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SPS rate hike has coalition scrambling for relief

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa residents could face a \$12 monthly rate hike on electricity. Pampa City Manager John Horst is worried about a 40 percent rate hike for keeping the streetlights on Cuyler Street burning. Alfred R. Herrera is fighting to keep those rates down.

Herrera is an Austin lawyer with Herrera and Boyle Law Firm hired by a coalition of communities, the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities, that includes Pampa, to fight a \$47.9 million rate increase requested by Southwestern Public Service.

SPS initially filed for the rate hike package in May, 2006.

During the discovery process, however, SPS found an error in what they had submitted to the cities. The \$47.9 million increase became a \$63 million revenue requirement, according to the electric utility.

"Because of the way the law is in Texas," Herrera said, "a utility cannot be granted an increase larger than it provided notice for."

SPS came back and said that even though they need \$63 million, they will keep their request at the \$47.9 million for which they filed notice.

Herrera said his office is evaluating that.

The utility filed its rate increase both with the cities and the Texas Public Utility Commission at the same time. The Pampa City Commission denied the rate increase in September.

The utility then appealed to the Public Utility Commission. The appeals from the cities involved were joined with the applications before the commission.

Typically, Herrera said the commission has 185 days to make a decision. In this case, the clock began running May 31, 2006, but because of the inclusion of a fuel rate component, the time will be May 1, 2007.

"There are two components to electric rates," Herrera said. "The base rate and the fuel rate."

The fuel rate is essentially a passthrough from the companies from which the utility buys the fuel to power its electric generating plants. Fuel rates are reconciled by the Public Utility Commission usually every three years, and it takes about a year to for the commission to deter-

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Social Security Autumn job scam warned

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Social Security recipients are being warned of an email scam that has surfaced in which people are being asked to provide personal information.

"We just want everybody to be cautious," said Sandra Alewine, claims representative for the Pampa Social Security office. "The elderly should be especially careful when giving out any personal information."

She said they normally notify people in advance to expect a call from their office. If a person is suspicious or unsure about giving out information, they can call 669-2762, or go by the office at 125 S. Gillespie, which is one block east of the post office.

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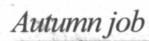
Commissioner of Social Security, and Patrick O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General of Social Security, want people to beware of this hoax.

The phony e-mail being circulated has "Cost-Of-Living for 2007 update" as the subject line.

The message purposrts to be from the Social Security Administration and contains the following: "NOTE: We now need you to update your personal information. If this not completed by November 11, 2006, we will be forced to suspend your account indefinitely." The reader is then directed to a Web site to comply with this directive.

Once on the Web site, the person is asked to register

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Silhouetted in the morning sun, Hunter Lewis and Bobby Daley rake up fallen leaves at City Hall as autumn turns to winter.

Festival of Trees entries being taken

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Entries are now being accepted for the annual Festival of Trees, which will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 2 and 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Entry fee is \$10 for tabletop trees and \$20 for tall trees. A second entry by the same person or organization is free.

Entry fee for children and youth organizations is \$5 for any size tree. All fees go toward paying for the expense of having the festival.

Table displays such as nativities, gingerbread houses and wreaths are

Trees may be natural,

artificial or made of a variety of items such as wood, cardboard or paper. Decorations may be handmade, and exhibitors have the option of selling their decorations.

Setup will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 1. Entry deadline is Nov. 28.

Entry fees may be mailed to Pampa Fine Arts, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, TX 79066. Information required with the fees is name, address, telephone number, whether the entry is a tall or tabletop tree, whether the entry is by a child or youth group, whether a second tree will be entered, and whether a table display will be

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County to look at wind energy

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Wind energy, water service at Alanreed and drag racing at Perry LeFors Airport head Gray County commissioners' agenda for their 9 a.m. meeting Wednesday in the second-floor courtroom of the county courthouse,

205 N. Russell. A representative of CPV Ventures Wind of Massachusetts will address commissioners on the company's interest in placing wind energy generators in Gray County. The company's targeted area is along an area east of Highway 70 in Gray and Donley coun-

One reason for the comattendance at pany's Wednesday's meeting will be to seek tax incentives in return for bringing its business into the county.

Commissioners will consider passing a resolution authorizing submission of a Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The application seeks help for the community of Alanreed concerning its public water supply and

water service. The High Plains Cruisers are again seeking approval by commissioners for classic drag racing at Perry LeFors Airport during their annual Burnin' the Bricks in June weekend of events. The drag racing was first allowed during last year's Burnin' the Bricks weekend, which is usually scheduled

June. Results of the Nov. 7 general election will be canvassed.

for the second weekend in

A number of seats on the White Deer Land Museum's Advisory Board will be filled, including the reappointment of Joe Curtis, John Curry, and Nancy Coffee, and the appointment of Ken Fields to fill the twoyear unexpired term of John Forister. Forister's term expires Dec. 31, 2008.

Requests for services concerning several types of insurance are also on Wednesday's agenda. The types of insurance for the county include comprehensive general liability, property, public officials' and employees' liability, a heavy equipment floater, general liability and lessor's interest at the airport, business auto insurance, county law enforcement professional liability coverage, and workers' compensation.

Other agenda items include renewing the medical officer's contract with Gray County Jail and declaring various Sheriff's Office vehicles as surplus property.

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Obituaries

Byron Douglas Beyer, 64

passed away Saturday, November

11, 2006, at his home surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services were held Monday, November 13, in the Grace Lutheran Church in Brownwood, Texas, with Pastor Carroll Kohl officiating.

Interment followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Grosvenor, Brown County, Texas, under the direction of the Netherton Funeral Beyer

Byron Douglas Beyer was born October 17, 1942, in Abilene, Texas, to Libert Alois and Ruth Standard Beyer. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1961 and attended McMurry University and Odessa College.

Doug married Betty Kathlene Moore at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene, Texas, on August 5, 1966. They lived in Odessa and Pampa, Texas, prior to their move to Brownwood in 2000.

While living in Odessa and Pampa, Doug worked for El Paso Products and Lubrication Service, Inc. He was an active member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Brownwood. Doug spent his leisure time arrangements.

Byron Douglas Beyer of Lake hunting, fishing, and perfecting his outdoor Brownwood, formerly of Pampa, Texas, cooking skills. Favorite times were spent with his children, grandchildren,

friends and extended family. Doug is survived by his wife of 40 years, Betty Kathlene Moore Beyer of Lake Brownwood, Texas; two sons, Scott Beyer and wife, Traci, and their children Emmalee and Zachary of Abilene, Texas; and Jeff Beyer and wife, Angie, and their children, Cody and Kinley of Pampa, Texas.

Also surviving are brothers, James Beyer of Indian Gap, Texas, and Daryl Beyer and wife, Sandy, of Hewitt, Texas; one sister, Gay Nell Kayali and husband, Kal, of Roswell, Georgia; one sisterin-law, Phyllis Walters and her husband Alan, of Escondido, California; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Libert Alois and Emily Ruth Standard Beyer; sister, Frances Elaine Beyer; brother, John David Beyer; maternal grandparents, Marvin and Lilly May Franks Standard; and paternal grandparents, Louis Anton and Mary Henretta Vyvial Beyer.

Netherton Funeral Home in charge of

David Daniel Downey, 79

WHITE DEER, Texas - David Daniel and two sisters.

Downey, 79, of White Deer, died November 13, 2006, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Funeral Carmichael-Whatley Directors.

Mr. Downey was born April 29, 1927 in Coleman County, Texas. He married Laura Willie June 21, 1948, in Amarillo. He farmed in Hereford from 1951 until 1973. He then relocated to White Deer

and continued farming until retir-Downey ing in 1996. He was a member of the White Deer Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church of White Deer.

He was always willing to lend a helping

hand to others in need.

He was preceded in death by a son Joel Downey, daughter-in-law Ruth Downey and grandson Paul Downey, all in 1974, his parents, T. O. & Kitty Downey, eight brothers

Survivors include his wife, Laura Willie Downey of the home; one son, Dennis Downey of Euless; three daughters, Karen Houchin of Crosby County, Virginia Artho of Hereford, and Cindy Brown of White Deerl; one sister, Dovie Long of Lubbock; eight grandsons, David Downey, Jeremy Artho, Jared Artho, Matthew Artho, Erin Houchin, Daniel Houchin, Charles Brown and Cale Brown; two granddaughters, Sarah Artho and Kate Downey; four

great-grandchildren, Abigail Houchin, Elijah Houchin, Reiter Artho and Amber Artho.

MEMORIALS: White Deer EMS, P.O. Box 98, White Deer, TX 79097, or a favorite charity.

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

Arrittia Wolfe Duncan, 94

HECTOR, Ark. — Arrittia Wolfe Duncan, 94, of Hector, formerly of Pampa, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at her home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 1 at Hector Free Will Baptist Church with the Revs. Charles King and Gary Newport officiating.

Burial was in McFadden Cemetery at Dover, Ark., under the direction of Humphrey Funeral Service.

The daughter of Monroe and Francis Dawson Wolfe, Mrs. Duncan was born May 26, 1912, at Sandtown, Ark. She was a homemaker and belonged to Hector Free 404 N. El Paso, Russellville, AK 72801. Will Baptist Church for 31 years.

Mrs. Duncan was preceded in death by her husband, William Jefferson Duncan; her parents; a daughter, Wanda L. Duncan; a son, Charles E. Duncan; two brothers, Straudy Wolfe and S.T. Weaver; and a sister, Waltena

Survivors include two sons, Arthur Duncan of Hector and Billy Duncan of Graham; a sister, Inez Flowers of Oklahoma City, Okla.; six grandchildren; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Arkansas Department of Health Hospice,



Faris Jake Hess, 85

McLEAN, Texas — Services for Faris Jake Hess, of McLean will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at the United Methodist Church of McLean, Texas,

Reyna, minister, assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest

with the Rev. Thacker

Cemetery in McLean. Faris Jake Hess passed away on Monday, November 13, 2006, at the age of 85. He was born March 18, 1921, in Collingsworth County to Bessie and J.L. Hess. Jake is survived by his wife of 64 years, Leta Mae Phillips Hess; daughter, Nancy Blackburn; son, Jake Hess; sisters, Ruth Magee, and Mary Dwyer; five grandchildren, Stephen Hudson, Tres Hess, Hillary Stull, Tanner Hess, Heather Braden; eight great-grand-

children; and many nieces

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and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Margaret Coleman. Jake was raised Haynes officiating and Jim

on the Sitter-Hess ranch. He attended school in a oneroom elementary school called "Enterprise," 20

miles south of McLean, Texas. He graduated from McLean High School in 1938. Jake A&M University in 1942. While at A&M, he was a Corp leader and continued his love of A&M for the remainder of his life.

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Following from A&M, he entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant, serving with the

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War II. He landed Normandy, fighting across France, Germany and Austria. He was promoted to Captain Commander of A Troop, later serv-

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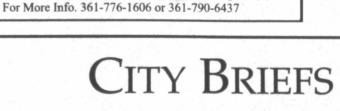
Upon returning received a degree in Animal McLean after the war, Jake Husbandry from Texas entered the registered Hereford cattle business in November, 1945. He was owner of the Doctor Hereford Ranch and active several Hereford graduation Associations. He served as president of the Top 'O Texas Association, Panhandle Hereford Breeders Associations, and the American Hereford Breeders Associations. Jake retired from the Hereford

> after 25 years of showing registered Hereford cattle. He was an active member in the McLean Methodist Church, Amarillo Fair Board, and several civic organizations in McLean. He was known affectionately as "Pops" to his grandchildren

show ring circuit in 1977

and great-grandchildren. Family will receive visitors from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean.

MEMORIALS: McLean Cemetery Association, McLean, Texas 79057.



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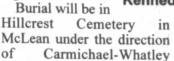
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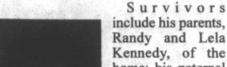
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p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Pampa with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, Highland Baptist Church, officiating.



Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Kennedy was born May 30, 1987, in Muskogee, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past five years, moving from New Deal. He was a graduate of Pampa High School in 2006 and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. He was a



Randy and Lela Kennedy, of the home; his paternal grandparents, W.C. Jeanette and Kennedy Pampa; and his maternal grandparents, Billy Joe and Betty Skipper of

McLean. The family requests memorials be to Garrett Kennedy Scholarship in care of Bank of America, ATTN Brandi Wyatt, 100 N. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065 and will receive visitors from 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home in Pampa.

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Carroll W. Tolleson, 81

3 injured in fire

Texas Carrol W. Tolleson, 81, of McLean, died Nov. 13, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 16, 2006, in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Carrol Wayne Tolleson was born Jan. 10, 1925, to Hugh and Mary Tolleson in Marietta, Okla. He married Virginia Thomas on Jan. 2, 1944, in Hollis, Okla. They were married for 62 years.

He was a medic in the army during World War II. He was a rancher in McLean for 35 years and a member of the United Methodist Church in McLean.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Tolleson of

By KERRI SMITH

Three people were injured

in a structure fire Monday,

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McLean; three sons, Thomas Wayne Tolleson (Lorene) of Las Vegas, Nev., Greg Tolleson of Baytown, Texas, David Tolleson, Kilian Tolleson,

Carrol was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Elaine Brown and Nancy Tolleson; and one sis-

MEMORIALS: United Methodist Church, McLean,

Tolleson (Shandee) of McLean; one sister, Jeanelle Hunt of Amarillo, Texas; nine grandchildren, Colby Brown, Amanda Hunter, Becky Lampe, Vance Tolleson, Coy Jacob Tolleson, DaShae Tolleson, and Kearston Tolleson; and seven greatgrandchildren.

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those injured were Joel

Lopez, who was transported

to Lubbock, and Tammy

Rawls and Alfredo Campos,

who were treated for minor

injuries and released from

Pampa Regional Medical

Powell confirmed that

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mine whether the utility has been over or under compensated for fuel.

"Because SPS' application includes a fuel reconciliation component," Herrera said, "the company voluntarily extended the jurisdictional deadline."

Herrera said that once the \$63 million revenue requirement was discovered, SPS agreed to a new deadline.

The \$47.9 million is about a six percent overall increase in base rates.

The utility files all its evidence with the rate-filing package. In an administrative setting, such as before a regulatory body like the Public Utility Commission, they will pre-file direct testimony, essentially written direct testimony.

"We will present our witnesses the same way," Herrera said. "We will present our direct testimony that responds to what the company stated in their direct testimony. That's also written."

The utility then has the opportunity to rebut what the other parties have said.

"They file their rebuttal testimony, and it's in the same format," Herrera said.

Then they go to hearing before the utility commis-

"At the hearing, the only thing that's allowed in terms of questioning is the cross examination of the witnesses over their direct testimony and of their rebuttal testimony and any redirect questioning that they have," Herrera said.

Briefs and reply briefs are filed after the hearing. Essentially, the briefs are closing arguments.

"They are summations of the evidence as well as briefs on the legal points that were made throughout the proceedings," Herrera said.

Those briefs go through an administrative law judge, who prepares a proposal for decision. That proposal is then submitted to the utility commissioners. They can agree with the proposal or disagree. If they disagree, they have to say why.

"Once the commission makes its decision, if a party wishes to appeal, then it goes to the courthouse," Herrera

All the appeals are handled in Austin.

While SPS is requesting a six percent rate increase, it

doesn't necessarily mean that residents of Pampa will get a six percent increase in their electric bills because of the way the pie is split.

There are a lot of customer groups. There are a number of just residential classifications. There are also commercial customers, municipal customers and other customer categories.

"The overall base rate revenue increase doesn't necessarily correspond to the increase for different classes of customers, Herrera said.

In terms of the residential customers SPS is proposing a 20 percent increase.

"It's hard to come up with a single dollar increase per month per customer," Herrera said, "because of what SPS is doing with its customer classes, it's difficult to do."

They have a very large number of classes, such as 'residential lighting,' 'residential space heating with water heating' and 'residential heat pump with water heating.

"Each one of these classes historically has had slightly different charges," Herrera said. "There's also a summer and a winter differential.'

A number of these classes, however are being collapsed into a single residen-

"That makes it a bit difficult to do an apples to comparison," apples Herrera said.

Currently, what SPS calls it Service Availability Charge is \$4.65.

"If you use absolutely no electricity during a month," Herrera said, "you still have to pay \$4.65 plus whatever taxes are associated with that."

SPS wants to raise that to \$12.75. a significant

increase," Herrera said. The residential lighting

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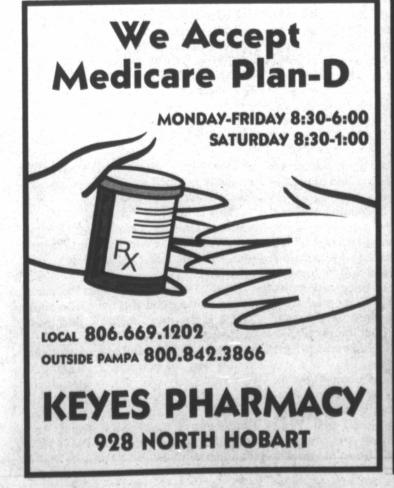
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Berklee Clements, left, with Top O' Texas CattleWomen, and Sena Brainard of Pampa Fine Arts look over a Festival of Trees entry form.

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entered. This year's festival is cosponsored by Pampa Fine Association and

Pampa Garden Club. The festival's hours

include the annual performance of "The Nutcracker" at the auditorium. For more information.

call the Fine Association's office at 665-

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"That's about a \$13 increase," Herrera said. "That's pretty hefty."

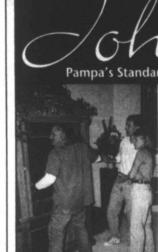
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Herrera said Pampa residents will probably see about a \$12 increase per month.



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Viewpoints

Automated telephone answering systems have their flaws

I have discovered yet another reason to dislike automated telephone answering systems.

Such contraptions are an annoyance to me at the best of times, but it is unbelievable that they are used to answer emergency numbers at the worst of times. If there is an emergency, there's no time to waste listening to a menu of numbers and punching them in for minutes that seem like hours.

Earlier this year I had an unsettling experience when I tried to call Xcel Energy's emergency number.

I had been at home during lunch, and was getting ready to go back to work when I heard a very loud pop which sounded like it originated somewhere behind the house, such as in the alley. Immediately after the loud noise, all the electricity in the house went off.

I checked my breaker box and tried throwing all the switches, then turning them all back on.

Since it was daylight, I couldn't tell if anyone else was affected by the power loss and thought it might be something confined to only my

When fiddling with the breaker box didn't produce any results, I debated what to do. I decided that since I didn't know for sure what was going on, I'd better call the electric company, pronto.

When I dialed Xcel's emergency number which is listed in the phone book, an automated system answered and reported that the company did not have any address associated with the number I was calling from. The recorded message then said that since the company did not know where I was, I would have to punch in my account number in order to report the emer-

Sure, no problem. We all keep our electric bill stubs ready at hand in case of emergency. Well, maybe

somebody does, but I sure don't.

I didn't punch any buttons on the phone, hoping that my non-responsiveness would result in being connected to a human. It didn't happen. The message just kept asking over and over for my account num-

Marilyn **Powers** Staff Writer



Disbelieving what I had heard, I hung up. By then, someone had called local emergency services and a fire truck drove past my house to the source of the problem.

I left to go back to work, but decided to first see if I could learn what had happened. The fire truck had gone one block north and

entered the alley which runs behind my house. There was an electrical transformer a couple of houses north of the alley entrance in that block, and a squirrel which was either too curious or clumsy for its own good had committed suicide by entering the transformer, resulting in a fricasseed squirrel and loss of power for about 10 homes. I could tell later by a clock at my house that power had been restored in about 30 minutes or so.

Time did not lessen my outrage over my unsuccessful phone call. I still could not understand why any company would "man" their emergency number with an automated machine.

I called Wes Reeves, public information officer for Xcel in Amarillo, and told him of my experience with the company's emergency number. He said he would find out why I had such trouble and would return my call, which he did

Reeves said that company representatives told him that if a customer's telephone number isn't in their system, and if the customer does not respond in any way when asked for an account number, the call on the emergency line will automatically be forwarded to a company representative. The trick is to be patient and let the recorded message do its thing three times, because the system is programmed to play its message three times before forwarding the call.

I can't remember how many times I let the message play to its end before becoming impatient and hanging up. I remember that after I hung up the first time, I tried the number again to see if my luck would improve at getting through to a human, but it didn't.

Reeves said that Xcel wanted to know about any instances in which

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2006. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick" was first published.

In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the

The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history.'

> — George Eliot English author (1819-1880)

following year.) In 1906, 100 years ago, actress and dancer Louise Brooks was born in Cherryvale, In 1922, the British

Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio service.

In 1935, President Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.

In 1940, during World War II, German

planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry. In 1943, Leonard Bernstein, the 25-year-old assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic, made his debut with the orchestra as he filled in for the ailing Bruno Walter dur-

ing a nationally broadcast concert. In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

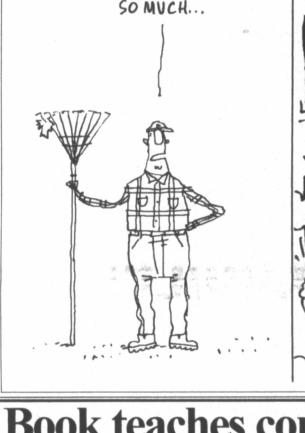
In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a record \$100 million penalty against inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

Ten years ago: Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States and leader of Chicago's 2.3 million Catholics, died at his home at age 68.

Five years ago: The rout of the Taliban in Afghanistan accelerated with the Islamic militia losing control of Jalalabad in the east, once-loyal Pashtun tribesmen joining in the revolt in the south and many of their fighters fleeing into the mountains to evade U.S. airstrikes. President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin continued their talks at Bush's Texas ranch, a day after the two leaders agreed at the White House to reduce their countries' nuclear stockpiles.

One year ago: Two separate suicide attackers rammed car bombs into vehicles belonging to NATO-led peacekeepers in Kabul, Afghanistan, killing a German soldier and an Afghan child.





Book teaches common sense econom

Professors James Gwartney (Florida State University), Richard Stroup (Montana State University) and Dwight Lee (Georgia University), three longtime colleagues of mine, have recently "Common published Sense Economics." It's a small book, less than 200 pages, that addresses a serious economist dereliction of duty: making our subject understandable to the ordinary person.

Public misunderstanding of basic economic principles leaves us easy prey to political quacks, charlatans and assorted hustlers. Part I of "Common Sense" focuses on 10 key elements of economics that I'll only briefly

The first is incentives matter. During the 1970s, gasoline prices rose dramatically. Immediately, people did more carpooling. Gradually, they shifted to more fuel-efficient cars. During the 1980s and 1990s, gasoline prices fell. People altered their behavior by buying more SUVs and more powerful cars.

The second element is there's nothing that's free. Politicians talk about "free education," "free medicine" or "free housing," but that's nonsense. Resources are required to produce each of them.

Their third element is we don't

make all-or-nothing decisions such as choosing between eating or wearing clothes, that is, dining in the nude so we can afford food. Instead, we choose between having a little more food at the cost of a little less clothing.

Walter **Williams**

Columnist



Their fourth element is that trade promotes economic progress through encouraging specialization. That's true whether the trade is between individuals, regions or countries. The world's poorest people are far more independent than we. Check out Darfur. You might see families building their own shelter, gathering their own food and heating supplies, and making their own clothing. The flip side of the idea that trade promotes progress, and their fifth element, is the idea that obstacles to trade stymie progress. Among these political obstacles are taxes, licenses, regulations, price controls, tariffs and

Elements six and seven are related.

Profits direct resources to their highest value uses. Losses free misused resources for higher value uses.

Elements eight and nine address the other keys to progress: Investment, better ways of doing things, sound economic institutions, and Adam Smith's idea that market prices direct buyers and sellers toward activities that promote the general welfare.

Their 10th element is crucial. We shouldn't ignore the secondary and long-term effects of an action. For example, trade restrictions on foreign sugar that result in higher prices for domestically produced sugar save jobs in our sugar industry. Because of those higher prices, major candy manufacturers such as Wrigley and Brach's moved to Canada and Mexico to take advantage of lower sugar prices. That resulted in more U.S. jobs lost than were saved by the sugar trade restrictions.

"Common Sense," subtitled "What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and Prosperity," contains nothing that goes beyond common sense, something rare these days.

-Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

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Texas Thoughts By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 6 Austin American-Statesman on longer life, wine and weight loss: Leave it to science to sap the pleas-

ure from the search for miracle cures. Red wine, the magic elixir thought to reduce cholesterol, clean the arteries, protect the heart, block cancer and leave you with a sunny disposition, is poised to become a cure for the ail-

ments brought about by being fat. The Harvard Medical School, which has been studying red wine for more than 15 years, and the National Institute on Aging, have produced a study that says a compound found in red wine

diabetes and liver disease and may prolong life for the obese. In other words, overeating without

consequence.

Scientists at Harvard fattened 55 lab mice on what they called a McDonald's diet, high in cholesterol and high in fat. They also gave these mice resveratol, the wine compound. The fat mice were as spry as the lean, they lived longer and at autopsy time their organs showed none of the deleterious affects of their excessive ways.

The pharmaceutical companies are using the new study to develop a concentrated resveratol pill. One company has said that with Food and Drug Administration approval it is confident that such a drug could be on the market

might someday reduce the incidence of in five years. Resveratol is already available in much smaller doses and on sale at several Web sites.

> "This is fantastic," Stephan Helfand, a Brown University molecular biology professor who reviewed the results, said. "This is a historic landmark contribution."

> Even a scientist of Louis Pasteur's stature understood this when he said, 'Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages."

Pasteur would want nothing to stand in the way of science. Concentrated resveratol may one day be a miracle cure for the millions of people in this country who suffer from obesity. Here's to everyone's good health. And may we suggest a glass of Pinot Noir with that pill?

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Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On Thursday, Nov. 16, millions of smokers will take part in the Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. During the last 30 years, we have learned that the combination of a smoke-free community and smoking cessation support is vital to helping smokers quit. Abby, I need your help. Although people are aware of the dangerous effects of tobacco use on a smoker's own health, there has been debate about the impact of secondhand smoke. Earlier this year, the U.S. surgeon general issued the first report in 20 years on the health effects of involuntary exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. We hope the following information from that report will help your readers to better understand the harmful effects of secondhand smoke on their health -- as well as the importance of DEAR DR. WENDER AND DEAR smoke-free workplaces:

-- Secondhand smoke causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke.

-- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear problems and more severe asthma. Smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung growth in their children.

-- Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary artery disease and lung cancer.

-- The scientific evidence indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

-- An estimated 126 million Americans, both children and adults, are still exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes and workplaces -- despite substantial progress in tobacco control.

-- Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, "cleaning" the air and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate the exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke. Abby, please help us spread the word about the importance of not exposing yourself or your loved ones to secondhand smoke. In addition, remind your readers that quitting smoking is one of the healthiest decisions they can make. The American Cancer Society has helped thousands of Americans to quit smoking. Smokers who quit by age 35 will avoid 90 percent of the risk attributed to tobacco. Smokers who quit by age 50 will reduce the overall risk of dying prematurely in the next 15 years by 50 percent. - RICHARD C. WENDER, M.D., PRESIDENT, **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

READERS: This is an important column, about a cause that has been embraced by my family for decades. Smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It has been responsible for nearly one in five deaths in 2006. Smoking will cause about 30 percent of the estimated 570,280 cancer deaths this year. For those of you who smoke, it is my hope that the Great American Smokeout will motivate you -- as well as give you an opportunity -- to quit. I urge smokers to contact the American Cancer Society for help in making a plan to quit smoking. I am also urging you to advocate for smoke-free communities. The American Cancer Society has helped thousands of Americans throw away their cigarettes for good. For more information on quitting smoking, lung cancer or any other information, call toll-free at (800) 227-2345 (the number is staffed 24/7), or visit online at www.cancer.org.

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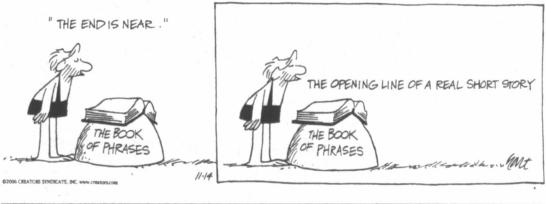


"... and don't get nose prints all over the wall."

The Family Circus By Bil Keane THE FAMILY CIRCUS 11-14

"Is this YOU? Gee, Grandma, what happened?"

B.C.



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Sports Day



The 2006-2007 Pampa High School varsity basketball team is (left to right), front row- Manager John Brent, Andrew Winton, Alex Torres, Blake Sieck, Craig Crowell, Shavious Kelly, Trent Harris, and Manager James McCathern. Back row- Coach Dustin Miller, Tyler Hall, Alex Clendening, Mark Stone, Matt Smith, Bradley Johnson and Coach Jason Farmer.

Taller, faster – Hustlin' Harvesters open season by hosting Amarillo Sandies tonight in The Pit

no place in the Panhandle that

of our gym. We have the greatest

fans and I expect them to be out in

full force both nights. Both schools

a rowdy Harvester crowd.'

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

GREG+ MORT WALKER

STORY

No matter how the season before went, most coaches will tell you the next season never starts soon enough. Pampa High School varsity basketball head coach Dustin Miller is no exception.

Miller took over a program last year that was all but mired in mediocrity and seemed to have lost focus on what Hustlin' Harvester basketball was all about. And though it may not be a fair assessment in Miller's eyes, what he did in the span of one season was not unlike the turnaround Don Carthel orchestrated at West Texas A&M.

The Harvesters posted an amazing 25-7 record last year which included a playoff run in which Pampa won the 4A bidistrict and area championships. The Harvesters fell in the quarterfinals to Lubbock Estacado, 64-

Tonight Miller begins his second season at the helm of the high school program for which he once played. His feelings? "The new season always brings many different emotions. I have felt it all from nerves to excitement. I am definitely ready to get this

Miller has five returning lettermen on his Hustlin' Harvester team this year, including Tyler Hall, Andrew Winton, Craig Crowell, Bradley Johnson and Matt Smith.

Trent Harris, Mark Stone, Shavious Kelley, Blake Seick and Alex Torres round

out the team this year.

On paper, this unit makes Pampa quick. Miller will also tell you they are scrappy and not afraid to get physical.

One of Pampa's real strengths last season was the depth of its bench. Miller doesn't

more out of our bench this year," he said. "Our bench will bring some toughness probably a little more athleticism than last year."

That being said, the District 3-4A chase could prove to be very interest- always have quality basketball teams ing this season. And though he might agree, Miller is quick to note, "Until somebody in our district beats Palo Duro, they will be the team to beat."

pointed if his Harvesters were not in the thick of things this season.

year to the one that made the playoff run a Canyon Friday night. Having his team's first year ago? "This year's team obviously is two games at home within a few days of different than last year's." Miller said. "We each other must fill Miller with some confi-

do not have a 6'9" post but we do have more height than last year.

"Mark Stone 6'6", Matt Smith 6'5", Alex Clendening 6'4" and several players at

Miller added though he may not have see that changing this year. " I even expect anyone as fast as Sharod Young was last

year, "Top to bottom this team is probably a little bit 'As far as I am concerned there is quicker than last

year's team." Among the charremotely compares to the atmosphere has noted in his bunch so far is that when they get hot they can really shoot the basketball. And unlike last and it would be nice for them to meet year's team that had a core group of kids that had played — Jay Arrington together for a num-PTS Employee ber of years, Miller says, "This team is a mixture of kids of

all classifications However, Miller said he would be disap- that will have to learn each others' tendencies as we go."

The Harvesters open the season tonight in How does Miller compare his team this The Pit against Amarillo High. They host

dence. "I do not care who we play, it is always good to play in The Pit," Miller said. "As far as I am concerned there is no place in the Panhandle that remotely compares to the atmosphere of our gym. We have the greatest fans and I expect them to be out in full force both nights. Both schools always have quality basketball teams and it would be nice for them to meet a rowdy Harvester crowd."

So far as tonight's meeting with the Sandies, Miller expects to see the sound defense Amarillo High always seems to acteristics Miller have. On offense, he says the Sandies will work until they get the shot they are looking for. "And they always have great shooters," he said, pointing out Adam Hughes in par ticular. "He is a great shooter and he is extremely quick."

> For Pampa, it will be paramount to hold the Sandies to on shot, get the ball out and run. Look for Pampa to push the ball up the court and take advantage of its size. Miller says it will be important for Smith to get involved early and control the inside.

> Game time tonight is 7:30. The junior varsity game will begin at 6 in the MPAC build-

Coach Miller's Keys to Victory:

"As always the key to winning is to control the glass. We have to outrebound them, limit them to one shot and get out and contest their shooters. Once we do that we can get out and run a little. We do not want to make this a half court of wills on offense."

Lady Harvesters tangle with AHS for second time

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester varsity basketball team will take to the home floor of The Pit tonight when Pampa hosts Amarillo High. That game will begin at 6.

Pampa (1-3) and the Lady Sandies met a week ago where the Lady Sandies were able to get a fast start in the first half en route to a 63-39 victory. However, Pampa head coach Troy Fry notes his team's performance in the second half of that game. "I think we played much better in the second half. Our girls made some adjustments and we were able to play them close. They just got such a quick start on us.'

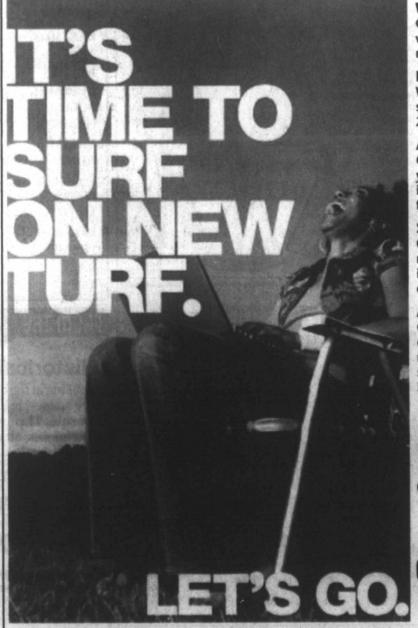
It is also fair to remember it was Pampa's first game of the regular season. Opening day jitters are certainly not uncommon.

In the week since Pampa faced the Lady Sandies, the Lady Harvesters traveled to Frenship for tournament play. Pampa opened with a win over Lubbock Cooper Thursday, but dropped its two Friday games to eventual tournament champion El Paso Eastland and Midland Lee. "I think the tournament made us stronger," Fry said. "We keep improving, getting better with each game we play."

McKinsie East has had a rough start to the season already. She took an elbow to the eye early on in last week's Amarillo game that created a cut which later required stitches. Fry says she then sprained an ankle during the Frenship Tournament. Her status for tonight's game is unknown.

The rest of the team, according to Coach Fry, is in good

The junior varsity game will begin at 7:30 in the MPAC



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Pampa times improve at Pecos | Newly discovered documents

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa High School swim and dive team made a very long trip to the Pecos Invitational Meet well worth the ride over the weekend as the boys finished 8th overall, the girls 5th.

Rebecca Taylor got things started on Friday with a second place finish in the diving competition. Colby Dennis took 5th in the boys' division. Their performances keep them ranked among the best in the region. In fact, Taylor is ranked No. 1 while Dennis is ranked No. 5.

Saturday in Pecos, Nicki Cole, Abby West, Amber Bradford and Taylor swam to a 3rd place finish in the 200 medley relay. The same foursome also took third in the 200 free realy with a time of 1:56.11

Taylor and Cole finished third in the 50 freestyle. Cole posted a 26.31 to take 2nd place, missing first by only .01 of a second. She came within one tenth of a second of the school record, though it was still the fastest time in the region so far this season. Said coach Greg Miller after the meet, "The girls are really coming into their own. The team keeps getting stronger each meet and the times just keep getting faster."

Miller also boasted about the boys' times at the Pecos Invitational. "They all had improved times. And I do mean improved."

Dennis knocked an impressive 34 seconds off his 500 free time, posting a 5:41.29. Christian Hinkle's 2:22.17 in the 200 free was seven seconds faster than his pervious best for the same event.

Jeremy Zellefrow and Zach Robles also saw improved times in the 200 free and 100 backstroke, respectively.

The relay team of Cole Guyer, Kelly Stofle, Dustin Neef and Dennis brought home 5th place in the 200 medley and 400 free relay. "Our entire team us showing so much improvement right now," noted Miller. "It is amazing to see the results of all their effort. Hard work is the key to success in life as well as in swimming. And these ahtletes are learning this lesson well so far this

Miller and his team next compete in Oklahoma City Dec. 2.

Pecos Invitational School Results

Girls	
Place School	Points
1 Lubbock High School	368.5
2 Clovis High Schol	129.5
3 Monterey High School	127
4 Odessa High School	95
5 Midland Lee High School	93
5 Pampa High School	93
7 Abilene High School	79
8 Pecos High School	77
9 Andrews High School	70.5
10 Abilene Cooper High School	69.5
11 Midland High School	45
12 Coronado High School	39
13 Seminole High School	29
14 Abilene Wylie	25
15 Monahans High School	13
16 Estacado High School	1

Boys	
Place School	Points
1 Lubbock High School	282
2 Pecos High School	259
3 Odessa High School	230
4 Andrews High School	108
5 Big Spring High School	87
6 Monterey High School	85
7 Monahans High School	71
8 Pampa High School	70
9 Clovis High Schol	43
10 Fort Stockton High School	35
11 Midland Lee High School	30
12 Coronado High School	25
13 Abilene Cooper High School	23
14 Midland High School	18
15 Abilene High School	12
16 Seminole High School	- 11

Starters may be back to Seattle; Redskins make QB change

Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said that injured stars Shaun Alexander and Matt Hasselbeck may play on Sunday, pending tests in practice this week.

Doctors have cleared Alexander to fully practice Wednesday for the first time in eight weeks — even though the broken bone in his left foot, which has sidelined him for six games, may not be fully healed.

If Alexander comes through practices this week as pain free as he's been for the last three, idle weeks, the 2005 league rushing leader will play against the San Francisco 49ers.

Hasselbeck will likely practice Friday to see if

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KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Seattle he can also return from a sprained knee ligament. Hasselbeck has missed the last three games since Minnesota's E.J. Henderson rolled into the quarterback's right leg following an incomplete pass.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Jason Campbell will make his NFL debut Sunday for the Washington Redskins, replacing Mark Brunell for a 3-6 team apparently heading nowhere and in need of a plan for the future.

Coach Joe Gibbs announced that Campbell, who has been an inactive third quarterback for all 25 games of his pro career, will start against Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

shed light on basketball's birth

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — It's settled. Basketball really did evolve from a childhood game called "Duck on a

Such are the revelations contained in a newly unearthed trove of personal documents, photographs and mementos from basketball's founder, James Naismith.

The items, including handwritten diaries and typed notes, were discovered last spring, when Naismith's granddaughter, Hellen Carpenter, went down to her basement to look for an old family photograph.

Instead, she found journals, keepsakes and typewritten rule sheets that open a new window on the birth of one of the world's most popular sports.

Carpenter is auctioning off the documents in December. She said they settle details about her grandfather's invention, such as the "Eureka" moment when he remembered rules from Duck on a Rock, a Canadian game he played as a child, and applied them to his new game.

The items include the first rules of basketball; photos of the first basketball team and court, and Naismith's description of the very first game; a whistle Naismith used as the first basketball coach at Kansas; and the passport he used to attend the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, the first to feature basketball as a medal sport.

The five boxes of documents, photos and items were handed down to Carpenter from her mother Hellen Naismith Dodd, Carpenter said. She kept them around for decades without looking through them.

"My mother told me for years that there was nothing of real value there," the 74-year-old Carpenter said.

Chris Ivy disagreed. As director of sports auctions for Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas, he was stunned when Carpenter called him and described the documents casually stored in her home in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield.

Documents autographed Naismith only surface two or three times a year, he said. Carpenter's boxes were an especially rare find, he

"It almost crosses into history — it's not just sports collectibles," he said. Naismith carefully recorded basket-

ball's birth in 1891. At the time, Naismith, a native of

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Canada, was teaching at a school in Springfield, Mass., that trained young men to become instructors at the newly formed YMCA centers that were opening around the country, Carpenter said.

The students got bored during the winter months when they couldn't play outdoor soccer and football. Naismith needed to invent a strenuous game that could be played on small indoor

He tried to adapt lacrosse and football to be played inside. He even introduced his students to a slew of invented games like Hylo Ball, Scruggy Ball and Association Football. None of them took.

Handwritten diaries show Naismith was nervous the students wouldn't like his newest invention — Basket Ball, as he called it.

Before the first basketball game was played, Naismith prepared the gym by nailing two baskets to balconies on either end of a court and posting 13 rules of the game on a bulletin board.

"I busied myself arranging the apparatus all the time watching the boys as they arrived to observe their attitude that day," Naismith wrote in cursive script.

"I felt this was a crucial moment in my life as it meant success or failure of my attempt to hold the interest of the class and devise a new game," he

He seems to have gotten mixed reviews. He wrote that Frank Mahan, a Southerner, was the first student to walk on to the court. Mahan looked at the baskets and the rules.

"Huh. Another new game," Mahan said, according to the diary.

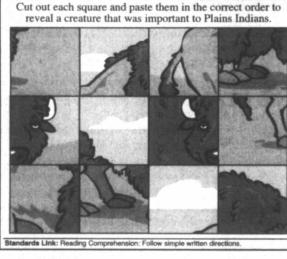
Still, basketball caught on. But there were glitches. Naismith eventually added a backboard behind the basket so students couldn't stand in the balcony and knock away good shots from the opposing team, Carpenter said.

Naismith also noted in his journal that it took a lot of reminding to keep students from tackling a player when he got possession of the ball.

The game became more popular as Naismith's students went on to teach at YMCAs around the country, Carpenter said.

Naismith knew before his death in 1939 that he had created a lasting game when basketball became an Olympic sport.





Double **Double Word Search** Find the words in the puzzle.

EARTHLODGE then in this week's Kid Scoop **TIPIS** stories and activities. **HOUSES** SDETAROCED **BUFFALO** RTHBUFFALO **POLES GRASSES** EGDOLHTRAE **NOMADS** MRNIUIUPPM HUNT RATOPSONSA **FARMERS** SIIMLEPTR **FLAPS** FSSUEAASAF MUD PEDSILDITI **DECORATED FRAME** PSISFTNSBU

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Break the code and learn about some Native American words spoken by North Americans

Look at the letters that spell the word next to each definition. On the line above each letter, write the letter that precedes it in the alphabet.

EXAMPLE: HOUSE IPVTF

SBDDPPO A small mammal with a long tail, black rings and a pointed face sporting black markings

QPEVOL A small isolated town, region, or place

regarded as unimportant.

UPCPHHBO A long, narrow wooden sled that curves up in the front.

TRVBTI Afruit that grows on a vine and comes in many shapes, sizes and colors.

QFDBO Anut with a thin, smooth, oval shell.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use context to find the meaning of unknown words.

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

don't always demand to have your way.

Work together on finances. LIBRA reads

you cold, while VIRGO cheers you on,

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

no matter what!

** Take your time, especially if you hit a major confrontation. Walk away. Opportunity will strike out of the blue. The unexpected occurs through an associate or loved one. Clear out as much as you can. Make time for much-needed socializing. Tonight: Togetherness

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your imagination carries you in a new direction. You will see results in whatever area of your life you choose to plug into. Let others put in their two cents. Great ideas come through brainstorming. Tonight: Wind down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might want to work from home. The more centered you are, the better off you will be. Opportunity strikes through your high energy. Someone takes a stand. You also could discover that you have a problem. Tonight: Think "midweek break." Make

fun plans! CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You will want to think about alternatives, especially if you feel overwhelmed or as if you have too much on your plate. Your imagination points you in a new direction. Your creativity flour-

ishes. Tonight: Order in. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Deal with a risk by not taking it. You might easily go on overload. How you see a situation could change because of pressure from others. You will need to say "no" and not give in. By the afternoon, schedule a discussion. Tonight:

Hang out. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might be on top of the world, but someone gives you a hard time. You're personality plus. Yet someone close could be a doubting Thomas or even sabotage you. What is going on here? Lie back and don't force a situa-

tion. Tonight: Gather your bills. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Take your time making a decision. You might be uncomfortable. Think positively about what you can do. Consider your options carefully. You might not hear the whole story; know when to ask questions. Tonight: Rest, and then put on

your dancing shoes. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Sometimes you might not be on target. A risk, even if others think it is a good idea, could backfire. Know when to say "enough" and head in a new direc-

tion. You know much more than you realize. Stop and listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: Vanish. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You can kick very hard if you are not pleased with a situation. You will let others know just how unhappy you are. There is no question what is coming down the path with this strong attitude. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Look beyond the obvious. Think in terms of gains and growth. Note what facts might be left out, and you might be one step closer to getting the whole story. Someone helps you land exactly what you want. Tonight: Could be later than

you think. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Work carefully with one specific person. You might find yourself not liking what is happening. Know that you cannot simply pull the rug out from

under someone's feet. You might want to,

but you cannot. Tonight: Relax your mind, and you will see the whole picture. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might want to do something very different for a change. You are more in control than ever before. Allow greater flex. You need to flow right now and not make strong decisions. Information might be overwhelming. Tonight:

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Bond, we've also

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to the genre. It's

revisionist. It's

going back to the

roots of Bond's

character.'

— James Chapman

Writer

LONDON (AP) — Daniel Craig has a couple got cold feet.

date with double-O destiny.

"Casino Royale," the 21st official Bond movie and Craig's debut as agent 007, has its world premiere in London today before an audience slated to include Queen Elizabeth II.

Craig, 38, whose recent screen credits include "Munich" and "The Jacket," is already being praised in some quarters as the best Bond since Sean Connery, who originated the role in 1962's "Dr. No."

The arrival of the new Bond has restored the buzz around a franchise that many felt was past its

"With 'Casino Royale,' we've not only got a new Bond, we've also got a new approach to the genre," said James said Chapman, author of "Licence to Thrill: A Cultural History of the James Bond Films." "It's revisionist. It's going back to the roots of Bond's character."

Producers say the film provides a tougher, grittier take on Bond, showing how he earns his license to kill. When asked if he prefers his martini shaken or stirred, the rougheredged Bond replies, "Do I look like I give a damn?"

Craig has already signed up for the 22nd Bond film, due for release in November 2008.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) - Organizers of a fantasy wedding on the Las Vegas Strip between Hollywood's hottest unmarried

Madame Tussauds nixed the plan to stage a depiction of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt tying the knot after a representative for Pitt protested, representatives for the actor and the wax museum said

"I personally found it a little odd that they were re-creating a wedding that never really happened," said Cindy Guagenti, Los Angeles-based spokeswoman for Pitt. "As Brad's representative, I found it disturbing."

Adrian Jones, general manager of the wax museum at the

Venetian resort, said in a statement that the decision was made to not cross the stars.

"Since Madame Tussauds enjoys excellent relationships with the celebrity community, we made our own decision not to create the wedding scene," he said.

The Brangelina wedding had been scheduled Wednesday to mark the unveiling of a Jolie wax figure. Pitt's already got

· The scene would have had wax figures of George Clooney, standing in as best man, and the Rev.

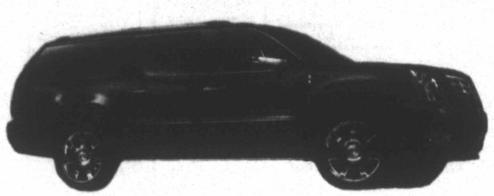
Robert Schuller, pastor and president of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., officiating.

Wax witnesses would have included the likenesses of the likes of Elvis, Liberace, John Wayne, Bugsy Siegel, Frank Sinatra, Ben Affleck and Luciano Pavarotti.

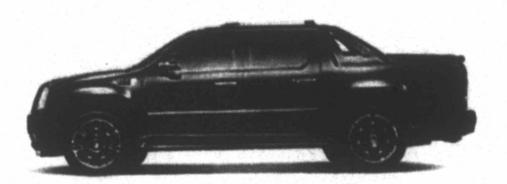
Instead, Jolie's wax figure will be introduced Wednesday, without the wedding

Guagenti said Pitt was unaware of Madame Tussauds' plans.

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customers had problems like the one I described concerning their emergency telephone number. He said that it might be more difficult to get through to a representative during times when the company is being inundated by calls, such as a power outage involving a relatively large number of homes. He also suggested that customers make sure their account information, including their current telephone number, is up-to-date and accurate.

I decided I may as well carry things a little further, and tried Atmos Energy's emergency telephone num-

Since I didn't have an emergency but was instead just checking up on their services, I called the customer service number first.

I had steeled myself, expecting an automated answering system to greet me, and I wasn't disappointed.

None of the message's choices was "answer nosy reporter's questions," so I stayed silent and did not push any buttons on my phone as I sat through three levels of the machine's menu of available activities.

After the automated system gave up on trying to read my mind, I was routed to a human. I explained who I was and the reason for my call, and was assured that neither the FBI nor any other law enforcement agency would come looking for me to throw the book at me if I tried Atmos' emergency number without actually having an emergency.

I had noticed that one of the first choices on the cus-

tomer service line was to report an emergency. There is also a separate emergency number listed in the phone book. I called the emergency number and, lo and behold, an automated system answered.

The message informed me that if I had an actual emergency, all I had to do was stay on the line and a company representative would soon answer. I had the option of pressing a button if all I wanted was customer service.

I waited a moment without pushing or saying anything, and sure enough, an honest-to-goodness human came on the line to ask about my emergency.

I did not check on the City of Pampa Water Department's emergency response, in order to round out the utility service scorecard, because I can relate a personal experience regarding that utility's responsiveness to a call for help.

A couple of years ago, our water heater at home signaled its death one night by springing a leak and releasing its wet contents onto the floor. The flow was not a tidal wave, but it was a fairly alarming seepage that wasn't going to stop until the water supply to the heater was cut off.

The problem, my husband and I quickly found out, was that there was no cutoff valve to the water heater to stop water flowing into it and, thus, seeping back out. The water would have to be shut off at its connection between the house and the city main.

We didn't have one of the long-handled tools necessary to turn off the water at the alley. I called the police department's regular number (not 911) and explained our quandary. The dispatcher said she would notify the water department immedi-

Within a matter of minutes, a water department worker had arrived in our alley and shut off our water supply. I believe that the employee's swift response saved our carpet.

When we replaced the water heater, we also had a cutoff valve installed so that if such a thing ever happened again, we could immediately shut off the water supply to the heater and avoid a repeat of that unnerving evening.

The moral of this story is, if you have an emergency involving a utility and want or need to speak to a living, breathing human, don't push any buttons on your phone or make any noise. I have had occasions in which I coughed or cleared my throat, and a system which gives the option of verbal answers in addition to pushing buttons will pick up on that noise and ruin or postpone the chances of being routed to a human.

Try to be patient and remember that in some instances, you may need to sit through the system's message three times before the system gives up on you and forwards your call to a company representative.

It might also be a good idea to call the utility at a time when you aren't facing an emergency and make sure the company has current, accurate information on you, including your telephone number.

Of course, if you like listening to recorded messages and pushing buttons or talking to a machine for what seems like hours while an emergency situation unfolds, please disregard this column and press or say



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