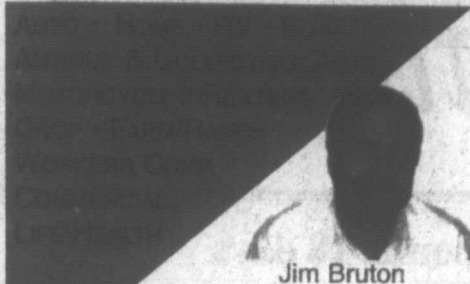


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Pampa News photos by David Bowser
C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, visits with State Sen. Robert Duncan, who celebrated his 55th birthday Tuesday as he participated in a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing in Amarillo concerning groundwater issues.

Water focus of hearing

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

AMARILLO — "There's real problems with the lake," said Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which provides water to its 11 member cities, including Pampa.

"CRMWA supplies groundwater to half a million people in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains," Satterwhite told a Texas Senate hearing here this week.

Lake Meredith was CRMWA's sole supply
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Sen. Robert Duncan at the water hearing Tuesday.

Fund to benefit Pampa woman

A benefit fund has been established for Pampa woman at FirstBank Southwest under her husband's name, Brent Williamson.

Pamela Williamson was paralyzed from the neck down last month when she was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Brent, whose injuries were less severe, was in the hospital for 18 days. Pamela has been in the hospital for almost 40 days.

"We're still waiting for the swelling in her spine to go down," Brent said. "The doctor says chances are she won't walk again, but we're Christians, and we believe that God is going to restore her."
 Pamela lost most of the
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Early morning fire
 Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

A house at 315 Hazel was heavily damaged as a result of a fire which was reported at 2:38 a.m. today. Six units and 13 personnel from Pampa Fire Department responded to the blaze, along with Pampa Police Department. No injuries were reported concerning emergency personnel or the occupants of the home, according to PFD Capt. Jesse Hanes. PFD personnel remained on the scene until 7:31 a.m. No information was available as of press time today concerning where or how the fire started.

Local EDC board member becomes full-time staffer

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

Another Pampa Economic Development Corp. board member has been hired by the organization.

Following a closed-door session Tuesday, the Pampa EDC accepted the resignation of Kathy Cota
 See EDC, Page 5

Golden Horseshoe hunt continues

As part of its yearly rodeo promotion, Top O' Texas Rodeo Association of Pampa is sponsoring its annual "Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt."

The "golden horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and the association has provided the following clue to help contest participants locate it:

Clue No.2 - Clue can be found at a jewelry store.
 The Top O' Texas Rodeo will be staged Aug. 14-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.



Football practice






Pampa Harvesters started two-a-days on Monday of this week and will continue through this week in preparation for the coming football season. The season will officially kick-off with a varsity scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Dalhart.

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Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

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Services tomorrow

AMMERMAN, Aiden Micheal Lyndon — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

DITTBERNER, Edward L. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Panhandle.

DeWITT, Rosie — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Catherine Dorsey, 77

ALANREED — Cemetery with the Rev. Catherine Dorsey, 77, died Thacker Haynes officiating. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, at Arrangements under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean. Saturday at Alanreed

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Obituaries

Aiden Micheal Lyndon Ammerman, 1 month, 18 days

Aiden Micheal Lyndon Ammerman, 1 month, 18 days, died Aug. 2, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Aiden was born June 14, 2008, in Pampa.

Survivors include parents, Tiffiney Britton and Ted

Ammerman, both of the home; maternal grandparents, Tamara Books and Glen McGhan, both of Alaska, and Beau Britton of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Cheryl and Jason Lopez, and Dirk Ammerman, all of Pampa; great-grandparents, J.B. and Pampa.



Ammerman

Bethel Walker of Pampa, and Patricia Tincer of Alaska; two aunts, Elizabeth Flynn of Alaska and Shailey Britton of Florida; and three uncles, Jeff Twigg of Alaska, James Twigg, Jeremy Goode and wife Liana, all of

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

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

Rosie DeWitt, 54

AMARILLO — Rosie DeWitt, 54, died Aug. 3, 2008, in Carson County. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors.

Mrs. DeWitt was born June 13, 1954, at Spur. She had been an Amarillo resident for 20 years and worked as a nail technician. She had been retired since 2004.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Iruegas, of the home; three sons, Ron



DeWitt

DeWitt, Jr., of Perryton, Billy DeWitt of Amarillo, and Michael Jose Velasquez, of the home; her parents, Guadalupe and Jesus Velasquez of Pampa; three brothers, Jesus Maria Velasquez and Domingo Velasquez, both of Pampa, and Rick Velasquez of

Amarillo; four sisters, Aide Nava of El Paso, Maria Guadalupe Velasquez and Margie Cawthorn, both of Amarillo, and Lolly Carver of Pampa; five grandchildren; and a special friend, Nicole Griffin of Amarillo.

Mrs. DeWitt was preceded in death by a son, Phillip Daniel DeWitt.

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Edward L. Dittberner

PANHANDLE, Texas — Edward L. Dittberner, a lifetime resident of Carson County, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Zimmerman, Pastor, officiating. Services are under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Ed was born Oct. 21, 1921, east of Panhandle, to Herman and Mary Dittberner. He attended Hobart School and Panhandle High, graduating

in 1938. Ed also attended Amarillo Junior College for two years and was inducted into the United States Army Air Corp in 1942, where he served until 1946.

While in the service, he married Ozella Dunn on April 23, 1943, at March Field, Calif. Ed was stationed in the China-Burma-India Theater and served in Northern Burma for 13 months. His unit received the Asiatic Pacific



Dittberner

Campaign medal with two bronze stars. Following his discharge, he farmed south of White Deer.

Ed and his family were members of First Baptist Church in White Deer for many years, serving as a deacon in the church. He moved east of Panhandle in the 1970s and farmed the family farm until his retirement. Ed was a long-time member of the Carson County Farm Bureau, serving as president for three years, and a member of the Texas Farm Bureau Wheat Advisory Committee for four years, acting as chairman for two years. He was also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation for two years.

Ed received the Pioneer award from the state of Texas in 2001. He was also a member of the McClellan Creek SWCB for 20 years. In 2000, he moved to Panhandle where he loved to

work with wood in his shop behind the house. His family and friends have many items in their home that he had made.

Survivors include sons, Phillip Dittberner and wife Judy of Fort Collins, Colo., Tommy Dittberner and wife Trena of Andrews, Texas, and Terry Dittberner of Austin, Texas; one sister, Joyce Johnson and husband Jim of Salem, S.C.; seven granddaughters; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ozella in 2002; daughter-in-law, Carla; one sister, Alberta Anderson; and one brother, Walter.

Visitation will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the funeral home.

Please sign our online guestbook at minton-chatwell.com.

Mr. Dittberner's requests were that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, Box 189, Panhandle, TX 79068, or the Carson County Farm Bureau in Panhandle.

Malinda Jackson, 99

Malinda Jackson, 99, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 1, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jackson was born March 1, 1909, in Stephens, Ark., to Rush and Nora Oliver. She had been a resident of Pampa since Dec. 7, 1958, when she and her husband, Earlie Jackson, Sr., moved from Arkansas to help start the Oklahoma Street Church of Christ. She served

the church faithfully for many years until her health failed.

She was a praying woman, a fabulous cook, seamstress and homemaker. She was a blessing to her family. Her children and family adored and cherished her, and she was well-loved by those in the neighborhood.

She was a 10-year breast cancer survivor.

Malinda was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years; three sons, James L. Jackson, Chester L. Jackson and Herdis L. Jackson; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include four daughters, Earlene Jackson of Pampa, Mable Jackson and Clara Tucker, both of Fort Worth, and Gladys Jackson of Waterbury, Conn.; one son, Earlie Jackson, Jr., of Pampa; 42 grandchildren who loved her dearly; 109 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends who will remember her for her elegant graciousness and love of people, and serving the Lord faithfully.

MEMORIALS: Southside Church of Christ, 11923 W. McCullough Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Viewpoints

Time to stop regulation without representation

"President Bush is the first president to accomplish what?"

"He's the first to propose a budget that tops \$3 trillion. Only six years ago, he was the first to propose one that topped \$2 trillion. America is the proud owner of the largest government on Earth."

"That's a lot of government."
"It gets worse. Clyde Wayne Crews of the Competitive Enterprise Institute says that 'the government's reach extends far beyond the taxes that Washington collects and the deficit spending at which it excels.' He's talking about the cost of government regulations. He explains in detail in 'Ten Thousand Commandments: An Annual Snapshot of the Federal Regulatory State.'"

"How do government regulations cost us money?"

"In some cases the federal government imposes new rules and regulations on lower governments, and those governments must raise taxes to cover the cost of compliance."

"I see — the old bait and switch."

"And complying with regulations costs private-sector organizations big money, too. They pass the costs along to us through increases in the price of consumer goods."

"So regulations end up costing us hard

money just as taxes do?"

"Precisely. Crew's report calculates that regulatory compliance costs hit \$1.16 trillion in 2007 — an amount almost half the size of the federal budget itself. Federal regulations gobbled up nearly 10 percent of what the U.S. economy produced last year."

"That's a lot of gobbling."

"In 2007, nearly 3,600 new rules and regulations were added — since 1995 when the 'small-government' Republicans took over Congress, 51,000 rules and regulations have been added!"

"Small government, my eye."

"The Federal Register, which contains all the rules and regulations, is more than 72,000 pages thick — down a touch from previous years, but still massive nonetheless."

"Where do all those regulations come from?"

"It all starts with lawmaking. In response to a social or economic need or problem, Congress passes a law. The appropriate regulatory agency then interprets that law and writes regulations that define how the law

will be implemented."

"Can you provide an example?"

"The FDA creates its regulations under the authority of the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, the Controlled Substances Act and several other acts created by Congress over the years. Based on the acts, the FDA creates specific regulations that determine what food and drug companies can and cannot do."

"Do you mean government bureaucrats, not elected officials, are really the ones determining what people and organizations can and cannot do?"

"Yep. There are more than 50 regulatory agencies in the federal government and each is empowered to create and enforce rules and regulations that are backed by the might of federal law. Individuals, and organizations, can be fined or thrown in jail for violating them."

"That sounds ominous."

"It can be ominous, which is why regulations must be kept in check. But where regulations are concerned, Crews says nobody is doing that."

"So how do we keep the regulators in

check?"

"Disclosure and accountability. Crews argues that regulatory costs should be accounted for just like federal spending. Cost-benefit analysis should be provided before a regulation is imposed. And when a regulation will cost more than \$100 million to comply with, the Congress should be required to vote on the regulation BEFORE it becomes binding."

"Sounds like common sense to me."

"He also argues that Congress should create a regulatory report card to monitor regulatory agencies. And while they're at it, the Congress should create a bipartisan commission to expose and eliminate harmful regulations. In other words, we should 'end regulation without representation.'"

"That Crews fellow has some really good ideas, but isn't he overlooking the primary benefit of an incredibly thick Federal Register?"

"What's that?"

"If the Iranians don't shape up, we can threaten to drop it on them."

—Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Tom Purcell
Columnist



Charley Reese
Columnist



NATO: It's well past time to pull the plug

Hopefully, the next president, whoever he is, will have sense enough to realize that an anti-missile site in Eastern Europe is not worth rekindling the Cold War with Russia.

Though the press pays little attention to it, the Bush administration has already practically wrecked relations with Russia by insisting on adding the Eastern European countries to NATO and siting his anti-missile system in the Czech Republic and in Poland. The Russians are right that it represents a threat to their security.

President Bush's lame excuse that the system is designed to protect Europe from Iranian missiles is no doubt another deliberate lie. I can't think of any reason whatsoever for Iran to attack Europe, and I'm sure the Iranians can't, either. Iran hasn't attacked anybody for more than 100 years. They would have absolutely nothing to gain by firing a few missiles at Europe. It doesn't make any sense at all.

Nor does it make any sense to add the small countries of Eastern Europe to NATO. This was a war-fighting alliance set up at the end of World War II specifically to deter and, if necessary, go to war with the Red Army. The Soviet Union set up its own alliance, the Warsaw Pact.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, Russia withdrew its army from Eastern Europe and dissolved the Warsaw Pact. The United States should have dissolved NATO. Its sole purpose vanished with the Soviet Union. It has no enemy, unless fools in the U.S. create one. The

American politicians have used it in the Yugoslavian Civil War, and now has it involved in the Afghanistan insurgency. Why the Europeans put up with this nonsense is beyond me.

As for including little countries, that's a strategic blunder. Do you think that if the Russians one day launched nuclear missiles at the United States that Poland and Lithuania would go to war against their large neighbor? Will France become a nation of teetotalers?

In fact, including small countries in military alliances is worthless posturing. All you do is allow the little country to get you into trouble by its bad behavior. The little country is confident that its big ally will rescue it if it goes too far in antagonizing its larger neighbors. It's like a spoiled brat with a bodyguard.

Sixty years after its founding, Israel is still at war with most of its neighbors precisely because it has no incentive to make a sensible peace. Why should it? It has its American attack dog. The only peace treaties it has signed are with Egypt and Jordan, both of which the U.S. bribed to make peace. Bribe or not, in both cases it's a cold peace.

Believe it or not, we are not at war with any nation at the present. We made war on Iraq, but that has long since become nothing but an occupation. We

are occupying or trying to occupy Afghanistan, but other than that, we are not at war. Why then do we need military alliances? Why do we need troops in Korea, Japan and Germany? Or, I hasten to add, Iraq and the Persian Gulf?

President Bush's war on terror is a false metaphor, and a dangerous one at that. There is no terrorist army or air force. There are some gangs of criminals. What the president did when he adopted this specious metaphor about a war on terror was to commit

the United States to perpetual war. Ask your local warmonger how he defines victory in the war on terror. Ask why when Iraq was very violent we couldn't leave, and now that it's less violent, we can't leave. Ask him how he defines victory in Iraq or in

Afghanistan. We really have neither a republic nor a democracy. We have a war state and an empire. We should pull the plug on both.
—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 27
Houston Chronicle on the cost of the ban on openly gay soldiers:

Capt. Joan Darrah, now retired, served the United States almost 30 years as a naval intelligence specialist. But it was only on Sept. 11, 2001, that she fully absorbed the cruelty of what the U.S. military demanded of her.

"I was at the Pentagon bus stop," Darrah told a congressional committee recently. "... The space I had been in seven minutes earlier was completely destroyed. Seven of my co-workers were killed. The reality is that if I had been killed, my partner of 11 years would have been the last to know, as I had not dared to list her in my emergency contact information."

Darrah's testimony and that of other veterans brought flesh and blood intensity to the first congressional review of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in 15 years.

The hearings were revelatory about Americans' change of heart on this topic and the eroding arguments of those who think discrimination against gay soldiers somehow bolsters security.

Unlike in past years, the majority of respondents 75 percent recently told ABC/Washington Post pollsters that gays who disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military.

In a 2006 Zogby poll of 545 military personnel who have served in either Iraq

or Afghanistan, only 37 percent believed in banning openly gay soldiers from serving. In another indicator of how Americans' workplace views have matured, three-fourths of the servicemen and -women Zogby interviewed called themselves "comfortable" around gays and lesbians.

As Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn. pointed out, homosexuals have served in every U.S. military conflict. But in the past two decades, research, including a study of Britain's military, shows that the 24 countries with openly gay personnel have seen no decline in preparedness.

Conversely, forcing gay service people to hide a basic fact of identity takes a measurable toll.

The first price is ethical. Sgt. Eric Alva, a retired U.S. Marine, lost a leg and much of his mobility to an Iraqi land mine. It was only years later, Alva testified, "when I realized that I had fought and nearly died to secure the rights for others that I myself was not free to enjoy."

This is unconscionable treatment of the troops who defend us. The policy's obvious hypocrisy it's OK to have gays in the armed forces, as long as they keep it a secret corrodes the military.

But the most urgent cost of the ban is preparedness. More than 12,000 troops have been discharged since the ban was instated; almost 800 of the dismissed personnel had special skills such as the ability to speak Arabic, a language that can take a decade to master.

Enlightened by the testimony of veterans and guided by current data, the House

committee also heard some embarrassing pseudoscience from a leading pro-ban advocate, Elaine Donnelly.

President of the Center for Military Readiness, a nonprofit that conducts no research, Donnelly blundered her way through a series of insults, myths and odd fantasies that prompted repeated rebukes from the bipartisan committee.

Donnelly contended that permitting gays to serve in the military would erode troop cohesion; spread HIV and foment "inappropriate passive-aggressive actions common in the homosexual community."

Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., an Iraq war veteran, aptly retorted that Donnelly insulted American soldiers with her implication they "aren't professional enough to serve openly with gay troops while successfully completing their military mission."

The military already has clear standards for disruptive personnel: Regardless of gender or race, soldiers who harass or cannot work with the colleagues chosen for them by the military are disciplined or removed.

It's unlikely that last week's hearings will lead to repeal of don't ask, don't tell. That will have to wait for a Democratic administration, and even then will meet with residual opposition in the military and among the public.

But it was useful to hear the latest data, the heroic voices of gay veterans even Donnelly's confused fears that underlie her advocacy of the ban. Together, the proceedings gave a good sense of how the war on discrimination will finally turn out.

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Water

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of water from the time it was built in the 1960s until late in 2001. Satterwhite said that the timing of the groundwater supply that came on line in 2001 was excellent.

"At that time," he said, "the lake started dropping at unprecedented rates."

Satterwhite said that in 2008, lake water would make up only about 37 percent of the water supplied by the authority. The rest will come from the water authority's well field in Roberts County.

CRMWA started buying water rights in Roberts County in the 1990s.

"In 2005-2006," Satterwhite said, "we issued \$100 million worth of bonds to add to our water rights."

CRMWA started with about 42,000 acres. Today, it has over 260,000 acres of water rights containing over 15 million acre-feet of high quality groundwater.

"Our water supply goal," Satterwhite said, "is to use as much of the renewable and evaporating lake water as is feasible."

The water authority, he said, is trying to reserve the groundwater for future use. He said the groundwater is essentially a non-renewable water source.

Speaking to the Texas Senate Committee on Natural Resources, which held a hearing in Amarillo Tuesday, Satterwhite said CRMWA has built its \$180 million project around the current Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District rules.

"Our cities rely on being able to pump that water according to those rules," he said. "The district has been very open. We've been really involved with them in the rule-making process. They have listened to our issues, and they have been good to work with."

Satterwhite said, however, that the water district has concerns with regard to possible rule or regime changes at the Groundwater Management Area.

Groundwater Management Area No. One, as mandated by the legislature, consists of White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the Canadian-based Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District and part of the Lubbock-based High Plains Groundwater Conservation

District.

As the Groundwater Management Areas around the state prepare to set desired future conditions of their various aquifers and depletion limits, there is some disagreement among the different districts in GMA1.

Ultimately, the different districts will have to reach a consensus on rules governing groundwater in the Panhandle. Satterwhite said he's concerned that there may be changes to the rules at the district level through the groundwater management process.

More specifically, Satterwhite said he is concerned that rules governing the western part of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, which allows pumping two acre feet of water per acre of water rights owned per year, would harm CRMWA's water resources.

Satterwhite testified at the hearing that CRMWA had based its plans on the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's more conservative one acre-foot per year pumping regime with a goal of 50 percent of the groundwater left at the end of 50 years.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has set a goal of 40 percent of the water in storage at the end of 50 years for its western counties where irrigated farming is widespread, but a more conservative 60 percent of the water in storage after 50 years for its eastern counties that wrap around the northern tier of counties in the Panhandle, including Ochiltree and Lipscomb.

While Danny Krienke of Perryton, the chairman of GMA1 and a board member of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, testified that his district felt its primary objective was to protect agriculture in its rules, C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, testified that his district felt its priority was to conserve the groundwater for future generations. "We've invested a lot of money in this project," Satterwhite said. "The uncertainties involved with rule changes makes us nervous."

Satterwhite said that CRMWA's project is part of the state water plan, and he asked the Senate committee to consider legislation that would protect projects in the state water plan from changes.

There have also been recent court

cases involving historic uses of water rights. If the historic use of groundwater was for irrigation, then sale of those water rights could impact a municipal sewer such as CRMWA which could lose the use of certain water rights. Satterwhite said he would like to see some protection from those issues.

"This would allow municipalities to purchase water for future needs," Satterwhite said.

Cities wouldn't have to develop them right away, he said. They could develop them when the time is right.

"CRMWA feels very vulnerable right now with so much at stake with our groundwater project," Satterwhite said.

That vulnerability right now is exaggerated, he said, because of the status of Lake Meredith and the uncertainties of the lake level.

In response to a question by Amarillo's State Sen. Kel Seliger, Satterwhite said that if there was no future inflow of water into Lake Meredith, which he termed the worst-case scenario, CRMWA would only be able to pump water from the lake through August 2009.

Satterwhite said the lake is going dry because of two major reasons. The first is the water that's being sucked up by salt cedar, a non-indigenous shrub introduced to the western U.S. about a century ago, and the fact that there has been little rainfall in the lake's watershed.

"We haven't had the right rainfall in the right area," Satterwhite said. "We've had some rainfall, but it hasn't been of the duration and the intensity that we needed in the watershed area."

He said that with the state's help, CRMWA has embarked on a salt cedar control program.

"We don't call that brush control," quipped Sen. Robert Duncan, who represents Pampa. "It's Municipal Water Enhancement."

Duncan noted that the legislature had appropriated a half million dollars for the salt cedar program and that CRMWA had matched those funds.

There were 33 invited witnesses testifying at the Senate hearing here Tuesday, plus a number of public comments.

Committee Chairman Kip Averitt said this was the only hearing the committee was holding concerning groundwater.

EDC

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from the board of directors. She had been the board's secretary.

Cota started work this week as the administrative assistant for the local EDC.

Last year, Dwight Fiveash, who was then the president of the economic development board of directors, resigned to become the executive director of the organization.

Fiveash is paid \$60,000 a year. Cota will be paid \$45,000 a year.

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teeth on her right side and is blind in her right eye. She's currently receiving care at Wesley Trauma Center in Wichita, Kan.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Today's column is a continuation of the one I printed yesterday regarding cheating and ethics -- a topic that clearly touched a nerve with many readers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired teacher. Your response regarding high school honor students cheating shows that you do not understand the current school system. Administration is too busy with REAL problems and chooses to ignore this one. In fact, I had "good" students caught using drugs at lunch and nothing was done because "these students are not causing problems in school." -- **LARRY IN TEXAS**

DEAR LARRY: I disagree with school administrators who pretend that students getting stoned on campus isn't a problem. Those "honor" students may not have been openly disruptive, but they were breaking the law, and that is a serious problem. If there is no accountability, then no solution to a problem is possible.

DEAR ABBY: You're right that ethics have taken a nosedive, but where does it start? It starts in the home. I've seen moms feed their children food at the grocery store and throw the wrapper away without paying for it. Everyone needs to look at the behavior they model for their children and do the right thing. -- **DEBBIE IN GREER, S.C.**

DEAR ABBY: When I attended college at a small school in Oregon, my English teacher was in her first year of teaching. A few days after the first test I took in her class, she announced that she had proof that someone had cheated. She then discarded those tests and passed out new ones. Frankly, I was glad to have a teacher who didn't look the other way. -- **ANNE IN PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a state university. If I catch students cheating, they fail my course automatically. In addition, I also have the option of attaching the reason for that failure to their transcripts, which will probably make finding a job more difficult after they leave school, since those transcripts provide proof of their dishonesty to potential employers. Too many people in our society, students included, opt for the easy way out when challenged. If "Valedictorian Contender" feels guilty about turning in cheaters, he/she should consider that getting caught now might be the best thing that could happen to them. Not only are they cheating themselves out of the learning they would have gained by putting forth the effort to learn the material, but they also risk their chances for future success. -- **S.L. IN OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: If students today were taught the value of morality by studying literature and philosophy, history and economics, they would develop a higher mind and a greater belief in their own need for a sounder character. We are assailed on many fronts by problems that seem insurmountable and insoluble, and it's easy to become discouraged. But so long as some of us strive to emphasize the need for honesty and instill in our young charges a sense of outrage for injustice, dishonesty and chicanery, we can avoid what earlier generations called mountebankery, humbug and fraud. -- **C.R. IN HOUSTON**

DEAR ABBY: I cannot stress the importance of exposing wrongdoing when it is encountered. To quote Robert F. Kennedy: "Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice." -- **KERRY IN MON**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

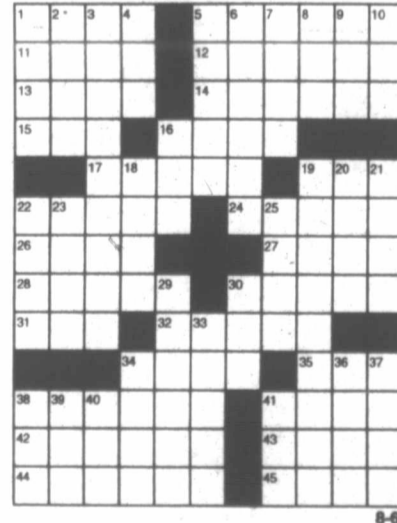
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Yesterday's answer

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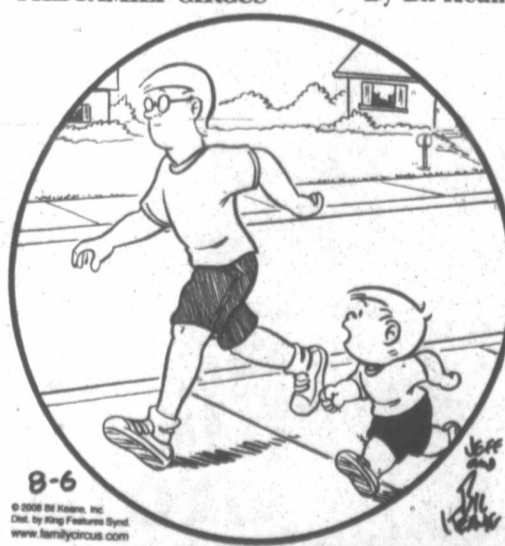
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"I assure you, sir, we know nothing about your missing toupee."

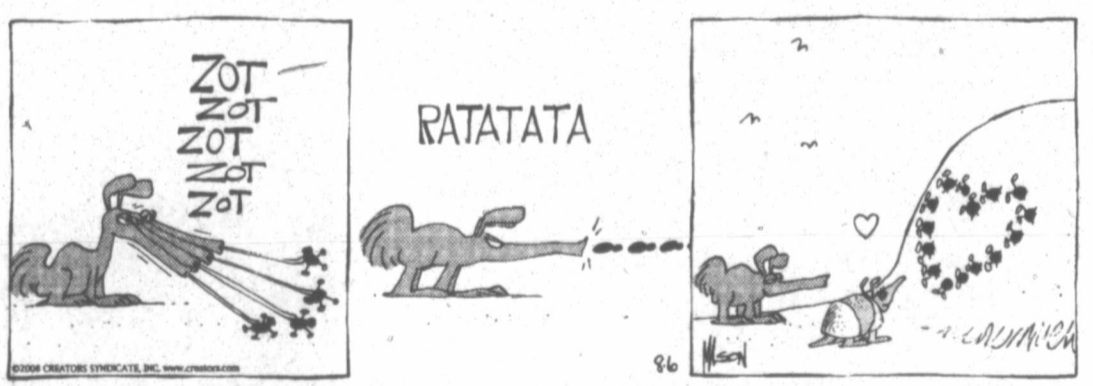
The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Daddy, how many times around the block would be a marathon?"

B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



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