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Cargill asks Gaylord Family to consider changing name

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – In a politely-worded letter to The Daily Oklahoman, the House Republican Leader has asked the relatives of publishing magnate E.K. Gaylord to consider changing the family name.

Rep. Lance Cargill, R-Harrah, asked the family to consider a surname "more in line with traditional Oklahoma values."

"Let's face it," wrote Cargill, "Oklahoma's high standard of living and low rates of drug use, teenage pregnancy and incarceration are derived entirely from its strong opposition to homosexuality. It doesn't look good when we've got the words 'Gay Lord' associated our largest newspaper."

Cargill also asked to change the name of Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, saying the moniker may have played a part in the cornholing the Sooners received in the 2005 National Championship.

In his letter, Cargill provided a number of alternatives to the controversial name, including "Christian," "Godlove" and "Tortreformer."



Rep. Lance Cargill,
R-Harrah

SESSION BEGINS

House Republicans already drunk with power, bourbon

By Martin Trapp, Partisan Staff Reporter

The 50th session of the Oklahoma Legislature convenes today. Following a contentious 2004 election, state Republicans swept into power on the back of God, guns, gays and the fact that Brad Carson apparently had a homosexual relationship with John Kerry and Edward Kennedy simultaneously.

In the House, the GOP took the majority of seats for the first time in 80 years, a fact noted in damn near every press release issued by the Republican Party.

Rep. Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville, was installed as the Speaker of the House in January. In that position, he will lead a 77-seat majority (57 actual Republicans and 20 more who would be Republicans if they could go without the farm subsidies).

"Clearly, the people have spoken," said Hiett. "With this election, we can finally put the nightmarish social and civil rights advances of the 20th century behind us. As politicians, we are the tools of the people, and we promise to be the biggest bunch of tools this state has ever seen."

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Republicans wasted no time in pressing their advantage, shifting passing new rules that would limit the ability to propose and debate amendments on the House floor, as well as procedural changes that would require members of the minority party to ask "Mother may I?" before every vote.

In the Senate, Sen. Cal Hobson, D-Lexington, will continue to lead a emasculated Democratic majority, which plans to spend most of its time sobbing until it is put out to pasture in the 2006 election.

Industry opposes 55-cent increase on meth tax

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – A spokesman for Oklahoma's methamphetamine industry says a proposed 55-cent would hurt the state's already-struggling pharmaceutical manufacturing business.

Gov. Brad Henry proposed the tax hike last month, saying the money would be used to provide Oklahoma teachers with cabana boys, liquor, and "all the coke they can snort."

However, a Durant meth manufacturer says the tax will simply drive customers to cheaper sources of the drug

"Them theres that wants it, they just gonna get it on the Internets on in Texas," said Lucas Boduke, a meth "chef" and part-time wife-beater. "Big government sumbitches always trying to take my sheeit," said Boduke who, like many Oklahomans who complain about big government, derives most of his income from government subsidies and welfare payments.

An official from the Oklahoma Education Association defended the need for the money. "Those cabana boys and liquor are for the children," said Daisy Perosco, executive director of the union's Bitching-and-Moaning Division. "Why do you hate children, you bastards?"