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Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

"The goal of the initiative is to ensure efficient use of available water resources for meeting a large component of water demand along the Rio Grande Basin of Texas and New Mexico,' said Rachel Alexander, an information representative in the Texas Water Resources Institute.

Texas and New Mexico have come together on this project because both states benefit from the Rio Grande river. Alexander said that population growth in El Paso and along the border of Texas and New Mexico has caused greater demand than there is water available, where annual rainfall can be less than 8 inches.

The Rio Grande river is not being recharged as fast as water is being taken from it. In fact, during periods of low rainfall, the river has dried up before reaching the Gulf of Mexico.

Politicians and researchers agree that the growth of Texas' population and the shift from rural to urban areas will cause many changes in how this state distributes water.

Kaiser quoted Ben Franklin saying, "'You only know the value of water when the well goes dry.'

Powell

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on a withdrawal, saying, "Don't you think it was more important to go to Jerusalem first?'

In response, Powell demanded 'a clear statement from Israel that they are beginning to withdraw" from Palestinian-held territories and "to do it now."

Hours later, the Israeli defense ministry announced troops were preparing to pull back from two West Bank cities, Oalgiliya and Tulkarem, early Tuesday.

"It's a start," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

"I hope this is not a little bit of this and a little bit of that, but a pullback," Powell said, referring to Israel's mixed signals. Still, he called it an encouraging sign. "I hope it's the beginning of further withdrawals," he added.

If Israel should pull back, Powell said, "the operation has entered a new phase" that could help him Earlier, after med move ahead in peacemaking.

Powell rejected any suggestion that the Bush administration was giving Sharon more time. "He's not been getting a free ride," he said.

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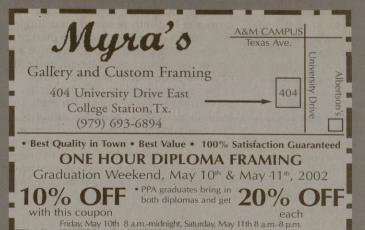
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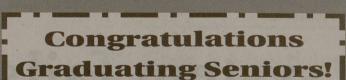


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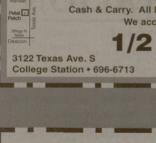
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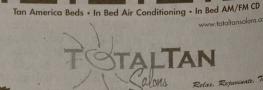
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