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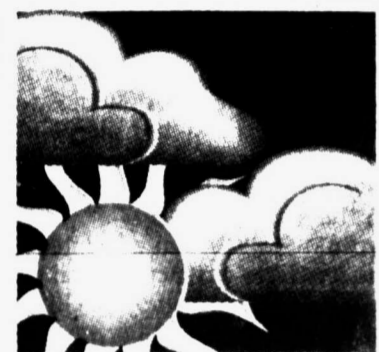
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No tickets matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the Lotto Texas game. The numbers were: 2-3-4-12-23-50. Saturday's drawing will be worth about \$25 million.

Heart Gala Friday night
PAMPA — The local chapter of the American Heart Association will go "Hawaiian" for this year's Heart Gala fund-raiser April 20 at Pampa Country Club. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25. All proceeds will stay in the area. For ticket information, contact Veronica Kirkwood at 665-0356.

- Pauline 'Polly' Burnett, 85, retired nurse's aide.
- Billy Eugene Kirkland, 72, farmer, rancher.
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Stolen items seized; city man behind bars

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Area law enforcement officers are singing each others' praises this morning after their combined efforts led to one arrest and the recovery of property believed to have been stolen in break-ins throughout the eastern Panhandle.

"This is a prime example of law enforcement working together like it's supposed to," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland echoed the police chief's sentiment, adding "It's nice to be able to get something done like this. It shows what can be done with us all working together."

The two chief law enforcement officers were standing in the sally port of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, surrounded by tools, equipment, and small vehicles believed to have been stolen in burglaries throughout the area.

Pat Jarrett Helton, 28, of Pampa, remained in Wheeler County Jail awaiting arraignment after he was arrested by Wheeler County authorities on a

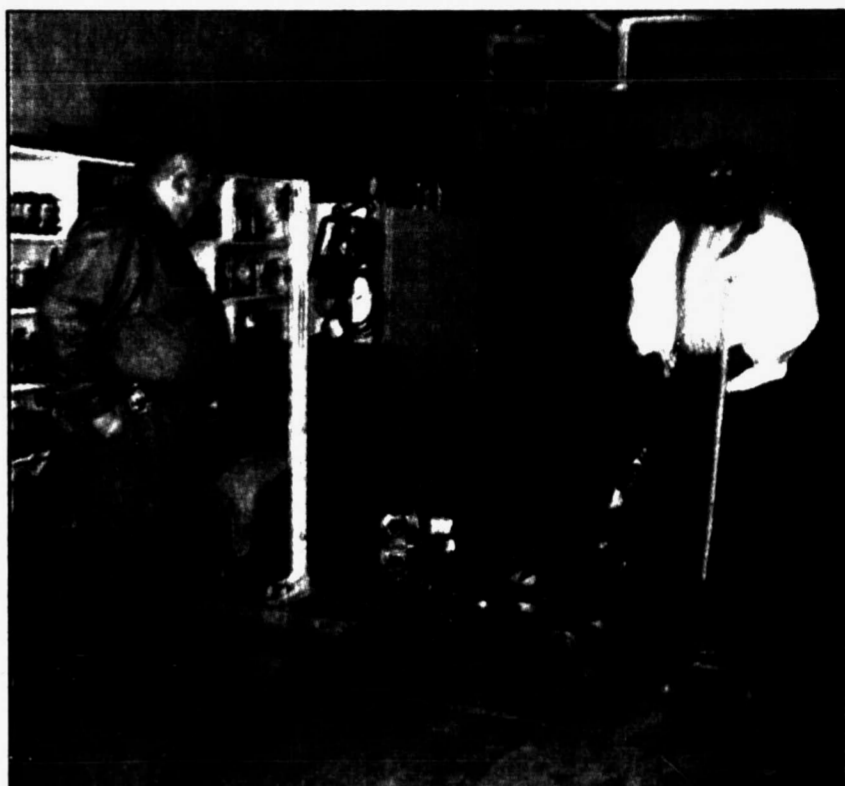
sealed indictment issued last week by a Gray County grand jury.

Helton is charged in the indictment with delivery of a controlled substance stemming from an incident on Nov. 17, 1999. District Judge Steven Emmert set a \$75,000 bond on the charge in the indictment, according to Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams. Helton was to be arraigned before Wheeler Justice of the Peace Brady Meadows this morning, he said, and a different bond may be set at that time.

The events leading to Helton's arrest and the recovered property began to unfold about 5 p.m. Wednesday, when Pampa police notified Wheeler County Sheriff's Office (SO) that Helton was believed to be in their area.

Sgt. Joel Finsterwald of the Wheeler County SO arrested Helton without incident at a residence near Mobeetie, 7 miles north of Texas 152 on Farm-to-Market 48, Adams said.

"I had Finsterwald sit on the house (where Helton was arrested) while we called David Lee at (See STOLEN, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris, left, and Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland look through a part of the property recovered in a search of a rural Wheeler County residence late Wednesday and early today.

City manager wants PEDC to retain Sec. 53 water rights

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Retaining Section 53 water rights when the Pampa Economic Development Corporation sells its land adjoining the Rufe Jordan Unit is something City Manager Bob Eskridge wants.

Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris met with the PEDC board Tuesday saying it is important water rights be kept to make sure the prison has adequate water in the future.

The PEDC board has agreed to sell the parcel in order to raise cash for funding new economic development projects. It was

originally bought to provide industrial sites.

Water to the prison is now furnished by wells on prison property — wells that Morris said "aren't high producers."

Regarding the wells, Eskridge said, "This is the only water source for the prison and we have had problems with these wells." He said the problems are not related to pumps but to how much water becomes available in the well to be pumped.

He said wells that have been dug farther south have a history of being larger producers. Section 53 is south of the prison.

"One thing we know," Morris said, "is as you go farther south the wells are a lot better in that

area ... the water saturation is better."

Should the current wells stop producing enough to meet prison needs, Eskridge said an expensive pipeline would have to be run if Section 53 water isn't available. He estimated the pipeline would cost city taxpayers about \$700,000.

"That's why we didn't run a pipeline to begin with," Eskridge said making reference to the cost.

He said it is the city's responsibility to provide water and sewer services to the prison.

PEDC board member Roger David question if maintaining the water rights will affect a sale price.

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Drivers escape serious injury

Two women escaped serious injury early today when the vehicles they were driving collided almost head-on at the intersection of Price Road and U.S. 60.

First reported shortly before 8 a.m. today as a three-vehicle wreck with possibly major injuries, emergency workers arriving on the scene discovered only two vehicles and two shaken, but relatively uninjured, drivers.

Texas DPS Trooper David O'Brien said witnesses saw a pickup behind one of the vehicles brake so hard, they first thought the pickup was also involved. O'Brien said the person in the pickup was the husband of the woman driving the SUV ahead of him that was involved in the wreck.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Jim Downey, far left, and Carl O'Neal check on Downey's wife after the Nissan Pathfinder she was driving crashed.

Mom indicted in baby's death

Injury to a child charge filed

Gray County Sheriff's deputies arrested five more people on grand jury indictment warrants issued by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert this week.

Twelve of the 19 indictments issued by the Gray County grand jurors April 12 had been sealed by authorities over the Easter holiday weekend. Four of the arrests came in connection with sealed indictments. A fifth arrest is the result of an indictment issued by the grand jury last January.

Tiffany May Porter, 19, RR 2, Box 399, is free on \$15,000 bond today after grand jurors indicted her for injury to a child, a second degree felony, in connection with the Jan. 16 death of her 2-month-old son, Jason Blake Porter.

In the indictment, Porter is alleged to have "recklessly" caused bodily injury to the baby by "shaking."

Gray County Sheriff's deputies, ambulance and fire personnel, responded to the Porter residence on South Barnes in the early morning hours of Jan. 16 after authorities received a call of an unconscious and unresponsive infant.

After being treated at the local hospital, the baby was transported to Amarillo. The child died at Northwest Texas

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First early voting day draws 57 people to poll

A good turnout for the first day of early voting in the City of Pampa mayor's race was reported by City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. She said 57 voters cast ballots on Wednesday.

Jeffers said the early voting will continue through Tuesday, May 1. The mayoral position is the only contested race. Incumbent Mayor Bob Neslage, owner of C&S Cable Advertising, is being challenged by Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church.

Early voting in the upcoming City of Pampa election is in Room 205 at Pampa City Hall. The office will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., said Jeffers, and will remain open during the lunch hour for early voting.

Voting will also be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the city office. She said a provision in the election code provides the Sunday voting if 15 or more people sign a request or petition for Saturday and/or Sunday voting.

On election day, Saturday, May 5, there will be one polling place — M. K. Brown Civic Auditorium — where the polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m.

Bivins: Insurance plan contingent on school fund vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Voters would have to approve using some of the state's public school trust fund for a statewide school employees health insurance plan under a proposal discussed Wednesday by the Senate education committee.

Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said the \$1 billion proposal would depend on about \$200 million from the \$19 billion Permanent School Fund — a controversial action Texas voters would have to approve.

"What if voters reject it?" Sen. Jane Nelson asked Bivins.

"It's my idea, senator, that we

Bivins' proposal would create a statewide pool for that all districts could opt into. No dependent coverage would be offered. Besides the new state money and the school fund, the program would be funded partially by money schools now get for equity.

need to make this enabling legislation conditional on the constitutional amendments, and if they do not pass, this does not go into effect," Bivins said.

A proposal by Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-

Houston, that would change the way the fund is invested passed out of another Senate committee two weeks ago. It is awaiting a full Senate vote.

The measure, based on recommendations from the comptrol-

ler and state auditor, would switch from an income-based to a total return strategy.

Income-based means any money earned from increased stock value is retained in the main part of the fund. Only interest and dividend income is spent.

In total return, a predetermined percentage of capital gains, or the amount stocks have appreciated, would be spent each year.

Critics, including several members of the State Board of Education, say total return has

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State Sen. Teel Bivins



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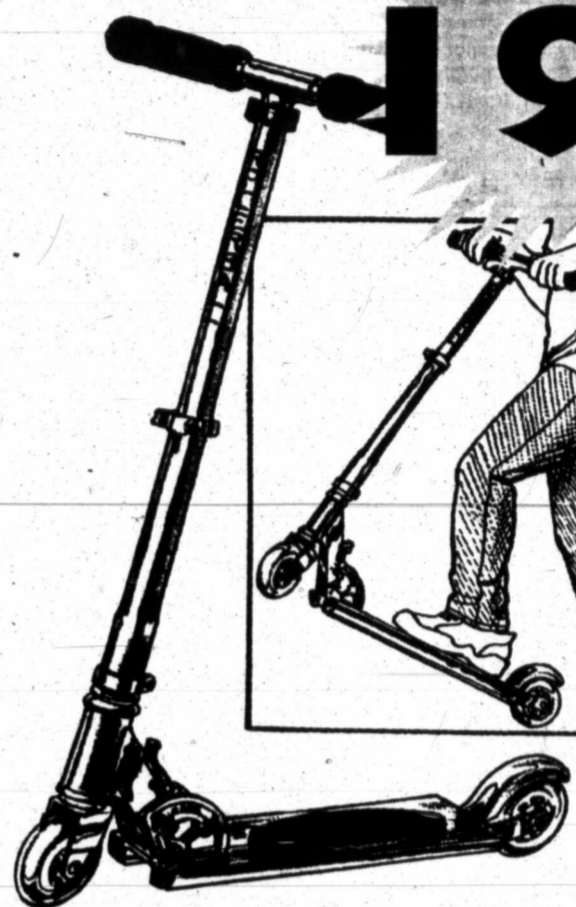


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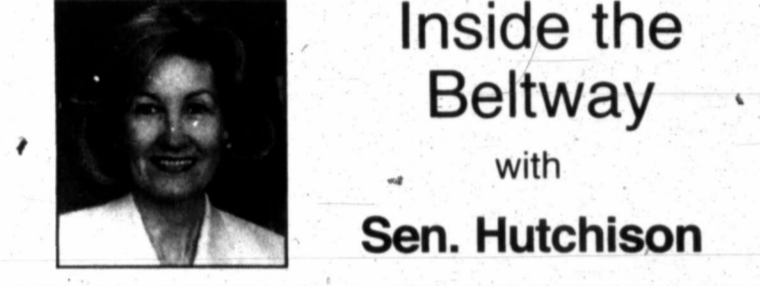
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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison

Moving tax relief to the front burner

Our country is experiencing an economic downturn, and there is no doubt action is needed. Congress is acting swiftly to set the nation's budget, determine its spending priorities — and more important than ever — give tax relief to hard-working Americans.

In the nearly eight years I've been in the Senate, the federal government has shifted from operating with deficits as far as the eye could see to policies that have produced a federal budget surplus. This has allowed us to begin paying off our crippling public debt. In 1994 and 1995, Congress made the tough choices necessary to get our books out of the red and as a result, the economy prospered. Now that there is a blip on our economic radar screen, returning to the taxpayers some of their own hard-earned money ought to be our first priority.

Congress is working on a budget that includes tax cuts designed to promote economic growth while reducing the record tax burden being shouldered by American families. In February the President proposed a \$1.6 trillion tax-relief plan that provides a workable outline for accomplishing our financial goals of debt reduction, tax reduction and responsible government spending levels.

Now we are trying to move tax relief to the front burner. After paying down the debt to the maximum extent possible, we propose to give \$60 billion in a tax cut this year to stimulate the economy.

When the Congressional Budget Office came out with its most recent budget estimates, one number practically leapt off the page: \$5.6 trillion. That's the size of the projected surplus over the next 10 years. Running that kind of surplus is not good economic policy, and it's not good fiscal policy.

We can provide \$1.6 trillion in tax relief over the next 10 years. Even that amount will account for only 6 percent of the revenues the IRS will collect during that time and less than 25 percent of the surplus. The immediate tax cut would be financed out of this year's anticipated budget surplus after we have set aside all of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses and paid for other government programs.

These plans move us toward several important goals, including continuing to pay down the debt and tax relief for all taxpayers under a simplified, more equitable tax code.

Another of those goals is to structure the tax system so that no one has to pay more than a third of his or her income to the federal government. We are looking at reducing all income tax rates across the board. If you pay income taxes to the federal government, they will be lower. It would offer marriage tax penalty relief. The harshly unfair death tax would be buried. The child tax credit would be doubled to \$1,000. The charitable deduction would be made more generous.

On the spending side of the ledger, we also are going to protect the Social Security surplus. We are going to strengthen Medicare, including the creation of a timely prescription drug option. We are going to provide our armed forces with the resources they need to rebuild and strengthen our national defense structure. We are going to increase the support we provide to public education.

The budget policies outlined above will still pay off as much of the existing \$3.4 trillion debt as we can, as quickly as we can, without paying a penalty to holders of long-term U.S. Treasury bonds and notes. Since 1998, Congress has paid off \$363 billion of publicly held debt, and our plan will continue to pay it down even more aggressively.

The choice is clear: put more money in the pockets of the American people, through a tax cut, and let it go back into the economy where it can be invested, saved or spent by the people who earned it.

Improbability of life after the Big Bang

This past pre-Easter week the Christophobic national news magazines made their annual bow to the improbable event believed in by many of their readers. Time, for instance, had a cover story on "What Jesus Saw," although many of its journalists consider the Resurrection to be a fantasy.

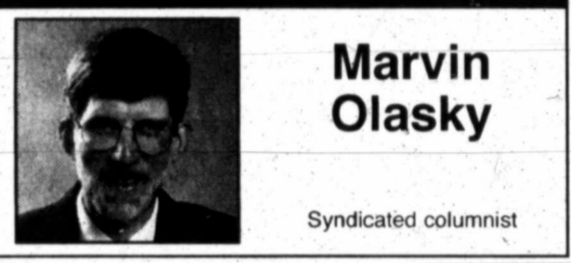
If I wanted to rank occurrences by improbability, though, I'd place a lot well ahead of Christ rising from the dead. To name a few: that an orderly universe exists at all, that earth is a place where life can exist and that complex organs such as eyes would emerge.

Do the odds against Christ's resurrection seem high? Roger Penrose, who helped to develop black-hole theories, estimated as one in one hundred billion to the 123rd power the odds of a Big Bang producing by accident an orderly universe as opposed to chaos.

Big Bang theorists argue that the universe, one second after its purported start, had to expand at a rate rapid enough to keep in check the gravitational attraction of galaxies. Stephen Hawking has noted that if the rate of expansion had been smaller by an infinitesimal amount, the universe would have collapsed.

Of course, even if the universe, by chance, came out right for human purposes, we would need a livable home in space. Earth's size, distance from the sun and rotational speed had to be just right. We need the air above not only for breathing, but to protect us from cosmic rays and meteors. We need light (not much ultraviolet), heat (not too much) and so on.

Does Christ's resurrection seem incredible? What about the origin of life? A chance of one



Marvin Olasky
 Syndicated columnist

of 1,000,000,000,000,000 is considered a virtual impossibility, but when DNA co-discoverer Francis Crick calculated the possibility of a simple protein sequence of 200 amino acids (much simpler than a DNA molecule) originating spontaneously, his figure was 10 with 260 zeroes after it. John Blanchard, in "Does God Believe in Atheists?" quotes useful analogies about the likelihood of the universe allowing for the existence of life: "Hitting a target an inch wide on the other side of the observable universe, or expecting a pole-vaulter's pole to remain standing, poised on its tip, for centuries following his vault."

Those who remember one past fad will appreciate British scientist Fred Hoyle's view of the odds against evolved life. "Anyone with even a nodding acquaintance with the Rubik cube," he wrote, "will concede the near impossibility of a solution being obtained by a blind person moving the cube faces at random. Now imagine 10 to the fiftieth blind persons (standing shoulder to shoulder, these would more than fill our entire planetary system) each with a scrambled Rubik cube simultaneously arriving at the solved form."

Hoyle's best-known analogy has a tornado in a junkyard taking all the pieces of metal lying there and turning them into a Boeing 747. It would be amazing, but possible, for two pieces to be naturally welded together, and then two pieces more in a later whirlwind, but production of even a simple organic molecule would require all of the pieces, to come together at one time.

Three decades ago, Frank Salisbury of Utah State University described the odds this way. "Imagine one hundred million trillion planets, each with an ocean with lots of DNA fragments that reproduce one million times per second, with a mutation occurring each time. In four billion years, it would still take trillions of universes to produce a single gene — if they got lucky."

During these recent decades, however, the odds have not inhibited the true believers in evolution. Or are they true believers in avoiding at all costs the alternative? The late science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov acknowledged that he did not "have the information to prove that God doesn't exist," but "emotionally, I'm an atheist." "Brave New World" author Aldous Huxley wrote of the philosopher trying "to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do. We don't know because we don't want to know."

Do we want to know whether Christ was resurrected on Easter? God provides the grace to believe in that, but note: Such belief requires less faith in things unseen than believing that the world as we know it evolved out of nothing.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press: Today is Thursday, April 19, the 109th day of 2001. There are 256 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on April 19, 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."
- On this date: In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.
- In 1782, the Netherlands recognized American independence.
- In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.
- In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.
- In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.
- In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.
- In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.
- In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including leader David Koresh, were killed.
- In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds. Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and faces execution next month.

What exactly is America's role in Asia?

Just what is our foreign policy in Asia? Inquiring minds would like to know. If it is to establish hegemony in the region, I'd like to know when Americans had a chance to vote on that policy.

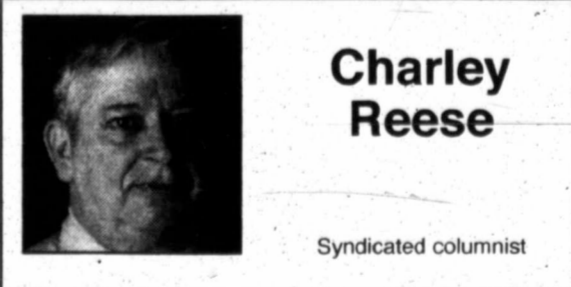
Secretary of State Colin Powell said we would continue spy flights to "protect our national-security interests. And frankly to protect the national security interests of our friends in the region."

(There is no such thing as friendship between governments. George Washington knew that. How come modern politicians can't get that simple fact through their heads?)

Does Powell mean we are prepared to go to war to protect the independence of Korea? Of Japan? Of Taiwan? If he does, when were the American people ever asked if they wanted their sons or grandchildren to die 12,000 miles away to protect somebody else's country?

The answer to all these questions is that Americans are handed a foreign policy without so much as a by-your-leave. We are supposed, sheep-like, to accept the wisdom of the elders of the foreign-policy establishment and do nothing but obey.

To get down to the nut, I've no desire at all to see my children or grandchildren die in an Asian war for any reason whatsoever. It is not in the least bit necessary for the United States to establish hegemony in that region in order for our country to remain free and prosperous. The only war Americans should ever fight is in defense of this country and no other.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Unless somebody in Washington knows that China is planning a surprise attack on the United States, I see no justification whatsoever for spying in such an intrusive way. Collecting radio and microwave transmissions is going to give you data, 99 percent of which is routine. Why do it? Would we like Chinese surveillance aircraft flying off our coasts?

For some reason, people in Washington cannot get rid of their war mentality. That's probably because we have too many generals and admirals trying to justify their jobs.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned Americans never to get involved in an Asian land war (if you want to know why, check the population figures). We disregarded that advice when John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson bogged us down in the Vietnam War. It was not a happy outcome.

Neither was the Korean War, when we discovered that if we were unwilling to use nukes, we couldn't win a war against Chinese troops. In that case, the old Confederate joke was true:

We ran out of bullets before we ran out of Chinese.

Now there are even more Chinese, and the Chinese have enough nukes of their own to guarantee that we won't use ours in any future difficulty. As one of the Chinese generals said, he wasn't worried about American defense of Taiwan. "They think more of L.A. than they do of Taipei."

On the other hand, we have nothing to worry about with China. There aren't enough boats and planes in the whole world to ferry a Chinese army to America. Furthermore, the Chinese government has all it can do to keep control of its own country.

Therefore, it seems to me that the bottom line is our relationship with China boils down to trade and nothing else. If that is the case, then we should not allow the military to make foreign policy and play Cold War games when there is no Cold War and no imminent hot war. We need to force those in Washington to get rid of their imperial mind-sets and tend to our business instead of trying to run the world.

Nobody in history has ever succeeded in maintaining an empire, and we certainly won't. For all of our billions of defense dollars, I wouldn't want to throw our volunteer army into a land war with Chinese or North Korean infantry. I don't think we'd like the results. It wouldn't be the same as mugging a little country that doesn't have a pig's chance of surviving a barbecue.

If the American people want peace, they had better let the nabobs in Washington know it.

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CRMWA to dig more wells

(Editor's note: Due to an editing error the continuation of this story did not run Wednesday. The story is reprinted below in its entirety.)

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority will be drilling three more water wells in Roberts County to slake the thirst of the 11 cities they serve.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board approved CRMWA's request unanimously during a regularly called meeting here Tuesday.

CRMWA has a well field of 40,000 acres in Roberts County north of Pampa. The water authority recently completed a pipeline from the well field to Fritch where water from Roberts County will be mixed with water from Lake Meredith for the cities that the authority serves.

CRMWA drilled 23 water wells to provide water for their member cities, but those wells did not provide the amount of water needed, Williams said. They therefore want to drill an additional three wells.

The water authority is also reworking an older well they inherited when they bought the well field from Southwestern Public Service.

CRMWA is expected to begin pumping from the land in Roberts County about May 1.

CRMWA pipes water to Pampa, Borger, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Slaton, O'Donnell, Brownfield, Levelland, Lamesa and Tahoka.

In briefing the board on Senate Bill 2, the bill implementing a

state water plan introduced last month by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, chairman of the Texas Senate's natural resources committee, Williams said that the bill as originally introduced was not a good one.

Sen. Brown, in a meeting in Miami earlier this month, said the bill he introduced was written quickly to meet a legislative deadline and many things had to be changed in committee. Brown said he himself had introduced more than 40 amendments to correct measures in the bill.

Williams said that working with the Senator's staff and others involved in the bill, the amended version is much better.

"We really turned that around," Williams said.

Much of the language was changed to reflect a consensus committee Brown had organized from various interest groups last year.

Williams said that a water committee mandated by the bill that many interests felt only added another layer of bureaucracy was changed to an advisory committee.

Some fees were taken out of the original bill, Williams said, but a dollar a head fee for each individual in the state remained. Counties will collect that fee. The money raised by the fee will go to a water infrastructure fund for new water projects across the state.

"It's a whole lot better bill now than it was," Williams said.

In other business, John McKissack, Amarillo's representative on the board, said that a new reservoir and two new wells into the Santa Rosa Aquifer southeast of Amarillo should help lighten the load on pumping

water from Amarillo's Carson County well field.

Williams also told the board that the district's precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, program is expected to begin May 1. He said the district's radar system was up and running and the plane and pilot were ready.

The plane is being housed at Perry Lefors Airport in Pampa.

A decision on compensation for the directors was tabled until the board's next meeting. Board members are presently paid \$25 a meeting and 28 cents a mile for travel. Because of rising travel costs and more meetings, those

rates may be raised. Williams said that in the past, the board met about nine or 10 times a year. With more groups wanting pumping permits and as water becomes a more controversial issue, Williams said he thinks the number of board meetings will probably increase to 12 a year.

"C.E.," said McKissack with reference to some of the more raucous meetings recently as groups have petitioned the board for permits to pump water in Roberts County and pump it downstate, "there's some meetings that you couldn't pay us enough to come to."

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not been tested in down or flat markets. The strategy is too risky and could deplete the 147-year-old fund, which should not be used to help fund a teachers insurance plan, they say.

The fund, comprised of stocks, bonds and oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands, provides more than \$700 million annually for public schools.

"I want to be sure that if we ask the voters to approve a constitutional amendment that we're not going to lock ourselves into something, I keep saying the word raid, that would raid our Permanent School Fund," said Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

Bivins and other supporters, including Gov. Rick Perry, say total return is safe if used cautiously. The increased income could be used to help offset insurance costs, they say.

With a tight budget and rising health care costs, dipping into the Permanent School Fund is necessary, Bivins said.

"If you don't get the total return money you really have got yourself down to a level of funding that it's the false promise," Bivins said.

Creating a school employees health insurance plan has emerged as one of the legislative session's top issues.

Unaffordable health insurance

Donated phones for violence victims

AUSTIN (AP)— Texas first lady Anita Perry and the state's two other highest-ranking political wives are trying to help domestic violence victims with donated cellular phones.

The women launched the "Texas Donate a Phone" wireless phone collection campaign on Wednesday at the state Capitol.

The goal is to get state employees and other Texans to donate used wireless phones that will be refurbished and reprogrammed to include emergency service numbers and the Texas Council on Family Violence hotline.

Cingular Wireless is providing free air time for the phones, which domestic violence victims

is being blamed in part for the state's teacher shortage. About 46,000 of 250,000 teaching positions went unfilled this year. Also, many small and rural districts have no access to or cannot afford insurance for their employees.

House Education Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, has said he did not want any health insurance plan to be contingent on the investment change because it puts the entire plan in limbo.

Bivins' proposal would create a statewide pool for that all districts could opt into. No dependent coverage would be offered. Besides the new state money and the school fund, the program would be funded partially by money schools now get for equity.

Sadler's proposal would create a mandatory statewide pool for small and rural districts and give money to all districts to be spent on insurance. It also would give money directly to employees for use on additional insurance or coverage for their families. The plan does not depend on school fund or equity money.

Several school and employee groups supported Sadler's plan over the Senate plan at a meeting Wednesday night.

Favoring the House proposal is "a no brainer," said Bill Grusendorf, director of the Texas Association of Rural Schools. "Thank you for thinking about us and structuring a bill for us."

Tralee bring educational program to local schools

In recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Tralee Crisis Center representatives are presenting WHO, an anti-victimization program, to local schools.

Designed by the Mental Health Association of Greater Dallas, WHO stands for "We Help Ourselves," said Ruth Chasteen, Tralee's sexual assault advocate. WHO teaches children and teenagers, kindergarten through 12th grades, how now to become a victim, she said, adding that each program is age appropriate and covers situations applicable to each grade level.

"There are three rules to WHO," Chasteen said. "No. 1 - KNOW. Be able to recognize when you are in a potentially dangerous situation. No. 2 - DO. Have a plan of action to avoid being a victim. And No. 3 - TELL. Tell someone you trust right away when something has happened. Tell a parent, teacher, friend, clergy or counselor."

Chasteen said the program includes videos of situations involving a potential victim.

"The children watch the clip and then we discuss what could be done in this situation," she explained. "It is a way to practice the three rules and to become aware of situations kids might face that would lead to victimization."

"I have done this program in the local high schools and in high schools in our seven-county area

we serve and it has gone really well," she said. "These high schools have been wonderful to let me come in and talk to teenagers about such important topics as physical abuse, sexual abuse, peer pressure, eating disorders, and suicide."

Chasteen said she is now targeting elementary schools, hoping to bring the information contained in WHO to younger students.

"It's never too early to teach kids how to protect themselves from the many perpetrators waiting to take advantage of this vulnerable populations," she said. "It's been a delight going into schools to meet with such amazing students and be given the opportunity to educate them on ways to stay safe."

Chasteen encouraged parents and grandparents to write their child's school superintendents or youth service group leaders and request the WHO program, presented by Tralee Crisis Center at no charge.

Tralee is a United Way agency providing services to victims of family violence, sexual assaults and other crimes. Services include an emergency shelter, crisis counseling, advocate support, emergency transportation and support groups.

For more information about WHO and other services available at Tralee Crisis Center, contact Chasteen at 669-1131.

Clarendon to be site of Turkey Festival

CLARENDON — Clarendon, Texas, will be the site of the first annual Donley County Spring Turkey Strut Festival slated Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. The main event will be at 7 p.m. Saturday with the crowning of Clarendon's first Turkey King. A Turkey Mattress Race will follow at 7:30 p.m. and KEPH-FM radio will host a street dance at 8 p.m. on Kearney Street.

Saturday activities will include a craft show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (both Saturday and Sunday); a turkey cook-off at 12 noon at 4th and Kearney (the first 200 folks to eat will vote on the best turkey

dish); a raffle and live auctions; and music by bluegrass fiddlers at 1 p.m.

Participants may also view the wild turkeys and other wildlife during tours at Taylor Lakes, James P. Rodgers Bird Sanctuary and Greenbelt Lake on both days.

On Sunday, breakfast will be served at the VFW Hall, and at 1 p.m. a nine-hole Golf Scramble is scheduled at Clarendon Country Club. A clay turkey shoot will be held at 1 p.m. also at Bar H Dude Ranch.

For more information, call Dee Dee Autry at (806) 874-3889 or visit www.ClarendonOnline.com on the Internet.

Knife and Fork Club to meet

The Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 23 at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Don Van Palta who will present "With a Banjo on My Knee."

Palta plays tunes on his banjo as well as making unique sounds with the instrument, mimicking a ticking, chiming clock. When he adds a mute, his banjo sounds like a mandolin. He even performs such classics as "Libesträume," Beethoven's "Pathétique Sonata" and "Rhapsody in Blue."

Palta's act is built around his Dutch heritage. He came over from Holland in 1946, following World War II, and is known throughout America as "The Flying Dutchman." His introductions and humor are reminiscent of Victor Borge. His



Don Van Palta

credits include the Micky Finn Nite Club in San Diego, "The Jerry Van Dyke Show," "The Mike Douglas Show," Caesar's Palace and the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Heart Gala



(Community Camera photo)

Suzanne Courtney, local American Heart Association board member, fingers a hand-made afghan by Marilyn Shepherd for auction during the upcoming AHA Hawaiian Hearts Gala slated at 7 p.m. April 20 at Pampa Country Club. The painting next to Courtney is also the work of Shepherd and is among numerous other merchandise to be auctioned at the fund-raiser. Tickets are available for \$15 per person or two for \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Kirkwood at 665-0356.

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Daughter Engaged to Gem Did Not Lack for Diamond

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Mother in Hampton, Ga.," who told her daughters she would not give her approval for marriage unless they received a one-carat diamond engagement ring, reminded me of a situation in my family years ago.

My sister became engaged to a fellow we all liked very much. My parents hosted an engagement party in their home and invited all their relatives and friends.

The young man had recently been discharged from the Army and had no money — therefore, there was no engagement ring. At the party, two guests, in critical and judgmental tones, said to my mother, "We don't see a diamond ring on your daughter's finger." Mother smiled and called the young man from across the room. When he came over, she said to the guests, "This is our jewel."

My sister and her husband were happily married for more than 45 years. He was successful in his profession. My sister received more diamonds and material things than most wives.

JERRY IN HUNTINGTON, N.Y.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

"Mother" is teaching her daughters to view men as "success objects." In response to her defense that she's teaching her daughters to focus on how well the man could "provide the necessities," let me share the results of my own research.

Applying the "DeBeers Standard," which suggests that the diamond should equal two months' salary, a one-carat ring will cost an average of \$28,125 in the Kansas City area. A man who makes that much in two months will bring home \$337,500 per year. Figuring the tax bracket he would be in, the minimum salary "Mother" would accept is \$675,000 per year. Granted, that would buy an awful lot of "necessities."

"Mother" may believe she is not teaching her daughters to focus on the ring, but she sure as heck is not teaching them to look at things such as tenderness, companionship or fidelity. I guess Mama figures \$675,000 would make for a "com-

fortable" divorce settlement.
GEORGE IN RAYTOWN, MO.

DEAR GEORGE: Your letter is a hoot, but your numbers don't add up, at least according to my calculations. Also, I don't know what jeweler you consulted in Kansas City, but according to diamond specialist James Kersey at Harry Winston in Beverly Hills (nothing but the best for my readers), a "very nice" one-carat diamond sells for around \$10,000.

DEAR ABBY: My husband works in the construction trade and refuses to bathe more than once a week. He has, at times, gone more than two weeks without a shower.

Am I unreasonable to expect him to shower at least every two to three days?

SLEEPING ALONE IN OREGON: You are not unreasonable. You're in touch with your sense of smell.

You don't say how long you have been married, but I am amazed that you have been able to live with this. For the sake of his health and the health of your marriage, your husband should schedule personal hygiene on a daily basis.

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Wildwood

HOW CAN I STOP LETTING PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME, MR. LENNY?
COST YOU A DOLLAR.

GO GET MORE DOLLARS AND ASK ME AGAIN... BUT TRY TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	3 American relic	11 Long-plumed bird	12 Dodge	13 Carned	14 Odorless gas	15 Like some shows	17 Slangy denial	19 Bad review	20 Owl	23 Reverbated	25 Boutique	26 Early	28 Sign of sorrow	29 Like the German "das"	30 Peculiar	31 Traveler's stop	32 Bit of history	33 Bank unit	35 Small role	38 Put up	41 Saucer occupant	42 Flat paper	43 Jam ingredient	44 Jam ingredient?		
DOWN	1 Yank's foe	2 Conceit	4 Ivy League school	5 Soaked in hot water	6 George W. Bush, e.g.	7 Kitchen fixture	8 Sought office	9 Commotion	10 Farm mother	16 "Music" singer	17 "Swell!"	18 Was sore	20 Mathematician/philosopher Alfred	21 Bart's dad	22 Verdi	24 Rowing creation	25 Actor	27 Cooking herbs	31 O. Henry	33 Saloon staple	34 Canada native	35 Truck part	36 Pub staple	37 Russian space station	39 Org. for 1-Down	40 Decimal base

Yesterday's answer

Marmaduke

"Okay, okay. You can sit on the sofa."

The Family Circus

4-19

You get the first set of teeth to practice on, and the second set to keep."

For Better or For Worse

IT WAS SPUR OF THE MOMENT! A FRIEND WHO'S A MINISTER MARRIED US— WITH GOD AN' TRACED AS WITNESSES

THEY'VE KEPT THE SECRET WELL. IT HAS TO BE KEPT A SECRET IF MY MOM FINDS OUT.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HONEST WITH YOU. I COULDN'T KEEP THIS FROM YOU ANY LONGER!

MOM? DAD? PLEASE... SAY SOMETHING!!

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I THOUGHT IT WOULD CALL THE PLUMBER.

FOR A GUY WHO CAN'T MICROWAVE POPCORN, YOU SURE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY.

Garfield

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SON. YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.

THANKS... YOU TOO, DAD.

WELL, GOT CHORES TO DO.

BETTER GO UNPACK.

(SNIFF) A REAL FATHER-SON MOMENT.

Beetle Bailey

FIRE WHEN READY!

I SAID, FIRE WHEN READY!

I COULD BE READY... HOW ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON AROUND THREE-ISH?

Marvin

HEY-HEY BITS... WHAT ABOUT ASKING THAT CUTIE OUT?

NAW... TOO HIGH MAINTENANCE.

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THOSE POODLE CUTS COST?!

B.C.

YOU KNOW YOUR REFLEXES ARE OKAY WHEN THE DOCTOR TAPS YOUR KNEE WITH HIS HAMMER AND YOUR FOOT FLIES OFF.

Haggar The Horrible

HELGA OFFERED ME ANY PRIZE I WANTED IF I COULD ONLY LOSE TEN POUNDS... AND I DID!

WHAT DID YOU CHOOSE AS YOUR PRIZE?

THREE DOZEN JELLY DOUGHNUTS!!

Peanuts

LUCY REFUSES TO QUIT. SHE SAYS SHE'S THE BACKBONE OF OUR TEAM...

BONK!!

HEAD BONE!

Blondie

CRASH

IT'S A MIRACLE! THE BURSTITIS IN MY SHOULDER IS GONE!!

WHAT'S WRONG?

I THINK I'M GETTING BURSTITIS IN MY SHOULDER!

Mallard Filmore

Hi, I'm Fin... MY PARENTS CAME HERE FROM CAMBODIA.

THEY HAD NO MONEY, AND COULDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH.

I HAVE A 3.9 GPA AND 1380 SAT SCORE.

I CAN'T GET INTO BERKELEY BECAUSE THE STATE SAYS ASIANS ARE "OVER-REPRESENTED."

CALIFORNIA'S KIND OF LIKE ORNELL'S "ANIMAL FARM."

THERE'RE LOTS OF MINORITIES... SOME OF US ARE JUST MORE "MINOR" THAN OTHERS.

Note BASKETS

PAMPA boys basketball held at 7:00 p.m. The first Basketball game of the season was held at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available and can be purchased by contacting the high school. Deadline for tickets is April 23. The public is invited to attend.

AUTO RA

CHARLOTTE — A partial... made by the... as the one... Earnhardt... killed was for Grand National wreck.

NASCAR — The torn Harmon's Saturday's crash that left him... shoulder... confiscated... restraint system... investigation.

The left lap half-inch tear... the area of... metal buckle... the size. It... apart in the... Seat belts... been under... Earnhardt's... the Winston... opening Day 18.

GOLF

PAMPA — Church of Pampa man scramble Hills.

Results are:

First place: Tom Stroud, Mike Alexander, 64.

Second place: David Crossman, McGivern, 64.

Third place: Doug Burns, Bob Lyle, 69.

Longest drive: No. 17.

Closest to Kirksey, No. 6.

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HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Game 5 won't be the playoff series between Edmonton Oilers and Dallas Stars.

But the Oilers, who have lost five games without a goal, want to go forward Dan O'Rourke.

Since beating the Oilers in seven games in the first round of the 1999-2000 season, the Dallas Stars have lost four of five games without a goal. The Oilers, who have lost five games without a goal, want to go forward Dan O'Rourke.

After this broken Thursday game, the Dallas Stars will play the Edmonton Oilers on Saturday. If needed, the game will be back in Dallas.

"To be honest, we want to go forward Dan O'Rourke."

Derian Hatcher wanted to win the game to try to finish it.

Instead, this was a three-game series. Edmonton's 2-1 victory Tuesday night gave Mike Comrie his first goal in 17:19 into overtime.

That ensured a series-already physical play game.

Stars' Nieuwendyk knee after he was defended by the first period. Ferguson was the first to hit Nieuwendyk until at least 5:00.

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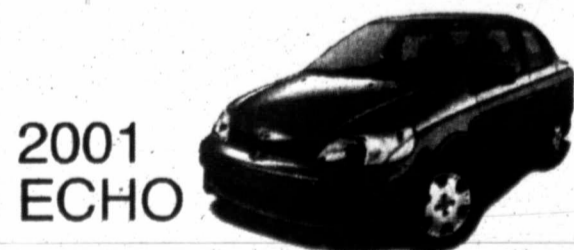


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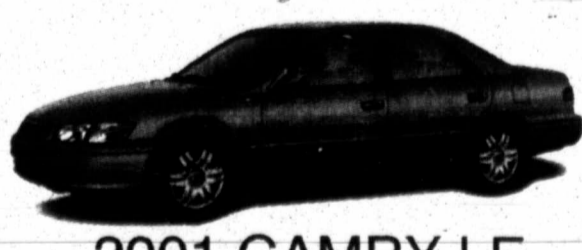
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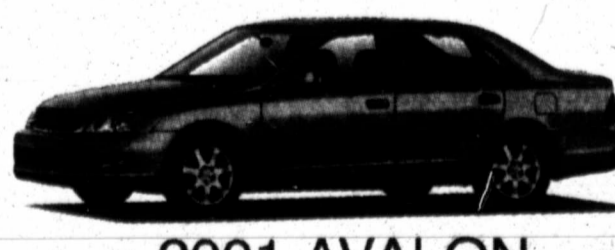
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