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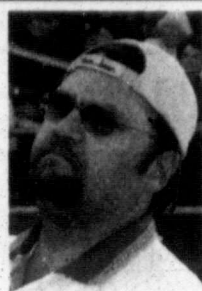
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New bill would add tap water tax

Legislation would also add oversight council to water conservation districts

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PGWCD General Manager C.E. Williams reviewed Senate Bill 3, introduced Monday in Austin, for his board.

the legislature.

The bill would impose a 13-cent fee on each 1,000 gallons of water used by the state's residents above an initial 5,000 gallons. City utilities would collect the fee and keep one-half of one percent of what they collect.

Senate Bill 3 would also establish ground water management area councils to oversee water conservation districts, modify the century-old rule of capture for landowners outside water districts, restrict high capacity pumping outside water districts, establish a statewide water district for those areas not already in water conservation districts

and require a state license for the marketing of water.

If a person damaged his neighbor by pumping water, the bill allows for lawsuits in areas not covered by water districts.

Of primary concern to the PGWCD board is the establishment of ground water management area councils,

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WHITE DEER — Pampa residents, and citizens of every other city in the state, could be paying 13 cents per 1,000 gallons more for water soon.

During the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors monthly meeting Tuesday,

Williams, who has been tracking some 113 bills dealing with water issues this legislative session in the state Capitol, said most of them have not come out of committee, but Senate Bill 3 is on the fast track through

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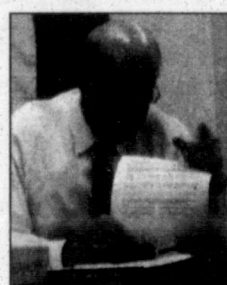
By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board members approved two loans, accepted bids on two tax delinquent properties in Donley County, set a deadline for comments on their depletion rules implementation plan and approved 12 well permits Wednesday, but most of their time was concentrated on Senate Bill 3 introduced in Austin Monday.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, and several of his board members plan on attending a hearing at the Capitol next Tuesday concerning the proposed legislation.

They are opposed to some provisions of Senate Bill 3 and would like to opt out of several of its requirements. (See related story.)

In their regular business session, the board discussed exceptions to their well spacing policy in connection with platted subdivisions. While new subdivisions are expected to meet the well spacing requirements, they decided to handle older subdivision violations that were platted before or during their rule-making process on a case-by-case basis.



Williams

They also set May 1, as the deadline for comments on their depletion rule procedures. The rule has been adopted, but the district has formalized their procedures, reduced them to writing and offered the document for public comment.

The board approved 12 single well permits across the district. They are a 1-inch well for Mays Trust on 1.57 acres in Potter County; a 1-inch well for Mays Trust on 1.25 acres in Potter County; a 1-inch well for Campbell Estates on one acre in Carson County; a 1-inch well for Mays Trust on 1.6 acres in Potter County; a 3-inch well on 761 acres for Gene Scivally in Armstrong County; a 4-inch well on 480 acres for Ray Cogburn in Wheeler County; an 8-inch well on 480 acres for Ray Cogburn in Wheeler County; a 4-inch well on 420 acres for Willis Watson in Gray County; an 8-inch well on 1,580 acres for Mike Oldham in Wheeler County; an 8-inch well on 200 acres for

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Rachel Cambern of the Coffee Shop, left, and Sarah Martindale, CASA board member, hold up a jar for the Million Penny Campaign to raise funds for CASA's advocacy work with abused and neglected children.

Million Penny Campaign helps abused and neglected children

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention month, CASA of the High Plains officials are launching a Million Penny Campaign to help support child advocacy work.

"Unfortunately, 'one million' represents the staggering number of child abuse cases reported in our country each year," said Stephanie Kelly, a CASA of the High Plains representative. "Therefore, 'one million' is a significant number and is the goal of this campaign."

"... 895,000 children in this country were reported and confirmed by CPS (child protective services) as abused or neglected last year," said Janet Watts, CASA executive director. "We don't think about this very often because it's simply so staggering, so upsetting, and frankly, it seems so far removed from us."

"About 1,400 children died last year in this country as a result of abuse and neglect," she added. "Ironically, same number as number of troops that have died fighting in Iraq since the war began two years ago in March of 2003."

Kelly said the funds raised

through the local Million Penny Campaign will support CASA's advocacy work and raise public awareness of the needs of children in the community. The funds will also be used to aid in recruiting and training local CASA volunteers, she said.

The Million Penny Campaign will be promoted in area businesses. Austin Elementary School staff and students plan to collect pennies for the campaign the last week of April, Kelly said.

Child Abuse Prevention month is often recognized by wearing a blue ribbon as a national symbol of child abuse awareness. The blue ribbon movement began when a concerned grandmother took a stand against child abuse following the death of her grandson. She chose the color blue because she said she "never intended to forget the battered, bruised bodies of her grandchildren."

Each week, child protective services agencies in the United States receive more than 50,000 referrals

alleging that children have been abused or neglected. As referrals may involve more than one child, the total of 2.6 million referrals concerned approximately 4.5 million children. Of these, approximately two-thirds were screened in and received investigations or assessments to determine whether the allegations of maltreatment could be substantiated.

'About 1,400 children died last year in this country as a result of abuse and neglect.'

— Janet Watts
CASA executive director

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is an agency that intervenes on behalf of children after they have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. A judge assigns a CASA to a child. This CASA volunteer has access to all files, records and is able to interview anyone that has a relationship with the child in order to make a recommendation to

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Obituaries

Jimmie L. Baxter, 81

Jimmie L. Baxter, 81, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Houston. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of First Baptist Church of Vernon, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.



Baxter

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Baxter was born Feb. 11, 1924, at Mankins, Texas. She came to Pampa in

1929, where, on Nov. 23, 1941, she married Ralph Baxter Sr.; he died June 8, 1998.

Mrs. Baxter was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church where she prepared bereavement dinners.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherryl Ryan of Houston; three sons, Jerry Baxter of Garland, Kenneth Baxter of Vernon and Ralph Baxter, Jr., of The Colony; two sisters, Anna Sue Davies of Lake Jackson, Wyona Rorabaugh of Concord, Calif.; one brother, David Enloe of Kingsland; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Dr. Marion Gross Galvin, 91

Dr. Marion Gross Galvin, 91, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in Pampa.

Vigil will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2005, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.



Galvin

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo with Monsignor Raymond Crosier, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Amarillo, officiating under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Dr. Galvin was born on Dec. 4, 1913, in Amarillo and was a 1930 graduate of Amarillo High School. She received a B.A. degree from West Texas State University, a master of fine arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, and a Ph.D. in art education from Penn State University.

She was an art educator for the Amarillo Independent School District and was an art professor at West Texas State, retiring in 1978.

She married Thomas C. Galvin on June 19, 1943, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She lived in Amarillo all her life before moving to Pampa in 1987. She was a mem-

ber of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Alpha Chi Honor Society, the Pampa Retired Teachers Association, and she was a life member of Beta Sigma Phi.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, a niece, and a great-nephew.

Survivors include two nephews, Lee Burke and wife Carolyn of Dallas and Bill Cheyne of Cedar Park; four nieces, Beverly Strohl of San Diego, Calif., Jane Potts and hus-

band Bill of Pampa, Marilyn Salter of Edmonds, Wash., and Nancy Farmer of Tulsa, Okla.; numerous great-nephews and great-nieces; and very special friends, Gary and Donna Starnes, Shannon Horton, Sherry Bolch, Katy Roe and Robin Fritts, all of Pampa.

The family expresses special appreciation and thanks to the Meredith House, Coronado Healthcare Center, Pampa Regional Medical center and Dr. Bhatia for their loving and high quality care during her lengthy illness.

Memorials should be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 2301 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065; or Catholic Family Services, P.O. Box 15127, Amarillo, TX 79105.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Services tomorrow

- BAXTER, Jimmie L. — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.
- CROCKER, Shirley Thomas — Memorial services, 1 p.m., Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home, LaJunta, Colo.
- GALVIN, Dr. Marion Gross — Vigil services, 5:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
- HERR, Ruthie — 10 a.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.

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KIRBY — Alpha Ophelia "Felix" Lambrecht, 77, of Kirby, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kirby.

Private entombment will be in Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio.

Mrs. Lambrecht was born Nov. 14, 1927, at Pampa, to William Henry and Alpha Fay Akers. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1945.

She was a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church of Kirby and Hermann Sons Kirby Lodge #305.

Mrs. Lambrecht, an avid bingo player, shopper and bowler, was past president of Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2059 of Kirby.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Martin Herman Lambrecht; sons,


Martin C. "Chris" Lambrecht of Bulverde and Keary William Lambrecht of Converse; a daughter, Linda Kay Lambrecht of Kirby; and several grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at Sunset Funeral Home in San Antonio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5955 FM 78, Kirby, TX 78244; V.F.W. Post 2059 Relief Fund, 3202 Ackerman Rd., Kirby, TX 78219; or Alamo Area Parkinson's Support Group, 8507 Chesham, San Antonio, TX 78254.

Condolences may be made on-line at www.mem.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home of San Antonio.

Alpha Ophelia 'Felix' Lambrecht, 77



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Marvin B. Waites, Sr., 57

Marvin B. Waites, Sr., 57, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Roberts County. Services will be held at a later time in Winnie, Texas.

Mr. Waites was born Aug. 19, 1947, at Wharton. He married Cherri Lumpe on April 26, 1986, at Winnie. He had been a Pampa resident for the past three years, moving from Nevada, Mo.

Mr. Waites worked for U.S. Steel in Baytown for 18 years and attended the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cherri, of the home; two sons, M. Blair Waites, Jr., of Winnie and Jason Waites of Pampa; four daughters, Jeannie Martinez and Bridget

Chester, both of Winnie, Windy Waites of Odessa and Margaret Waites of Pampa; a sister, Donnette Matthews of Winnie; a brother, John Waites of Winnie; and 17 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

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Keegan & Marvin Waites

Keegan Neal Waites, 4

Keegan Neal Waites, 4, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Roberts County, Texas.

Services will be held at a later date in Winnie, Texas.

Keegan was born Jan. 31, 2001, at Beaumont and had been a Pampa resident for the past year, moving from Winnie. He attended the Pre-K program at Lamar Elementary School and played soccer for the Team 12 Buccaneers.

Keegan attended Living Water Church in Winnie.

Survivors include his parents, Jason and Debra Waites, of the home; a brother, Brad Royer, of the home; his paternal grandmother, Kathy Bertrand of Liberty; his paternal stepgrandmother, Cherri Waites of Pampa; his maternal grandparents, Patricia Royer of Winner and Bobby Lynn Royer and wife Carolyn of Louisiana.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association.

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Ruthie Herr, 65

Ruthie Herr, 65, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2005, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Larry Spannagel, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Borger, officiating.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Herr was born June 4, 1939, in Pampa. She was a 1957 graduate of Pampa High School. She had been a resident of Borger and Odessa before moving back to

Pampa in 1987.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Herr, in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Herr, of the home; one daughter-in-law, Bhe Herr of Austin; three sons; two grandchildren; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Craig Winborn of Midland.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Bill

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or GMACs. John McKissack, the board member representing Potter County, termed it another layer of bureaucracy.

It also flies in the face of Senate Bill 1 in 1997, when the state first began to seriously deal with its water issues.

That year, the legislature said it's preferred method of dealing with ground water management was ground water conservation districts.

The creation of the

ground water management area councils appears to be a bid to gain more control over ground water at the state level.

The councils would provide hydrologists and support data collection on aquifers, monitor aquifers and try to make the rules more consistent among water districts within each management area.

Williams said that while many newer small water districts need that help downstate, the PGWCD has already dealt with those problems, and he fears another layer of red tape.

"I think it was an honest attempt to help the smaller

districts, but they tried to fix too much with more process and more bureaucracy," Williams said.

Williams and several board members are expected to travel to Austin Tuesday for a hearing on the bill before the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

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the court to help the judge better understand the child's situation and make a decision.

District Judge Lee Waters established CASA of the High Plains after he searched for a way to have more input into cases involving children in the child protective services system. He discovered the

CASA program and began to lay the groundwork for a program to be discovered locally. In 1994, a steering committee was formed and Watts hired as executive director, a position she continues to hold.

Originally, Gray County was the only county served until 1997 when Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties were added. Hansford and Ochiltree counties were added in 1999.

PGWCD

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Stegall Farms in Donley County; an 8-inch well on 240 acres for Mark Cadra in Wheeler County, and an 8-inch well on 1,088 acres for Patrick H. Weinheimer in Carson County.

They also approved two ag loans for irrigation equipment and accepted bids on two parcels of land in Donley County, being sold because of tax delinquency.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, April 6

Sixteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets and at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

A hit and run vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft of services was reported in the 200 block of Henry by the City of Pampa Water Department.

Two instances of theft were reported in the police department lobby.

Two instances of disorderly conduct/other were reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Alcock and Faulkner streets.

Fire department assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd and Fir streets.

Forgery was reported at Wal Mart, 2801 Charles, involving a fictitious identification card.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

One business alarm was reported.

Nicholas Lea Brookshire, 25, 816 N. Wells, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for assault causing bodily injury.

Jeremy Allen Teakell, 32, 533 Powell, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for public intoxication.

Lance Allan Herr, 43, 2117 Lynn, was arrested in the 300 block of Perry for failure to appear and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following acci-

dent today.

Wednesday, April 6

3:46 p.m. — A 2000 Ford F-150, driven by Mauro Lopez, 17, 315 N. Banks, and a 1994 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Jack Mackie, 16, 1820 Holly Lane, collided in the 200 block of East Randy Matson. No injuries were reported. Lopez was cited for no driver's license and following too closely.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 6

Katie Ramirez, 34, Amarillo, was arrested on a bond surrender for resisting arrest/detention.

Kday E. Thorpe, 24, Springfield, Ohio, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Teddy Gene Escamilla, 46, Harrisburg, Va., was arrested for theft by check and a fugitive warrant.

Larry Brown, 47, 701 Boyd, was arrested for criminal non-support.

Julie Ann Kinnaman, 28, Shamrock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 6

1:09 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an arcing power line in the alley of the 2300 block of Fir.

9:02 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Tuesday, April 5

11:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Sandlewood and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

9:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart. No transport.

Wednesday, April 6

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road. No transport.

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. North northwest wind around 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 15 and 25 mph. Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low near 48. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Stocks

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Viewpoints

Horse betting may affect dude ranching

The Dude Ranchers' Association, headquartered in Cody, Wyo., has issued information citing a significant rise in dude ranch interest across the West.

"For the first time in three years," a press release reports, "reservations for dude ranch vacations are up this year, an increase that the Dude Ranch(ers)' Association says bodes well for its 100-plus member ranches and may also affect the thousands of guests who choose to experience a genuine Western vacation."

The release cited Colleen Hodson, executive director of the association, as saying dude ranch business has been down the past three years.

"However," the release quotes Hodson, "most of our DRA member ranches are reporting reservations way ahead of normal for the 2005 season. This is great for our ranches, but for guests who are used to booking dates at the last minute, it could pose a problem," she warns.

"While most dude ranches offer traditional western activities," the release said, "such as horseback riding and fishing, guests may be pleasantly surprised at the wide range of additional activities they find at various ranches, everything from massage and hot tubs, white water rafting, cattle round ups, overnight pack

trips, mountain biking to conference facilities and wildflower tours."

"Hodson," the news release notes, "urges travelers who are considering a dude ranch

vacation this year to check out all the options — and then book early" at a Dude Ranchers' Association ranch to ensure they get exactly what they are looking for."

I hate to be pessimistic in the face of such glowing good news as reported by DRA and its executive director, but suppose the

betting (you know, like beheading) craze currently affecting the equine population in the Town of Leon, Wis., somehow catches on in other parts of the nation?

(By the way ... the Town of Leon is actually the full name of the Town of Leon.)

"Some horses in central Wisconsin may still be bright eyed, but no longer bushy tailed," chortled the lead of an Associated Press story found at Yahoo!@News this week.

(A thunderous mental

scowl upon this author for taking such a serious matter so lightly. Obviously, he or she has no idea of the potential seriousness of this barbaric practice.)

"Waushara and Portage county sheriff's departments," the release continued, "are trying to figure out who is cutting off the tails of some horses."

"Portage County sheriff's Detective Gina Boettcher said the culprits could be after horse hair," the AP article states, "that is sometimes used for making jewelry, watchbands, or belts."

While not actually causing the horse any pain, the article said a clipped tail can take up to a whole year to

grow back. I sincerely hope this illicit band of thieves (thief?) is captured before such a practice can become ritual.

I shudder to think how this dreadful custom could adversely affect the upward trend among dude ranches as illustrated by the Dude Ranchers' news release.

Dude ranch vacationers could be sitting a horse with a beautiful flowing tail at one end one minute and the next be a astride a tasteless, tailless steed. How horrific.

The modern dude ranch may indeed offer many diversified activities, but without horseback riding, where's the mystic?

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 7, the 97th day of 2005. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

On this date:

In 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania. (Less than a week later, Italy annexed Albania.)

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

In 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1955, movie actress Theda Bara died in Los Angeles at age 69.

In 1966, the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. In the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.

Ten years ago: President Clinton threatened to veto a lengthy list of bills passed by the Republican-controlled House if they were not modified in the Senate. In a prime-time television address, House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared the GOP "Contract with America" was only a beginning.

Five years ago: Attorney General Janet Reno met in Washington with the father of Elian Gonzalez; Reno later told reporters that officials would arrange for Juan Miguel Gonzalez to reclaim his son, but she gave Elian's Miami relatives one more chance to drop their resistance and join in a peaceful transfer.

One year ago: Mounir el Motassadeq, the only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted, was freed after a Hamburg, Germany court, ruled that the evidence was too weak to hold him pending a retrial.

'No date on the calendar is as important as tomorrow.'

— Roy W. Howard
American newspaper publisher (1883-1964)



For security, against stupidity

For most of my professional life, I've traveled frequently — sometimes boarding a commercial flight two, three or four times a month for lucrative speaking engagements. Over the past three years, the frequency has fallen to an average of once or twice a year. The reason is simple. I don't want to be arrested or detained for questioning some of the senseless airport security procedures. Don't get me wrong. I'm for security but against stupidity. Let's look at some of it starting off with a hypothetical question.

You're a detective. A woman reports a rape. How would you go about finding the perpetrator? Would you confine your search to males or would you include females as well?

You say, "Williams, that would be stupid to include females!" But not if Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta were your supervisor. You might be ordered to investigate females and males as possible suspects to avoid com-

mitting the politically incorrect sin of sex profiling.

With regard to airport security, Mineta said, "While the security procedures are not based on the race, ethnicity, religion or gender of passengers, we also want to assure that in practice, the system does not disproportionately select members of any particular minority group."

That means Americans who fit no terrorist profile —

mothers with children, blind and disabled people, elderly couples — are frisked, groped and hassled. What's even more stupid is that pilots and flight attendants face similar screening. Here's my question to you: If a pilot is intent on crashing a plane into a building, does he need to carry anything on board to do it?

On several occasions, having gone through screening without setting off any alarms, I've been pulled aside for additional screening. Imagine that you're

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HB 1348 shouldn't be needed, but is

A bill to undercut all the technical excuses for breaking a century-old state law that bars corporations and unions from contributing to political campaigns might be considered this week by a Texas House subcommittee. This bill shouldn't be necessary but it is.

House Bill 1348, by Reps. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, and Todd Smith, R-Eules, is necessary because of tactics employed by two business-financed groups in the 2002 election, in which U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, the U.S. House majority leader, and state Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland campaigned for a GOP majority

in the Texas House. Craddick is now Texas House speaker.

One group, started at the behest of DeLay, was Texans for a Republican Majority, or TRMPAC. The other was the Texas Association of Business, the state's leading business lobbying group, which is led by Executive Director Bill Hammond, a former Republican state representative.

Both organizations have drawn a grand jury probe and civil lawsuits based on

accusations that they broke state law in the way they spent money donated by corporations. State law bans corporations (and unions) from donating money to a political campaign, though

there is an exception for administrative expenses.

bill (and similar legislation in the Senate by Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen) spells out the meaning of "administrative expenses" in a way no political action committee should be able to sneak

around. It also would shut the door to political attack ads such as those mailed by TAB that were financed by corporations and used against Democratic House candidates. Opposing candidates and groups using non-corporate and non-union money, of course, would remain free to attack all they want. And it would bar "coordinated" efforts by corporations and unions to use their money to help a candidate indirectly.

Eiland said he has "plenty of floor support" to win approval of the bill from the full House. His support

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Savanah Smith, a designer, and Carmen Overstreet, Freeman Florists' manager/designer, work on a floral arrangement.

Local florists keep up with new designs

By SAVANAH SMITH
Floral designer

Believe it or not, the floral industry changes about as often as the Texas panhandle's weather. From variations in color to design to container, every season is new for a florist.

To keep Pampa up with the times, Freeman's Flowers works tirelessly to learn the newest designs and styles. This change is headed by new owners Jay and Deborah Henson. They ensure that designers are up to date by sending them to continuing education seminars in Amarillo and Oklahoma City.

One program recently attended in Amarillo was led by Tom Simmons, a director of the American Institute of Floral Design. AIFD is designed to promote public awareness in designing and business. Simmons became an active part of AIFD in 1988 as a board member, which eventually led to becoming a Director at Large for

the National Board.

Simmons has been active in the floral industry for over 25 years. He has a background in textiles, which contributes to his unique designs and use of color. Because he continues to follow fashion trends and interior décor, Simmons seeks out the most unique materials to create innovative designs.

He is also an education specialist for Teleflora, traveling the country and instructing seminars. Many of Simmons' arrangements have been featured on the covers of magazines. His designs are seen in many high profile locations, such as the Bel-Air hotel. He has done work for Julia Roberts, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Jennifer Lopez and Mark Anthony's wedding. His work is spread across the United States and he has even designed for weddings in Mexico.

An addition to Simmons' seminar, Freeman's Flowers staff has attended two other programs since the Hensons' possession of the business in December of 2004, corsage class and everyday design.



Simmons

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includes other Republicans besides Smith, such as Rep. Terry Keel of Austin. If it is blocked in committee, he said, "I'll have it as an amendment on each and every germane bill

that comes by" the full House.

Some suggest that the legislative leadership Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are inclined to wait on the courts. Eiland argues against that, and he's right: "If the Texas Legislature met more often than once every two years for 140 days, that might be

an option. However, we don't. We need to strengthen and clarify the law before the next elections (in 2006), or there may be other litigation criminal or civil."

The Legislature should not wait on the courts but do its job, in this case by making clear that the law means what it says.

Security

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there with a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) supervisor and I'm being subjected to additional screening. You offer him a bet whereby if Williams is discovered to be in possession of something that endangers security — a knife, gun or bomb — you'll pay him \$5,000, and if I'm not, he'll pay you \$100. Do you think he'll take your offer? I'm betting he wouldn't.

What about the TSA confiscation of "dangerous" personal items such as tweezers, hat pins, sewing scissors, knitting needles, etc.? I hope I'm not giving the TSA ideas, but I've watched a number of television shows featuring super-max prisons like California's Pelican Bay. Among the items prisoners fashion into lethal weapons are ballpoint pens, belts, eyeglass temples, glass containers and toothbrushes, all of which the TSA permits on air-

planes. So what's the TSA's reasoning for allowing ballpoint pens on planes but not tweezers?

Most hijackings and recent terrorist acts have been committed by young Muslim extremists. That's not to say that all or nearly all Muslims pose a threat to security. But if one is looking for potential terrorists, the larger proportion of resources should be spent screening Muslim passengers. Screening the blind and disabled, mothers and children, and senior citizens is not going to have much of a payoff unless the goal is not to have tweezers or a G.I. Joe doll holding a rifle on the plane.

If I were a terrorist, I'd appreciate the fact that the TSA treats every passenger as having an equal likelihood of being a security threat. Fewer resources

would be available to screen me. When law-abiding people are the subject of profiling, it's unfair, and they are insulted — and rightfully so. The true source of the injustice they face are those responsible for making "Muslim" near synonymous with "terrorism."

Even if I don't fly commercial anymore, I care about the TSA's waste of resources. There are potential terrorist targets in many areas such as ports, railroads and infrastructure, but roughly 90 percent of TSA's funding is spent on airports operating under the assumption that every passenger and every bag have an equal likelihood of being a security threat. That's stupid.

Screening the blind and disabled, mothers and children, and senior citizens is not going to have much of a payoff ...

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm at my wit's end with my daughter, "Fran." She excelled in school and had a chance to go to college, but she chose to be married instead. Fran is now 35 and on her fourth marriage. I have seen my daughter through one violent marriage, amphetamine addiction, and one episode where she overdosed on medication and I had to rush her to the hospital to have her stomach pumped.

Fran can't hold a job because she has trouble getting along with others. My deepest concern is that she will commit suicide. She has been verbally abusive to me, but I can't just write her off. Fran is my daughter, and there are grandchildren to consider.

She refuses counseling. She says all they do is talk, and they can't do anything. She also thinks she is smarter than the counselors are. The children's father is no help. He's an alcoholic. Can you help me? -- WALKING ON EGGHELLS IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WALKING ON EGGHELLS: Your daughter's "overdose" on medication was an indication that she's a danger to herself, and she should have been held for psychiatric evaluation then. She appears to be very troubled, and very much in need of professional help. Your concern is that she might hurt herself. Mine is that she could harm the children. Since your daughter refuses to get help, I think you should involve Family Services. Perhaps that will wake her up.

DEAR ABBY: Because your column reaches so many households, you are in a position to share some much-needed tips about riding in funeral processions. Many automobile collisions occur on the way to cemeteries because mourners' vehi-

cles travel through red lights, and other drivers unwittingly cut into the line of cars. Also, many cars get lost from the pack, causing the occupants to miss the remaining services.

I would like to offer some tips: -- First, hazard lights should be used in addition to headlights, since daytime headlights are used in various parts of the country.

-- Second, a non-obstructing yellow paper with the word FUNERAL in large block letters should be hung in the window of each car to make the situation clear to motorists approaching from the sides.

-- Last, funeral directors should distribute photocopies of directions from the funeral home to the church and to the cemetery, so that people at the end of the line will not feel pressured into unsafe driving to avoid getting lost.

Thank you for printing this, Abby. Sign me ... WIDOWER DUE TO A FUNERAL COLLISION

DEAR WIDOWER: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your wife. I hope your letter will avert another tragedy.

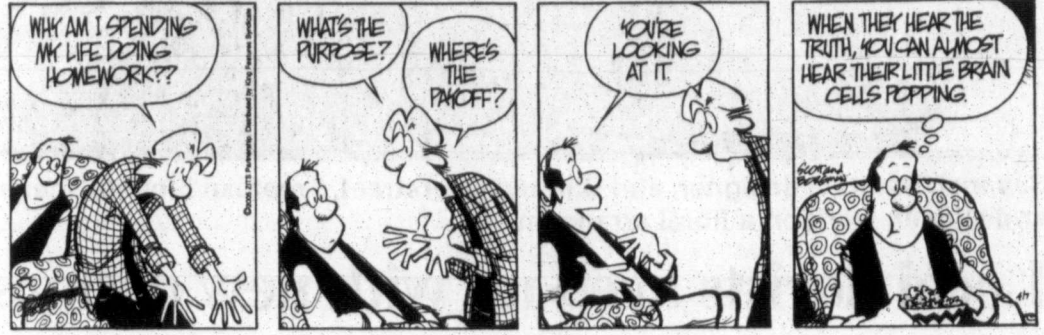
DEAR ABBY: This is embarrassing, but here goes: When a girl loses her virginity, is she supposed to bleed? When I lost my virginity, I did not bleed. So my boyfriend thought I lied to him when I told him I was a virgin. -- HONEST GIRL IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR HONEST GIRL: Girls today are more active and athletic than women were 50 or 100 years ago, and today not every woman bleeds. What is of more concern to me is that your boyfriend doesn't believe you when you tell him something. Where there is no trust,

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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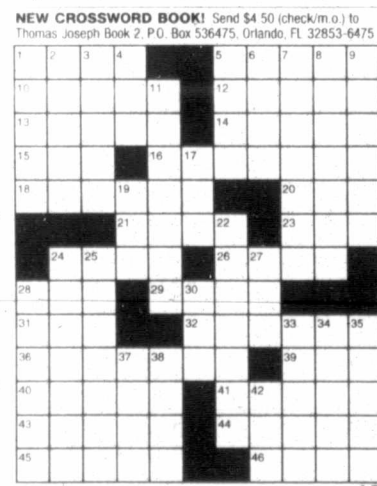
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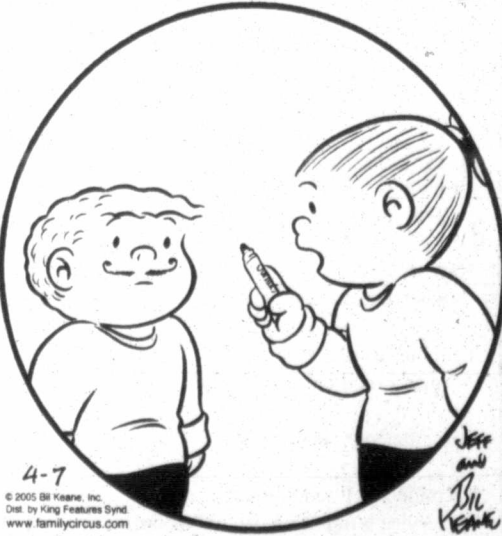


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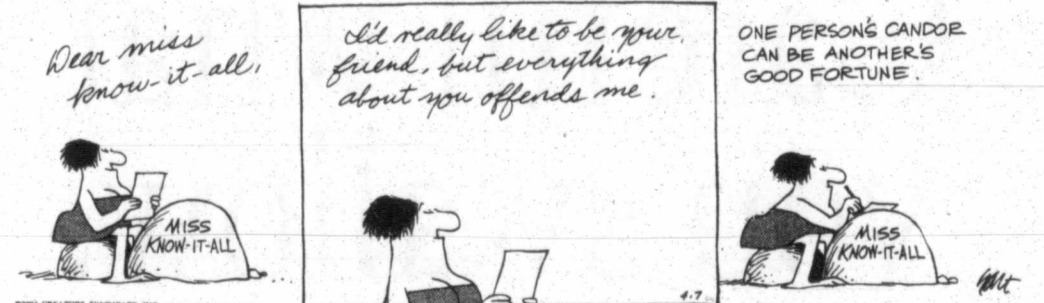
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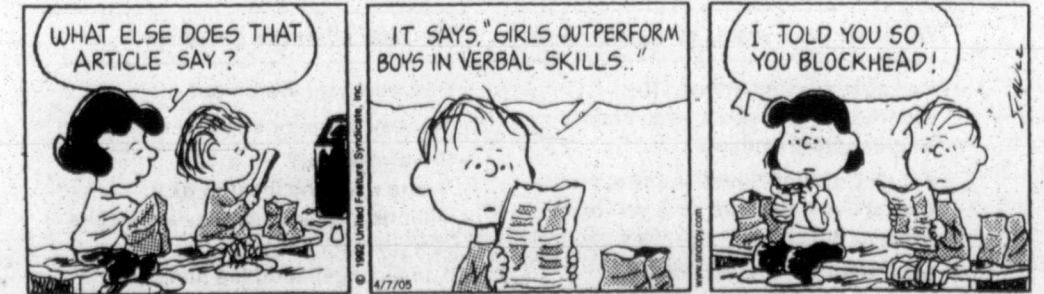
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Sports Day



Off to a great start to the summer basketball season, the Ballers are, from left to right, front row- Shade Haddox, Sharod Young, Braydon Barker and D.J. Dixon. Back row- Jarett Kotara, Andrew Horton, Tyler Fernandez and Nathan Purswell. Coaches are Jimmy Barker (left) and Frank Fernandez. Not pictured- Jarron Kerr.

Ballers take second place in Bluebonnet tourney

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Ballers started the summer basketball season on a good note with a strong second place finish at last weekend's Bluebonnet Classic in Amarillo. The Ballers, which includes Sharod Young, Braydon Barker and Jarett Kotara of Pampa, enjoyed double-digit defeats of Caprock, Trinity Fellowship and Amarillo High.

The Palo Duro Bulls also went undefeated in their games before hooking up with the Ballers to decide the championship. Both teams entered the game at PD undefeated.

The Ballers would work to leads of 8-0 and 16-5 early. But would find themselves down at the break, 32-29. Tied at the end of three, the Bulls would peel off seven unanswered points early in the fourth period. The Ballers were not able to recover, losing the game, 67-58.

The Ballers is a team made up of players from Pampa and Borger who have played over 200 games together over the past four years. The team has entered, and will play in, 11 tournaments this summer, including Amarillo, Plainview,

Panhandle and here in Pampa. They will also travel to Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Florida.

The Ballers are coached by Jimmy Barker.

Bad weather follows golfers to Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Bad weather followed PGA Tour players right through the gates of Augusta National on Thursday when the first round of the Masters was delayed because of thunderstorms.

It was the fourth consecutive week that players were kept off the course because of rain, dating to the Bay Hill Invitational.

'This isn't part of the PGA Tour. But we're bringing the weather with us.'

— Ted Purdy
PGA Golfer

The Masters became the ninth out of 15 events on the PGA Tour schedule to be halted at some point because of weather — from rain to wind to fog and even a brief snow flurry last week in Atlanta.

"This isn't part of the PGA Tour," Ted Purdy said Thursday morning as he heard rumbles of thunder on the horizon. "But we're bringing the weather with us."

Then again, Augusta National has its own short history of bad weather. This is the fourth straight year the Masters has been suspended because of rain, including 2003, when it rained so much the tournament did not begin until Friday.

The first starting time, originally set for 8:05 a.m. EDT, was pushed back nearly 4 1/2 hours. The

golfers were scheduled to start off both the first and 10th tees — a last-resort decision at tradition-rich Augusta National.

With the first round unlikely to be completed Thursday, tournament officials announced a two-tee start on Friday as well, hoping to get the Masters back on schedule heading into the weekend.

At midmorning, the course was eerily quiet. The gates were still closed to patrons — Augusta lingo for fans — and a sign posted on the main scoreboard told it all: Weather Warning.

A small stream of water cut across the first fairway. From the second floor of clubhouse, a waiter surveyed the empty grounds.

Because the weather got most of the attention, Retief Goosen was pushed even further out of focus.

The quiet South African already gets left out of the mix when everyone talks about the Big Four, although anyone with a pair of U.S. Open victories has enough game to stay with Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson.

The Big Four? Better make it at least five at the Masters.

"Inside, I'm confident," Goosen said. "I know I can do it and play well."

He had a brilliant year in 2004, capturing his second Open title by making every putt in a duel with Mickelson at Shinnecock Hills, then knocking off Woods at the season-ending Tour Championship.

BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER

A plethora of pucks does not a hockey league save

Buffalo Sabres general manager Darcy Regier made an interesting presentation to other NHL GMs gathered in Detroit for a powwow yesterday. As a way to reclaim what little fan base the National Hockey League may still have — and possibly attract some new derrieres to fill the over-priced seats — Regier presented something that just a few seasons ago would have gotten anyone of them the boot, eh.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

all, it will be entertaining. What's more, the other GMs kind of like the idea.

Why is this a bad idea? I will give you a moment to ponder that query. Times up.

It will not work first and foremost because no sports league can get away with banking on the stupidity of its fans. Let's see...Can we think of an example? Hmm...How about the NFL? No sport is bigger than Joe and Jane Lunchbucket.

The problem the NHL is currently mired in has nothing to do with whether or not teams can rack-up 15 or 20 goals a game. That point is moot. The basic rule of effective economics is to bring in more than you spend. Now is not the time to be reaching for a box of Band-Aids.

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Third time may be charm for Pampa teams

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

The Lady Harvester softball and varsity boys baseball teams try to get their now twice delayed games in this afternoon.

In what Coach Bobbi Gill refers to as a "Big game", the Lady Harvesters will face

the Lady Horns of Caprock today. The winner will take over sole possession of second place in District 3-4A, one game behind leader Dumas.

The varsity boys baseball team will try to stay undefeated in district play today when Pampa plays host to Palo Duro.

That game will be broadcast on AM 1230 KGRO.

Both games are to start at 4:30 p.m.



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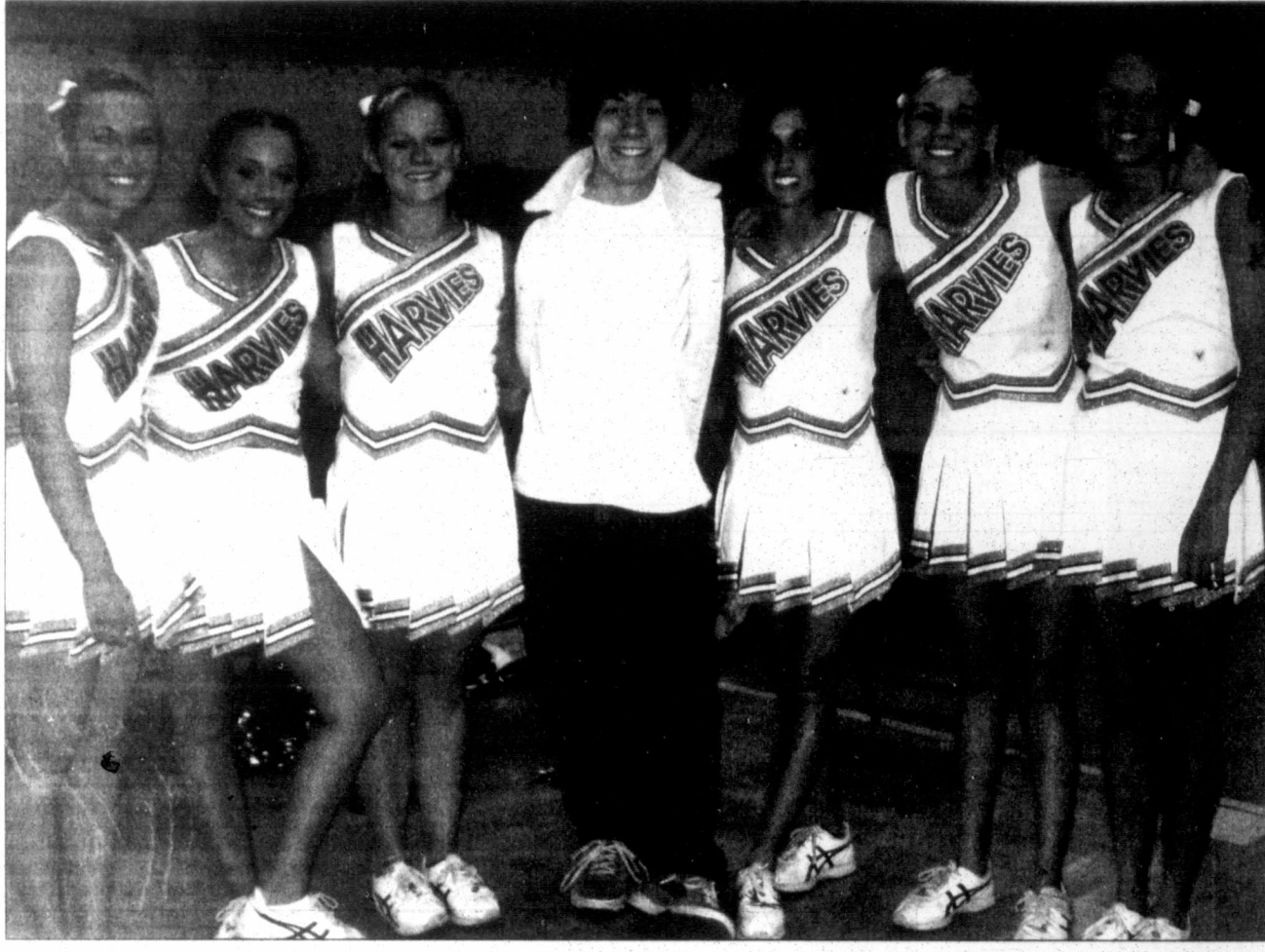
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▲ Disguised as Dustin Elliott, Harvey the Harvester (center) is surrounded by the senior members of the 2005 Pampa cheerleading squad. From left to right, they are Anna Schaefer, Lauren Winkelman, Whitney Penrod, Elliott, Alyssa Bromwell, Monica Eaken and Kendall Stokes. Cheerleading tryouts for next year's team will be held tomorrow. The seniors said goodbye to the Pampa High School student body during assembly yesterday. Stokes, Bromwell and Winkelman (top right) perform in the senior cheerleaders' last dance during the assembly. Stokes (bottom right) paints 4AY on Winklemen's arm. 4AY refers to Amy Youree, the girls' former teammate who died tragically last year.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE



Hockey

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It really is not too far-fetched to think the best thing for the league to do is find someone willing to incur the current debt load and sell. I thought I had read where this was actually proposed not long ago. Bankruptcy may not be a bad idea. Go bust, reorganize, and find some new blood to lead the league. Honestly, I would look to someone like Ted Turner, Bill Gates or Warren Buffet. You know, Colin Powell might not be a bad choice. Obviously the NHL has been mis-

managed in some form or another. It seems to me it may have grown complacent and simply got caught with its well-padded hockey pants down. Someone saw only today and never thought about tomorrow. Okay, maybe a bunch of goals per game might be fun. But instead of making the goals bigger and the goalie smaller, try this. Eliminate the 20-minute breaks between periods. Just give each team three timeouts, no break and a 60-minute clock. Now, make the goalie an active player. Make him come out of the crease and play. By the 45-minute mark, players would be so tired, I could score some goals. Now that would be cool!

Hmiel's gesture nets NASCAR fine

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Shane Hmiel was fined \$10,000 and docked 25 points in the standings by NASCAR for making an obscene gesture at Dale Jarrett during the Busch Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway earlier this week. Hmiel was caught on his in-car camera flipping his middle finger at Jarrett after Jarrett leaned inside his window to complain about an accident Hmiel had caused during Monday's race. Hmiel caused the last of 14 cautions dur-

ing Monday's race when Jarrett slowed to avoid an accident, then was hit from behind by Hmiel. Jarrett exited his car and walked half the front stretch to Hmiel's car to confront him. Jarrett's day was over, and Hmiel went on to a 12th-place finish. Hmiel was ninth in the points standings before the deduction, and did not drop after the penalty. Car owner Todd Braun was also docked 25 points as part of the penalty.

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Allernon creator

Local pharmacy to host physician

Those itchy, watery eyes. That runny nose. Spring is in the air, and for those suffering from allergies — the problem is nothing to sneeze at.

Many local citizens, however, are preparing for the season with increased sales of Allernon, Texas' No. 1-selling natural allergy relief formula created by Malouf Abraham, Jr., M.D., a press release said.

Introduced last year in pharmacies, health food stores and supermarkets throughout West Texas, an increase in Allernon sales is an indication to Heard-Jones Pharmacist Bill Hite that spring has sprung. In fact, more than 40,000 bottles have been sold across West Texas and in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in less than one year.

Heard-Jones Health Mart, located at 114 N. Cuyler, will host Dr. Abraham on April 9 from 12:30-2 p.m. where he will discuss allergies, answer questions from the community and explain why Allernon works for so many allergy sufferers.

Heard-Jones will offer a special that day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing customers a unique opportunity to buy one bottle of Allernon, and get the second one free. During Dr. Abraham's visit, Heard-Jones will host a drawing for a free year's supply of Allernon and for free bottles of Immunaflu.

Additionally, a number of other door prizes will be available.

"I trust Dr. Abraham and our patients do, too, especially with the incredible results they're getting with Allemon. This time of year, it becomes hard to even keep in stock," Hite said. "In my 37 years as a pharmacist, I have never seen the tremendous help and response that Dr. Abraham's Allemon has given to many of our customers."

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Pharmacist

Homeopathic medicines, designed to treat everything from allergies to common colds, have proved to be highly effective for many Americans and Europeans for hundreds of years. For the allergy season, a number of homeopathic treatments are available to the general public. But it's Dr. Abraham's remedy creating the biggest local impact.

"So many of our customers are looking for an alternative to traditional over-the-counter remedies that often produce uncomfortable side effects," said Carole Lesly, sales manager at Heard-Jones. "Dr. Abraham's allergy relief formula is definitely a No. 1 seller for us."

And Lesly knows why it sells so well. "I'm an allergy sufferer myself, and this is the first thing that's really worked for me in 20 years without any side effects."

"I'm such a big believer in Allemon," she added. Dr. Abraham, 65, is a well-known, highly respected physician in West Texas with regular radio programs, television appearances and in-store presentations focused on mind, body and spirit — the key ingredients, he says, to living a balanced life.

"The immune system is the thing we must have in balance," Dr. Abraham explained. "I created Allemon to balance us naturally as we combat this season's bout of allergies."

For years, homeopathic remedies have been the staple of health food gurus and yoga practitioners — but not anymore. America is turning its eye to this 250-year-old science which uses minute portions of active ingredients to leave "energy imprints" in formulas that treat everything from over-active thyroids to debilitating allergies.

"A lot of people take too much medicine," Abraham said. "As a society, we need to work more with our own immune systems and avoid getting sick in the first place."

Dr. Abraham began his quest as a physician when the Air Force drafted him out of medical school during the Vietnam War. He was assigned to treat allergies of military personnel coming back from the jungles of Vietnam, many of whom were suffering from extreme allergic reactions.

He observed that traditional treatments being prescribed were often acting more as a Band-Aid than as a cure. He also witnessed that his patients were suffering from multiple side effects of chemical-based medicines.

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— Dr. Malouf Abraham
Allergist

After thinking of a way to make the medicine much milder and more effective, Abraham began concocting vaccines that treated not just the specific allergen but also built up immunities for real, long-term health.

His allergy shots produced remarkable results and ultimately led to Dr. Abraham's 30-year career in private practice in Canadian. During that time, 46,000 people traveled from around the country to the tiny Panhandle community to be treated.

Following retirement in 2001, his patients continued to request prescriptions for Dr. Abraham's shots. Always dedicated to his patients, he began to research the latest advancements in natural treatments and worked with a small laboratory in Southern Indiana to create his homeopathic formula.

Through the course of the next year, Dr. Abraham and his new partners developed his formula for natural, prescription-free, homeopathic droplets.

With allergy season already upon us, Dr. Abraham's Allemon may indeed be just what the doctor ordered.

For more information about Allemon, visit Dr. Abraham's web site at www.allemon.com or call 1-877-255-3766.

Dr. Yvonne LeMar to sign new book at area Hastings

By TERESA YOUNG
For The News

PLAINVIEW — Dr. Yvonne LaMar, assistant professor of education at Wayland Baptist University, will autograph copies of her new book, "God Provides the Sacrifice: Women Discuss Making Their Hardest Decisions," at Hastings in Plainview from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, April 8.

LaMar will make appearances at the Hastings from 2-4 p.m. in Pampa and Borger, April 16 and 23, respectively. She will be at the store in Albuquerque, N.M., from 5-7 p.m. April 21.

During the summer months, LaMar will be taking her book tour to South Carolina, Georgia, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Released earlier this year, "God Provides the Sacrifice" came about out of LaMar's exten-

sive training and years of experience as a counselor, trainer and administrator for Women's Programs in Pennsylvania and New York.

She has presented her research in international forums and contributed to several books and publications about women's issues, human development, moral reasoning and qualitative research.

LaMar was a program guest at the Women's Conference at Happy Union

Baptist Church in Plainview recently and has served as speaker at various Black Awareness events in the area.



LeMar

RRC sets gas allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set April 2005 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 22,640,196 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the April 2005 allowable represents a decrease of 4,334,754 Mcf when compared to actual production of 26,974,950 Mcf in April 2004.

In setting the April 2005 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from April 2004 and producer forecasts for the April 2005 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for February 2005 is 219,633,989 Mcf compared to 149,163,691 Mcf in February 2004. The March 2005 gas storage estimate is 214,054,931 Mcf.

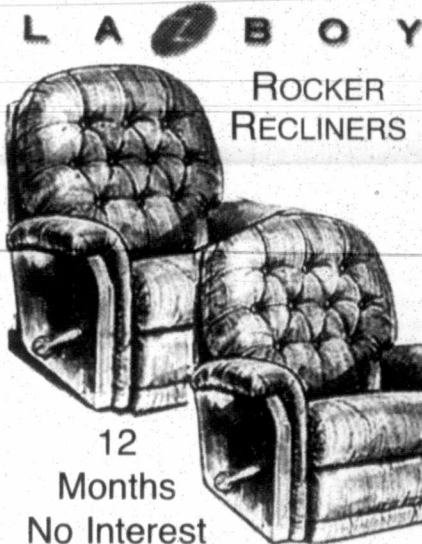
Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for seven percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2005 is 25,784,588 barrels of crude oil and 344,145,174 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0390 for crude oil and 1.1021 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

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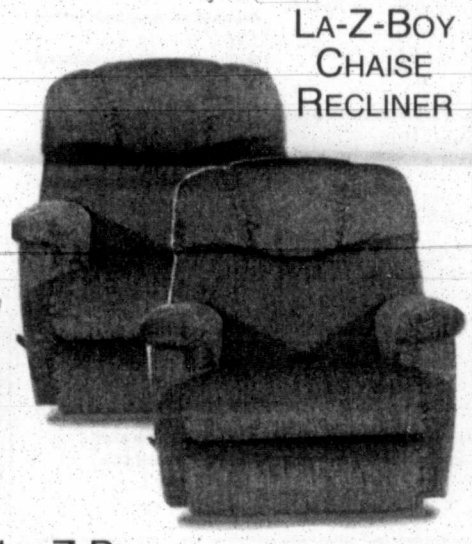
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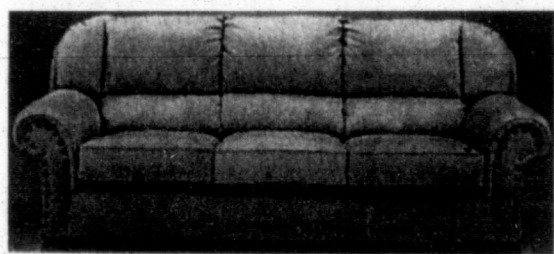
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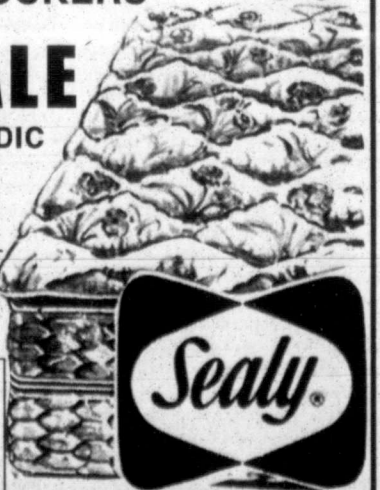
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