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Water districts look to Legislature for clarification

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Ground water districts are trying to get the Texas Legislature to clarify their role in water conservation.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, said ground water districts from around the state have been working with the state senate on a bill, SB 1691, that waives sovereign immunity of cities, counties and other political subdivisions in Texas when it comes to the power of water conservation dis-

tricts. Current law, said Monique Norman, an Austin attorney specializing in water issues, said that all wells in Texas have to be permitted by local ground water conservation districts except in special circumstances.

"The law already applies to all wells," she said. "There have been a couple of instances throughout the state where the General Land Office or a city has refused to comply with district rules."

Aspermont in Haskell County has claimed sovereign immunity from

the local ground water district regulations.

"That case is currently on appeal," Norman said, "and so this legislation would specifically take care of that."

"What drove this," Williams said, "is that down at Aspermont, they were producing in one county and taking it back into another county."

The city refused to pay the water district fees involved, claiming immunity from them.

The Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District sued Aspermont in an effort to enforce the water district's rules, but Aspermont

claimed sovereign immunity in the enforcement suit.

The ground water district won at the district court level, but the case has moved in the appeals court now.

If the appeals court rules in favor of Aspermont, Norman said it could have a statewide effect and derail ground water management in Texas.

The Texas Alliance of Ground Water Districts and the Texas Farm Bureau are asking the Texas Legislature to clarify the ground water conservation districts' role.

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Church women chip in to help on blanket project

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Women from the Southside Church of Christ got together Wednesday to fellowship, aid a fellow Pampa resident and ultimately help out many Pampa children. The women were cutting, sewing and rolling up fleece material to make blankets for children in need of staying warm or just having something to snuggle and call their own.

Carolyn Kessel recently started what she is calling the "Pampa Project" to collect fleece material and money to make and distribute blankets to children in need.

She went to various organizations to solicit help and has currently distributed more than 300 blankets

to Pampa children at both Community Daycare Headstart programs, the Baptist Bus Ministry and St. Vincent's kindergarten.

She planned on delivering 70 additional blankets to Lamar Headstart Wednesday after working with the women of Southside Church of Christ.

Kessel said the women from the congregation saw the article in the newspaper about her mission and contacted her and offered assistance.

"They've been wonderful to work with," Kessel said. "These women are so willing to give of their time and talents to help out the community and I really appreciate what they are doing."

Ruth Brown, one of the

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Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**
Ruth Brown, left, and Margrette Nickelberry sew blankets at the Southside Church of Christ to donate to Carolyn Kessel's "Pampa Project," which donates blankets to community children in need.

New signage



Pampa News photo by **MARILYN POWERS**
City of Pampa Public Service Department employees Zach Brown, left, Ruth Williams and Ben Ponce, install a new sign on posts outside Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. The museum is located on land known as Memorial Park.

Wind farm meeting set here Friday

The North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development and First Ag Credit will co-host a meeting on wind farms at 10 a.m. Friday at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 200 N. Ballard.

Anyone interested in wind energy is encouraged to attend.

Presenters will provide information about the environmental, ecological, wildlife and economic impacts for wind energy utilization. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss items landowners and ag producers should consider when leasing their land for wind farm development.




Rod Wetsel and Frank Horak, authors of the booklet "Wind Facts: A Landowners Guide," will give an overview of current wind farm development and discuss what landowners should

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Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Saturday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind around 5 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

SHEPHERD, John V. — 2 p.m., Fargo Methodist Church, Fargo, Okla.

Vallie Mae Futch, 82

Vallie Mae Futch, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died April 18, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Futch was born Dec. 10, 1924, in Kelton. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1989. She married the Rev. James J. Futch on Nov.

17, 1943, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1990.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Koinonia Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Patchwork Quilter Guild.

Survivors include one daughter, Jana Minyard and

husband John of Borger; two sons, Richard Futch and wife Connie of Seymour, and Dave Futch and wife Betty of Moncks Corner, S.C.; one brother, George Harris and wife Barbara of Wheeler; one sister, Lorene Bernard of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Shane Futch, Ty Futch, Josh Minyard, Jill Minyard,

David Futch and Krista Futch; and five great-grandchildren.

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John V. Shepherd, 92

FARGO, Okla. — John V. Shepherd, 92, of Fargo, died Sunday, April 15, 2007. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in the Fargo Methodist Church with the Rev. David Jenkins officiating.

Burial will be in the Fargo Cemetery with the United States Army conducting military rites. Arrangements are under the direction of the Billings Funeral Home.

Mr. Shepherd was born Oct. 31, 1914, at Catesby, Okla., the son of George William and Hazel Vaughn

Crail Shepherd. He grew up on the family farm.

He married to Helen Lee Smith, his wife of 63 years, on May 25, 1941, at Sitka, Kan.; she died Jan. 24, 2005. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on Jan. 9, 1942. He and Helen spent their first years moving to various army bases.

Mr. Shepherd received the Purple Heart after being

wounded on Nov. 10, 1944, in Vejo, France. He received his honorable discharge on Sept. 28, 1945. John and Helen returned to Helen's home place north of Fargo in 1945.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Orville and Orlan; one infant brother; and a sis-

ter, Georgia Delores Shepherd. Survivors include their

children, Una Covalt of Pampa, Sissy Sexton of Amarillo, Little Johnny Shepherd Jr. of Holdenville, Okla., and Patty Holmes Wilcoxen of Woodward, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Fargo Cemetery or the John E. Creek VA Nursing Center in care of the funeral home.



Shepherd

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 18

Seven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported in the 1900 block of North Duncan and the 600 block of North Wells.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1100 block of Juniper, the 1100 block of West Seneca, and the 900 block of West 23rd.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of South Sumner, the 800 block of East Malone, the 300 block of North Davis, the 1300 block of South Hobart, the 1900 block of East Browning, the 500 block of North Wells, the 1000 block of East Jordan, the 300 block of South Canadian, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 1000 block of South Wells, and the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations, resulting in one arrest. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the intersection of Starkweather and Browning.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner where an Xbox and controller, and a computer valued at \$1250 were taken.

Agency assistance was provided in the 1900 block of Banks, the 700 block of North Wells, and the 200 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1700

block of Beech.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Carr, the 500 block of South Wells, the 500 block of South Cuyler, the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway, and at the intersection of Crawford and Gray where an arrest was made after two juveniles were reported to have been fighting on a bus.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of East Frederic.

An assault causing bodily injury occurred in the 1100 block of Prairie resulting in minor injuries with no medical attention needed.

Thefts were reported in the 1800 block of Grape, the 2400 block of Dogwood and the 2800 block of North Charles.

Thursday, April 19

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of South Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson resulting in an arrest.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 18

Sandra Ann Howard, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Lefors by Pampa Police Department

for an accident involving injury or death.

Leta Michelle Ingram, 27, of Albans, N.Y., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than 400 grams.

Shardea Amber Beckwith, 17, of Queens, N.Y., was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than 400 grams.

Keith Deshawn, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Oklahoma by PPD for criminal non support.

Thursday, April 19

William Edward Baker, 51, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson for violation of probation, DWI-third offense, and public intoxication.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 18

11:32 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the alley behind Banks and Faulkner for a stand-by.

2:32 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a smoke smell investigation.

Tape incriminates two Jefferson County deputies

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Two Jefferson County sheriff's deputies have been suspended without pay over the beating of an inmate that was caught on videotape.

Sheriff Mitch Woods said Wednesday the case of Rodney George Cole II, 32, and Johnny Lynn Vickery Jr., 36, has been turned over to the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Tom Maness said both deputies have been charged with misdemeanor official oppression.

Woods said the beating was unjustified and an ongoing criminal investigation could result in more charges.

Maness said the beating took place April 5 when the deputies were booking a Port Arthur man into the county jail on a traffic warrant.

Authorities said the video showed Cole punching the man in the face multiple times after a verbal confrontation.



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Friends of the Library officers for 2007-2008 are, from left, Joe Martinez, president; Francis May, secretary; Kay Hughes, treasurer; and Joy Haynes, corresponding secretary.

Oklahoma City bombing taught nation how to get through violence

By TIM TALLEY
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Mourners today marked the 12th anniversary of the bombing that killed 168 people here by reaching out to victims of the Virginia Tech shootings and of violence everywhere.

Presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani told the crowd at the former site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that the response to the 1995 attack serves as an example to others recovering from violence.

The people of Oklahoma City "became a model of compassion and strength, both, a model that helped us several years later get through Sept. 11 and a model that will help the people of Virginia Tech get through the terrible agonies that they are going through right now," said Giuliani, who was New York's mayor during the 2001 terrorist attacks.

His comments came after participants observed 168 seconds of silence, one for each death, and before the names of the victims were read by family members.

Oklahoma City mourners gather at the site each April 19 to observe the anniversary of the bombing, which also injured hundreds.

Attention this year also focused on the shooting deaths of 32 people at Virginia Tech

by a student who then killed himself on Monday.

Giuliani said much can be learned from how rescue workers controlled their fears at the damaged federal building while they navigated danger.

"We mourn and hurt and will never forget, but we don't live under fear," he said.

He also said it was important to never forget those who died.

"We owe to those we lost at Virginia Tech or to those that we lost here and on Sept. 11 that we will do everything we can to prevent future attacks."

Dina Abulon, whose stepfather Peter Avillanoza died in the bombing, told mourners she remembered Oklahoma City not for the attack but for the "countless acts of kindness" shown to her family as they waited days to learn her stepfather's fate.

"Oklahoma City is worthy of being deemed the heartland," said Abulon, her voice trembling. "The community embraced our family. Every letter reminded me that I wasn't alone."

Dan McKinney said the death of his wife, Linda, "literally almost killed me," and that learning to live without her has taken 12 years.

Water

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Norman said it's a very simple bill.

"It just says that it applies to all persons, entities, agencies of the state and political subdivisions of the state," Norman said. "It says that under the enforcement statute that sovereign immunity is waived for the state and for political subdivisions of the state. It is very simple."

Simple though it may be, she said it may be the most

important bill of the session.

"It's the only bill that has to pass," Norman said. "We would really like to see it pass for ground water districts."

A large amount of ground water produced in Texas goes for municipal use, she said.

"If you can't regulate that," Norman said, "and if for some reason the Haskell case comes out badly -- I don't think it will -- but if it comes out badly, that would really harm ground water regulations in the state."

So far, she said Rep.

Robert "Robby" Cook, R-Eagle Lake, filed it in the Texas House of Representatives, and Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco and chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, and Sen. Robert Duncan, who represents Pampa, and Sen. Kip Averitt of Waco, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, filed the bill in the Texas Senate where the bill awaits action.

"It clarifies the existing law," Norman said of the proposed legislation. "It is not changing existing law. It is merely clarifying existing law."

Blankets

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members of the church, said this is just another of a long list of sewing projects they have contributed to over the past three years.

"The women of this church have sewn and donated between 3,000 and 5,000 blankets to the Eveline Rivers Project, which gives to economically disadvantaged kids in Amarillo over the past three years," Brown said. "We've also made blankets for the Ronald McDonald House and the Linus Project for children in hospitals. We also had so much fun making over 1,000 pillows for the Harrington Cancer

Center for breast cancer patients."

Kessel was originally giving the fleece blankets, which consist of a yard and a half of material, with just cut edges, but the women of the church enjoy sewing the edges for a more finished look. On Wednesday, six women from the church and Kessel got together and formed a sort of assembly line.

Linda Holt did the cutting. Brown and Freda Henderson did the sewing. Once they were finished with the blankets, Georgia Brown, Claudette Deason and Margrette Nickelberry did the folding and rolling. Kessel just filled in and helped whoever was in need of an extra pair of hands.

"We love to get together for the fellowship and when

we can do that and also help people that is wonderful," Brown said.

Kessel said she is still in need of materials, but this time it is to make teen blankets.

"CASA called and said they would love to have about 20 teen blankets for their clients, but I've just about run out of material and funds," Kessel said. "I would prefer monetary donations this time over the material because I haven't quite figured out how much material to use on these bigger blankets. I'm also looking around for material that doesn't look as juvenile so the blanket can be given to any age."

For information on how to contribute to the project or make a donation, contact Kessel at 669-2150.

Wind

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look for in leases. Representatives from the National Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency will be on hand to answer ques-

tions on how the development of a wind farm would impact USDA Farm Bill Program participants for conservation planning and technical assistance needs.

For more information, contact the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development office in Pampa at 669-0312.

Lefors board to meet

On Monday, the Lefors Independent School Board will consider a resolution to appoint an alternate election judge for the district's May 12 elections. This item is the only subject listed on the agenda for the special meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at the Lefors High School library at 209 E. Fifth St.

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Viewpoints

The importance of instilling a saving spirit in children

April 24 is "National Teach Your Child to Save Day." The event is sponsored each year by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation and involves banks around the nation. The bankers rally on this day to pitch the virtue of saving — and budgeting — to schoolchildren in grades K-12. Last year's event, according to BauerFinancial, Inc., involved more than 5,000

bankers across the U.S. I wish someone could teach ME how to be more thrifty. The press release said parents can play a huge role in helping their children grow into sensible savers. (Ah, something else I can blame on my parents — a lack of fiscal discipline.) Since my father is no longer alive, I'll blame my mother. If SHE hadn't allowed me to spend my allowance any

which way I wanted to, I would no doubt now have a plump little savings account. As it is, I don't, nor have I ever, possessed e x t r a money. Oh. Well. The following suggestions were provided by BauerFinancial to help foster a spirit of saving in your children:

"• Bring your child to the bank to see how things work. You can even ask the manager to see the vault."
"• By opening a savings account for your child, he or she will learn how compounding of interest adds up."
"• If you are able to match funds, whether partially or

dollar for dollar, it will help make you child's goals more attainable while still giving them the sense of accomplishment."
"• Don't just take your child shopping with you, but discuss how much things cost."
"• Teach your child how to budget his or her allowance. The American Bankers Association suggests teaching your child to put some money away for the long-

term. They suggest: 'Keep long-term savings in an investment fund; short-term savings in a bank; and spending in a jar, piggy bank or wallet. You may also encourage children to save part of their spending money for charity.' More information and educational materials in keeping with National Teach Your Child to Save Day are available online at www.aba.com.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 19, the 109th day of 2007. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

On this date:

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in 2:55:10.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1975, India launched its first satellite atop a Soviet rocket.

In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first black to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

In 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI.

Ten years ago: More than 50,000 residents abandoned Grand Forks, N.D., as the rising Red River overran sandbags.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council gave unanimous support to sending a U.N. fact-finding team to the Jenin refugee camp to determine what happened during Israel's military assault. The space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth after installing the first girder for a giant framework at the international space station.

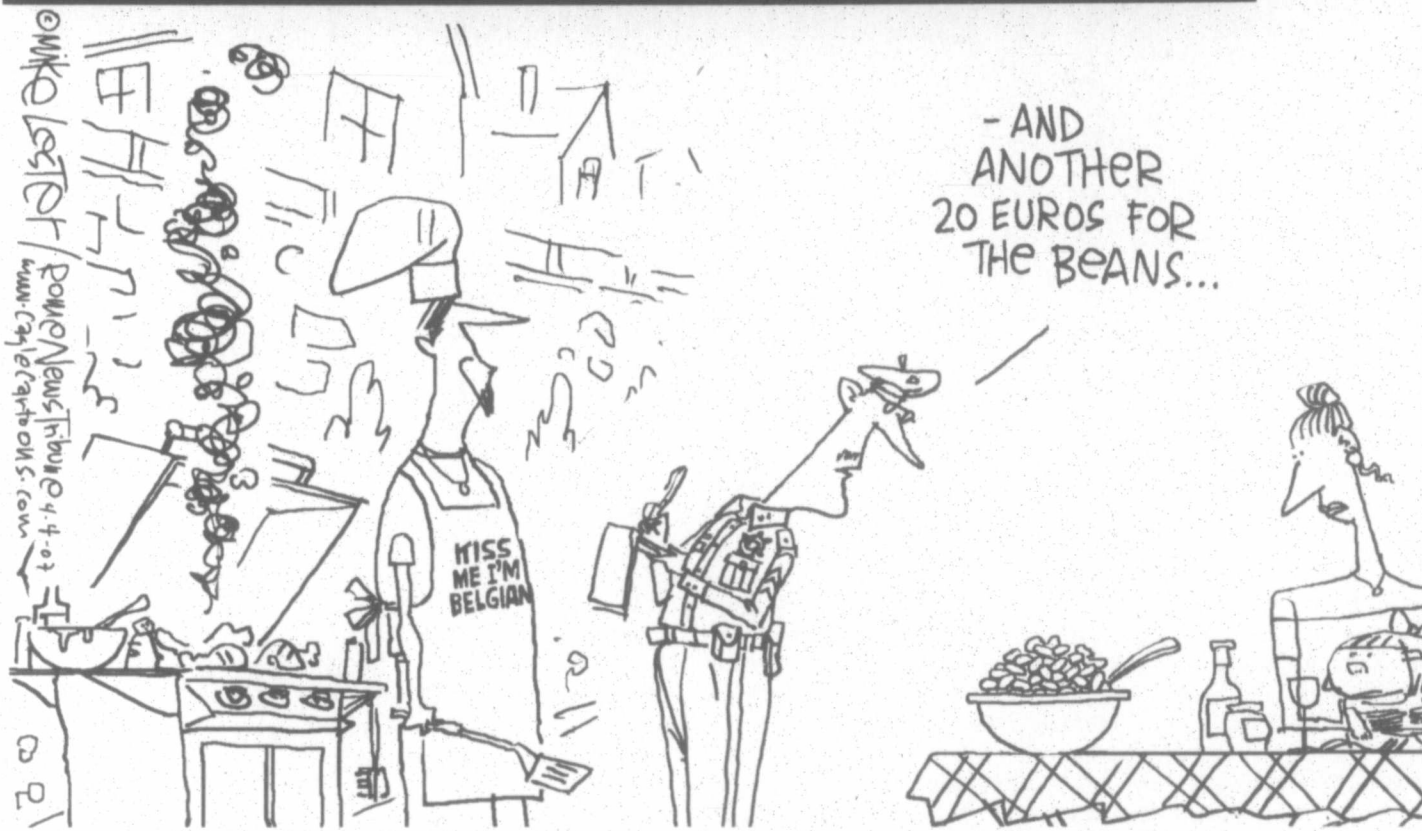
One year ago: White House political mastermind Karl Rove surrendered his role as chief policy coordinator and press secretary Scott McClellan resigned in an escalation of a Bush administration shake-up. The U.S. government released a previously secret list of the names and nationalities of 558 people held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hugh O'Brian is 82. Actress Elinor Donahue is 70. Actor Tim Curry is 61. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 60. Tennis player Sue Barker is 51. Recording executive Suge Knight is 42. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 40.

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Canadian actress
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Learning about 'send to' command ...

Some of the best shortcuts in Microsoft Windows are those that are right in front of our noses. Such is the case with the "Send To" command.

To see it, right-click on any file and hover over the "Send to" option. Chances are, you'll see a list that includes "Floppy Disk, Desktop (create shortcut), Mail Recipient," and "My Documents." Basically, when you choose one of these options, the computer will copy the file to the appropriate location.

BUT, did you know you can add "new places" to this list? It's simple ... Before we jump into that option, though, let's cover the uses of the existing choices:

Send to Floppy Disk
Perhaps the most used "Send to" option, this choice will copy any selected file (or files) to a normal floppy diskette. Instead of "dragging and dropping" or opening a DOS window and using the "copy" command, all one has to do is put a

floppy into the drive, right-click on the target file, and choose "Send to Floppy." It couldn't get simpler. However, today, most people don't use floppy disks anymore. These little, black plastic squares just don't hold as much as they used to.

Send to Mail Recipient
If you have Outlook, Outlook Express, Eudora, or any other major e-mail program, you can use this shortcut to quickly send a file as an attachment. Your e-mail program doesn't even have to be running for this to work. Clicking on this option creates a blank e-mail message with the target file attached, ready to send. Just give it an address, subject, and short message and you're ready to go!

Send to My Documents
I use this option quite a bit. I make sure that all of my data files, whether they

are Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, or pictures, end up in the "My Documents" folder. That way, I can easily back them all up at once. Whenever I locate an important file in another location, I just right-click on it, choose

"Send to My Documents," and then delete the original file. For business users, I call this process "File Consolidation." Home users may label it simply "Spring Cleaning."

Creating "Destinations"

So, how do you add new destinations to this submenu? Well, the first task is to find the "Send to" folder. Its location is dependent on your version of Windows

Windows 2000/XP
On your C: drive, navigate to the "Documents and Settings" folder; find the folder with your username

and open it. Then, open the "Send to" folder.

Windows 98/ME
On your C: drive, open up the Windows Folder, and then double-click on the "Send to" folder.

At this point, all you have to do is simply put the shortcut of any location or program you want to show up in the menu.

As an example, let's add a shortcut to Notepad. Leave the Send to folder window open and click your Start button, Programs, Accessories menu. Don't click the "Notepad" menu item. Right-click on it, instead. Choose "Send to Desktop (create shortcut). Now, go to your desktop and simply drag that new "shortcut to Notepad" into the "Send to" Folder. Next time you have a strangely named text file, simply right-click on it and choose "Send to Notepad."

Alternatively, if your "Send to" menu has too

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 8

San Antonio Express News on the Texas governor's powers:

After seeing the negative effects of nearly unfettered dominion granted to Texas governors during Reconstruction, framers of the 1876 Texas Constitution fought back.

The document deliberately weakened the governor's role and created a system that fosters cooperation among various statewide officials and the Legislature. Is it time to revisit that system?

Perhaps.

But if Texas decides a stronger governor is needed, then that should be the subject of public debate.

Instead, as veteran political observer Paul Burka recently noted in Texas Monthly, Gov. Rick Perry has made it his trademark practice to push the polit-

ical envelope in order to carve out broader gubernatorial powers.

Governors have often sought to extend their reach, but Perry has taken such efforts to a new level.

For example, he proposed and the Legislature established in 2003 the Texas Enterprise Fund, a \$300 million fund used to promote economic development across the state. Perry's office operates the fund, often unfairly criticized as a slush fund.

In 2005, Perry issued an executive order calling for fast-track hearings on TXU's request to build coal-fired power plants. A state district court denied Perry's authority in that case.

He also tried to require school districts to spend at least 65 percent of school dollars on classroom instruction, which was defeated in the Legislature.

The most recent attempt at a show of muscle came with Perry's executive order requiring all girls entering sixth

grade to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

The order, whose legitimacy has been verbally questioned by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, prompted a firestorm.

Some contest the vaccine's medical premise, others oppose it on socially conservative grounds, and yet others believe Perry's procedural politics leave something to be desired.

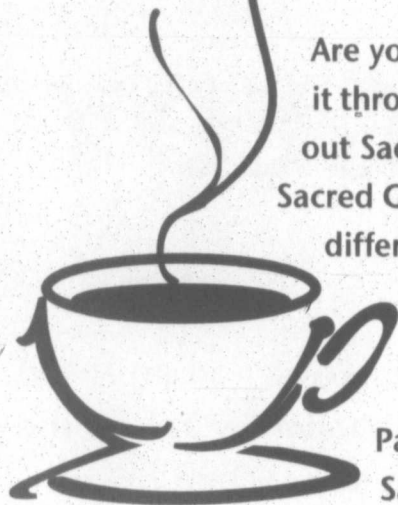
Tuesday, a bill revoking Perry's order is slated for a hearing in the Health and Human Services committee.

When the bill reaches the Senate floor, it should pass unanimously. That will send yet another strong message that Perry cannot make important decisions even desirable ones unilaterally.

If Perry really believes Texas governors need more authority, he should say so and bring that discussion into the light of day.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Sacred Grounds Coffee Studio



Are you one of those folks who just has to have their cup of coffee to make it through the day? If it's no ordinary cup of java you're after, why not check out Sacred Grounds Coffee Studio at 2145 B. North Hobart?

Sacred Grounds has 49 different flavors of coffee syrup with three to four different coffees brewed each day. It is a full-service coffee shop with a drive-thru window, PLUS a commercial production and recording studio as well.

Sacred Grounds is family owned and operated. Owners Brad and Pamela Mathis opened the studio in May 2006.

Sacred Grounds provides a comfortable seating environment. In addition to its assortment of coffees, the menu includes low-fat, sugar-free drinks, Italian sodas, fruit smoothies, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

Pamela is there Monday through Saturday, ensuring consistency of product.

"My goal," Pamela said, "is to offer you an excellent cup of coffee, tea or espresso based drink in a relaxed no-pressure environment."

Pamela has always enjoyed coffee but became passionate about the rich brew after a trip to Italy seven years ago. She "tortured" their poor family and friends, while honing the art of pulling espresso.

Pamela grew up in Lorenzo, Texas, outside of Lubbock, and attended Texas Tech University. She worked for the university for six years prior to moving to Pampa in 2005. She was also office manager for Digital Base Productions.

Brad grew up in Pampa and has been a lifelong Pampa resident. With many years singing and playing guitar in various bands, he performs now with Fencewalker. "With all Brad's musical knowledge is the desire to do more," Pamela said, "so be looking forward to the opening of our recording studio inside Sacred Grounds!"

Brad attended the Hank Thompson School of Country Music in Claremore, Okla.

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OKLAHOMA CITY TRAGEDY

APRIL 19, 1995 AT 9:02 AM

On April 19, 1993, the standoff between the FBI and the Branch Davidian cult (led by David Koresh) at the Davidian compound in Waco, Texas ended in a fiery tragedy. When the FBI tried to end the standoff by gassing the complex, the entire compound went up in fire, claiming the lives of 75 followers, including many young children. The death toll was high and many people blamed the U.S. government for the tragedy. One such person was Timothy McVeigh.

McVeigh, angered by the Waco tragedy, decided to enact retribution to those he felt responsible -- the federal government, especially the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). In downtown Oklahoma City, the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building held numerous federal agency offices, including those of the ATF.

Planning his revenge for the second anniversary of the Waco disaster, McVeigh enlisted his friend Terry Nichols and several others to help him pull off his plan. In September 1994, McVeigh purchased large amounts of fertilizer (ammonium nitrate) and then stored it in a rented shed in Herington, Kansas. The ammonium nitrate was the main ingredient for the bomb. McVeigh and Nichols stole other supplies needed to complete the bomb from a quarry in Marion, Kansas.



On April 17, 1995, McVeigh rented a Ryder truck and then McVeigh and Nichols loaded the Ryder truck with approximately 5,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer. On the morning of April 19th, McVeigh drove the Ryder truck to the Murrah Federal Building, lit the bomb's fuse, parked in front of the building, left the keys inside the truck and locked the door, then walked across the parking lot to an alley, then started to jog.

On the morning of April 19, 1995, most employees of the Murrah Federal Building had already arrived at work and children had already been dropped off at the daycare center when the huge explosion tore through the building at 9:02 a.m. Nearly the entire north face of the 9-story building was pulverized into dust and rubble.

It took weeks of sorting through debris to find the victims. In all, 168 people were killed in the explosion, which included 19 children. One nurse was also killed during the rescue operation.

Ninety minutes after the explosion, McVeigh was pulled over by a highway patrol officer for driving without a license plate but when the officer discovered that McVeigh had an unregistered gun, he arrested him on a firearms charge. Before McVeigh was released, his ties to the explosion were discovered. Unfortunately for McVeigh, almost all his purchases and rental agreements related to the bombing could be traced back to him after the explosion. On June 3, 1997, McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy and on August 15, 1997 he was sentenced to death by lethal injection. On June 11, 2001, McVeigh was executed.

Nichols was brought in for questioning two days after the blast and then arrested for his role in McVeigh's plan. On December 24, 1997, a federal jury found Nichols guilty and on June 5, 1998 Nichols was sentenced to life in prison. In March 2004, Nichols went on trial for murder charges by the state of Oklahoma.

A third accomplice, Michael Fortier, who testified against McVeigh and Nichols, received a 12-year prison sentence and was fined \$200,000 on May 27, 1998 for knowing about the plan but not informing authorities before the explosion.

What little remained of the Murrah Federal Building was demolished on May 23, 1995. In 2000, a memorial was built on the location to remember the tragedy of the Oklahoma City Bombing.

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Suzie Jameson looked on as Trudy Sprinkle registered her daughter, Avery, for kindergarten next year recently at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

'American Idol' says sayonara to Malakar

NEW YORK (AP) — In his improbable run on "American Idol," Sanjaya Malakar was the one to watch.

The stringbean teen with the megawatt smile worked his strange magic on the show's stage week after week, captivating millions and horrifying Simon Cowell, his loudest critic.

Did Malakar lack talent? For sure. Was he boring? Not by a long shot.

His reign of goofy charm finally ended Wednesday night, when he was voted off the top-rated Fox sing-off. When the result was announced, Malakar wiped away tears and got a big hug from LaKisha Jones, the next lowest vote-getter.

"I'm fine," he told Ryan Seacrest. "It was an amazing experience."

"I can promise you: We won't soon forget you," Seacrest replied.

Malakar then performed one last song, "Something To Talk About." Putting his own twist on the song, the 17-year-old known for his pretty looks and ever-changing hairstyles ad-libbed: "Let's give them something to talk about ... other than hair."

On Tuesday night's show, Cowell slammed his performance as "utterly horrendous." And for once, the notoriously mean

judge was vindicated.

"I'm beginning to sense something here," a grinning Cowell said when Malakar wound up in the bottom three.

Six contestants are now left: Jones, Blake Lewis, Jordin Sparks, Chris Richardson, Melinda Doolittle and Phil Stacey.

Malakar was routinely savaged by Cowell as he developed into one of the weakest, most awkward "Idol" finalists ever. Still, the gangly teen managed to outlast better singers by cultivating an unlikely fan base that helped him survive round after round of viewer elimination.

Though his breathy, childlike singing voice paled in comparison with other finalists, his ability to stand out kept him in the competition. He consistently delivered the season's most talked-about performances, even daring to sport a ponytail mohawk that added pizzazz to an otherwise tepid rendition of No Doubt's "Bathwater."

That, of course, wound up fodder for watercooler discussion on G-rated morning programs and smart-alecky Web sites, stoking suspicion that Malakar was self-consciously manipulating the media to carve a place in "American Idol" history.

Events calendar

- **Registration for the first summer semester** at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is ongoing through June 4. Classes offered include English, composition, technical writing, Web site design, non-western world literature, federal and state government, U.S. history, psychology and more. For more information, call 665-8801.

- **Miami Volunteer EMS** will hold a country western dance fund-raiser from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday at the Roberts City Barn in Miami. Tickets to the dance, which will include a live band, will be \$7.50 per person at the door or may be purchased for \$6 per person in advance. For more information, call (806) 662-9531.

- **Heritage Art Club** of Pampa will conduct its club show and silent auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Items for the auction will be on view at the center a week prior to the show.

- **"Our Diamond Miss"** pageant is scheduled April 28 at the high school in Booker. The pageant is open to any girl between 0 and 19 years of age. The baby competition will be divided into three divisions ranging from 0 to 35 months. The older girls will have six divisions ranging from 2 to 19 years of age.

World of Babies will consist of part-wear/Sunday-wear, sportswear, photogenic and portfolio. The older age divisions will include modeling, talent, glamour, photogenic and portfolio. To find out more, call (806) 435-3495 or (806) 658-4761. Entry forms are available at www.ourdiamondmisspagents.com on the Internet.

- **Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will sponsor its Cowboy Poetry Spring Fling at Old Tascosa beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 28. The event, which is open to the public, will include food, cowboy poetry, music, "tall-talers" and more.

- **The deadline to enter Panhandle Professional Writers' 2007 Youth Writing Contest** is April 30. The contest is open to students from third grade through high school. Short story and poetry categories are open to all grades. Middle school and high schoolers may enter a screenplay. Published authors will score the contest and provide critiques. Submissions must include a SASE. Finalists will be notified by mail and winners announced during a reception July 21. Winning submissions will be published in Range Riders Jr. For guidelines and information, log on to www.panhandleprowriters.org or e-mail bcollins16@suddenlink.net.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Proud Mama of Two Different Boys" (Feb. 23) should know she is not alone. Your response was right on, too. People will argue what they want, and sometimes it's easier to nod, "agree" and walk away. When my twins were newborn, I would have them in their double stroller to run errands. People would stop me, look at them and then say, "Oh, twins -- how cute! They're identical, right? They just look identical!" I would look them straight in the eye, smile and say, "Oh no, not identical. He is a boy, and she is a girl." Now, Abby, if the pink/blue clothing did not tip anyone off about their different genders, then paying attention might have. My son had black hair, dark brown eyes and creamy olive skin. My daughter was as pale white as possible, with big blue veins noticeable across her nose and forehead, piercing blue eyes, and so bald she hardly had eyelashes! Identical -- absolutely not! - - **JESSICA IN NORTH CANTON, OHIO**

DEAR JESSICA: When I printed that letter, I had no idea how many parents had had the "identical" experience. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Many people who make these comments are just looking for a way to make conversation as they admire your family. Although I am adopted, many people would say how much alike my mother and I looked. We would simply say "thank you" and share a secret smile. That worked for us! - - **JOYCE K. IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I have two sons, and although they don't look alike we get those same comments. Normally I just smile and say, "I sure hope so -- or else I have some explaining to do to my husband!" Then we enjoy a good laugh and that ends the conversation. - - **MELISSA P., EDINBURG, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: I have two handsome sons who are now 17 and 19. A lot of people have told me how closely they resemble each other, although I always see them as very different. But there had to be something to it because they were recognized as brothers on sight without being introduced that way. I have learned that people look at my kids with different eyes than my husband or I do. We focus on nuance; they focus on the generalities. Oddly, a few weeks ago, my youngest was performing in a school play, and as I saw him up on stage, for the first time in 17 years I thought he looked exactly like his brother! - - **B&E'S PROUD MOM**

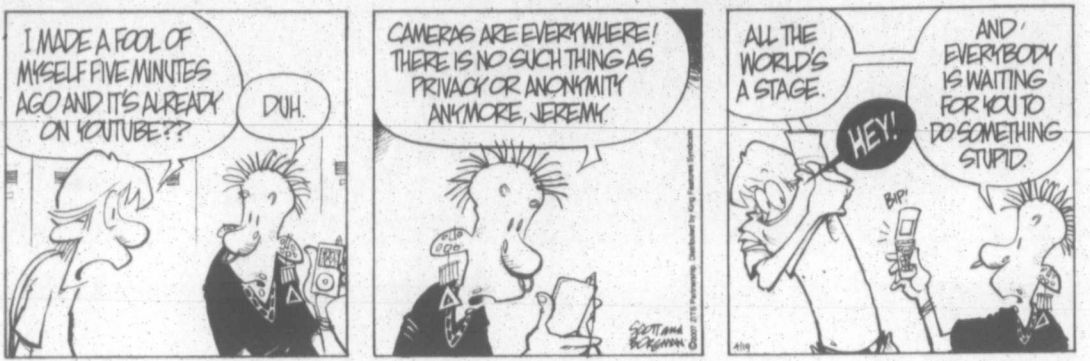
DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are two years apart and have very different personalities. We were always asked if we were twins when we went out together. (She is now 37 and I'm 35.) Back when she and I were in our 20s, we had some pictures taken together. We had our makeup done similarly and were dressed alike. That was the first time we saw how much alike we looked. Please remind "Proud Mama" that she "sees" the personalities of her children, not their looks. Our mother was as amazed as we were at how alike we were in those pictures. - - **JENNIFER C., EAST-POINTE, MICH.**

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of seven children, I always chuckle when people tell me they all look alike. I smile and reply, "Well, we did make them with all the same ingredients." People are just making conversation. Why put them on the defensive by disagreeing? - - **LISA V., CAMILLUS, N.Y.**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

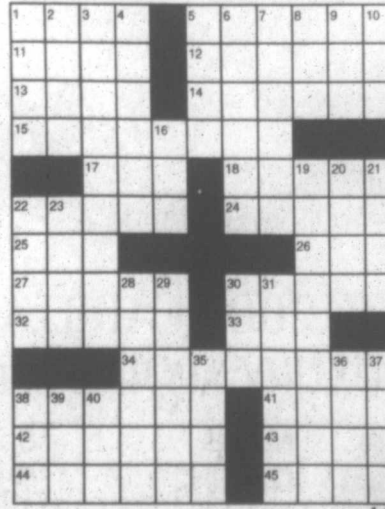
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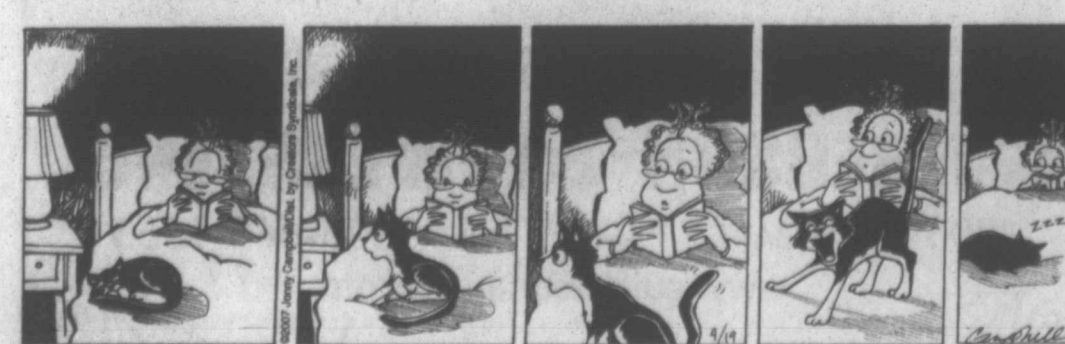
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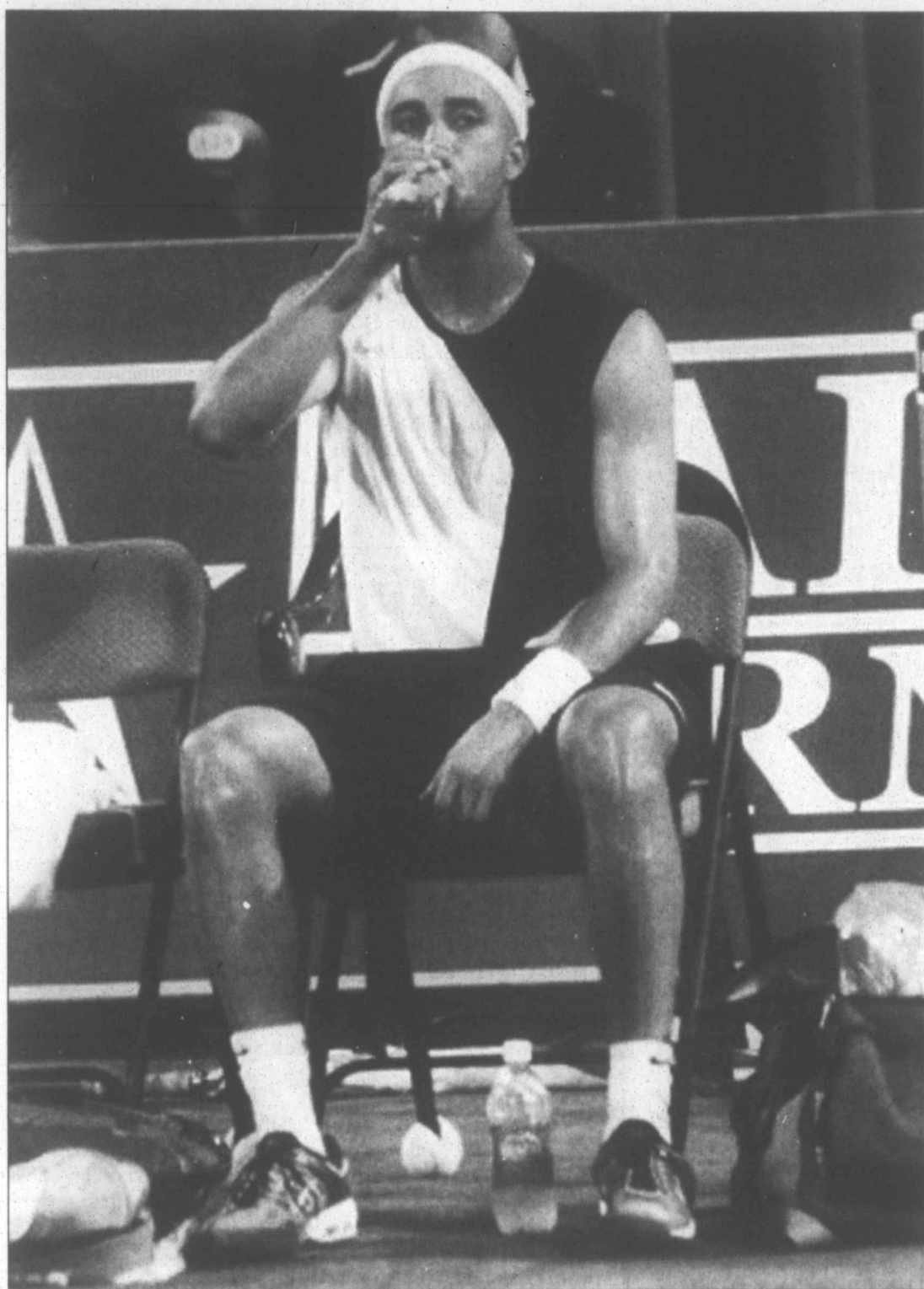


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Sports Day

Former classmate watches pro tennis live - rubs it in on Facebook



Courtesy photos by TYE FOWLER
U.S. player James Blake takes a breather during Friday's quarterfinals match against Argentinian Juan Monaco.

The U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships took place in Houston last week, and because I still haven't found the time to sign up for cable at my apartment I only halfway followed the tournament.

One of the only things I knew was that Ivo Karlovic from Croatia won the court title in two sets on Sunday, but I don't even remember who he went through to get there, since I don't normally follow players I'm not all that familiar with.

Also, Andre Agassi got some media attention by hitting his wife, Steffi Graf in the face with his racket during a fund-raiser for Oprah's new charity event following the championship - accidentally, of course.

Agassi and Graf were holding hands and rallying with some kids when Agassi's follow-through from his left nailed his wife in the mouth.

Three stitches and an on-site doctor's visit later, Graf was OK, but the event made for a field day for celebrity gossip columnists.

While it's always fun to laugh when famous people make mistakes, I'm sure it's much more fun to see it happen in person.

One of my friends from high school, and tennis teammate through middle school and up got the chance to watch the tournament live and in person, as I discovered while Facebook surfing Wednesday night.

Kendall Fowler, currently a student at Texas A&M

University, posted a photo album titled "Men's Clay Court Championships!" with some really great quality photos inside.

At first, I thought it was weird that she would post a bunch of pictures from the tournament, but then I real-

Jordan Reagan
Sports Editor



ized that she was actually there.

"They're so much bigger than they seem on TV," Kendall told me, as she described what it was like when she and her older brother, Tye, watched the quarterfinals Friday night and the finals on Sunday from the third row.

"It was also a lot more fast-paced than on TV," Kendall said, "You could hear every breath they let out when hitting the ball."

I remember the days when Kendall and I used to be on the tennis team together, and everyone would talk about their favorite professional player.

Kendall and the other girls were as crazy about Andy Roddick as the guys and I were about Anna Kournikova.

Due to an injury, Roddick didn't make an appearance at the tournament, but Kendall still got to see some great matches from a lot closer than I've ever been.

In the quarterfinals on Friday, they watched James

Blake take on Juan Monaco of Argentina.

"The match Friday was amazing!" Kendall said, "It was back and forth every game."

Blake defeated Monaco in three sets, winning the first and third.

On Sunday, the championship match between Ivo Karlovic and Mariano Zabaleta was over in two sets, as the 6-foot-10 Karlovic closed the win with a 140 mph serve.

Then, of course, after the championship, Agassi and Graf came out to do their fund-raiser and try to play tennis while holding hands.

"I've literally been watching him play since I was in elementary school and he is my hero," Kendall said, "That was a thrill for my brother and I, especially since we didn't think we'd get another chance to see him after he retired last year."

I've had the opportunity to attend a few pro sports events, but never that of my favorite sport, and I would really like to some day.

But I don't think I'll ever get to see one of my favorite athletes hit his wife in the face, live and in person.

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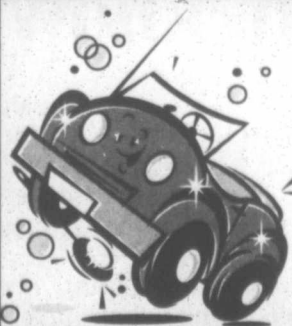
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White Sox's Buehrle throws no-hitter against Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Mark Buehrle is honest with his opinions, popular with his teammates and as quick with his humor as he is with a pitch.

No surprise that Buehrle was joking around Wednesday night while pitching a game he'll always remember — a no-hitter against the Texas Rangers that missed being perfect by a fifth-inning walk to Sammy Sosa.

Bucking baseball tradition, Buehrle didn't avoid his teammates and they couldn't stay away from him, either. That's because he made sure to tell them what was happening.

"You know I got a no-hitter going," Buehrle told a couple of White Sox's teammates in the dugout around the fifth inning.

He relaxed between innings by retiring to the

clubhouse, watching TV and chatting with catcher A.J. Pierzynski.

But with three outs to go Wednesday night and the crowd in an uproar, Buehrle's cool was hard to maintain.

"You don't want to make that one mistake and give up a hit," he said. "I could feel my knees a little bit, a little shaken, a little extra adrenaline going for the ninth inning."

Buehrle faced the minimum 27 batters in a 6-0 victory over the Rangers, picking Sosa off first right after walking him.

"I told him I couldn't believe he walked Sammy but he picked him off," Pierzynski said. "Doesn't it count still?"

Buehrle struck out Matt Kata and Nelson Cruz in the ninth before Gerald Laird hit a slow grounder to third base

that Joe Crede picked up and threw to first. As Paul Konerko caught the ball, he pumped his fist, setting off a wild celebration.

"Obviously, never in a million years thought I'd be able to have this happen," Buehrle said.

Buehrle was mobbed by teammates at the side of the mound. He got a big hug from manager Ozzie Guillen as he came off the field and then a beer shower from teammates.

"I told Mark right after the game I've been nervous, but never like that in the World Series or playoffs or whatever," Pierzynski said. "When he got to the ninth inning and two outs I was a lot more nervous than I was in the World Series. I don't want to say there was more on the line, but for a personal accomplishment that's about as good as it gets."

On a chilly, 40-degree night, Buehrle threw 105 pitches and struck out eight in a game that took just 2 hours, 3 minutes. His previous low-hit game was a one-hitter against Tampa Bay on Aug. 3, 2001. It was the 16th no-hitter in White Sox history and first since Wilson Alvarez threw one at Baltimore on Aug. 11, 1991.

"I was part of one in high school," Buehrle said. "To get through a big league line-up three times, I never thought it would happen."

It was the first no-hitter pitched against the Rangers since June 17, 1995, when Toronto's David Cone threw one in a 4-0 win.

Buehrle, who retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced in his previous start against Oakland, had some stellar defensive plays behind him.

Three of the closest plays came on grounders. Jerry

Hairston hit one to Crede in the third inning and was called out at first after a headfirst slide. Replays showed Hairston was out, but he was ejected by first base umpire James Hoyer for arguing and had to be restrained by first base coach Gary Pettis when he returned to the field.

"Obviously, I thought I was safe," Hairston said. "But I don't want to take away from Buehrle, the guy just threw a no-hitter."

Second baseman Tadahito Iguchi made a diving stop of Hank Blalock's grounder in the hole, got up and threw him out to end the fifth. That came one batter after Sosa spoiled the perfect game bid by drawing the walk.

In the seventh, Chicago shortstop Juan Uribe went into the hole to get Ian Kinsler's grounder and got him at first, thanks to a nice

scoop by Konerko.

Chicago right fielder Jermaine Dye also made a nice play in the second on Blalock, going back to the fence to catch his long drive.

"Obviously, for a guy like me, I need my defense behind me," Buehrle said.

Know for mixing his pitches and speeds rather than his velocity, Buehrle went 12-13 last season. It was his first losing record in six full major league seasons. And after making the All-Star team, he struggled mightily after the break, going just 3-7.

Buehrle is in the final year of his contract. One of the first people to greet him in the clubhouse after the game was general manager Kenny Williams.

As Buehrle pulled on a hat and a warmup for a picture after his news conference, he was still yukking it up.

Nowitzki, Mavs keep Sonics down to 75

SEATTLE (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks showed off the kind of defense they will need in the playoffs.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 20 points, and the Mavericks help the Seattle SuperSonics to their second-lowest point total of the season in a 106-75 victory Wednesday night.

"We really believe in what we do, in our system of helping each other defensively and sharing the ball offensively," Jerry Stackhouse said. "It's as simple as that."

Seattle coach Bob Hill, who is rumored to be fired in the coming days, played all but one of his eligible 11 players — and had little production to show for it.

"The guys played hard all season long and it was pretty obvious tonight that they didn't have their legs and they weren't interested in getting hurt," Hill said.

Seattle (31-51) posted its worst record since also finishing the 1985-86 season at 31-51. The Sonics have dropped 10 straight games to Dallas, dating to Dec. 9, 2004.

Dallas coach Avery Johnson, one day after play-

ing his "C" team in a blowout loss to Golden State, played his normal starters during a final tuneup before the top-seeded Mavericks' first-round playoff series Sunday against Golden State. The Warriors are coached by former Dallas coach Don Nelson.

"They've been one of the hotter teams towards the end of the season," Stackhouse said. "And we've been a hot team for the course of the season."

The Mavericks, who tied for the sixth-best record in NBA history at 67-15, clinched the Western Conference's top seed April 9.

"Yes, we are here to win in the playoffs," Johnson said. "Yes, we want to win a championship. Yes, yes, yes. But at the same time, the regular season does matter."

The loss may have helped Seattle's draft chances. Seattle entered the night in sole possession of the fifth spot for the lottery with an 11 percent chance of obtaining the No. 1 pick.

Seattle majority owner Clay Bennett will decide

soon — perhaps by week's end — whether Hill or general manager Rick Sund will return next season. Bennett has been in New York trying to find private investors for his proposed \$500 million arena in the Seattle suburb of Renton, now that state lawmakers have declined to vote on a public financing plan. Bennett will attend an NBA Board of Governors meeting Thursday and Friday in New York.

"I can't imagine the NBA not having a team in Seattle — it's a world-class city," Hill said before the game.

Sund, who began his NBA management career in the mid-1970s with the Milwaukee Bucks, was hired under previous ownership in 2001 by Wally Walker. Walker left the franchise soon after Bennett agreed to purchase it last July from a group led by Starbucks Corp. chairman Howard Schultz.

Hill, a former coach in New York, Indiana and San Antonio, is finishing his first full season coaching the Sonics. The team picked up his one-year contract option

at the end of last season, which began with Hill as an assistant to Bob Weiss. Hill replaced the fired Weiss on Jan. 3, 2006, and finished last season 22-30.

Nowitzki, who played 25 minutes, was 7-for-11 from the field with five rebounds and five assists.

Seattle's Rashard Lewis, expected to opt out of his contract and become a highly sought-after free agent, had 14 points. Lewis, who picked up a technical with 3:04 remaining in the second quarter for slamming the ball on the floor in frustration underneath Dallas' basket, averaged a career-high 22.4 points this season.

The lanky 6-foot-10 Lewis will turn 28 this summer and is entering his prime as an experienced, multi-talented veteran with nine NBA seasons, all with Seattle.

"Seattle is my No. 1 option," said Lewis, who talked with a throng of reporters for nearly 10 minutes after the game. "Obviously I want to come back. (But) I'm at the point in my career that I have to treat it like a business."

Yao Ming sits out in match with Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If the opening round of the playoffs comes down to reserves, the Utah Jazz just might have an edge against the Houston Rockets.

The Jazz closed the regular season by beating a diluted version of the Rockets 101-91 on Wednesday night, days before the teams open the playoffs against each other in Houston.

Houston's Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming sat out the game, which could not impact either team in the playoff standings, and Utah's starters rested the entire fourth quarter. So Utah's victory and a 45-25 rebounding advantage probably weren't a real good indicator of what's to come when the Rockets and Jazz are both back at full strength this weekend.

"Guys are excited. Guys are ready," said Utah's Deron Williams, who had

four points and four assists in a very short night. "We're over there on the bench talking about how it's going to be a fun series."

Dee Brown scored a career-high 13 points and fellow rookie Paul Millsap added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Jazz, who dominated the boards against the Yao-less Rockets.

The series was going to open in Houston no matter what, so McGrady didn't even dress and Yao stayed in his warmups all game. That took 49.6 points worth of scoring average away from the Rockets, but coach Jeff Van Gundy wasn't going to take any chances on injuring either of his star players in a game that really didn't mean much.

And neither Van Gundy nor Utah coach Jerry Sloan were about to reveal anything they might have planned for the postseason.

Star players sit out in lackluster pre-playoff match

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As playoff previews go, Wednesday's game between the San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets might rank among the worst in history.

No matter. The inconsequential matchup, which saw both teams' top players on the bench and ended with a 100-77 Nuggets' win, probably won't be remembered anyway. The clubs will meet again this weekend in the first round of the playoffs.

"We've just got to — in the next three or four days — respect them but learn what we can do well and build our confidence and energy and get ready to play," Denver coach George Karl said. "They're a great team, but we're all

human and we're all beatable."

Karl wasn't the only one looking toward the weekend.

"I think we're all ready to go," Spurs forward Robert Horry said. "It's been a fun season. Now it's time to get to the playoffs and I think for a veteran team like us, that's what we need to give us a jolt."

Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Fabricio Oberto didn't play for the Spurs, while Allen Iverson, Carmelo Anthony, Nene and Marcus Camby sat out for Denver.

The Spurs won their other two meetings with Denver this season, though the Nuggets were without Anthony for the first and the second matchup was

Iverson's first game back after missing time with an ankle injury.

The teams' reserves took advantage of the insignificant game to increase their own stock.

"Everyone understands this is the last game, we are going to play them in the playoffs and no one wanted to get hurt," Linas Kleiza said. "We definitely still tried to win it. It didn't matter who they didn't put on the court."

Kleiza and J.R. Smith each scored 17 points for Denver, Steve Blake added 16 and Yakhouba Diawara had 12. Jamal Sampson had 13 rebounds.

Reggie Evans led the Nuggets with 19 points and 20 rebounds.

Canucks want to finish Stars off, know it won't be easy

BURNABY, British Columbia (AP) — Trevor Linden knows not to look past a potential series-clinching win before getting it.

Three times during his career with Vancouver, Linden has seen the Canucks come back from 3-1 deficits to win a best-of-seven playoff series.

Linden was also part on the Canucks team that squandered a 3-1 advantage against the Minnesota Wild and lost the conference semifinal in 2003 after leading 2-0 in Game 7.

That's why Linden and some of the other Canucks veterans spoke to the team in the dressing room prior to practice on Wednesday. The Canucks have a 3-1 lead

against Dallas in their first-round series and can eliminate the Stars on Thursday night.

"You just want to make sure guys understand there is a lot of hockey left," said the 37-year-old Linden, who scored the winning goal in Vancouver's 2-1 victory Tuesday night. "There is a lot of game left and we have to be at our best here to close it out."

Defenseman Willie Mitchell was on the Wild team that rallied to beat the Canucks four years ago.

"It's four (wins), it's not three," said Mitchell, who made a game saving play in Dallas by sweeping a puck out of the Canucks' net before it crossed the goal line. "The last one is going

to be the toughest."

The Canucks endured a rollercoaster of emotions during the 2003 playoffs. They fell behind the St. Louis Blues 3-1, then regrouped to win the series. Vancouver then took a 3-1 lead in the series against Minnesota. At one point former Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi told some Wild fans not to bother buying tickets for Game 6 because there wouldn't be one.

He was wrong, but the collapse taught Vancouver a lesson.

"You need to have that killer instinct," captain Markus Naslund said. "We're up now, we're playing at home and we have a good chance of finishing this series off."

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Once more, you can focus on the practical aspects of a project. At the same time, you realize a lot about someone in your immediate environment. Consider options more carefully than in the past, but in your own time. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might be a lot more on target than you realize. Listen to what is being shared, with an eye to more positive interactions. Be sensitive to expenses or back off of a very special goal if you aren't ready for the output. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You are in the pink, but still, much is going on besides the obvious. You discover that another approach will take you to a new level. Be aware of what needs to happen. Your ability to read between the lines with a boss or

someone important defines your decisions. Tonight: As you wish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Take your time with someone you care about very much. Although, you might not welcome news or the insights that come your way. Your privacy means far more than you realize. If you feel uncomfortable, take a walk. Tonight: Talk to a special friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Aim for more of what you need. Don't allow someone to intimidate you. Recognition and direction will draw more positive vibes than you might be accustomed to. A meeting opens up new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You must make an appearance. Consider your options far more carefully than in the past. Read between the lines. You discover what might happen or what needs to happen. Take charge of a situation. Tonight: Allow your sense of responsibility to dictate your plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others want to call the shots. By the very nature of your sign, you determine a lot of what needs to happen. Examine your decisions with care. Realize what is happening with someone you care about. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You'll be all smiles if you are willing to let others run with the ball. Not everything is right-on. Take your time with a special friend or key associate. You might need to help this person walk through what feels like the obvious. Tonight: Some private time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Take your time making a decision. Others want more control.

Sometimes it is wise to allow others to see life from your perspective. Let someone express his or her personality and ideas. You might be most uncomfortable.

Tonight: Say "yes"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Pace yourself and handle what is critical. Though you might not want to put out one fire after another, you might not have any other choice. Consider your options and decide to kick back and do what you must. Tonight: Relax with a preferred pastime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your imagination sparks fun and frolic in whichever direction you turn. Clearing out problems might put a big smile on your face. Understand what needs to happen within a relationship. Take the first step. Tonight: Happy as a cat, romping into the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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