guy he asked to come off the bench, DeShawn Stevenson, thrived in his new role.

Backup center Brendan Haywood hurt his hip and was limited, so Mahinmi filled in pretty well, hitting two memorable shots in the clincher. Backup forward Peja Stojakovic played his way out of the rotation and Cardinal seized his extra minutes with gritty defense and taking open shots when he had them.

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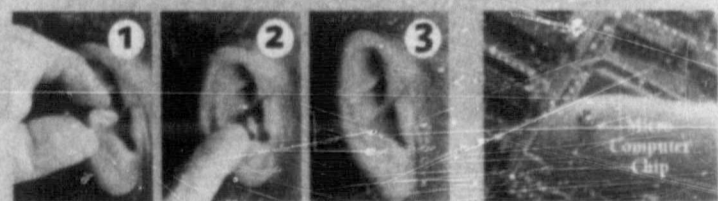
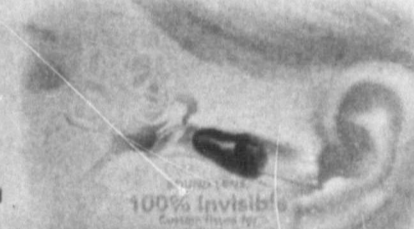
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