



## Obituaries

### Radford Milton 'R.M.' Colson, 82

AMARILLO — Radford Milton "R.M." Colson, 82, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at Church of Christ at The Colonies with Dick Marcear, minister, officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery by Cox Funeral Home.

Mr. Colson was born Feb. 14, 1924, in Willow Grove, Tenn. He grew up in Granite, Okla., and later served his country in the Army.

He married the love of his life, Margaret Stewart, in Wellington on Nov. 22, 1947. They lived in Pampa together for 22 years where he worked for Cabot Corp. until his retirement.

He really enjoyed farming and ranching, so after his retirement they purchased a farm

in Sayre, Okla. He also helped his son on his farm, after moving to Amarillo in 1987. While living in Amarillo, Radford also greeted many people, for 12 years, with a friendly smile at the Wal Mart on Coulter Street.

He attended Church of Christ at The Colonies. Radford loved music, and was a very talented musician. He also had a very beautiful voice, although he was bashful about it. He touched the lives of many with his compassionate heart, and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack and George Colson, and a sister, Lou Ann Leckie.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years Margaret; a son, Sam Colson and his wife Winona of Amarillo; a daughter, Brenda Downs and husband Johnny of Pampa; sisters, Beula Leckie of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Hallie Blair of Canton, Connecticut, a sister-in-law, Beatrice Colson of Granite, Oklahoma; 6 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; and his poodle, Prissy.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children Home, 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118.



Colson

## Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 56. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high

as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 73. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and

30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Windy, with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 44.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

## Red River floods in ND

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Hundreds of students answered an urgent call for sandbaggers today to protect homes from the rising Red River, expected to crest about 20 feet above flood stage this week.

The response was so overwhelming, district officials had to limit the number of students excused from class for sandbag duty to 300, said Fargo School District spokesman Lowell Wolff. "We think we're on top of the situation," said Mayor Bruce Furness, adding that the city should be in good shape as long as it doesn't get more rain.

The Red River, which runs north along the North Dakota-Minnesota line, has been swollen by melting snow and storms that have brought downpours. The National Weather Service expects it to crest Wednesday in the Fargo area at about 37.5 feet; flood stage is 18 feet.

"This has been a very dramatic rise. We have not seen a 5-foot increase (every day) for two or three days — ever," city Public Works Director Dennis Walaker said.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Forty-seven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least three arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the 300 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Charles, the 1000 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of South Finley, the 1800 block of Grape and the 700 block of North Christy.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Georgia and Mary Ellen streets and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Alcock and Dwight streets, the 2200 block of Pertyon Parkway and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

A traffic hazard/abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of West Crawford. The vehicle was a 1993 Ford F-150 extended cab pickup.

An animal complaint was received from the 600 block of North Frost.

Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 60 West, the 400 block of Hughes, the 800 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of South Christy, the 400 block of Rose and twice in the 200 block of North Russell.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Lowry.

A missing person call was received from the 1700 block of Evergreen.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Doucette.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Lost property was reported in the 1600 block of Coffee. Lost were black duct tape and a wallet containing \$53 cash.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of Allen, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 300 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 200 block of West Thut, the 1300 block of North Russell, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 100 block of East Randy Matson, the 300 block of North Wells and the 800 block of Denver.

A suspicious person call from the 800 block of Denver also involved possession of a stolen firearm. Recovered were a firearm valued at \$400, two 9mm clips for guns, and 63 bullets of .380 and 9mm mixed.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1900 block of Mary Ellen and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Prowler calls were received from the 200 block of South Tignor and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight, the police department lobby, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of South Dwight, the 900 block of Fisher, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, twice in the 1900 block of North Hobart, and twice at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. One of the reports in the 1900 block of North Hobart also involved possible attempted aggravated assault.

Harassment was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton and from an unreported location.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby and the 1200 block of Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Fir. The back left side window and back window of a vehicle were broken, resulting in damage estimated at \$800.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from an unreported location and the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Evading arrest and public intoxication were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Public intoxication was reported in the 200 block of North Wells.

Violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws was reported in the 500 block of East 17th.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

Driving while intoxicated and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana were reported in the 800 block of West Wilks.

Disturbances were reported in the 300 block of North Wells and the 400 block of South Hughes.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner, the 300 block of Lowry, the 1200 block of East Browning, the 1300 block of Coffee and the 400 block of Hill.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of North West, the police department lobby, the 1500 block of Hamilton, the 1500 block of Gwendolyn and the 2200 block of North Christy.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Lefors. A green 1998 Chevrolet pickup valued at \$4,000 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. The incident involved a 1994 Pontiac

two-door automobile.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Deane Drive.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Davis. A bicycle was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Burglary was reported at Daisy's Fashions, 421 S. Cuyler. Taken were 20 pair of men's and women's pants and miscellaneous bottles of men's and women's perfume and cologne. Estimated value of loss is \$620.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

Burglary was reported at Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville.

### Sheriff

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

**Saturday, April 1**

Rafael Delgadillo, 25, of Little Rock, Ark., was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a warrant for probation violation on a Dallas County charge of driving while intoxicated.

Delbert Dewayne Music, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Faulkner by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Brandon Lee Woodward, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Alcock by PPD on capias pro fines for no insurance and no driver's license.

Lance Allan Herr, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Wells by PPD for disorderly conduct, public intoxication, no seat belt and failure to appear.

**Sunday, April 2**

Misty Diane Moman, 22, homeless, was arrested in the 800 block of Murphy by PPD for possession of a stolen firearm, expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to report change of address and failure to appear.

Jeffery Michael Smith, 23, of Amarillo was arrested by DPS on a Travis County charge of theft by check.

James Kevin Waddell, 39, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

Deborah Lynn Kirklind, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Wilks by PPD on warrants for no seat belt, no driver's license and failure to appear, and a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Darrell Janson VonKanel, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Wilks by PPD for driving while

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## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebery Grain of White Deer

Wheat 3.74

Milo 3.36

Corn 4.25

Soybeans 4.54

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

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BP PLC ADR 70.05 +1.11

Cabot Corp 34.12 +0.13

Celanese 21.15 +0.18

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HAL 74.38 +1.36

TRI 42.21 +0.31

KML 92.72 +0.73

XCEL 18.25 +0.10

Kerr McGee 98.16 +2.68

XOM 61.67 +0.81

Nat'l Oilwell 65.03 +0.91

Limited 24.41 -0.05

Williams 21.61 +0.22

MCD 34.66 +0.30

Atmos 26.41 +0.08

Pioneer Nat 43.82 -0.43

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# Court rejects appeal from Padilla, held as enemy combatant

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court today rejected an appeal from Jose Padilla, held as an enemy combatant without traditional legal rights for more than three years, sidestepping a challenge to Bush administration wartime detention powers.

Padilla was moved in January to Miami to face criminal charges, and the government argued that the appeal over his indefinite detention was now pointless.

Three justices said the court should have agreed to take up the case anyway: Justices David H.

Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

And three other court members, including Chief Justice John Roberts, said that they would be watching to ensure Padilla receives the protections "guaranteed to all federal criminal defendants."

An appeals court panel had all but called for the high court to deal with the case, saying it was troubled by the Bush administration's change in legal strategy.

Justices first considered in 2004 whether Padilla's constitutional rights were violated when he was

detained as an "enemy combatant" without charges and access to a lawyer, traditional legal rights. Justices dodged a decision on technical grounds. In a dissent Justice John Paul Stevens said then that "at stake in this case is nothing less than the essence of a free society."

## Half open to allowing immigrants to seek legality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are divided about whether illegal immigrants help or hurt the country, a poll finds. More than one-half of those questioned are open to allowing undocumented workers to obtain some temporary legal status so they can stay in the United States.

At the same time, people doubt that erecting a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border could help to fix such a complex and enduring problem, an AP-Ipsos poll found. Two-thirds do not think it would work.

"You can't go and round up 11 million people and ship them out of the country," said Robert Kelly, The Chicago lawyer is among the 56 percent of Americans who favor offering some kind of legal status. "It just isn't practical," he said.

A smaller but still significant share — 41 percent — opposes offering any kind of legal status, giving voice to a

law-and-order mind-set that bristles at the notion of officially recognizing those who did not play by the rules to get here.

"Illegal is criminal," said Louella Kelly, a 65-year-old grandmother from Round Rock, Texas.

She said her 16-year-old granddaughter has had a hard time finding part-time work because of all the jobs taken by those who are illegally in the country. "If we're going to give them amnesty, then why don't we give amnesty to all the people who break out of jail?"

Political analysts see an opening in such poll results for President Bush, who supports a temporary guest-worker program.

The Republican Party is divided. Business interests want to preserve their access to foreign workers as a cheap labor force, while many conservatives would rather get tough on ille-


gal immigrants.

The survey found 62 percent of Democrats and 52 percent of Republicans favored temporary worker status.

"If I were in the White House, I would be pretty pleased about this," said Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor who studies public opinion. "It does suggest pretty strongly that the president has the opportunity to drive public opinion on this."

Arizona State University professor Bruce Merrill said immigration was the first issue he had seen in 20 years that did not clearly break along partisan lines. "Conservative Democrats don't feel any different from conservative Republicans," he said, with both camps strongly opposing the idea of rewarding people who broke the law to enter the country.

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## Telethon

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Area Foundation. "The outpouring of generosity has been significant; however, there are many signs that others want to participate and this telethon will

provide an additional opportunity."

"We encourage viewers to tune in on April 9 and do what they can to help those affected by the recent wildfires," said Joyce Herring, general manager of KACV. "Eleven lives were lost and families were displaced. Nearly a million acres burned and around 5,000

cattle died. Working together, however, we can help the Panhandle recover."

Those wishing to contribute can mail a tax-deductible check to the Amarillo Area Foundation at 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, TX 79101, log on to [www.aaf-hf.org](http://www.aaf-hf.org) or tune in on Sunday at 7 p.m.

## Construction spending hits record level

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction spending rose to a record level in February as home building hit an all-time high despite a weakening in home sales, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said Monday that overall construction spending rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.185 trillion in February, a gain of 0.8 percent from the January level.

That was better than the 0.5 percent increase Wall Street had been expecting and demonstrated that construction should remain a source of strength for the economy in 2006 as private building of offices, factories and other projects takes up the slack from a cooling housing market.

A closely watched gauge of manufacturing activity came in weaker-than-expected in March although it remained at a level indicating that factories would continue expanding production in the months ahead.

## Lake

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Canyon behind the dam. "These conflicting rules," Tantay said, "have led to visitor confusion and arguments since some people

were issued citations for having their pets on the beach, while other visitors only 20 feet away were permitted to have their pet tied to a stake or tree."

Tantay said the biggest potential threat to water quality at the stilling basin swimming area is fecal mat-

ter. The majority of that, he said, comes from dogs and humans, especially babies and toddlers wearing diapers while swimming or playing in the water.

Fecal matter, he said, causes the growth of fecal coliforms to potentially dangerous levels.

## Burns

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of Taylor's experiences while introducing a new set of characters that includes

twin brothers, one good and one bad, and their family, along with a Texas Ranger on the trail of the bad twin.

The novels are set in Texas of the 1860s, and include humor and suspense as well as a deeper mean-

ing.

Other books by Burns, who has had more than 200 short stories, poetry and articles published, include "To Keep a Promise," "Don't I Know You," and "Trail of the Dime Novel."

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intoxicated and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Christopher Paul Moreno, 18, of Canadian was arrested by DPS on probation violations for unlawfully carrying a weapon and two counts of criminal trespass. All three charges originated in Hemphill County.

## Ambulance

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

Sunday, April 2

12:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Pampa Nursing Home.

3:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Coronado.

5:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Nursing Home and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 1

3:22 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Price Road on an odor investigation.

Sunday, April 2

5:41 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to

an area five miles west on Highway 60 on a reported grass fire.

5:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 60 on a vehicle accident.

5:21 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block of Barret on a grass fire.

5:51 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West Foster on a vehicle fire.

6:52 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to the 800 block of Craven on a grass fire.

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# Viewpoints

## Simple oil painting credited with swaying Texas Legislature

Hanging on the second floor of the 1855-vintage Neill-Cochran House in Austin is an oil painting credited with doing what even high-priced lobbyists can't always accomplish — swaying the Texas Legislature.

The significance of the piece of art goes back to the turn of the last century, when Texas lawmakers departed from their usual weighty deliberations to ponder what native plant should be designated the official state flower.

Rep. John Nance Garner of Uvalde thought the prickly pear cactus deserved the honor. As tough as Texas, the thorny plant produced a flower the future vice president considered as beautiful as any orchid.

Cactus Jack's notion of having a cactus as the state flower earned him a colorful nickname, but no cigar. The idea definitely got under Rep. Phillip H. Clements' skin. To the Goldthwaite legislator's mind, nothing would do but to name the cotton boll — he called it the "white rose of commerce" — as the official state flower.

But with all due respect, the ladies of the Colonial Dames took Garner and Clements both for blooming fools, as least when it came to Texas flora. The Dames argued that any real Texan realized that only one flower truly represented the beauty of the Lone Star State, Lupine subcarneus.

To underscore their opinion, members of the Austin chapter rode in their buggies

to the Capitol and displayed for the members of the House an oil painting by a local woman, Mode H. Walker.

The piece features a reddish-brown pitcher full of bluebonnets and primroses.

The blue and pink brush strokes still catch the eye, an artful rendering in a genre often cluttered with amateurish work. Walker's painting clearly got the attention of the House. Oh, and the sweet-smelling bouquets of bluebonnets the Dames placed on each lawmaker's desk also helped make their case.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



Rep. John Green of DeWitt County carried the bill making the bluebonnet the Texas state flower and it passed. Gov. Joseph D. Sayers signed the measure into law on March 7, 1901.

So who was this artist whose work influenced the Legislature as effectively as a high-powered lobbyist armed with contributions, a hospitality suite and 50-yard line University of Texas football tickets?

"Once a while back," says Neill-Cochran House Museum administrator Cecille Marcato, "I poked

around looking for information on Mode Walker and couldn't find anything."

Indeed, a google.com search turned up no more on Miss Walker than the fact that she had done the opinion-swaying bluebonnet painting.

Though little information on Miss Walker seems to have survived the intervening century-plus since she completed the influential still life, the painting has endured. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Bremond donated the oil to the Neill-Cochran House Museum in 1985. (Located at 2310 San Gabriel St., the house is open for tours.)

While Walker's painting has been credited with convincing the Legislature that bluebonnets deserved official status, Marcato says

there's another oil painting connected to the issue. It's a bluebonnet landscape by Julian Onderdonk once owned by Mrs. Sawnie Robertson, one of the Dames who took part in the campaign to gain recognition for the wildflower.

In commemoration of Mrs. Robertson's role in achieving official standing for the bluebonnet, her granddaughter presented the painting to the Governor's Mansion in 1980.

Even though the Dames succeeded in transforming the bluebonnet into an official Texas icon, the 1901 law had a loophole big enough to walk a cow through: The statute specified *Lupinus subcarneus* as the state

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2006. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

On this date:

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh child.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila, Philippines.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his

*'Our firmest convictions are apt to be the most suspect, they mark our limitations and our bounds. Life is a petty thing unless it is moved by the indomitable urge to extend its boundaries.'*

— Jose Ortega y Gasset  
Spanish philosopher  
(1883-1955)

famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

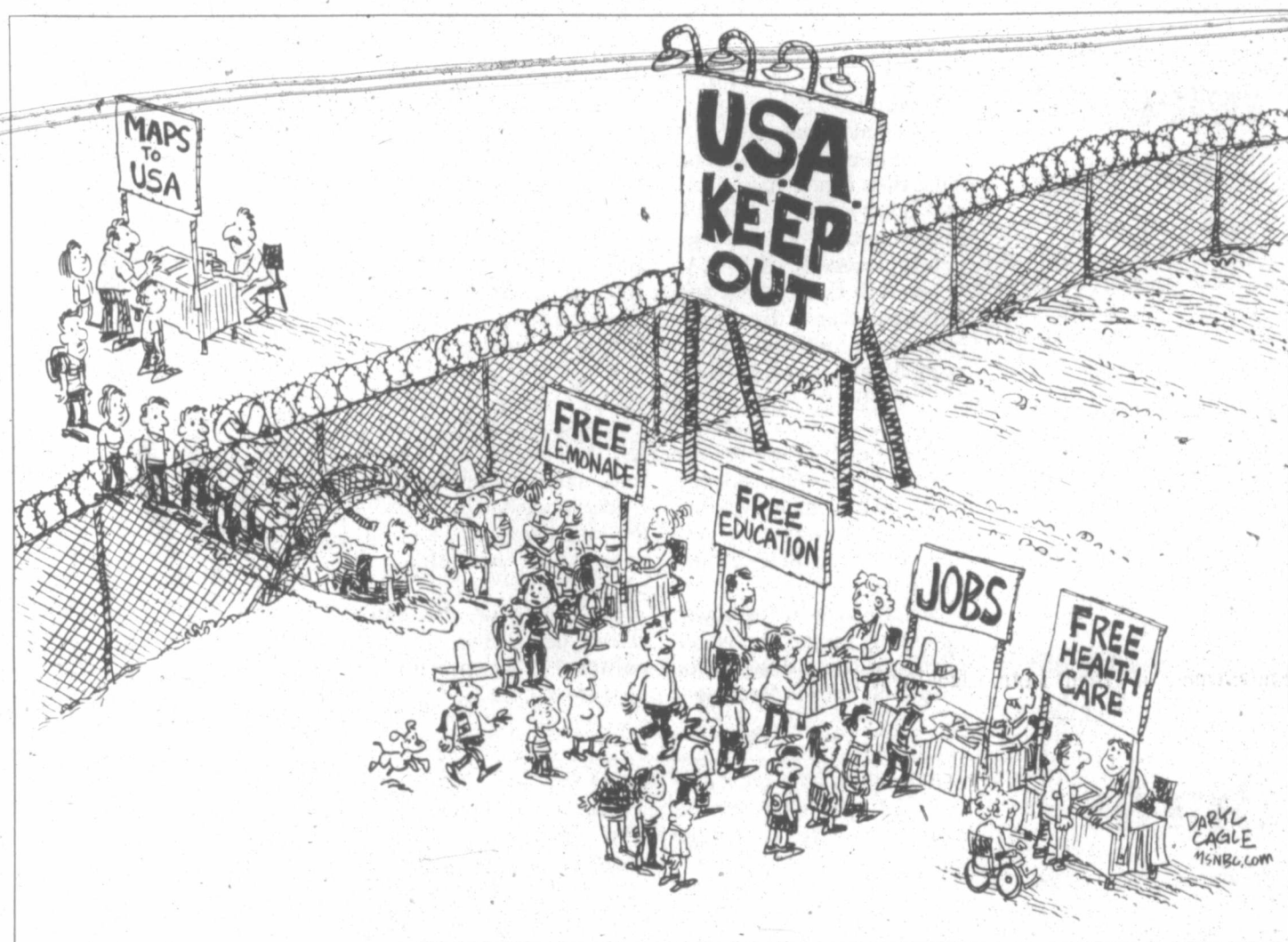
In 1974, deadly tornadoes struck wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted.

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne was elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Wallace D. Johnson.

In 1991, English novelist Graham Greene died at age 86.

Ten years ago: An Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard. Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested. Former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes, the first black elected mayor of a major U.S. city, died at age 68.

Five years ago: President Bush warned China it risked damaging relations with the United States unless it quickly released the American crew of a damaged Navy spy plane. (The plane had made an emergency landing in China after colliding with a Chinese fighter.)



## President Bush: America loves a fight

In his first debate with Walter Mondale, my dad Ronald Reagan fumbled badly — there was no sign of the Great Communicator during that debate. What there was instead was a Ronald Reagan given bad advice by some of his staff who were afraid of letting the public see the real Ronald Reagan, who they feared might be seen as too conservative.

In the second debate, all that changed because my dad insisted upon being himself rather than the namby-pamby moderate politician some of his advisers thought he should be. My dad insisted on being Ronald Reagan, not some pale imitation. He wanted Ronald Reagan to be seen as Ronald Reagan.

For a long time now, we have not seen the real

George Bush and his low poll numbers reflect that. There is some truth to the claim that he was living in a bubble, isolated from the public by timid staff members who feared allowing George W. Bush to be George W. Bush.

The wraps came off recently when the president spoke at Cleveland's Commonwealth Club and TV viewers across the nation saw the real George W. Bush emerge.

That this was not an isolated event became obvious the very next day at his White House press conference when the media and the nation saw Bush being Bush

— Texas tough, blunt spoken, and totally unapologetic about being what he is. George Bush allowed himself to be George W. Bush, take-him-or-leave-him.

I imagine that there were a lot of nervous nellys among the White House staff who were wringing their hands over the idea that the president was out there in front of the hostile media and nation being exactly what he knows himself to be: a no-nonsense chief executive who is sure of himself, knows his job, knows how to do it, and doesn't care a whit if the media elite and the desperate Dems don't like it.



Michael Reagan  
Columnist

Mark my words, if Bush continues to be Bush and allows the public to see Bush as Bush, his poll numbers are going to rise dramatically despite the efforts of his enemies in the media and the desperate Dems to blacken and slander him and lie about him. And he'll find the American people, who love a fighter, solidly behind him and all that he stands for as he continues to reveal his rationale for what he is doing — slowly winning the Iraq war, creating a growing ever-more prosperous economy and the job growth that comes with it, and doing everything possible to keep Americans safe from terrorist atrocities.

In that Cleveland speech — where he faced some tough

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## Euro-American domination coming to an end

Every day that passes, Americans will be less welcomed in Iraq, and I wouldn't take lightly the warning of an Iraqi cleric who said, "You should leave before we force you out."

An army that won't fight is one thing. Twenty million people willing to stab you in the back, cut your throat or toss a grenade in your soup are quite another. Our Army is trained and equipped to fight set battles against other armies. It is not trained to cope with a hostile civilian population. It will not do well, and if we insist on staying, the Iraqis will force us out, just as the Lebanese

forced the Israeli army out. And remember, life isn't a TV show. The plot won't unfold rapidly. Slowly and gradually our victory over Saddam will turn to dust, and all those snazzy plans of the arrogant neoconservatives for a new, enlightened Middle East will turn to ashes. The Middle East is full of the ruins of superpowers.

I wrote the above three paragraphs in April 2003, shortly after U.S. forces

entered Baghdad. Just wanted to remind you that I wasn't in the crowd that jumped on the bandwagon for war, as well as point out that what has happened in the past three years was easily foreseeable, even by a country boy turned journalist with no official sources.

If you want to go back even further, to 2001, you'll find that in August 2001, I warned that Americans could expect a terrorist

attack inside the United States. Again, no official sources. I just used the one commodity most missing in Washington, D.C. — common sense.

You don't inject yourself into somebody else's war without getting shot at sooner or later. As it happened, we got shot sooner, just a few weeks after I wrote that August column.

Nor do you need a degree from an Ivy League university to understand that people don't like to be occupied by a foreign army. All foreign armies that have occu-

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I teach and advise first-year students at a college, and one of the most critical problems students have is sleeping through class because they haven't learned to get themselves up in the morning. Last week, a sophomore student missed a math class at 8 a.m. because her father failed to call her that morning and get her out of bed. PLEASE advise parents to buy an alarm clock for their children, starting in sixth grade, and make them learn to get themselves out of bed, even if it means suffering the consequences once or twice for being late. Daddy's not going to make that wake-up call forever, and Mom shouldn't have to serve as the alarm clock for kids over 12 years of age. We'd appreciate students who can at least do that much for themselves -- and I'm sure their future employers would too. -- **FRUSTRATED ADVISER IN THE U.S.A.**

**DEAR ADVISER:** I'm pleased to help spread the message. Parents, the longer bad habits are ignored, the harder they are to break. Sometimes it's necessary to use "tough love" to teach children self-reliance and independence. Do it now, while the penalties they will have to pay for their mistakes are still minor. By the time they're out of the nest, it's too late.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently began dating this guy, "Don," I met a few months ago. For the most part, he's good to me. The problem is I have strong feelings for him, but I'm not sure he feels the same way. Don says he loves me, and he does treat me wonderfully -- something I've always wanted -- but I have this nagging feeling that "something" will go wrong. I don't know where this stems from. I feel myself

starting to fall in love with him, but I don't know if I should because he has been married four times already. Please help me. I don't want to lose him. -- **HOLDING BACK IN OHIO**

**DEAR HOLDING BACK:** The "nagging feeling" you described may be your common sense telling you to put on the brakes before giving your whole heart. Let's face it, this man has a terrible track record when it comes to commitment. Get to know him a lot better before planning a future with him. This is one of those cases where only time will tell -- lots and lots of time.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm about to have my first baby. I'm very excited about it. People ask if I'm nervous about giving birth. To tell you the truth, the only part of labor and delivery I'm afraid of is the fact that my mother-in-law insists on being there. I agreed when she first asked me, but I have changed my mind, and I'm wondering how I can avoid having her there when the time comes. I actually find myself praying for a C-section because then she cannot be there. How should this be handled? Should we tell her before the birth, or should we just call her after the baby is born with the good news? -- **TRAPPED IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DEAR TRAPPED:** If you can't find the courage to tell your mother-in-law beforehand that you have changed your mind, discuss that fact with your OB/GYN, and specify that you want only your husband with you during labor and delivery. Your doctor can make sure your wishes are carried out

## For Better Or For Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Sports Day

## Amarillo Relays 'tough tournament' for Coach Laurence's Harvesters; Dumas up next followed by District

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Amarillo Relays over the weekend which included teams from Amarillo High, Plainview, Hereford, Tascosa, Vernon, Wichita Falls Rider, Wichita Falls Old High, Carlsbad, Canyon, Dumas, Randall, and Borger.

"This was a tough tournament for our team," noted Pampa coach Emily Laurence. "I was very proud of my mixed doubles teams of Ashlee Lucus and Michael Foreman, and Maegan Patterson and Jareth Fortenberry for their great finishes."

"We are very close to finishing our spring season," said Laurence. "We're still making a few lineup changes to get as many teams as possible into the post-season."

Pampa is at the Dumas Tournament Friday and Saturday.

### Amarillo Relays results:

**Girls Singles Gold Division**  
**Myca Vinson, 9th place**  
*(won consolation)*  
 Lost to L. Hagerman (WF Old High) 4-6, 3-6  
 Def. Erica Greathouse (Tascosa) 6-1, 7-5  
 Def. Amber Seibert (Randall) 6-2, 6-1  
 Def. Laura Taylor (Vernon) 6-0, 6-0

**Girls Singles Silver Division**  
**Deschna Afram-8th place**  
 Def. C. Lint (Dumas) 6-1, 2-6 (10-7)  
 Lost to Brittany Pace (Randall) 1-6, 2-6  
 Lost to C. Yarbrough (Caprock) 4-6, 4-6  
 Lost to Lauren Schaffer (Borger) 4-6, 4-6

**Boys Singles Silver Division**  
**Tyler Morris-12th place**  
 Lost to A. Souvannasac (PD) 3-6, 6-3 (8-10)  
 Def. Plainview 6-2, 6-0  
 Lost to Terrell (WF Rider) 2-6, 3-6  
 Lost to Thi Nguyen (PD) 2-6, 3-6

**Kevin Frels-10th place**  
 Lost to John Eilert (Canyon) 5-7, 1-6  
 Def. Sean McElwain (Caprock) 6-2, 6-1  
 Def. Thi Nguyen (Palo Duro) 6-2, 6-4  
 Lost to Terrell (WF Rider) 3-6, 2-6

**Girls Doubles Gold Division**  
**Tanna Stowers/Haley Acker-12th place**  
 Lost to Novak/Carlson (AHS) 3-6, 3-6  
 Def. Sweetgall/Wilson (Canyon) 6-4, 6-2  
 Lost to Owens/Duffie (Vernon) 0-6, 1-6  
 Lost to Macha/St. John (WF Rider) 0-6, 1-6

**Girls Doubles Silver Division**  
**S. Pereira/Kourtney Farmer-4th place**  
 Def. Brame/Briscoe (Borger) 6-0, 6-3  
 Def. Rogers/DeLaCruz (Hereford) 6-2, 6-1  
 Lost to Mountain/Wright (Randall) 4-6, 6-7 (5-7)  
 Lost to Owings/Shea (Randall) 4-6, 4-6

**Boys Doubles Silver Division**  
**L. McNeely/Jack Ware-10th place**  
 Lost to Weis/Donald (Randall) 3-6, 2-6  
 Def. Medina/Barbosa (Dumas) 6-3, 5-7, (10-7)  
 Def. Geppi/Pepper (Borger) 6-3, 7-5  
 Lost to Paxton/Haggard (Borger) 0-6, 5-7

**B. Barker/Matt Smith-11th place**  
 Lost to Heinrich/Cockrell (Carlsbad) 1-6, 0-6  
 Def. Jesko/Marquez (Hereford) 6-3, 5-7, (10-7)  
 Lost to Paxton/Haggard (Borger) 3-6, 7-5, (7-10)  
 Def. Geppi/Pepper (Borger) 6-3, 7-5

**Mixed Doubles Gold Division**  
**A. Lucus/Michael Foreman-5th place**  
 Def. Kuhl/Long (Wichita Falls Old High) 6-3, 6-3  
 Lost to Smithee/LeBas (Tascosa) 1-6, 6-4, 2-6  
 Def. Woodrum/Hallmark (Dumas) 7-6, (7-4), 6-1  
 Def. Fentor/Kennon (Vernon) 7-6 (7-5), 6-4

**Mixed Doubles Silver Division**  
**M. Patterson/J. Fortenberry-4th place**  
 Def. Frescaz/Montgomery (Caprock) 5-7, 6-2, (10-8)  
 Def. Robbins/Trella (Canyon) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1  
 Lost to Mixaydy/Sihaphon (PD) 4-6, 5-7  
 Lost to Jones/Bhakta (Plainview) 4-6, 2-6

## Saturday in the park



Pampa News photos by SEAN SMITH

Future soccer stars took to the fields of the Pampa Soccer Association Saturday. Among the teams competing were those in the Under 6 category for boys (above) and girls (below).



## Tough day at park for Lady Harvesters; varsity boys get first district win of season

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
 Sports Editor

**Lady Harvesters 0, Dumas 1**  
 Pampa looked to keep pace with Caprock Saturday when the Lady Harvesters hosted the always tough Demonettes of Dumas. Both Pampa and Caprock entered the game with 3-0 district marks. Dumas was 2-1 going into Saturday.

"Our girls just couldn't get it clicking," said Pampa coach Bobbi Gill following the 0-1 loss to Dumas.

Cassy Tice (9-4) took the loss despite tossing a great game from the circle, allowing just two hits.

In a game void of much offense, Pampa's Callie Cobb managed two singles and a walk, while her Lady Harvester teammate Nicole Clark also had a walk.

"It was a tough loss for these ladies, but we must refocus on what lies ahead," said Gill. "We have Caprock tomorrow

(Tuesday) and right now they are leading the district at 4-0. Our team just needs to regroup and take care of the business at hand."

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### Pampa 4, Hereford 3

Brett Ferrell and Tyson Hickman combined to give Pampa its first District 3-4A win of the season with a 4-3 victory over Hereford at Harvester Field Saturday afternoon.

The win improves Ferrell's record to 4-0, while Hickman notched his first save of the year.

Pampa is now 10-8, 1-1 as the Harvesters prepare to face Palo Duro Tuesday in Amarillo. Hereford falls to 10-9, 1-1.

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## Rike named new ASU basketball coach

SAN ANGELO — West Texas native Fred Rike, associate head coach at the University of North Texas for the past five seasons, became the fourth men's basketball coach in the history of Angelo State University Sunday.

ASU Athletic Director Kathleen Brasfield announced Rike's appointment, effective immediately, at an afternoon news conference in ASU Athletics Department offices in the Junell Center.

"Fred's reputation for solid basketball knowledge, commitment to academic achievement and a knack for molding young men into quality people certainly is impressive," Brasfield said. "His experience at various levels, his ties to the Lone Star Conference and to West Texas, his knowledge of Texas as a recruiting base — all of those things certainly were attractive."

Rike has both assistant and head coach-

ing experience at Tyler Junior College and has held assistant coaching positions at Louisiana Tech, University of Memphis and Georgia State University before moving to UNT. A standout prep player at Tulia High School, he played at TJC and Sam Houston State before ending his playing career at West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M.

Brasfield said, "We believe Fred will build a highly-competitive basketball program by recruiting quality student-athletes, supporting their academic pursuits, retaining players who will set a high standard for younger players and establishing discipline and accountability for those participating in the program."

Rike, who will also serve as a lecturer in the ASU Kinesiology Department, was selected from a pool of 96 applicants for the position left open by the resignation of Joe Esposito.

### WHAT A WEEKEND

## Interesting start, finish yet unknown

I hope you had even a hint of the weekend I enjoyed. I hope your Monday is simply an extension of the weekend and that whoever this Murphy fella is decided to take the day off, thus keeping you free of any untoward nuttiness commonly blamed on the first workday of the week.

The weekend got off to an interesting start for me Friday afternoon. As I was preparing for the ride home, I heard some yelling at the front door of the Pampa News building. "Just gonna warn you, this might get a little loud," warned one of the girls up front. It did. A gathering of some 30, 40 - maybe 50 kids or so - under the escort of a handful of adults, stopped by to yell, "Mexico, Mexico, Mexico," while waving flags and banners. Obviously the rally was connected to the immigration reform measures currently under the evaluation of congressional lawmakers. Though I am all for championing a cause while trying to effect change - whether I agree or not - one thing about this group Friday struck me as just a bit peculiar. Here it was Friday afternoon sometime between noon and 1, and the greater percentage of those at the front door were school age kids. Knock that one around a bit.

By 2 p.m. or so, I was at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo where my weekend took a mighty swing upward. I stopped by to see if I could get a few pictures of team Pampa at the 56th Annual Amarillo Relays. As soon as I walked in, I thought I was in trouble. There were kids everywhere. The stadium was awash in colorful uniforms and canopies. And there was something going on everywhere. Still, I was committed to getting a picture. See, I was feeling guilty. If there is one Pampa High School team that gets the short end of the sports stick, this is it.

I waddled around a while and quickly discovered Green and Gold not only make great school colors, Pampa is like the only

school that has them which made finding our kids a lot easier. I made it just in time to see the start of the girl's 800 relay and snapped a few shots. The boys ran moments later, giving me a few more photos. I couldn't have been luckier. Or could I? After visiting with Coaches Tad Smith and Kip Holt,



Michael J. Stevens  
 Sports Editor

I began to make my way toward the north end of the field and the exit. As I was leaving, I noticed a couple of girls at the high jump area dressed in Pampa colors. As soon as I arrived, one made her jump but I wasn't ready with the camera. Luckily, she would jump again and I managed to get some great shots. Better still, the girl I was taking pictures of turned out to be Pampa's Kaysha Lee who wound up taking third in the event. I was now on my way to a great weekend.

Saturday, the little lady and I managed to get a lot of work done around the house. Now, you need to understand this is actually fun for us. Lately, we just haven't had the time. We made time Saturday and rewarded ourselves with a nice dinner, to heck with how many 'points' it cost me (yes, I am still trying to lose weight).

Sunday started with a mockingbird perched the pear tree in my backyard just singing his heart out. It went great with my cup of coffee and low-cal breakfast bar. Tony Stewart won the NASCAR race at Martinsville that afternoon while Dale Earnhardt Jr. persevered to finish fourth. It was announced Sunday evening that the Simpsons would finally make their way to the big screen in 2007. It is about time!

So here it is, Monday - opening day at baseball parks across the country. UCLA and Florida will meet tonight to decide this year's NCAA college basketball championship. And in little more than 24 hours, that pretty-boy Ace will be closer to being known as a 'former American Idol'.

OK, so I lost an hour's sleep. I didn't mind.

So, how was your weekend?

## Pampa teams in action today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
 Sports Editor

### Baseball

The Pampa Harvester freshman team will host Palo Duro at 5 this afternoon.

The junior varsity squad will travel to Amarillo to face Palo Duro. Game time is set for 4:30.

The varsity team will be at PD Tuesday afternoon.

### Softball

The Lady Harvester JV team is on the road this afternoon to face Caprock. First pitch will be at 4:30.

The varsity team will be at Caprock Tuesday.

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## Library board gift



Betty Henderson of the Lovett Memorial Library Board presented Anne Stobbe with a retirement gift during a reception held in Stobbe's honor.

## Reese

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...pied other people's countries have used the excuse that they came to liberate the people. Nobody believes that anymore.

Now President Bush has let the cat out of the bag. After all this jabber about listening to the officers on the ground, he said the other day at a press conference that "future presidents" will likely make the decision to bring the troops home from Iraq. So he's talking at least four years, if not eight. If they're really going to stay until Iraq develops into a Western-style democracy, try 30 years.

But they won't stay anywhere near that long. The American people's patience with foreign wars — provided the casualties aren't too heavy and there is no cost to those at home — is about five years. The president has about two years left before he will have to brand whatever corrupt authoritarian regime that emerges in Iraq as "a great victory." A man who lies us into war will not hesitate to lie us out of one.

Then Americans will have to face the costs. After all the thousands of America's finest have been buried, after all those artificial limbs have been attached, all those mutilated faces reconstructed, all those blind given Seeing Eye dogs, all those mental cases put on a drug regimen, all those billions of dollars added to the \$8 trillion American debt, then comes the question, the important question everybody is ignoring right now: What will we have bought for this terrible price? Another corrupt dictatorship in a still-unstable Middle East.

We had that before the war. Our corrupt political leaders just didn't like their corrupt political leader, so they decided on "regime change." We certainly will not have purchased a safer America. At the end of this sorry episode, America will be weaker and more hated than it is today.

What we are witnessing is the beginning of the end of Euro-American domination of the planet. When the emperors start being idiots, the empire is on the way to the ash heap of history. If you have any grandchildren, you might suggest that they study Chinese.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

## Reagan

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and sometimes openly hostile questions — and in the next day's press conference, this allegedly bumbling and inarticulate president showed himself to be sure-footed and deft in defending his policies and his actions. In the face of some sheer nastiness he maintained his cool, dealing with his detractors with a hard steel hand encased in a soft velvet glove.

His record on the economy is strong, but you'd never know it from the polls.

Being Bush means telling the people what the desper-

ate Dems and the media don't want them to know: the economy is booming. He started to do just that when he explained what is happening in the economy:

"Last year our economy grew at a healthy 3.5 percent," he said. "Over the past two-and-a-half years, the economy has added nearly 5 million new jobs. That's more than Japan and the 25 nations of the European Union combined."

"The national unemployment rate is 4.8 percent — that's lower than the average rate of the 1970s, the 1980s and the 1990s."

"Productivity is strong. Inflation is contained. Household net worth is at an all-time high. Real after-tax income is up more than 8 percent per person since the

beginning of 2001. The growing economy is a result of the hard work of the American people and good policies here in Washington."

This is Bush being Bush — and he must keep being Bush. The desperate Dems will hate it, the liberal media will hate it and the American people will eat it up. As I wrote, they like a fighter. That's what they are seeing now.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

## Flag in the wrong place

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Some University of Iowa alums elected to show school pride in an odd way recently, hanging an Iowa flag atop a state building — in Illinois.

A construction crew in Springfield, Ill., apparently raised the University of Iowa's Hawkeyes emblem while working on a historic building, unaware that only U.S. and state flags are allowed atop state buildings.

The rules apply to state

buildings that are under construction as well, so state officials in Illinois ordered the university flag taken down last weekend.

"Had we known their plan we could have told them before it happened," said David Blanchette, spokesman for the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Several workers for the project's general contractor, Halverson Construction Co., attended the University of Iowa.

## Cox

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flower even though Texas has other varieties of Lupinus.

Not until March 8, 1971, did the Legislature return to

the bluebonnet issue, finally amending the law to add Lupinus texensis and "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded."

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

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## GM to sell finance arm

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp., which is struggling to turn around its North American automaking operations, announced today that it has reached an agreement to sell a 51 percent stake in its finance arm.

The world's biggest automaker expects to receive about \$14 billion as a result of the deal to sell control General Motors Acceptance Corp. over the next three years.

The stake is being purchased by a consortium of investors led by Cerberus Capital Management L.P., a private investment firm. The

group also includes Citigroup Inc. and Aozora Bank Ltd.

GM will receive \$7.4 billion from the consortium at closing and an estimated \$2.7 billion cash distribution from GMAC related to the conversion of most of GMAC and its U.S. subsidiaries into limited liability companies.

In addition, GM will retain about \$20 billion of GMAC automotive lease and retail assets and associated funding with an estimated net book value of \$4 billion that will monetize over three years.

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