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Oklahoman facing trespass charges

Suspect arrested after fleeing from ranch foreman, deputies and DPS troopers

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Locust Grove, Okla., man is in Gray County Jail this morning on a charge of criminal trespass after a ranch foreman approached him on Johnson Ranch property and the man fled.

William Joel Barger, 43, had not been arraigned as of press time today on the charge, according to a jail spokesperson.

Gray County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 3:30 p.m. yesterday from someone at the Johnson Ranch who said a tan Ford pickup was trespassing on ranch land, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office this morning.

"There are 'no trespassing' signs all along the road and on the property," Hoard said. The ranch is south of Pampa and can be accessed from an exit off Interstate 40.

The ranch foreman approached the vehicle and driver, and the driver reportedly fled, leaving the ranch and heading west on Interstate 40.

"Carson County Sheriff's Office

was notified and given a description of the pickup," Hoard said. The ranch foreman continued to tail the tan pickup as it traveled west to Mile Marker 114 at Groom. The vehicle exited at that point, went over the overpass, and entered the east-bound lanes of I-40, with the foreman still behind.

"He then turned at Mile Marker 121 and went back into the west-bound lanes," Hoard said.

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper from Groom stopped Barger in the westbound lanes at

Mile Marker 112. Gray County Deputy Bruce Burrell booked Barger into jail at about 4:35 p.m. yesterday, according to jail arrest records. Deputy Jim McDonald also assisted in the case, Hoard said.

"He said he was a salesman selling roofing material, and he was trying to find a customer," Hoard said of Barger.

No roofing materials were mentioned as having been found in Barger's pickup at the time of arrest, according to the report of the incident.

All sides: Court's decision correct

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A charge of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver might have had more success than the one for which Terry Glen Honeycutt was convicted in 2002 and acquitted last Wednesday, according to attorneys with an interest in the case.

Honeycutt received a 75-year prison sentence on Sept. 17, 2002, in 31st District Court in Pampa on a felony charge of manufacture of a controlled substance, enhanced.

The conviction was reversed on appeal April 20 by the Seventh District State See APPEAL, Page 3



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Closed for repairs

City of Pampa employees Morris Long, left, and Chris Woods use hot tar to repair cracks along Duncan Street between Harvester and Kentucky avenues this morning. The outside lane on each direction of traffic was blocked off while repairs were being made. The crew expected to be finished and have the blocked lanes reopened around noon.

Audience brings up top issues

Editor's Note: This is the third part of The Pampa News report of a school board candidate forum conducted Monday night by the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association at Pampa Junior High School.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

After answering questions from the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association at a candidate forum Monday night, candidates for the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education answered questions from the audience.

Some of the questions were addressed to specific candidates and others were directed at any or all of the

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Dixon focusing on community service

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Robert Dixon is defined, more than anything else, by the city commission and the Optimists Club.

A veteran of both organizations, Dixon said it's about service to the community and the youth of the community.

Born Enid, Okla., in 1932, Dixon moved to Pampa in 1946 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1949.

He was worked for The Pampa News as a reporter and sports writer. Dixon went to work at a competing newspaper, The Daily Spokesman started by J.C. Daniels, as sports editor.

"Then I went into the military during the Korean War from 1952 to January 1955," Dixon said.

After the service, Dixon went to Frank Phillips College in Borger on the GI Bill where he earned an asso-

ciate's degree in journalism and English.

In 1956, he had already enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin, when he took a summer job with Retail Credit, which became EquiFax.

"I was just going to keep the job

Too young for Social Security and with only a small retirement income and a family to support, Dixon took a job with the Coronado Inn as night auditor.

"I thought it'd be a real good deal working nights," he said, "but I never did get used to it."

He spent nine years there before the motel closed down.

"I never dreamed I would be able to get another job again," Dixon said, "where I would be a regular employee, but I got hired by Braum's."

He was on the city commission at the time and would hear from his constituents.

"It was a hard job," he said, "but I liked it, and I liked visiting with the

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until college started in September," Dixon said. "Thirty-five years later, I was still with the company."

But downsizing eventually cost Dixon his job.

"I was retired as of Feb. 28, 1991," he said. "I was only 58 years old."

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Robert Dixon

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Obituaries

Helen Ruth Howard, 90

Helen Ruth Howard, 90, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at San Angelo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Gerald Talley 'Jerry' Kerbow

Gerald Talley "Jerry" Kerbow, died April 17, 2005 after a sudden illness. He was born in Dallas on January 19, 1926, the youngest of three children of Helen A. Talley Kerbow and H. Guy Kerbow. He spent his elementary school years in Clarendon and moved to Pampa, TX in 1938, where he attended junior and senior high schools, and played on the Pampa High Harvester football teams of '41-'43. Even though he played center he called all the plays and was chosen All-District center. Jerry sang in the cappella choir and won the Golden Glove in his weight class in intramural boxing. He was Student Council President his senior year and graduated early to enlist in the Army in December, 1943.

Jerry participated in the Army Specialized Training Program at Texas Tech. He went to Fort Bliss in El Paso for basic training and was accepted for Officer Candidate School for the Infantry at Fort Benning, GA and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry in February, 1945. At Camp Blanding, Fla., he trained infantry replacement troops. In May, 1945 he was involved in a training accident and was hospitalized for three months. Upon recuperating, he was sent to the West Coast to ship out to the Pacific but while en route, the war ended and his

ship sailed directly to Japan where he spent a year in the occupational army. Jerry's military service ended with his honorable discharge as a 1st Lieutenant in December, 1946.

Jerry graduated in 1950 from Texas Tech with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He was elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society. At Tech, he met his beautiful wife, Ditty, and they married in December, 1948. Jerry was initiated into the Wrangler fraternity while at Tech and the bonds formed from that association remain strong.

After graduation, Jerry and Ditty moved to Houston where Jerry was employed by The Trane Company. In 1959, Jerry was named manager of the Houston office and served in that capacity until the early 1960's, when he partnered with James M. Simmons to form Kerbow-Simmons, Inc., a mechanical contracting company. The company performed plumbing, heating, air conditioning and piping work for commercial and institutional clients.

Jerry was twice elected president of the Mechanical Contractor's Association of Houston and served one term as president of the Mechanical Contractor's

Association of Texas. He was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers and the American Sub-Contractors Association. He served on the Plumbing Review Boards of the City of Houston and the City of West University Place.

Jerry retired in 1988. His devotion to his beloved Ditty and family was total and complete. He was always generous with his time and talents. He enjoyed his retirement years playing golf and taking trips around the world with Ditty. His life was enriched by a multitude of wonderful friends. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Braeburn Country Club.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harry Kerbow. He is survived by his loving wife, Wanda Sue "Ditty" Humphrey Kerbow; son, David Humphrey Kerbow and his wife Nellie Cannon Kerbow; daughters, Lisa Kerbow Hood and her husband Michael Jay Hood; Sally Kerbow Brollier; Jill Kerbow Imhoff and her husband Royce Garfield Imhoff II; and Amy Kerbow

Sedano and her husband Juan Antonio Sedano, all of Houston; his sister Jane Kerbow Benton, of Pampa; his sister-in-law Catherine Brown Kerbow of Houston; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Craig Kerbow, Kevin Michael Kerbow, Kimberly Anne Kerbow, all of Colorado Springs; Clayton Gerald Brollier, Matthew Sydnor Brollier, Richard Rowan Hood and Christen Rachel Hood, all of Houston; a great-grandchild Emilia Brooke Kerbow Johnson, of Colorado Springs and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Friends were invited to visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at The Settegast-Kopf Co. Funeral Directors in Houston. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston and were officiated by Reverend Bill Stell and Jerry's niece, Reverend Suzanne Benton Cate. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons and sons-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027, the Salvation Army, 1500 Austin St., Houston, TX 77002, or to the charity of your choice.



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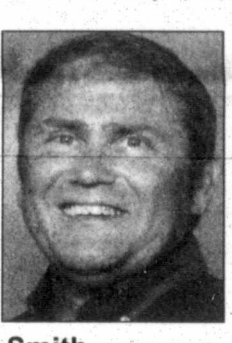
Donald Earl Smith, 47

BRYANT, Ark. — Donald Earl Smith, 47, of Bryant, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Little Rock, Ark. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 27, 1957, at Lubbock. A lifelong Pampa resident prior to moving to Bryant 10 years ago, Mr. Smith graduated from Pampa High School in 1976 and held a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University since 1981. He married Ruth Whittaker on Nov.

18, 1995, at Benton, Ark. He was a member of Salem Avenue United Methodist Church of Bryant and formerly belonged to Bible Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; a stepdaughter, Stacy



Smith

Whittaker, of the home; a stepson, Trevor Whittaker, of the home; his parents, Earl and Barbara Smith of Pampa; a sister, Dana Holland of Breckenridge, Colo.; and his grandmother, Marie Smith of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Arkansas Hospice, 6101 St. Vincent Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205; or to Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Nellie Ann Moore Stanton, 84

LEFORS — Nellie Ann Moore Stanton, 84, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon with Joe Jernigan, of Calvary

Christian Church of Shamrock, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Born Jan. 18, 1921, at Clarendon, Mrs. Stanton

moved from Dumas to Lefors 52 years ago.

She married Troy William Stanton on April 12, 1950, at Clayton, N.M.; he died Oct. 17, 1999.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Stanton was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Myrtle Richardson Moore; and a sister, Sis Frazier.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Stanton of Lefors; a son, Troy D. Stanton of White Deer; a sister, Mable Tunnell of Pampa; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice or to Citizens Cemetery Association in Clarendon.

Services tomorrow

STANTON, Nellie Ann Moore — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Citizens Cemetery, Clarendon.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, April 26

Eighteen traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Frederic and Pitts streets and at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets. Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of North Wells and the intersection of Browning and Hazel streets.

Three business alarms were reported.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 100 block of South Russell.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. Minor injuries were reported.

Suspicious vehicles were reported from the 800 block of East Frederic, the 800 block of North Frost, and the 200 block of Tignor.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block of North Nelson, the 1900 block of Gwendolyn, and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Information concerning sexual offenses was given in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a building as reported in the 300 block of Miami. A ladder valued at \$200 was taken.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets, the 500 block of Municipal Drive, and the 200 block of North Russell.

Disruption of class was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

A civil dispute was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported from the 300 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler. Beer bottles were being thrown onto a roadway.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy. A car was dented, causing \$250 in damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Barnes.

Narcotic drug law violation was reported.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A welfare check was requested in the police department lobby.

Three suicide attempts were reported.

A welfare concern was reported in the police department lobby. The subject of concern was located by officers of Odessa Police Department and was found with no need for concern.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100. Tools valued at \$520 were taken.

Mark A. Haynes, 36, 628

Roberta, was arrested in the 600 block of Roberta on a warrant for assault with bodily injury, enhanced.

Thursday, April 28

A domestic dispute and interference with an emergency telephone call were reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. Minor injuries were reported.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Wednesday, April 27

4:20 p.m. — A 2000 Ford F-250, driven by Benjamin Joseph Kock, 25, Umbarger, was pulling a 1980 stock trailer, owned by Kock, when it was in collision with a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Gae Smith Robertson, 78, 719 N. Frost, in the intersection of Tignor and Frederic streets. No injuries were reported. Robertson was cited for failing to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 27

Anthony Williams, 28, Lefors, was arrested for no driver's license.

Mary E. Scott, 52, 1333 Garland, was arrested for issuing a bad check.

William Joel Barger, 43, Locust Grove, Okla., was arrested for criminal trespass.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 27

10:02 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of gas odor in a residence in the 500 block of Somerville. Firefighters found a small leak by the stove and shut it off.

12:02 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of a downed power line in the 300 block of Henry. They found a downed telephone line that did not pose a fire hazard.

3:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 700 block of North Wells where they installed a battery in a smoke detector for a resident.

4:22 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Frederic and Pitts. The call was canceled by police when they arrived.

6:35 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas odor in the 500 block of North Nelson. No problem was found.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 27

11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, April 28

12:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

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| Milo | 3.17 |
| Corn | 3.90 |
| Soybeans | 5.46 |

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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| Cabot Oil Gas | 31.66 | -0.46 |
| Coca Cola | 42.76 | -0.06 |
| VLO | 67.79 | -1.13 |
| HAL | 42.34 | -0.42 |
| TRI | 49.88 | +0.02 |
| KMI | 75.16 | -0.37 |
| XCEL | 17.20 | -0.15 |

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| XOM | 57.20 | -1.18 |
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| MCD | 30.08 | -0.08 |
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| Pioneer Nat | 42.00 | -0.62 |
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| COP | 103.72 | +0.02 |
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Appeal

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by the Seventh District State Court of Appeals in Amarillo, according to court documents.

"Finding the evidence legally insufficient to sustain the verdict, we will reverse the trial court's judgment," Appellate Judges Quinn, Reavis and Campbell wrote in their opinion April 20.

The controlled substance Honeycutt allegedly was manufacturing was methamphetamine.

The charge was enhanced due to a prior felony conviction, according to appeals court documents.

"I think justice was served. I felt like he was mis-

served," said James C. Fling of Shamrock, Honeycutt's attorney for the appeal, in a telephone interview April 22.

"I'm just sorry he had to spend two and a half years in prison," said Mike Hrin, an Amarillo attorney who represented Honeycutt in his 2002 trial, in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"That was a case that should have gotten thrown out at the trial level. I think the appellate court reached the right decision," he said.

"I'm happy for him," Hrin said.

"What I would have done is indict him for possession with intent to deliver. He was indicted before I got there," said David Holmes, former assistant 31st District attorney and now assistant district

attorney in Hutchinson County, in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"I think that was Rick's inexperience, and I'm not criticizing him," Holmes said, referring to former 31st District attorney Rick Roach.

"In hindsight, we should have charged Honeycutt with possession with intent to deliver," he said.

Holmes and Roach shared prosecution duties during Honeycutt's 2002 trial in 31st District Judge Steven Emmert's court.

"I think this is a classic case of Rick not having the experience to try the case correctly. He should not have tried it as a manufacturing case," said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Switzer was appointed dis-

charged," by Gov. Rick Perry and confirmed by the State Senate after Roach resigned Feb. 8 in the wake of criminal charges brought against him in Amarillo federal court involving illegal drugs and firearms. Roach was also the subject of a civil action at the time to have him removed from office.

"Rick did not try the right charge on that case. I think the court of appeals did the right thing. I'm not going to fault the jury," Switzer said.

Honeycutt cannot be tried for possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine because double jeopardy attaches, even though the charge is not exactly the same as the one with which he was charged, Switzer said.

He also cannot be tried for

possession of methamphetamine because the statute of limitations has run out for that possible charge, she said.

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Switzer was hired by Roach in 2002 as assistant district attorney. Her duties included all trial work for the district.

Honeycutt will be released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Cofield Unit at Tennessee Colony, sometime within 76 days after the successful appeal, according to Fling.

"He has to wait until the mandate issues, which can be another 76 days," Fling said.

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— Mike Hrin
Defense attorney

Forum

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five candidates — Lance DeFever, Kenneth Cargill, Dana Terry, Derrell DeLoach and John Curry. DeFever, Place 2 incumbent, is running unopposed. Cargill and Terry are vying for Place 3 and DeLoach is challenging incumbent Curry for Place 1.

Here are the questions posed by the audience Monday night.

Mr. Cargill, because of your wife's involvement with curriculum, would you have a problem abstaining from the vote?

"I'm not sure I'd need to," Cargill responded, "but if I feel it would be in the best interest, I would not have a problem."

Curry pointed out that, other than himself, all the current school board members had connections to the school district and he had not seen any problems arise

from those connections.

Several questions addressed the perception that Pampa ISD had an unnecessarily large number of administrative staff at Carver Administration Center. The questioners asked candidates if they'd be willing to cut administrative staff.

The candidates, as a whole, said they would be in favor of cutting administrative staff if necessary, but preferred to do so through attrition, moving staff to teaching positions as openings arise, and combining responsibilities.

DeLoach and Curry both said that efficiency is most important.

"If duplication exists, then I'm totally in favor of taking things out," DeLoach said.

Curry reminded the audience that complicated employment laws should be considered before making any changes.

On Tuesday, after the

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Dixon

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people." Dixon said he would probably still be at Braum's, but there was an opening for the Gray County Veteran's Service Office in September 1999.

"I had always thought that would be a great job to have," Dixon said. "I applied with the commissioner's court."

He was hired Sept. 24, 1999, and went to work for Gray County.

"I've been with them ever since," he said. "That's now going on six years, and I hope to stay for as long as they'll keep me."

Dixon said this is the first job he's ever had where he feels he's really doing a good service for the community and for the veterans.

"It's a job that I was actually created for because I've always had that feeling during my time here in Pampa of wanting to help," Dixon said.

He joined the Optimist

Club in 1966 and was active in it as an officer (he was president on two occasions) and a coach.

"I never was a very good coach," Dixon said, "but I was a good organizer, and I could run programs. That's what I did the best."

He said most people don't like to do that, but he did.

"I sure spent a lot of time at the Optimists' Club," Dixon said.

He said he's sure his wife would agree with that.

"I've been married, it'll be 46 years in June," Dixon said.

He and his wife had three children, two boys and a girl. When his daughter died in 1997, Dixon and his wife adopted her two boys and her daughter.

"I have nine grandchildren," he said, adding that he's proud of all of them.

Dixon first ran for city commission in 1987.

"I lost by about 50 votes," Dixon said.

He said he wasn't going to run again, but he was approached by friends on the

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Viewpoints

High gas costs brings hybrids to forefront

An op-ed piece by Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams recently caught my attention. The piece, dated April 21, came across the fax machine here at The News late last week. The title of the article? "Hybrids — the Conservative Choice" with a question mark.

Though Williams sounds quite definite in his column, the question mark leaves some doubt as to his sincerity. In typical political fashion, the title somehow suggests Williams' has a leg dangling on either side of the fence — just in case his stance could be construed as too favorable to any one particular camp in the ceaseless and

ever-virulent energy fight/quest. The "hybrids" he refers to, by the way, are automobiles. His subtitle: "Hybrid vehicles benefit consumers and nation as a whole."

According to American International Automobile Dealers Association, "Hybrid vehicles are automobiles powered by internal combustion engines, but are also equipped with batteries recharged during driving and an electric motor to assist with power demand. There are different levels of hybrids, ranging from minor systems to 'full hybrid' systems. Hybrids do not need to be plugged in, yet they deliver superior mileage and are

considered environmentally-friendly alternatives to traditional internal combustion vehicles."

Wikipedia on-line encyclopedia explains in an "overview" that hybrids utilize "two different power sources. They are an electric motor and almost always an internal-combustion engine. In the hybrid design, an electric motor or several electric motors power the car, and a combustion engine keeps the batteries charged and assists when more power is needed

Skyla Bryant

News Editor

e.g. for sudden acceleration."

"Hybrid vehicles," Williams writes, "with their power supplied by a combination of gasoline and electricity, get gas mileage that is often twice as good as comparable conventionally powered vehicles. Since less gasoline is required to go the same distance, the hybrids help reduce reliance on imported crude oil. In 2004, imported oil accounted for 63 percent of US consumption; this figure is projected to rise to 77



percent by 2025. Given the essential role that energy plays in national defense, the reductions in this projection offered by the widespread use of hybrids would improve national security," he opines.

Williams further touts hybrids' projected advantage environmentally.

"(It is also important to note the environmental promise of hybrids," he says. "If hybrids can achieve widespread use, automobiles as a whole should have less impact on the environment without sacrificing convenience. In addition to reducing air emissions from the cars themselves, the use of hybrids reduces air emis-

sions, water discharges and hazardous waste generation from refineries by slowing the demand for gasoline."

AIADA on-line reports nationwide registrations for these hybrids saw a gain of 81 percent in 2004, up from 2003. The association attributed this information to R.L. Polk & Co.

Wikipedia lists the Toyota Prius as the top of the hybrid automobile buyer's luxury chain. According to Wikipedia, the Prius was not only named 2004 Car of the Year but European Car of the Year for 2005. The encyclopedia cited The Wall Street Journal as "report(ing) that

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 28, the 118th day of 2005. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 28, 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

On this date:

In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

In 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsawood raft named the "Kon-Tiki" on a 101-day journey to Polynesia.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty that had been signed by the United States and 47 other nations took effect.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

Our readers write

Who will pay for vandalism

I am writing concerning the recent "rash" of vehicle windows that have been shot out with bb guns. My vehicle was targeted.

This is to the person or persons who decided it would be fun to destroy our property. My husband works hard for a living, probably not unlike your parent(s). We are raising children the best way we can, trying to instill the values in them that our parents instilled in us. One of the things we have been careful to teach our children is never to destroy someone else's property.

I don't know if these people got a "thrill" from shoot-

ing out all those windows or what it was. It's a sad statement to me for the parents of whomever did it, that they weren't taught better.

Also, parents, don't you know where your kids are? Even when my older kids were teenagers, I knew where they were going, whom they were with, etc. And believe me, they knew that if I called or came by where they were supposed to be, they'd better be there.

I realize it's "easy" to give your kids money and get them out of your hair. But what does that teach them? Has anyone thought that maybe these kids are doing this to get attention from their parents?

Wake up, parents, pay

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"OK... ALL IN FAVOR OF REMAINING FIRMLY AGAINST RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AND CONSERVATION METHODS, SAY, AVE..."

Elections make people go nuts

Why do so many people go nuts during a political election? And not just the candidates, but voters, too. I've always known that people did ridiculous things during elections, but have been reminded of it during recent days.

Why do candidates get so angry with anyone who doesn't vote for them? In our upcoming election, two men are running against each other and I like them both. I am going to vote for one of them and I am not going to vote for the other one. Should they both ask me who I voted for, I will gladly tell them.

I am going to vote for the man with whom I have been friends for over 25 years and who's father was my New Testament Greek professor. This won't mean that I don't like the other man, but we just don't have a 25-year friendship. I would be disappointed in either man if my vote affected their friendliness toward me. It certainly won't affect my friendliness toward either of them.

Both profess to be

Christians and therefore live by the Golden rule. If they truly practice their faith, then the one I vote for won't be puffed up over getting my vote; neither will the man I don't vote for be angry when we see each other next time.



Mike Sublett
Columnist

Candidates who profess to be Christians need to remember that it's practicing the Golden Rule that comes first, not keeping score on voters.

And what about candi-

dates and supporters who use intimidation during elections, especially local business owners? I get my clothes dry cleaned at a place that strongly supports the man running against the man I am going to vote for. Do you think that I'm going to change where I take my clothes? No. He has every right to vote as he sees fit, as do I. I don't get mad at everyone who doesn't attend my church.

Do you know that there are even candidates and voters right here in Pampa who remind local business owners-

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The productive vs. the unproductive

"The Greatest Century That Ever Was: 25 Miraculous Trends of the Past 100 Years" is the appropriate title of a 1999 article authored by Stephen Moore and the late Julian L. Simon and published by the Washington-based Cato Institute.

Let's highlight some of the phenomenal progress Americans made during the 20th century. During that century, life expectancy rose from 47 to 77 years of age. Deaths from infectious diseases fell from 700 to 50 per 100,000 of the population. Major killer diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, typhoid

fever and whooping cough were virtually eliminated. Infant mortality plummeted.

The 20th century saw unprecedented material gains as well. Controlling for inflation, household assets rose from \$6 trillion to \$41 trillion between 1945 and 1998. Today, more than 98 percent of American homes have a telephone, electricity and a flush toilet. More than 70 percent of Americans own a car, a VCR, a microwave, air

conditioning, cable TV, and a washer and dryer. In 1900, no homes had the modern conveniences of today. Today's poor Americans have choices that yesterday's millionaires could have only dreamt of, such as cell phones, computers and color television sets. Added to all this progress, most adults have twice as much leisure time as their turn-of-the-20th-century counterparts.

You say, "Williams, it

would take an idiot to deny the human progress Americans made during the 20th century. What's your point?" The productive people who made this progress possible are often painted as villains. I'm talking about the innovators and the risk-takers, in a word — entrepreneurs. Today's heroes are often seen as the people who attack entrepreneurs — among them lawyers, politicians, media people, leftist organizations, college professors and others who often contribute little or nothing to human progress. My col-

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Forum

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forum, Superintendent Barry Haensch expressed his concern to The Pampa News that the public perceived the district as being top-heavy in administration.

He pointed out that, according to the websites of comparable 4-A school districts in the Panhandle, the districts have the same number of top administrative staff as Pampa ISD's or more.

Pampa, Dumas and Plainview ISDs all have 11, he said, while Hereford has 12 and Canyon has 14.

Candidates were asked how they would help at-risk students who are not college bound.

Various vocational programs were discussed by the candidates.

DeLoach said he would consider looking into a vocational charter school if the number of students warranted it.

Curry said that linking

with local community colleges for technical courses is an option to consider.

Cargill pointed out that it has become harder to find qualified vocational teachers.

Mr. DeLoach, do you think a person with very conservative religious beliefs can make decisions that must respect law but may conflict with personal values? Can you?

"I'm not ashamed of the fact that I'm a Christian," DeLoach responded. "As long as there's breath in me, I'll consult God on decisions."

He said the Bible says Christians have to "uphold the laws of the land," adding that, as a military officer, he has taken an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution.

If "unable to balance my faith" with an action required of the school board, DeLoach said he would resign.

He said he has balanced his beliefs with respect for the law in the past, and "I don't feel I wouldn't do so in the future."

One person asked if the

candidates would support a revised dress code for Pampa students.

DeLoach said he would be in favor of a standard dress code at all campuses that has been approved by the public.

"We do have a dress code," Curry said, "but some may feel it's not stringent enough."

"I've been on the high school campus and it's pretty alarming," DeFever said. "Thank God, I don't have girls," he added, which drew laughter from the audience.

Cargill advocated letting the high school and junior high school principals handle the matter. "I have a 16-year-old girl and it is a problem buying clothes that are appropriate," he said.

"All things in moderation," Terry said. "It's a morale issue again. When I see a boy wearing pants with holes and

his underwear poking out, that affects my morale."

Board candidates were asked if they'd support measures other than TAKS testing to measure student success.

"TAKS has brought a degree of accountability to education," Curry said. He said public education must be kept accountable in some way, if not by TAKS.

"I'm not in favor of TAKS tests, but I'm all in favor of accountability," DeFever said. "I think we all need to go to Austin and have them take the test." His comment drew a round of applause.

"There has to be accountability to keep all the schools in line," Cargill said. "It ought to come from educators. They know what's going on."

'When I see a boy wearing pants with holes and his underwear poking out, that affects my morale.'

— Dana Terry
School board candidate

Dixon

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last day to file for a place on the ballot in 1989.

Dixon rushed back from Amarillo to file by 5 p.m., but by the time he had finished the paperwork, the city secretary told him it was after 5 p.m.

It took several days before a Texas Attorney General's opinion said that Dixon

could run.

"So, I got to run," Dixon said, "and I won."

He's been there ever since.

"When I ran for the office, the main thing I was running on was the street program," Dixon said.

Some of the streets were concrete. Others were not paved.

"They had been so neglected," Dixon said. "Nothing had been done on them in 50 years."

The city passed a \$4 million bond issue to pave the streets.

Dixon said he's proud of Pampa's coming together to bring the prison to Pampa. The prison is now one of the largest employers in Pampa, he said.

It was in his early years on the commission that the new municipal golf course was established. That helps to bring people to Pampa, Dixon said.

"I'm very proud of that,"

he said, "and I'm proud of M.K. Brown Auditorium."

He said he's proud of the city and is upbeat about the future of Pampa.

"I think we have a long ways to go," Dixon said, "but I see nothing but good signs."

He said he thinks Pampa will get another economic development council in the near future.

"I'm hopeful," Dixon said, "that if there is any way possible we can get it on the

ballot in November."

He said that's one of his goals. He said he would work hard for that.

"I feel like we're on our way up," Dixon said.

He said he hopes that means more citizens.

"I would like to see an increase in population," Dixon said. "What I envision is more people living here, paying sales tax."

He said the city needs to work hard to keep good employees who work hard to serve the city's residents.

worked hard on the proposal and he would have to support their recommendation. "Who knows better than them?" he asked.

It's a problem that won't go away, Terry said. "Who knows? These students may have the best teacher in their lives just waiting for when they walk through that door," she said.

"The plan has to be respected," DeLoach said, "but I think it is a temporary fix to a permanent problem. I'm for looking at other solutions."

Curry pointed out that if the redistricting plan is not accepted, the district will have to hire eight more teachers at Austin and Travis schools. "Right now, there's no better decision than redistricting the schools," he said.

The school board election will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Early voting is under way at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays through May 3.

Elections

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ers of how much business they do with that owner and then ask them to vote for them or their candidate? Do you know how many Pampa businesses won't allow any candidate information to be

put up in their store? Do you know why?

They fear reprisal. And some of the people they fear pack a pew every Sunday and claim to be a Christian. Now that's sick. Christians are not vengeful people. And if someone is vengeful, he/she isn't a Christian.

So my hope is that candidates and voters who profess

to be Christians will just lighten up. Christian candidates should run for whatever office they wish to, just being sure to conduct themselves like Jesus would. Christian voters should vote for whomever they wish to, just being sure that in the process they conduct themselves like Jesus would. Now that doesn't seem so difficult, does it?

Oh, and one more thing. Those candidates and voters who profess to be Christians and yet have done some intimidating, underhanded things in this current election, they either need to stop calling themselves Christian or repent.

Mike Sublett is pastor of HiLand Christian Church.

Doers

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league, Thomas Sowell, calls the entrepreneurs, scientists and inventors the "doers" and their attackers the "talkers."

The talkers who attack the doers are glib and can turn clever phrases and thereby trick the gullible and uninformed, whether it's the general public through the mass media or judges and juries. For example, even if a particular drug has massive benefits, like saving tens of thousands of lives or reducing the suffering of tens of thousands of people, but a few people suffer or die, the talkers are ready to crucify

the company. Their first charge is corporate greed.

The attack on the pharmaceutical industry is particularly vicious, led by lawyers looking to make a financial killing like their colleagues who sued the tobacco industry and Microsoft. One target of today's talkers is Merck drug company, the maker of Vioxx, because for some individuals it poses an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. But for other individuals, it is safe and effective for pain relief from arthritis. The opera-

tional question for any drug is whether its benefits exceed its costs — not whether some people are harmed. Moreover, some patients would willingly accept the risk of heart attack and stroke to obtain relief from painful, crippling arthritis. Why should the FDA or the plaintiff's bar prevent them from doing so?

If we developed the practice of removing products from the market because some people are harmed by

them, we might starve to death. Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe, potentially fatal reaction that some people have to foods such as milk, wheat, soy, peanuts, fish, shellfish and eggs. Each year, food-induced anaphylaxis sends about 30,000 people to hospital emergency rooms and about 200 of them die. Since many people are harmed by these food items, should they be removed from our supermarket shelves? If not, why not? The next time we hear a talker attacking a doer, we just might ask: What have you done to further human progress?

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a John M. Olin Professor of Economics at George Mason University at Fairfax, Va.

The operational question for any drug is whether its benefits exceed its costs — not whether some people are harmed.

"The city is here to serve," Dixon said. "We provide service, whether it's law enforcement, fire protection, the water, the sewer, trash collection, that's what we do. We serve the community. Hopefully, we serve it well."

He said he wants city employees to have a decent wage and be beneficial to the community.

"We have a community here that is made up of people that like to volunteer their services and also donate to the causes," Dixon said.

'What I envision is more people living here, paying sales tax.'

— Robert Dixon
City commission candidate

Hybrids

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the backlog for 2004 Prius has reached 22,000 in the U.S."

Frankly, this car reminds me a lot of a Volkswagen Beetle. Though it does come with a front and back seat and four doors, to my no doubt limited vision it appears minuscule rather than compact.

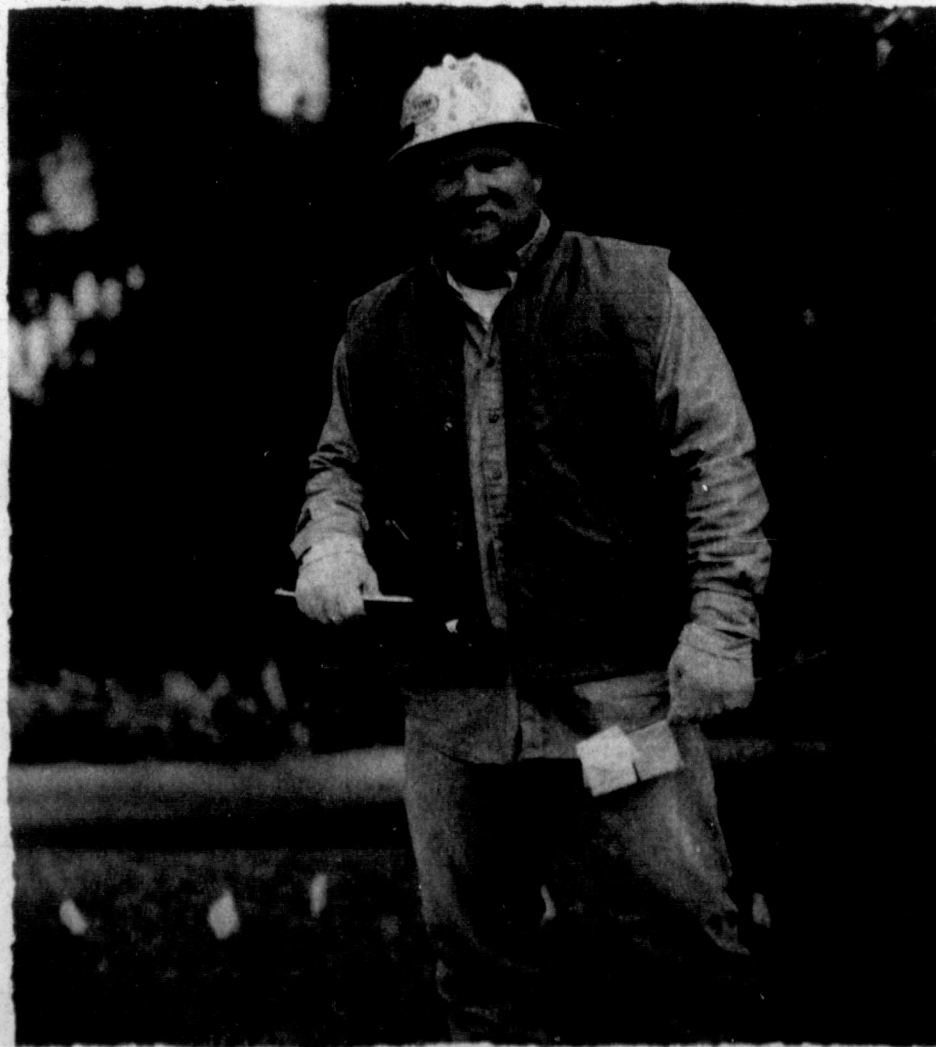
Dealer.com priced a 2005 Toyota Prius Hatchback at \$26,842.

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attention to where your kids are and what they're doing. You do realize that if these kids are under age, and get caught, you, the parents, not them, are liable for the monetary damages (my two windows alone were almost \$800). And, no, insurance did not cover them. I carry a high deductible. Guess who'll pay me back if and when the kids are caught?

Carolyn Dominey
Pampa



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Bill to curb abortion across state lines could pass Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — After an easy House victory, the latest push to curb abortions moves to the Senate where Republican gains increase the likelihood of making it harder for minors to cross state lines to end preg-

ple it affects, it's an important bill on the principles," said Frist, a Tennessee Republican and doctor who is considering seeking his party's presidential nomination in 2008.

Abortion rights advocates say the bill would cut off an escape route for pregnant girls and make criminals of the relatives, friends and doctors who try to help them.

"It certainly reflects a lack of compassion toward teens and in particular to their health," said Louise Melling of the American Civil Liberties Union. "It

reflects a willingness of Congress to override or trump states' policy decisions."

The Senate is to consider a bill very similar to the measure approved by the House 270-157 Wednesday. The Senate bill would make it a federal crime punishable by a fine, jail time or both for an adult to take a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion in contravention of state parental notification requirements.

The Senate never has taken up the bill. This year, the measure got a friendlier reception there when Frist named it one of his top legislative priorities, reflecting the four seats Republicans gained in the November elections.

'No matter how few people it affects, it's an important bill on the principles.'

— Bill Frist
Senate majority leader

nancies without telling a parent.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., intends to bring such a bill to a vote this summer as one of his top 10 legislative priorities, according to spokeswoman Amy Call.

If enacted, it would be the fifth law passed to reduce abortions since President Bush took office in 2001.

No one knows how many minors cross state lines for abortions to circumvent laws in their home states requiring parental consent. But like many who oppose abortion rights, Frist told reporters this week that there's more at stake than the number of abortions prevented.

"No matter how few peo-



St. Matthew's Style Show

These little buckaroos are getting all dressed up at Wayne's Western Wear for the St. Matthew's Style Show slated at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Wayne's Western Wear is one of four retailers participating in the style show. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. St. Matthew's students may attend for free. Above: (top row, left-right) Kaydan Stidham, Jacey Steel, Patrick Allen; (bottom row) Jace Clark, Landon Gershmel, and Ethan Rushing.

Target Corp. bringing pill bottle into new century

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Target Corp. is turning the old pill bottle design on its head — literally.

Target pharmacies this month rolled out a flattened bottle with easier-to-read labels and plastic rings that can be color-coded for each family member.

To make it all fit, Target flipped the bottle on its head, so it rests on the cap, making the label that wraps over the top visible from above. The name of the drug appears prominently on the spine, and a card with information about side effects slips into a slot aimed at keeping it with the pills. Bottles for liquids get a receptacle for oral syringes.

The redesign is the first of the traditional pill bottle by a national pharmacy in some 40 years, said Don Downing, an associate professor in the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and a former pharmacy owner who has consulted on pharmacy safety.

Most pill bottles have cramped labels that leave little room for important information, he said.

"We've all been concerned about font size and readability, and I think this improves that dramatically," Downing said.

Besides reducing the chance of errors with medications, Target is hoping the redesigned bottles will help it grab customers from other pharmacies.

'We've all been concerned about font size and readability, and I think this improves that dramatically.'

— Don Downing
Associate professor

"When opening your medicine cabinet for the first-time, you instantly know the name of the drug you're taking, how to take it, and that it's yours," said Deborah Adler, 29, who designed the bottle and label.

In February, Target announced it would add 150 pharmacies to the 1,000 it already runs, part of a "ClearRx" strategy to increase its share of the business.

Even so, mass merchandisers such as

Target and Wal-Mart account for just under 10 percent of prescription drug sales, according to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and it's not clear if other pharmacies will match Target's move.

Walgreen Co., one of the nation's largest drugstore chains, said it didn't have any similar plans. Spokesman Michael Polzin said Walgreen already offers large-print prescriptions on a separate sheet of paper and labels in 14 languages.

Another large drugstore operator, CVS Corp., said it is revisiting its pill bottle labels in advance of expected changes to some state regulations next year.

"We are looking at all options, as I'm sure all the others in our industry are doing," said spokesman Mike DeAngelis.

Most pharmacies have tried to differentiate themselves by improving service times or making themselves more convenient by adding drive-throughs, said analyst Mark Miller at William Blair and Co., who covers Target as well as other retail pharmacies.

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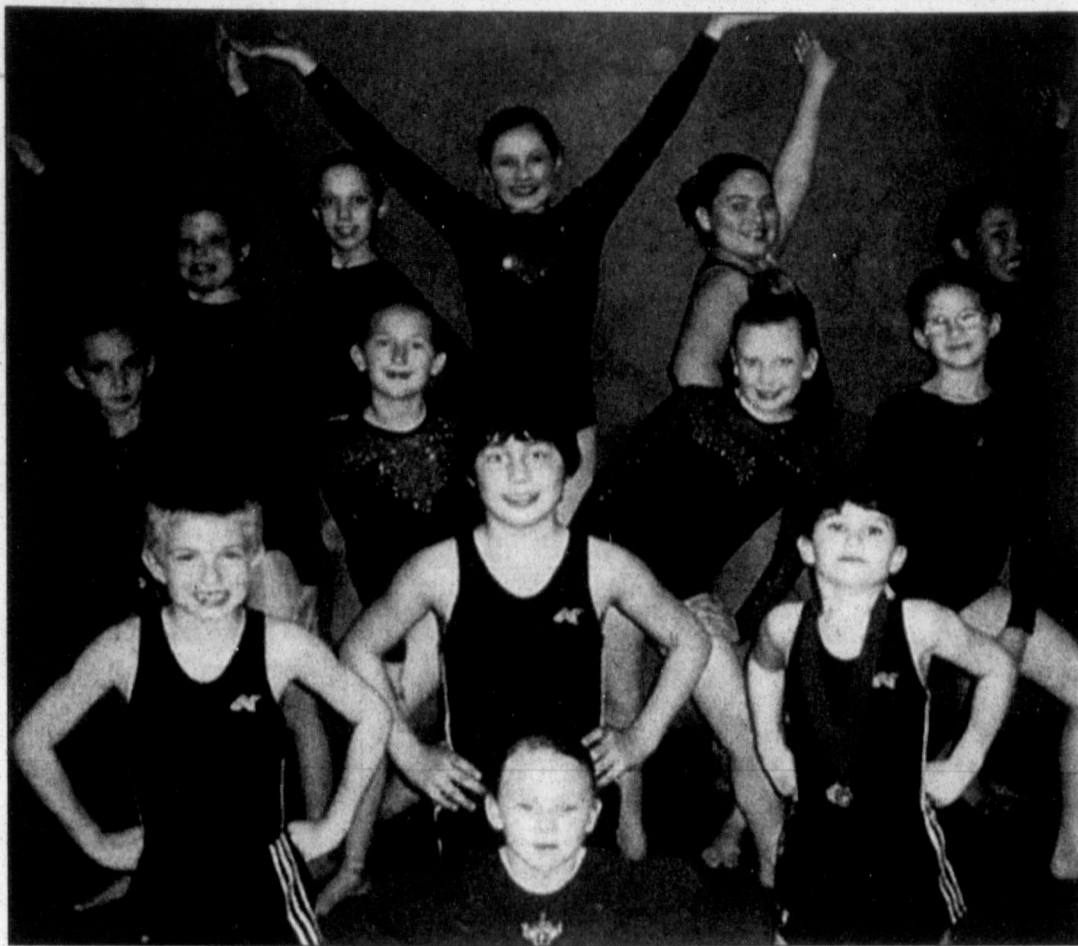
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M.G. Flyers

The MG Flyers Division I and Division II teams of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently competed in Muleshoe, Lubbock and Levelland. They will go on to compete at the State Meet April 30 in Levelland. They are under the direction of head coach Madeline Graves and assistant coaches Shauna Munsell and Alicia Hughes. Above: (front row, sitting) Sarah Gordzeliik; (second row, left-right) Micah Wilson, Alex Collins, Jonah Munsell; (third row, l-r) Jackie Phelan, Jacie Ketcherside, Ashley Stark, Cynthia Schepp; (back row, l-r) Bethany Strange, Keziah Nelson, Jenna Munsell, Danielle Zuniga and Stephanie Ronquillo.

Kansas authorities suspect 10-year-old of killing father

HUMBOLDT, Kan. (AP) — When Carolyn Moore answered the light knock on her front door Sunday night, she was greeted by a boy wearing only burgundy underwear and holding a shotgun.

"There stood this poor, scared half-naked little boy saying 'Help me, help me. Hide me. They're after me,'" Moore said. "I could see the fear in his eye. He said, 'They're going to get me and spank me hard.'"

On Wednesday, Allen County authorities said the 10-year-old boy was charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his father.

Robert D. Hamlin, 43, was found dead Sunday night at his home near Humboldt.

"The child said, 'I done something really bad,'" Moore said, recalling their conversation. "And I said, 'What did you do?'"

"He said, 'I shot my dad.'"

The boy, whose name was not released, was charged as a juvenile and could be held until age 23 if convicted. A closed juvenile court hearing was conducted in the county seat of Iola, eight miles north of Humboldt, and a judge ordered the case sealed.

The father, according to Moore, "would do anything in the world for you. He was an extremely hard worker and took care of his family." She said he worked at a local factory.

Hamlin was sitting on the living room couch when he was shot in the back of the head with a 20-gauge pump shotgun.

His wife, Debbie, and two younger children fled to another neighbor after the shooting. Two other children were coming out of the house when deputies arrived, Sheriff Tom

Williams said. He said he did not know the other children's ages.

The boy then walked up the road to Moore's home, carrying the shotgun with one unfired shell, authorities said.

"We believe it to be the weapon and we'll be testing evidence to show conclusively that it was the shotgun," Williams said before the hearing Wednesday. "We are investigating this as a criminal offense. We are looking at anything that relates to motive."

The boy did not stand out at Humboldt Elementary School, according to School Superintendent Bob Heigele.

"He fit in well with our school and he didn't have any more problems than any other student in the fourth grade," Heigele said. "He was a typical boy. I saw him around and it appeared he was well-liked."

Museum

PPHM to celebrate Bob Wills' birthday with special speaker

CANYON — Celebrate the centennial of Bob Wills' birth with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum from 2-3:30 p.m. on May 14. Charles R. Townsend, Ph.D., will talk about Bob Wills, the legendary musician from Turkey, Texas.

Dr. Townsend, a retired history professor from West Texas A&M University wrote what many consider to be the definitive biography, "San Antonio Rose: The Life and Music of Bob Wills."

Wills influenced popular music, taking Big Band music in the 1930s and creating a unique sound of country music called Western Swing.

Contemporary musicians such as Asleep at the Wheel keep Western Swing alive through their recordings. An exhibit case in the research center will feature Wills' material in the PPHM collection. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Cost of the program is \$5 for museum members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are not required and tickets will be sold at the door.

For additional information, call Mary Ann Ruelas at (806) 651-2242.



Charles R. Townsend, holding the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' 1975 Grammy Award for best liner notes "For the Last Time," the final recording session of Bob Wills. Photo provided by Dr. Townsend.

AP: For first time, CDC pushing new mosquito repellents to combat West Nile

ATLANTA (AP) — After years of promoting the chemical DEET as the best defense against West Nile-bearing mosquitoes, the government for the first time is recommending the use of two other insect repellents.

Repellents containing the chemical picaridin or the oil of lemon eucalyptus offer "long-lasting protection against mosquito bites," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, adding that repellents with DEET remain on the agency's recommendation list.

"Since West Nile virus is present across the entire country at this point and it's here to stay, we constantly need to be vigilant," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, director of the CDC's division of vector-borne infectious diseases. "It gives consumers a better option to protect themselves."

Both products have been available elsewhere in the world, including Europe and Australia, since the 1980s. Repellent makers have been eager to introduce them to U.S. markets but it was hard to compete with DEET, the only chemical touted as effective by local, state and federal health officials.

Federal officials main-

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— Dr. Lyle Petersen
Director of CDC's division of vector-borne infectious diseases

tained for years that non-DEET repellents were not likely to offer the same degree of protection from mosquito bites. DEET has been the go-to chemical for health officials trying to control the spread of the West Nile virus in the United States.

However, recent studies prompted CDC officials to broaden the recommendations. The CDC says picaridin is "often comparable with DEET products of similar concentration" and oil of lemon eucalyptus provides protection time "similar to low-concentration DEET products in two recent studies."

Consumers tend to like picaridin repellents because they are more pleasant to the skin and don't have the odor that DEET repellents have. And oil of lemon eucalyptus is a natural ingredient, which appeals to those who don't like the thought of putting chemicals on their skin, said Angela Proctor, a product manager for the Cutter line of insect repellents by Spectrum Brands.

Nationwide, only about 40 percent of people use insect repellents. In Pacific coast states such as California — the state with the highest number of cases (771 cases, 23 deaths) last year — only 23 percent use insect repellent, said Emily Zielinski-Gutierrez of the CDC.

"That's a lot of people who are going out there unprotected," she said.

DEET was developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1946 and has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as an approved active ingredient since 1957.

Various levels of DEET appear in the popular Off! lines by S.C. Johnson & Son Inc., including Deep Woods and Skintastic.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been thinking about writing this letter for a long time. I'm the director of a small public library. I love my job and serving our patrons. But you would not believe some of the outrageous behavior that occurs in libraries -- so I have written:

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I know this letter is too long to print, Abby, but thank you for letting me get this off my chest. I feel better. -- MARIAN THE LIBRARIAN IN KANSAS

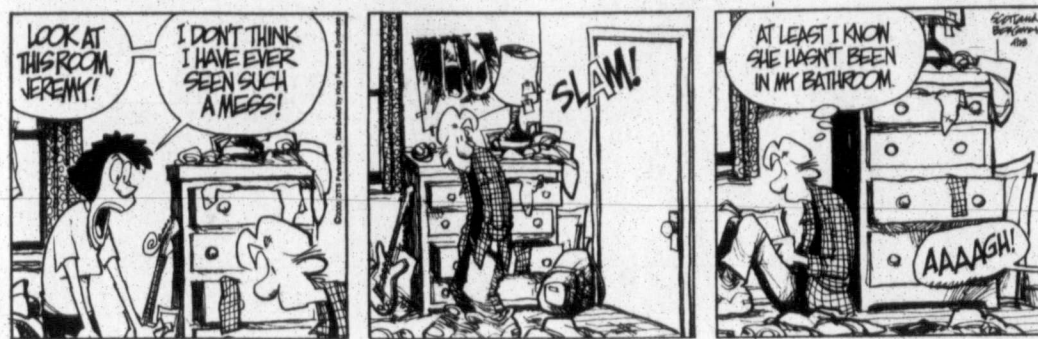
DEAR MARIAN: You're welcome. I'm printing your letter in full because it has merit, and also because I suspect most of the offenders do not know any better.

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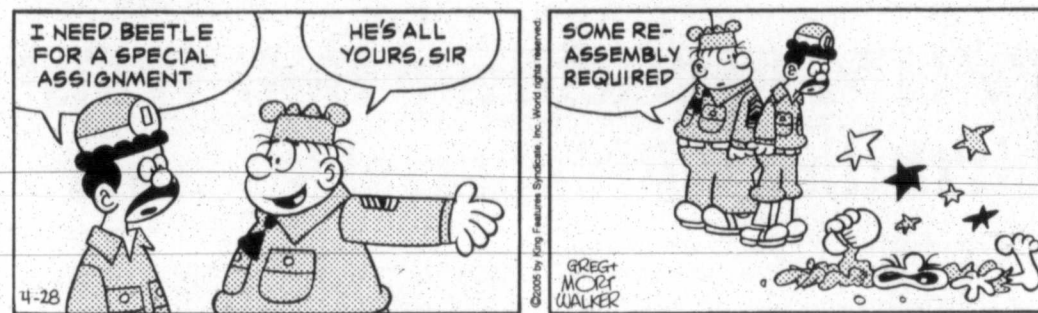
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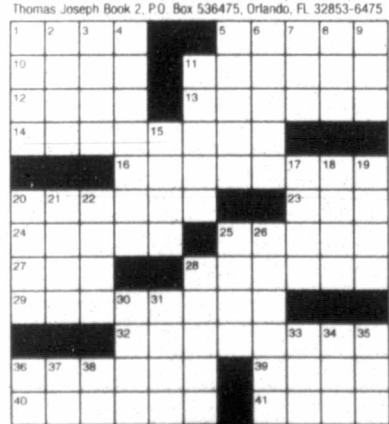
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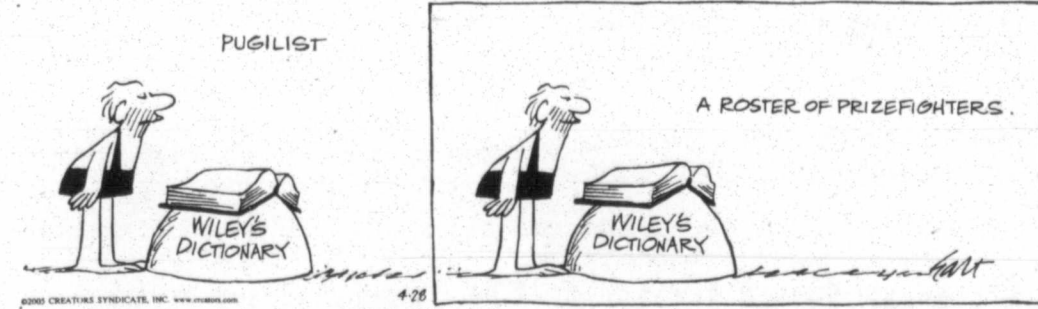
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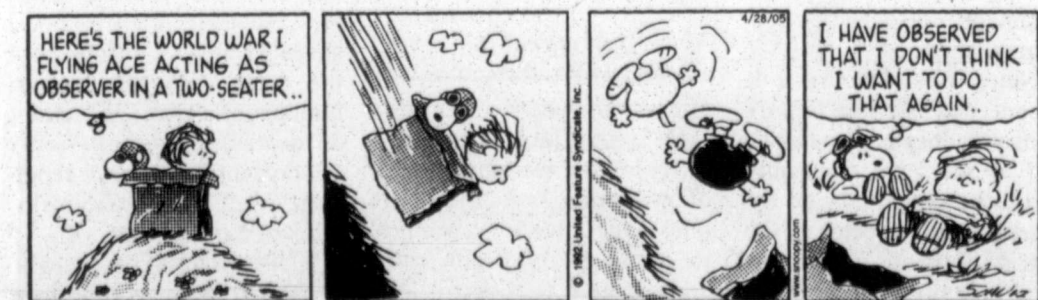
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Carthel

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When high school football games put more people in your stadium that your own team does, you have a problem. This is part of what has plagued the Buffs for the past few years.

WT Athletic Director Ed Harris was quoted in a campus press release as saying, "I am pleased to have Coach Carthel assume the head coaching position for the Buffaloes. His is a great fit for WT." Great fit? Fit what? A program that has known nothing but losing for more seasons than most care to count? Given the gravity of the Buffalo's football program, the coach should not be a great fit, especially with someone of Carthel's caliber. He should be allowed to make that program fit him and his philosophy. After all, his (Carthel's) obviously works.

My wife and I are ardent Buffs supporters. We attended as many home games as we can. I want for this program to get back to the plateau it once enjoyed.

Carthel may be just the man to lead them there.

As for the Dusters, director of football operations Warren McCarty told Sports Day today that defensive coach Steve Perdue will replace Carthel as head coach. When asked if Coach Carthel still had a vested interest in the Dusters, McCarty said, "No. League rules do not allow that. Coach Carthel now has no interest in the Amarillo Dusters."

Side Note

Former Buffs record-setting quarterback, Derek Maupin, has been invited to the Dallas Cowboy's minicamp. Maupin, a Canadian native, set or tied eight WTAMU and Lone Star Conference records, including the school career passing mark of 7,930 yards and total offense with 8,366 yards. Maupin leaves as the WTAMU career passing record holder and the total offense record setter with 8,366 yards, which would pass the old LSC record, but Southeastern Oklahoma's Drew Beard surpassed that mark this season as well, finishing with 9,684 career yards.

Ring 'em up

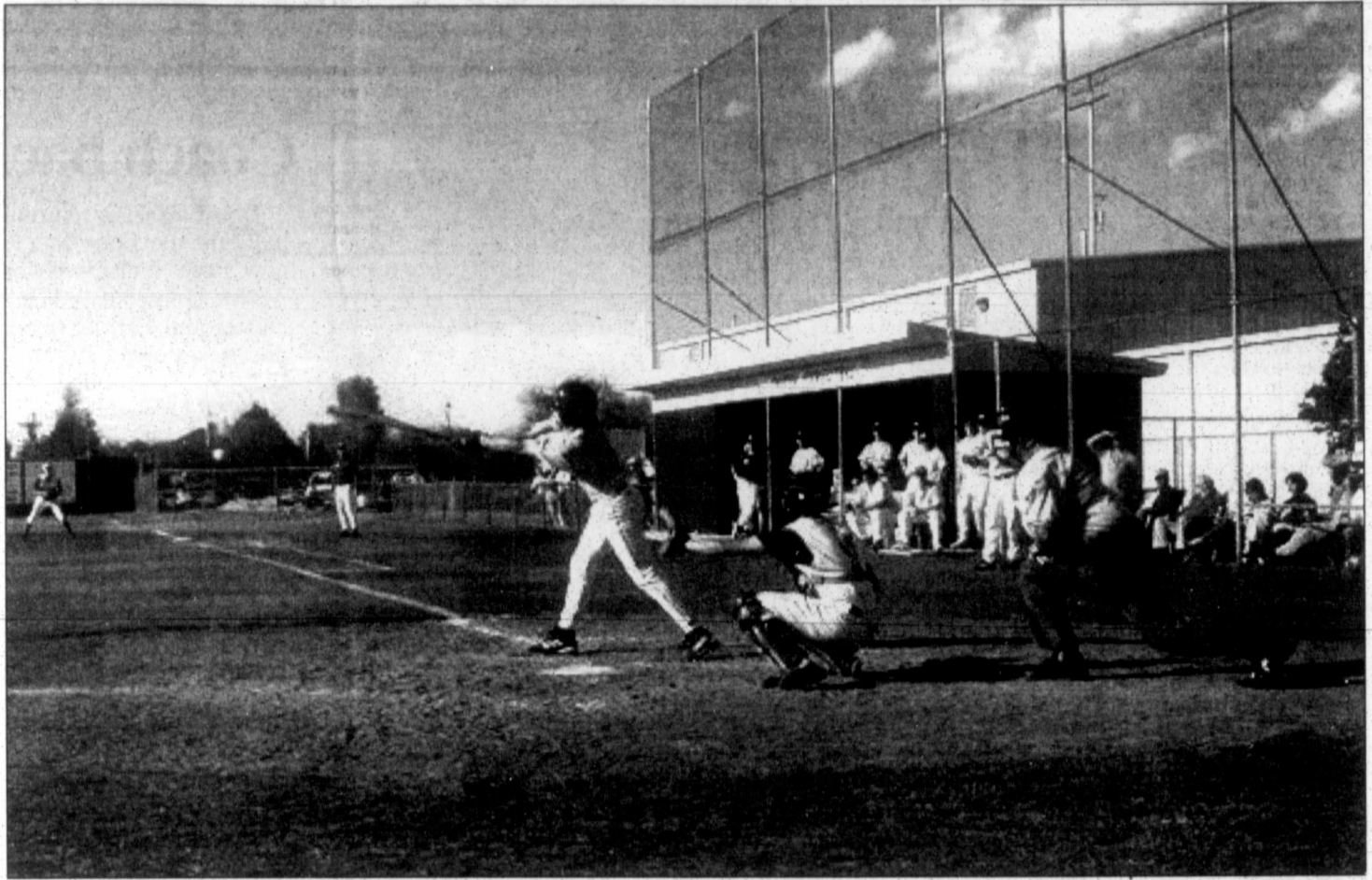


Photo by STEPHEN ROGERS

With the hit that did Dumas in Tuesday afternoon, Pampa's Tyson Hickman is captured smacking a Demon offering. It would prove to be the last bat of the day as the Harvesters run-ruled Dumas 11-1, capturing the 2005 District 3-4A title in the process. Pampa, still undefeated in district play this season, faces Caprock on the road Saturday. That game will start at 1 p.m.

Coach

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He is a great fit for WT and I look forward to watching his teams compete for years to come."

The Friona, Texas native returns to college football and the LSC, where he had previous coaching stints at Eastern New Mexico University and Abilene Christian University. Carthel was born in Dimmitt and raised in Friona, and as a kid, he found rides to

Kimbrough Memorial Stadium on Saturdays to watch WT home games.

"I've always loved coming to WT to watch sports. I remember coming to basketball games to watch Mike Mitchell and Maurice Cheeks, but I fondly remember watching WT when Pistol Pete Pedro played and then Duane Thomas and through the Joe Kerbel era. It was always a highlight to come from Friona to WT games. It's a great treat to be a part of the rich WT tradition.

"My goal is to put together a great staff, one that will be in it for the kids, and who are great recruiters. We're going to coach as hard as anybody in the LSC. We've got to evaluate the talent we have on campus now and figure out what we need to get to put a winning football team on the field in August."

Carthel graduated from ENMU with a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in mathematics

in 1974 and his master's in physical education from ENMU in 1975. He played center/kicker for the Greyhounds from 1970-73.

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— Don Carthel
Head Coach, WTAMU
Football

Carthel was an assistant coach at the University of Texas El Paso from 1983-84, before he became the head coach at ENMU from 1985-1991. As a coach, Carthel helped ENMU move into Division II and transformed the Greyhounds into a com-

petitive LSC school. In 1985, Carthel's first year at the helm, the Greyhounds were playing Texas A&I University (currently Texas A&M

University-Kingsville) in the season finale for a share of the LSC title. Though they lost that game, the Greyhounds later won the conference crown in 1991, becoming the first team outside of Texas to win the LSC championship in the conference's 59 years of football.

In his seven years at ENMU, Carthel compiled a 44-28-1 (.610) ledger, winning seven or more games in four of those seven seasons, including opening the 1987 season with a 9-0 record and tying the school record for victories in a season. In five of Carthel's seven years, the Greyhounds were ranked in the Division II Top 20 Poll. Carthel was inducted into the ENMU Hall of Fame in 2001.

In January, 1992, Carthel resigned from coaching to

return to Friona, where he farmed and raised his family, serving on the Friona school board for nine years. However, Carthel couldn't stay away from coaching very long, as he later became a volunteer coach for Abilene Christian, communicating with the coaches on the sideline from the press box.

His son Colby, who was a standout linebacker at Angelo State University, leading the Rams to the LSC South title in 1999, and joined the ACU staff alongside his father in 2000 and is presently still on the Wildcats' staff.

The elder Carthel coached at ACU until 2004, when he was named the head coach of the Dusters in their inaugural season in the Intense Football League. Amarillo won the IFL Championship last year, before the league disbanded. The Dusters joined the AFL2 this year and had a 2-1 record when Carthel resigned his post.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Currently, only the six conferences that comprise the BCS can earn automatic entry into college football's four major bowl games, including the national title game. The previous standard for holding on to that qualification was based on the average BCS standings finish of a conference's top team over a four-year period.

That will still be a factor, but not the only one. The BCS will also take into account the number of teams in a conference that finish in the BCS top 25 over a four-year period. In addition, there is a proposed appeals process if a conference doesn't match up with the others under the new formula but still believes it belongs in the BCS.

The Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10, Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Big East champions have had automatic entry into the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta bowls since the BCS was implemented in 1998.

Spurs

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DerMarr Johnson led Denver with 12 points. Miller added 11 and Carmelo Anthony 10, while Camby had 12 rebounds.

The Nuggets made three of their first four shots, then missed nine of their next 10 before a driving layup by Miller made it 23-12.

Wesley Person hit a 3-pointer early in the second quarter to trim San Antonio's lead to 29-21, but the Nuggets followed with another dry spell while the Spurs piled up points.

A 10-foot jump hook by Duncan restored the Spurs' double-digit lead with about 11 minutes left in the half. Less than four minutes later, a short runner by Parker made it 46-25. Parker later dished to Duncan for a dunk that extended San Antonio's lead to 30 points with 2:27 remaining.

The Nuggets missed 13 of their 14 shots during the Spurs' 27-5 run. "The whole game was terrible," Camby said. "They got everything they wanted. It made for a long,

tough night."

Bulls 113, Wizards 103

The Bulls head to Washington with a 2-0 lead after Kirk Hinrich scored 21 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter. Hinrich rebounded from a tough 8-for-23 shooting night in Chicago's 103-94 win in the opener Sunday night, hitting 12 of 15 shots and spearheading key runs at the end of the first half and beginning of the final quarter.

Gilbert Arenas, held to nine points in the opener, picked up his game dramatically. He scored 39 — 16 in the final period — and helped the Wizards rally in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough.

Games 3 and 4 of the best-of-seven series will be played at the MCI Center on Saturday and Monday.

Suns 108, Grizzlies 103

The host Suns erased a five-point deficit with a 14-4 spurt over the final 4:04 to take a 2-0 lead. Game 3 is Friday night in Memphis.

Amare Stoudemire, who scored just nine points in the series opener, had 34 points and 10 rebounds, including 18-of-22 shooting at the foul line.

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Jackson's ex-wife testifies in pop star's child molestation trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Coming face-to-face once again with her former husband, Michael Jackson's ex-wife took the witness stand and did something few had predicted: She turned the tables on prosecutors.

Called by the district attorney's office to bolster their argument that she had been pressured to praise Jackson in a videotaped interview, Debbie Rowe instead said she refused to be coached.

"I didn't want anyone to be able to come back to me and say my interview was rehearsed," Rowe said. "As Mr. Jackson knows, no one can tell me what to say."

Jackson is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003 and conspiring to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut a damaging TV documentary that showed the singer saying he lets children sleep in his bed.

The prosecution has said Rowe

would offer similar testimony — that she also was pressured to praise Jackson in a video — but her testimony Wednesday did not reflect that.

Rowe reiterated that she had been offered a list of questions by her interviewers but did not look at them before she talked. "It was a cold interview, and I wanted to keep it that way," she said.

In his opening statement two months ago, District Attorney Tom Sneddon told jurors they would hear

Rowe tell a story similar to that of the accuser's mother.

"Debbie Rowe will tell you her interview also was completely scripted," Sneddon said on Feb. 28. "They scripted that interview just like they scripted the (accuser's mother's) interview."

Rowe was expected back on the stand Thursday.

Rowe, in a black pantsuit, glanced at Jackson as she testified. The pop star, dressed in a maroon suit,

showed no reaction to her testimony.

Rowe had been a nurse for one of Jackson's plastic surgeons when they married in 1996, and they had two children — Prince Michael, 8, and a 7-year-old daughter, named Paris.

The couple filed for divorce after three years of marriage, and Rowe is currently in a family court dispute over visitation with their children. Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has not been identified.

Agriculture

Crop Production guides now available

By **TIM W. McALAVY**
Texas A&M News

LUBBOCK — Farming is a question-and-answer game. When to plant? When to spray? Where did these weeds come from? How do I kill them? What is that critter crawling around on my cotton?

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That's the intent of a series of crop production guides created by Texas Cooperative Extension specialists and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research scientists housed at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

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The production guides grew out of the widely popular Focus on Entomology newsletter published by Jim Leser, Extension cotton entomologist at Lubbock. The

newsletter is published electronically during the June through September High Plains cotton growing season.

"Focus on Entomology addresses growing conditions and problems that producers encounter in cotton and other crops," Leser

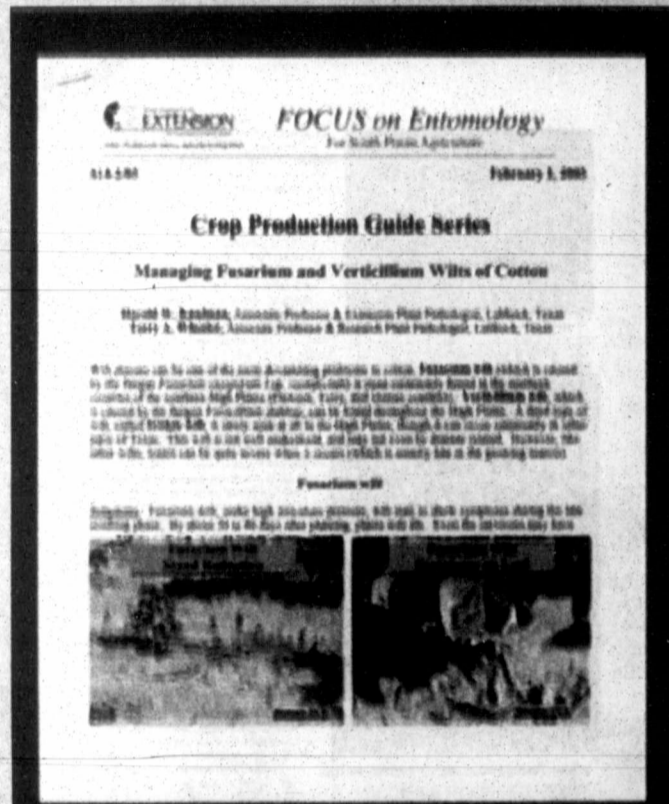
said. "But it goes beyond entomology. It and the production guides discuss topics other than bugs."

For example, there are production guides written specifically for insects and plant disease, irrigation, weed control and herbicide options, soil fertility, harvest management, and variety and hybrid selection for upland cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts and corn. Color photographs illustrate key points in each guide.

There more than 16 production guides currently available at the newsletter's electronic home on the World Wide Web: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus>.

"We plan on completing 16 more guides before the end of this year," Leser said. "You can view the guides electronically on a computer, or download and print them as a user-friendly PDF (portable document) file."

"If resources become available, we plan to print and package the full series of cotton production guides in a three-ring binder."



Crop production guides created by Texas Cooperative Extension specialists and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research scientists are currently available on-line.

After nearly two years, jury convicts man of trying to sell missiles

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — For nearly two years, Hemant Lakhani has maintained he was the victim of government entrapment as prosecutors sought to paint him as an aspiring international arms dealer and terrorist sympathizer.

On Wednesday, after deliberating less than eight hours over two days, a federal jury sided with the government, convicting former British clothing merchant of attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles to what he believed was a terrorist group planning to shoot down airliners.

In a jailhouse interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday night, Lakhani proclaimed his innocence and called the verdict "a disgrace to the judicial system." He said he would appeal.

"I've been used as a political football," he said. "There was no buyer, there was no seller and there was no missile." Lakhani, 69, was arrested in 2003 at a hotel room near the Newark airport after getting caught in a sting operation in which undercover operatives posed as terrorists and arms dealers. Prosecutors said he agreed to arrange the sale of more than 50 missiles.

It was the first terrorism case prosecuted in New Jersey since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie called the verdict "a triumph for the Justice Department in the war against terror." Lakhani, he added, "didn't care who he was dealing them to, or what they wanted to use them for."

Prosecutors said Lakhani, a British citizen of Indian descent, was heard in one taped conversation saying Osama bin Laden "straightened these idiots — he did a very good thing," in reference to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and spoke about providing the missiles in time for the one-year anniversary of the attacks.

His attorney, Henry Klingeman, insisted Lakhani had no sympathies with terrorist groups, and argued that his client was a victim of entrapment.

"There was no missile plot until the government created it," Klingeman told the jury. "It's a lot like a fireman who lights a fire and then pulls the alarm so he can be the hero."

Lakhani was convicted of attempting to provide material support to terrorists, money laundering and other charges. The most serious charges carry up to 20 years in prison. Sentencing was set for Aug. 8.

Three others connected to the case pleaded guilty to money laundering or related charges but denied any connections to terrorist organizations. They are awaiting sentencing.

The jury saw a covertly made video of the hotel meeting that showed Lakhani laughing and joking with a government informant, Mohammad Habib Rehman, about using missiles against commercial planes. In a box was a disabled Russian-made shoulder-fired missile.

Rehman posed as a representative of the Ogaden National Liberation Front, an East African rebel group. Prosecutors said about \$86,000 was wired to a foreign bank account for Lakhani for one missile.

Prosecutors said Lakhani made several trips to Ukraine to contact arms suppliers in an attempt to obtain more missiles.

"He made trip after trip after trip," federal prosecutor Brian Howe told the jury. "This guy was the Energizer Bunny of arms traffickers. He just kept going and going."

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Art show and tea



(Left-right) Pat Kindle, Norma Hinkle, Mimi Gross and Betty Fletcher, all artists and members of Pampa Art Club, prepare invitations for PAC's upcoming Guest Day Tea Tuesday, May 3 at Lovett Memorial Library. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and entry will be through the north door. The event will be open to the community.

Mexican president replaces attorney general

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In a sign that President Vicente Fox may yield in a bitter political battle dividing Mexico, he accepted the resignation of his attorney general who led the effort to prosecute popular Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

The move appeared to open the way for talks between the president and Lopez Obrador — the leading contender to replace Fox in 2006 presidential elections — and the possible dropping of the charges against the mayor.

Fox promised the replacement for outgoing Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha would "exhaustively review the case against the mayor, while seeking to preserve the greatest political harmony in the country."

But Interior Secretary Santiago Creel was clearer, referring to the legal case against the mayor — which threatens to knock him out of the 2006 race — Creel said: "What we want to do is put it to one side and get on with our work."

"We are tired of waiting to hear what one side will say, and what the other side will say," Creel said.

Sen. Enrique Jackson, whose Institutional Revolutionary Party voted in Congress on April 7 to strip Lopez Obrador of his immunity from prosecution, said it appeared to be a victory for Lopez Obrador and a retreat by Fox.

"This long legal process was an issue that became bothersome. It was something that had to be wound up," Jackson said. "Now, the mayor will have to get down and get to work on the city's issues."

The battle over abuse-of-authority charges against the mayor for allegedly ignoring a court order in 2001 in an obscure land case has dominated Mexico's political life for months. The charges also threatened to knock the leftist mayor out of the 2006 race.

Fox's speech Wednesday was marked by conciliatory language toward the mayor, and Lopez Obrador's Democratic Revolution Party called the attorney general's resignation "a positive act for the country's political life."

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