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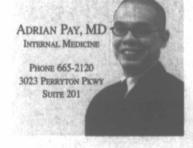


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Pickens begins signing up landowners for project

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Mesa Energy officials are starting to sign landowners. up for their new wind energy project.

"We're getting down here to the point where we have to fish or cut bait," Boone Pickens told a packed crowd in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Center Thursday. "If you want to sell wind and sign up with us, you've got to know now the best deal you are going to get on wind is going to be with us. I promise you that is the case."

Pickens, a Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman, created Mesa Energy to build a 4,000-megawatt wind farm in northern Gray County and southern Roberts County. In addition to the wind farm, Mesa plans a 750-megawatt coal-fired plant to supply energy when the wind isn't blowing and a 600-megawatt natural gas-

fired plant to handle peak loads.

In addition to the generation facilities, Mesa plans a 320-mile transmission line to the Dallas area to tap the fast-growing urban markets of North Texas.

"There's not going to be many people that are going to be able to take the power out of the Panhandle and move it downstate," Pickens said. "It's going to be a huge project."

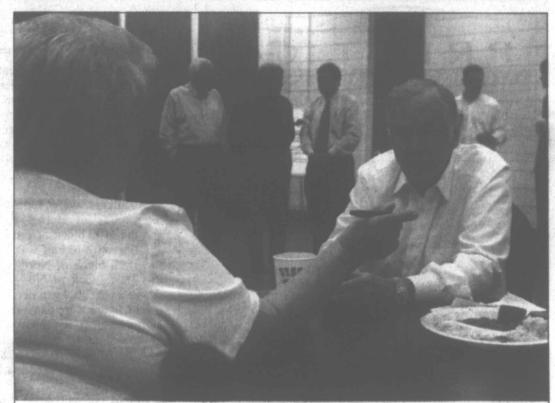
The total project, he said, will produce about 5,000 megawatts at a cost of about \$10.5 billion.

"That's pretty good-sized for a Roberts County guy," Pickens said.

With regulatory approval by 2009, Mesa officials hope to start construction in 2010.

Although no royalties will be paid until the project is complete and the turbines are generating power to be

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Sandra Alewine of Pampa explains her concerns over wind energy to Boone Pickens, who has organized Mesa Energy to build wind farms and transmission lines to provide North Texas with electricity generated in the Panhandle.

Peet explains county budget funding increases

By MARILYN POWERS

No county property owner elected to speak this morning at the first of two public hearings in Gray County Courthouse concerning the county's fiscal year 2008 budget.

The hearing began at 9 a.m. and drew only a few county employees as audience. County Judge Richard Peet explained the current proposed

for funding departments.

Commissioners voted to close the hearing at 9:30 a.m.

The proposed 2008 budget for Gray County is currently estimated at \$10,854,439, compared to

\$9,899,782 for 2007. "I'm expecting it will increase a

county budget, including the reason little bit more because an increase in continue in his position. the district attorney's office is not included," Peet said.

Approximately \$62,000 may be added to 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's budget in order to hire an assistant for the office. Assistant Attorney District Franklin McDonough, who has been in the DA's office since May 23, 2005, will

The two largest increases are planned for the miscellaneous court fund and Perry LeFors Airport.

The miscellaneous court fund is projected to be \$502,300 for 2008, an increase of \$247,700 over last year's \$254,600.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Chancy Lovinggood of Fort Scott, Kan., stayed aboard Sox to earn a score of 76 points in the bareback riding event Thursday evening during the first night's performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo at the arena in Recreation Park.

Newcomer, 19, thrills crowd

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A 19-year-old newcomer to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association wowed the crowd and took top honors with a score of 76 in the bareback riding event at last night's Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Chancy Lovinggood of Fort Scott, Kan., rode Sox, the horse he drew for the event, for the required time despite Sox's strenuous efforts to throw him.

Sheldon Rinkes, also of Fort Scott, earned second place with a 65-point ride aboard Red Eye. No other qualifying rides were made in the bareback riding event.

Chaney McCuistion of Pampa, the sole female entrant in the mutton busting competition for youths, showed the boys how to ride a sheep by earn-

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Surprise



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Lauren Pingel, left, and Yancy McCuiston enjoy the first per-

formance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Thursday. Yancy surprised Lauren with a gift. See Kerri Smith's column on page 4 for details.

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Obituaries

AMARILLO, Texas -Willene Conner, 86, died Aug. 23, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Conner was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Floydada to Myrtle and Albert Earl Cowger. At an early age, she and her family moved to Jacksboro. She married James B. "Jim" Conner on Dec. 6, 1939, in Wizard Wells.

They moved to Pampa in 1943 where Jim joined the Pampa Police Department as a patrolman, later becoming Chief of Police. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1975. She was also preceded in death by a great-grand-

Willene Conner, 86 daughter, Camryn Riley Dowell.

Willene worked at Heard-Jones Health Mart for 28 years, retiring in 1989. She was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church since 1952, where she was involved in such activities as Senior Adult Choir, WMU, Sunday School and church fellowship trips.

She moved to Amarillo in November of 2001 where Court Apartments and The Arbors.

Willene left a legacy of loving God, her church, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. took such pleasure and joy in getting to know and love her

six great-grandchildren. Our loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the staffs of BSA Hospice and The Arbors Nursing Home for their wonderful care and service.

Survivors include a daughter, Janna Dowell of Abilene; a son, Jim Conner and wife Martha Jo of Amarillo; three grandchilshe resided at the Plemmons dren, Krista Darnall of Abilene, Chad Dowell, and wife Shannon of Schertz, and Kim Phillips and husband Kevin of Amarillo; six great-grandchildren, Adam Darnall, Nathan Darnall, Dowell, Paige Taylor Dowell, Conner Phillips and

Cayden Phillips; a sister, Linda Hesteande and husband Ray of Jacksboro; two stepsisters, Barbara Ivey of Graham and Ima Jean Suter of Decatur; and several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Monday, Aug. 27, 2007.

-Sign the on-line regisbook ter www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

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

Five traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported from the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets, the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of Hobart and Alcock, and the 1100 block of Terry.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 3000 block of North Rosewood where a gazebo, lawn decorations and a vehicle tire were damaged and a fire extinguisher in a vehicle was set off. Estimated damages \$370.

A counterfeit check was reported from the United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

Found property, a bicycle of unknown value, was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Assaults were reported in the 1000 block of Varnon, the 1100 block of South Wells and the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Assault causing injury to a family member occurred in the 100 block of West 30th. The victim had a minor hand injury but did not want to pursue charges.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block North Fir. of Wilks where two 30-packs of beer valued at \$46 were stolen from an in the 2800 block of West Kentucky,

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals at the intersection of 19th and Duncan, the 1900 block of North Duncan, the 400 block of North Sloan, the 200 block of North Wells, the 100 block of South Sumner, the 1900 block of North Faulkner, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 900 block of East Browning, the 600 block of North Christy, the 300 block of North Roberta, the 700 block of South Barnes, the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 300 block of North Roberta, the 900 block of North Frost, the 900 block of East Francis, the 400 block of North Zimmers and the 200 block of South Hobart.

Attempts to serve warrants were made at six locations.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Varnon, the 600 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of South Hughes, the 1100 block of South Sumner, the 700 block of North Christy and the 900 block of East Murphy.

A silent/abusive emergency call was received from the 1600 block of

Suspicious persons were reported

the intersection of 25th and Perryton Parkway, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of Jordan and Sloan, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of Navajo.

Two burglaries were reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. An open door was checked in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Thursday, Aug. 23

Robert James Ellis, 19, of Pampa turned himself in to GCSO for unlicensed restraint, violation of city ordinance for fireworks, and failure to appear.

Friday, Aug. 24

Cory Gardner, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and failure to appear for bail jumping.

Kevin Kirkham, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for possession of a dangerous drug, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Lynn Ham, 25, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for bond surrender-retaliation, failure to identify, providing false information and violation of probation for theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500.

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ASTRONAUT

Nowak wants monitor removed

astronaut Lisa Nowak, accused of attacking a romantic rival, asked a judge Friday to let her remove her electronic monitoring ankle bracelet, saying that it cuts her ankle and gets in the way of her military boot laces.

Nowak promised to abide by all court orders if the GPS monitoring device is removed, including not having any contact with Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman, the woman she is accused of pepper spraying in an airport parking lot.

Shipman's attorney fought the request. On the witness stand, Shipman told the judge she is still afraid of Nowak.

"When I'm home alone and there's nobody there with me, it is a comfort," she said of the Nowak's monitoring bracelet. She also acknowledged, however, that she had visited her boyfriend in Nowak's hometown of Houston several times since Nowak's arrest. She didn't say if that boyfriend was the same shuttle pilot.

Nowak, a 44-year-old Navy pilot, has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault.

Her attorney, Donald Lykkebak, said he planned to ask Circuit Court Judge Marc L. Lubet at the hearing Friday to throw out evidence in the case, including an interview Nowak gave to police and items found during a search of her car.

Nowak had told the detectives that she

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Former and Shipman were vying for the affection of the same space shuttle pilot and that she confronted Shipman in an Orlando International Airport parking lot because she wanted to know "where she stands."

She is accused of attacking Shipman with pepper spray and trying to jump into her vehicle. Police say Nowak also had a duffel bag with a steel mallet, 4-inch knife and a BB gun.

Lykkebak contends police searched Nowak's car without her permission or a warrant. He said in additional court filings that she gave the interview under duress - after being held for three hours, deprived of sleep and a phone call and unadvised of her constitutional rights. The interview persisted, Lykkebak said, despite Nowak saying "Should I have a lawyer?" three times.

Nowak also planned to give her first public statement after the hearing, he said. During questioning about the monitor-

ing bracelet, Nowak said it was bulky and painful, and has kept her out of public places fearing its alarm. She said it also interferes with her ability to exercise - a requirement for a Navy officer, and inhibits her ability to drive.

"I can do weights. I don't have other suitable aerobic exercises," Nowak said. "There's no specific exercise required, but staying shape is a requirement of the mili-

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sold, Lila Marsh, a Dallas lawyer representing Mesa Energy, said Mesa was offering four dollars per acre upfront to landowners willing to sign up with the company.

Although sites will have to be worked out and the revenue will fluctuate with energy prices, Adam Talianchich with Austinbased JD Consultants, an environmental consulting firm that's been hired by Mesa Energy to design and implement the project, estimates that depending upon the size and number of turbines royalties could be from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year.

The project will create a lot of jobs in the area, he said. Once the project is set up and running, Pickens estimates that there will be about 1,000 additional permanent jobs in the area, and that doesn't count the coal-fired or natural gas-fired power plants or the construction project.

Talianchich said the world's two largest wind farms at the moment are in Texas. Both are near Abilene and one produces 735 megawatts. The other produce megawatts when an expansion phase is finished later this year.

Mesa's project is roughly 5.5 times larger than the largest wind farm.

For those landowners that packed the civic center meeting room here, Pickens warned them about whom they deal with when it comes to leases for wind turbines.

"They're going to have to get into transmission," Pickens said.

The project is huge and the people involved are going to have to deal with not only the wind farms but also getting the electricity to market.

"We're going to get you signed up to let us know,' Pickens said. "If you don't want it, we don't want it."

This is the second meeting with area landowners that Pickens has hosted concerning wind energy. He held a meeting at Pampa Country Club earlier this summer.

"I'm not having any turbines on my ranch," Pickens said candidly. "I think they're ugly is the reason I won't have any."

But he said he has neighbors who've told him that they may be ugly to him, but the turbines look like money to his neigh-

"You're going to have turbines in the Panhandle," Pickens said. "I don't think there's any question about that, but we need to know whether you want to do business with us or not. If we don't have enough people who want to do business with us, we won't do the job."

Gas prices up

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Gasoline prices across the state rose an average one cent after four weeks of declines, AAA Texas reported today.

The average statewide price per gallon this week reached \$2.69.

The national average for regular self-serve is up two cents, hitting \$2.78 per gallon, according to the group's weekly survey.

Amarillo and Corpus Christi saw significant increases in the latest review, said auto club spokesman Paul Flaningan. Amarillo continues with

the state's highest average price for gasoline, at \$2.89.

Houston had the lowest average price per gallon, at

Are you ready to go back to school and what is your favorite subject?



Celby Snapp 8th grade

"Yes - I miss seeing my friends. I guess my favorite thing about school is the end of the



Elizabeth Terry 8th grade

"Yes - I want to see my friends again. I like athletics the best."



Jacee Smith 7th grade

"Yes - to see my friends. My favorite subject is science."



Jodi Pingel 2nd grade

"Yes - I like math the best."



Emily Terry 6th grade

"Sort of and I like math."

Woman fined \$250 for throwing grapes at school bord members

DETROIT (AP) — An activist who pelted school board members with grapes during a raucous vote to close 34 city schools was fined \$250 for disturbing the peace.

Call 'Em Out Coalition, said she will not be disruptive at future school board meetings. She said the case, which ended with her conviction and sentence Thursday, gave her a Agnes Hitchcock, leader of the chance to speak about mismanage-

ment in the school district.

"It was worth the risk in order to be able to talk about these things in court," she told the Detroit Free

The grapes she threw April 4

beaned at least one board member before police led Hitchcock out of the auditorium. The board voted 6-5 to close schools because of a budget deficit and declining enrollment.

Budget

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"We have two or three potential murder cases next year, more than likely with a change of venue for each," Peet said of the reason for the increase. Perry LeFors Airport's

proposed 2008 budget is \$213,660, an increase of \$122,010 over \$91,650 for

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ing first place in the event.

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Thursday's rodeo, with

winners listed in order

beginning with first place,

Saddle Bronc Riding:

J.W. McCuistion, Sugar

City, Colo., 71 points; Dean

Wadsworth, Ozona, and

Wandoan, Australia, tied for

second place with 69 points

Steer Wrestling: L.T.

Teague, Bryan, 5.6 seconds;

Bryce Segotta, Raton,

N.M., 6.8 seconds; Cole

Edge, Humboldt, La., 9.5

seconds; Jade Berry,

Interior S.D., 12.2 seconds.

McCuistion, Pampa, 64

points; Jayden Medley,

Pampa, 59 points; Bradley

Team Roping: Justin

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The rodeo continues

Rodeo

the roof on the large hangar, which the county owns. We'll have to pay 50 percent of it," Peet said. "We also have to pay our share of the planned apron extension." The remaining cost of the roof repair and apron extension will be taken from grant

Other six-digit increases include those for road and bridge funds for Precincts 2

Young of Firestone, Colo.,

and J.W. Borrego of Pueblo

West, Colo., 7.0 seconds.

Calf Roping: Cole

Tierney, Broken Bow, Neb.,

10.3 seconds; Bill Warner,

Muldrow, Okla., and Cody

Jordan, Hobbs, N.M., tied

for second with 11.7 sec-

onds each; Justin Ware,

Farwell, 14.0 seconds; Lane

Jeffery, Wilburton, Okla.,

Jewkes, Roy Don Creacy

and Kerry Dean Stegal,

35.78 seconds; Kelly

Culver, Justin Taylor and

J.R. Baggett, 41.50 sec-

onds; Matt Long, Lucio

Moreno and Q. B. Cobb,

Barrel Racing: Jodi Rush

16.34 seconds; Regina

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Perkins, Okla., 17.06 sec-

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Marshall, N.D., 17.23 sec-

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Sumner, N.M., 19.19 sec-

onds; Michaelanne Wilson,

Bullard, 21.42 seconds;

Tami Sharp, Lubbock,

22.21 seconds; Krista

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onds; Troyce Sturgess,

Amarillo, 22.98 seconds; Courtney Sokol, Brenham,

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Double Mugging: Jared

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Precinct 2's road and "We're looking at redoing

bridge fund is planned to be \$720,339, an increase of \$166,789 from last year's \$553,550. Precinct 4's fund is \$511,429, up \$174,429 from 2007's \$337,000. The reason for the increase for Precinct 2 is due to a need for road repairs,

and Precinct 4's jump is because of the planned purchase of a road grader, Peet "This is the first time

since the courthouse restoration that our need has been over \$10 million," Peet said.

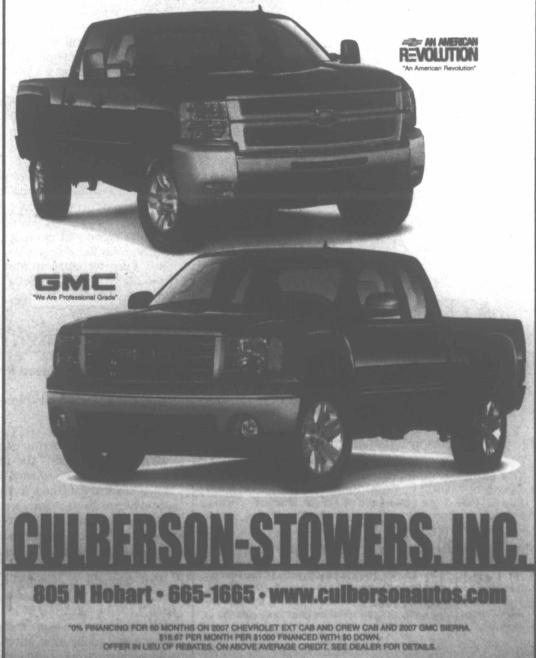
The second public hearing concerning the county's proposed 2008 budget is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell. Anyone who owns property in Gray County may speak to commissioners concerning the proposed budget.



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Viewpoints

I'd forgotten how polite 'horse' people are

been working with people from the Top O'Texas Rodeo Association to do stories and publicity for the Pampa rodeo, Kid Pony Show and pageant contest. Even though it's been a lot of work to keep up with all of the details and schedules (I don't see how Cindy and Jill in the rodeo office keep up), it has been a lot of fun to be around these "cowboys and cowgirls."

I'd forgotten how nice and polite most "horse" people are until this experience. These kids and adults that plan and compete in these events will just about give you the shirt off of their back if you need something. I haven't heard this many "yes ma'ams" and "no ma'ams" in years. Even though I don't hear these polite phrases.

office have been great to work with. They have accommodated me by providing all of the information I've needed, pictures I wanted to borrow, names of Web special sites to visit and photo identi- rodeo insert fications. Even though I know they've been under a lot of stress lately with the chaos of these events, they've always had a smile on their faces and laughter in their voices when I've talked

The Kid Pony Show contestants and their parents were also wonderful to deal with. No one complained about me being in the way while taking pictures or tak-

The past few weeks I've feel I warrant that type of ing time away from them to response, it is very nice to get names and the towns where they were from. The Cindy and Jill at the rodeo rodeo association people gave me access to the arena and stands and even gave suggestions on where a good photo might be taken from.

Kerri

Smith

For a in the paper weeks ago, inter-

Staff Writer viewed

Macy Cochran and Betty Wilson. Macy is a young girl who competes in the Kid Pony Show. When she and her mother came down to be interviewed, Macy could not have been more polite. It's nice to see and hear that from with the other kids her age,

young kids today. And Betty Wilson was very gracious also. It was interesting to hear her stories about growing up around the Pamparodeo and how she's gone full circle from competing to now teaching other young

kids to ride and compete. dent

One stu-Betty has been teach-

Pingel. Lauren is normally in a wheelchair from a handicap, but she has been taking riding lessons and this year was able to ride in the Kid Pony Show. Since she could not compete on an even level

decided to donate a belt buckle to her to commemorate her accomplishment. Little did everyone know it, but Lauren would also receive another belt buckle.

Yancy McCuiston also rode in the Kid Pony Show Monday evening. He ended up winning four belt buckles from his events. He decided (all on his own) to give one of those buckles to Lauren. None of us at the newspaper knew about this gift until someone called and told us about the generous young man. When I took a picture of him and Lauren together and asked why he decided to give the buckle to Lauren, I thought I was going to cry.

He said it was because he was fortunate to win those

Wayne's Western Wear events and felt God had blessed him so he wanted to share that with someone less fortunate. He thought it was great that she had the opportunity to participate by riding a horse. I then took a picture of the two of them at the rodeo, enjoying what they both love to do.

This young cowboy was so generous and giving and I wish more young people were just like that today. Many kids today are so spoiled and bratty and it is nice to see that there are still great kids out there and obviously great parents out there raising these children. I salute the hard working cowboys and cowgirls of this area and can't wait to work with them again sometime.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2007. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage and dozens of deaths.

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French

Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris. 'Ouarrel with a In 1814, British forces

invaded Washington. friend — and you setting fire to the Capitol are both wrong." and the White House, among other buildings.

In 1857, the New — Lao-Tzu York branch of the Ohio Chinese philosopher Life Insurance and Trust (570 B.C.-490 B.C.) Co. failed, sparking the

Panic of 1857. In 1932, Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in

her the first woman to fly solo non-stop from coast to coast.

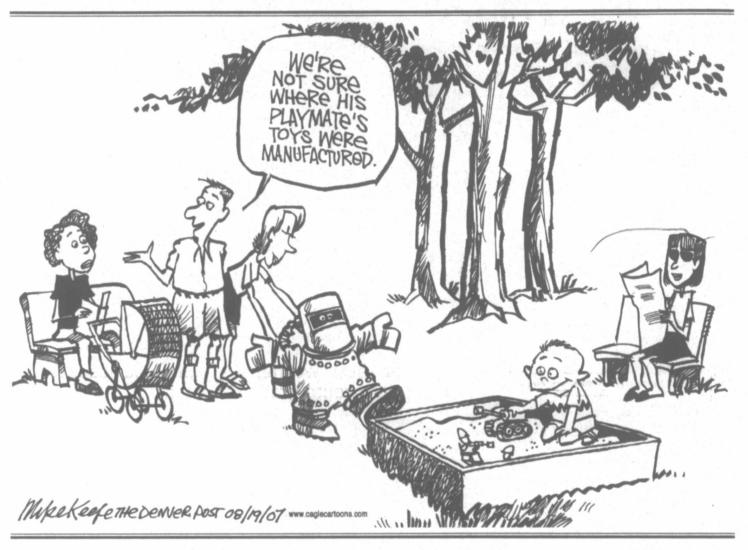
the United States. In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific. In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison,

killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht. Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II offered tough challenges and affectionate encouragement to more than a million faithful attending Mass during closing World Youth Day ceremonies in Paris.

Five years ago: In Oregon City, Ore., the FBI uncovered human remains in an outbuilding behind the house of Ward Weaver III, a suspect in the case of two missing girls who lived across the street. (Authorities recovered the remains of 12-year-old Ashley Pond and 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis; Weaver later pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life terms in prison.)

One year ago: The International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

Today's Birthdays: Former education secretary Shirley Hufstedler is 82. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 73.



Pre-emptive war is a war of aggression

The most important issue Dutch and Soviets. facing America is not even being debated by the presidential candidates. With the exception of Ron Paul, all of the candidates are acting on assumption that America's interventionist foreign policy should continue. They only differ on the details of the intervention.

Since Dr. Paul doesn't have a chance of winning, I can therefore guarantee you that regardless of who wins the nominations and regardless of who ends up in the White House, you will be saddled with the same failed interventionist policy. As in the past, it will preclude peace and result in conflicts that ultimately will bring America down. We can squander blood and treasure only so long before we collike the British, French, the intrigues, feuds and wars

That's why I have no interest in the presidential

The United States has no moral or legal right to interfere in the internal affairs of any other

nation. It is not threat-Charley ened by any Reese nation-state and there-Columnist fore has no need of

allies. An ally is someone who fights on your side during a war. When the war ends, the need

for alliances ends. George Washington - still the wisest man ever to serve as president - warned us against interventionism. He warned us against the influence of foreign lobbies. As lapse. Then we will join the he said, there is no reason for heap of has-been empires America to involve itself in

the outside world should be in trade and commerce.

The problem of terrorism, which is a direct result of our interventionist policies, is not a war. It

is a conflict with a few individuals. If stopped our interventionist foreign poli-

cies, the problem of terrorists would gradually fade away. In the meantime, terrorism can be handled by intelligence and police work. It is not a fight the military can win.

The concept of a pre-emptive war should be an abomination to every American. Pre-emptive war is a war of aggression. It was the policy of Hitler's Germany and of

that plague most parts of the the Japanese imperial govworld. Our only contact with ernment. To our national shame, apparently many Americans support the concept. They should never again criticize the Japanese for Pearl Harbor, the Third Reich for the invasion of Poland, or the Soviet Union the invasion of Afghanistan. Click your heels and salute. You are no different from the people who cheered for Hitler.

The concept of a so-called humanitarian war, trotted out by Bill Clinton to justify intervention in the Balkans, is a contradiction in terms. War itself is a crime against humanity. No sane person can justify inflicting death and destruction in the name of humanitarianism.

The great tragedy caused by the interventionists is that they sabotage the peaceful

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

M Aug. 13 El Paso Times on Army education: What a good idea! The new commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants

Major Academy at Biggs Army Airfield would like to see the Army's educational system modified so that soldiers can receive college credits for courses they take in the process of learning their individual specialities.

Col. Donald E. Gentry took over command of the academy recently from Lt. Col. Stanford W. Suits, who will stay on as assistant commandant. Gentry said of his education plan, "A soldier graduating from this school

should be able to be conferred a diploma of a bachelor's degree and move out from there.

Well, for guys who have deployed two, three, four times, they don't need to come here and pull away from their family. They need to come here, recharge, meet their family, learn their trade and give them what the Army has always said they would give them, an education."

That kind of forward thinking should produce several benefits. First, of course, it would make it easier for a soldier to acquire a college education not easier in terms of easier courses, but easier in terms of access to and acquisition of that education.

Such a plan should be attractive as a recruiting incentive. And it's certainly a

win-win for the soldier. If he or she stays in the Army, a degree looks good at promotion time and when the soldier retires, a degree furnishes an advantage if looking for a post-Army job.

Gentry's plan also should, at least in most cases, give soldiers seeking a degree more time with their families, because they would have to take fewer courses at local universities or community colleges.

And, the Army gains a more-educated soldier.

Blending the academy curriculum with the rest of the Army education system makes a great deal of sense for both the Army and the individual sol-

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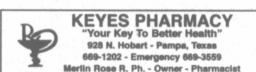
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Minister: The Rev. Barry Loving.

Services: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Activities: Vacation Bible School each summer, usually combined with other churches such as First Presbyterian and St. Matthew's Episcopal. Church bazaar each fall, sponsored by Disciples Women's Ministry. Wednesday night snack supper at 6:30 p.m. Youth groups at 7 p.m.

Members: Approximately 150 attend each Sunday.

Denomination: Disciples of Christ.

How long here: First service held in 1909. First church building was established in 1911.

Current goals: None at this time.

Other activities: The church, as well as individual Sunday School classes, give regularly to Good Samaritan Christian Services as well as Disciples ministries throughout the nation and world. The church has sponsored the "Ride for the Refugee," an effort to raise awareness and gather supplies for Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas, for the past two years. SWGSM provides shelter and aid for religious and political refugees from Cuba and Central America, sponsors an orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico, and provides supplies and aid for a free clinic in a Matamoros colonia.

Main goal: Our vision is to welcome and serve all people, share the message of Jesus Christ, and nourish spiritual growth through faith in God. Our mission is to worship God and share the gospel message by loving, serving, and witnessing to all people as we build the fellowship of Christ, one believer at a time, throughout our community and the world.

Church message: "No creed but Christ." We believe that faith in God is revealed through the Bible and the Bible is to be studied and interpreted by the individual.

Responsible parties: The minister Barry Loving, supported by 12 elders and a general board.

Information: FCC of Pampa welcomes all people who want a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ, and who want to join us in helping each other while working, worshiping and growing together in the way of the gospel.



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To change America, we must change Americans

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Dr. Jimmy Flynn

Evangelist



A naturalization ceremony is a dramatic reminder of the citizenship believers in Christ have been granted in God's heavenly kingdom.

Instead of being "separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of promise without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12), as followers of Christ, we are "fellow citizens with God's people." (Ephesians 2:19)

that we do not merit this citizenship, but, instead, we have been "adopted" by God's "glorious grace" through Christ's work on the cross. (Ephesians 1:4-8)

Similarly, noncitizens of the United States, under cer- by advocating godly laws tain conditions and circum- (Romans 13), the most stances, are able to become citizens of America. In a sense, they too have been adopted – not on the basis of anything they have done (in most cases) – but by the grace of the United States of the most permanent transfor-

Church briefs

Pease

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"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

This great hymn was written by Scotsman Walter Chalmers

Smith in 1867 and has four scriptural bases in its stanzas. The hymn is founded upon 1 Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eter-

nal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory

for ever and ever." The reference to the "Ancient of Days" in the

third line of verse one comes from Daniel 7:9, while the third

line of verse two echoes Psalm 36:6, "Thy righteousness is like

the great mountains." The last line of verse four is from 2

Corinthians 3:15-16, "But even unto this day, when Moses is

read, the veil is upon the heart." The tune is an old Welsh folk

song called St. Denio, which some sources say, was a ballad

This hymn history brought to you by

Ref: St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, England

p.m. Saturday.

music. Caleb,

about a cuckoo

As American citizens, we in the decisions our democratically-elected governuality, pornography, corruption in government - to

Clearly, these ills would not be as prevalent if more Christians understood Christ's command to be the "salt of the earth," fighting

name a few.

the moral decay of our society. (Matthew 5:13) Claiming our rights as Americans, Christians could do much to make our society better by becoming involved in our government.

However, there can be little doubt that our nation's moral climate would be vastly enhanced if more believers were following Christ's command to be the "light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We have hidden our light from the world instead of letting our "light shine before men." (Matthew 5:16)

We have not shared the good news that God offers an abundant new and eternal The word of God teaches life to those who will turn from their sin and accept Jesus Christ as savior and Lord. (John 5:24-30, John 10:10)

While Christians must fulfill our biblical duties as citizens of our government effective and eternally significant way to change America is to change Americans. The radical regeneration of souls for God's kingdom will result in mation of American culture.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

How to really tick off Satan

up churches in America are, I used George Barna's 2001 survey "U.S. Religious Beliefs." Non-church people were interviewed as well as church folks. If you ever want to check out the entire survey, simply online www.adherents.com/misc/BarnaPoll.

html. What I would like to draw your attention to in today's article concerns Satan, the devil, a.k.a. Abaddon, Apollyon, Beelzebub, the evil one, the old serpent, son of perdition, etc. These are just a few of his names and titles. What do you believe about Satan? Is he a real being? Is he a mythological charac-

ter? Is he just a name given to evil? Now it doesn't surprise me when unbelievers doubt or question the existence of the devil. After all, children of the darkness are in the dark and therefore can't see many spiritual truths. But what about believers? Better yet, what about regular church attendees? Still better, what about people claiming to be "born again?" Surely they know the truth about Satan, don't they?

Christians claiming to be born again were interviewed and presented with the following statement: "Satan is just a symbol of evil." Then they were offered the following options: strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree and strongly dis-

In an effort to help my church fam- agree. Now for anyone who knows ily see more clearly just how messed even a little about what the Bible teaches, this is a no-brainer! There is only one answer that fits with what the pages of sacred scripture teach strongly disagree!

> Mike Sublett Hi-Land Christian



Now I won't be mean and list the church denomination names, but here is a break-down of "born again" believers (each percentage represents a different denomination) who said that they strongly disagreed with Satan only being a symbol for evil: 27 percent, 37 percent, 56 percent, 34 percent, 17 percent, 20 percent, 36 percent, 20 percent, 21 percent, 18 percent, 59 percent, 48 percent, 47 percent, 22 percent.

Did you notice that only two denominations had more than half who so strongly believed in the reality of the devil that they strongly dis-

agreed that he was a mere symbol? And we foolishly think that the church's biggest problem is with the world. Our biggest problem is with watered-down, wishy-washy, nambypamby, Casper milk toast Christians who haven't realized that they are fakes and will never see the Pearly

Folks, THE DEVIL IS REAL! He has one goal each day, get as many people headed for hell as possible. He wants to keep those already headed for hell traveling in that same direction, and he wants to get the saved to trade their salvation away for a bowl of stew like Esau did.

And in Barna's survey, the answers concerning the other major Bible subjects were just as miserable from these same "born again" folks. The other topics were: Bible is totally accurate, must tell faith to others, religious faith is important, works don't earn Heaven, Christ was sinless, God is all-powerful Creator and am absolutely committed to Christianity.

So what is the remedy? First, it is time to tell the lukewarm in our churches to either get on fire or get out! Stop worrying about attendance, donations and jobs - get on fire!

Second, it is time to just preach the Word of God as is. Don't sweeten it up or water it down, just preach it!

Third, it is time to expect faithfulness in our churches and to love our fellow church members enough to correct, confront and discipline those who try to serve God and Mammon.

If Pampa's churches will do these three things, the devil will be so mad that he will try and make our lives miserable. And that will be a mighty good sign! God help us.

Half-century later, school prayer protester still continuing the battle

By JAY LINDSAY **Associated Press Writer**

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) - His protest began a halfcentury ago, when Ellery Schempp opened the Quran during his high school's mandatory Bible reading time and silently scanned passages he was too nervous to actually read.

That minor rebellion led to a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that outlawed school-sponsored prayer.

Schempp's civil disobedience in 1956 is back in the public eye with a new book 'Ellery's Protest" by New York University law professor Stephen Solomon, which examines the effect of his case amid continuing controversy over the separation of church and state.

Schempp, a genial 67year-old, clearly relishes the renewed activism as he's become a sought-after speaker for humanist groups and church and state separatists.

For most of his life, Schempp gave little thought 50 years later, this is still a bit

even as its impact ratt l e d through the courts and culture. Α

physicist, Schempp had a busy career, two marriages and saw both the North and South Poles during extensive travel in which legal his legacy

after-

thought. But his views have remained as controversial as they were when he was a teenager.

to the school prayer case, of an issue," Schempp, an

The justices wrote: "The breach of neutrality that is today a trickling stream may all too soon become a raging torrent and, in the words of Madison, 'It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

atheist, said in a recent interview home in Medford, just out-

s i d e Boston. "There's enough problems the world. Does anyone seriously think that m o r e prayer and m o r e

Bible reading is the answer to global problems, to political problems, to wars in Iraq?"

Clearly, many people do believe in prayer. The courts remain busy with cases brought by those who claim the state is either suppressing

- or promoting - a faith. In Delaware, for example, a Jewish family is suing a school district it claims is promoting Christianity with prayers at events such as school potlucks and graduation. Last year, a valedictorian from Nevada sued after school officials turned off the microphone while she spoke about Christ's Crucifixion during graduation.

John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute, a legal group that often takes on religious cases and is representing the valedictorian, agrees public schools should not be sponsoring prayer and Bible reading. But he said the Schempp ruling has been abused by interest groups who are trying to stamp religion out of public life.

In the Schempp case, the court said prayer and Bible reading in his school were religious exercises, and it

"I'm really dismayed that was unconstitutional for a public school to require

The justices wrote: "The breach of neutrality that is today a trickling stream may all too soon become a raging torrent and, in the words of Madison, 'It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

Whitehead compared the Schempp decision "to throwing a big brick in a small pond."

"The rippling effect is still happening," he said.

Schempp was trying to make a point, not legal history, when he brought the Muslim scriptures to the Abington (Pa.) High School on Nov. 26, 1956.

He was raised in the Unitarian church, with its lack of dogma, and objected to the school's "morning devotional," in which a Bible passage was read and the Lord's Prayer recited, because he viewed the practice as promoting beliefs he and others didn't hold.

Schempp opened Quran to show that there were other holy books. After he refused to stand for the Lord's Prayer, his teacher called him aside and he was sent out of the classroom.

That evening, Schempp wrote the American Civil Liberties Union to ask for help, and the case began its trip to the Supreme Court. In the meantime, Schempp was headed to Tufts University and a busy academic life, and a new passion for climbing developed in the White Mountains of. Hampshire.

In June 1963, Schempp heard the news of the Supreme Court decision on the car radio while honeymooning with his first wife in South Dakota. About 1,000 letters soon arrived at his parents' house - some supportive, others filled with expletives and even smeared with excrement.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR BROTHER-DEPRIVED: Of course it is your right to know about your third brother. However, let me caution you to proceed very gently. Obviously your mother's heart was broken, and this is something from which she may never completely recover. There also might not be much to tell -- other than how devastating the loss was to her and your father.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 32-year-old female who has been having an affair during the last year with my 59-year-old married boss. I am madly in love with him and divorced my husband eight months ago to marry him. He promised to divorce his wife, but so far there is no sign of divorce. I'm beginning to think I'm a big fool. What do you think? - HOT TO TROT IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR HOT TO TROT: I agree.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a library and have noticed an alarming trend. People are using their mail as bookmarks, often forgetting that it is there and returning the books. I can't tell you how many times I have found people's personal information in books that I reshelve. Abby, please alert your readers that this practice of using mail to mark your library book is unsafe in this age of identity theft. If I don't find it first, anyone who takes the book after you and finds something you might have left there will have immediate access to your name and address. And if the mail is something sensitive, like a bill or bank statement, the dangers are even greater. Please remind your readers that it's easy to forget, and mail is not an appropriate bookmark. --JON IN FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

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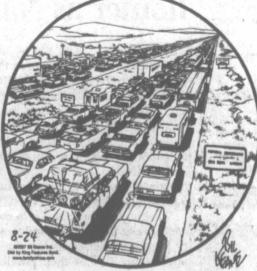
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Sports Day

8-2 over Lake Oswego, Ore.

S O U T H team a 4-2 lead. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. Arredondo hit a three-run homer and reliever Garrett Williams shut down Lake Oswego, Ore., in an 8-2 win Thursday for Lubbock, Texas, sending them to the Little League World Series U.S. title game.

Trailing 2-0 in the top of the third, Jay Pendergrass hit a one-out double to left for unbeaten Lubbock (3-0). Greg Hewett reached on an error to put runners on the corners.

Stephen Smith beat out a potential double-play ball that allowed Pendergrass to score to give Lubbock its first run. After Williams singled, Arredondo crushed a

1-0 pitch to right to give his

Texas will play Georgia Bryndan on Saturday to decide the U.S. championship.

Lake Oswego (2-2) had taken a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning after Williams allowed Calvin Hermanson's tworun single with one out. Lubbock's left-handed ace pitcher got out of the inning with two strikeouts.

After recording all 17 outs in his first appearance strikeout, Williams struck out the first six batters he faced against Lake Oswego. When Reid Penney flew out in the fourth inning, it was the first time in the World Series that Williams recorded an out other than by strikeout.

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3-run blast lifts Lubbock, Texas, | Harvesters to meet Big Spring in Lubbock



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Head football coach Andy Cavalier talks with the varsity boys during Thursday's afternoon practice.

Just two short weeks after getting back into the swing of things, the Pampa Harvesters will hit the road today to meet the Big Spring Steers in Lubbock for a scrimmage.

At 6 p.m. at Moneterey, the freshman and JV teams will play on opposite ends of the field.

The varsity team will follow at 7 p.m.

Next week, the time will come for everybody to 'Meet the Harvesters.'

The event usually takes place earlier in the year, but track construction has held the date back.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, after the freshman game against Perryton which starts at 5 p.m.

The JV will take on Perryton following at 8 p.m. Varsity will have their

first game of the season Friday, also against

Optimist football parents, coaches make decisions concerning this coming season

The Pampa Optmist Youth Club will offer flag football for boys and girls in the first and second grades and tackle football in a third and fourth grade division and in a fifth and sixth grade division this season, according for tackle football and \$45 to Second Vice-President for flag football. Kevin Davis.

A group of 33 parents, players, coaches, league officials and Optimist members made these recommendations Monday at an orgameeting nizational Optmist football.

Signups are scheduled for father explained. "We need Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and September 1 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Optmist Club.

Playing fees will be \$75

Those present discussed the idea of having third and fourth graders play flag football, but all who spoke on the subject oppposed it. "Playing flag will put our and intercepting passes as kids two years behind all the well as kickoff and punt surrounding towns," one return players will also be United Way agency.

time to teach these kids the fundamentals of football," a coach pointed out. Optimist Board of Directors will make the final decision.

A weight limitation for players handling the football was discussed. The Optmist Board was requested to set weight limits for players playing quarterback, running back and receiver. Players recovering fumbles well as kickoff and punt subject to the weight limit. Dr.

Kevin researched programs from six different states which had weight limits. explained that this will likely reduce injuries and make the teams more competitive.

Davis announced that Billy West will be the commissioner for tackle football and Brian Poage will serve in the same capacity for flag football.

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Ichiro leads Mariners to 9-4 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers were short on energy and runs — one day after their recordbreaking performance.

Worn out after scoring 39 runs in a doubleheader and then not getting home until after 4 a.m., the Rangers couldn't keep up with AL wild-card leader Seattle in a 9-4 loss Thursday

"I think everyone might have been a little bit tired," Frank Catalanotto said. "I know I was dragging a little bit today. You don't want to make excuses,

but it's tough not to point at that." Ichiro Suzuki had a three-run double in between homers by Jose Guillen and Jose Vidro during a seven-run sixth inning for the Mariners, who got to Texas in time for dinner Wednesday night after playing a day game.

"They scored 30-plus runs, but they played a doubleheader. It's hot. They got here late," Suzuki said through a translator. "I feel bad for them."

Seattle is 18-7 since a seven-game losing streak last month and has a twogame lead in the wild-card standings ahead of the New York Yankees, who were off Thursday. The Mariners also moved within one game of the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels.

The Rangers were coming off a long doubleheader Wednesday in Baltimore, which included a 30-3 victory in the opener when they set an American League record for runs in a game. It was the first time in 110 years that a major league team scored 30 runs.

Texas won the nightcap 9-7 and finished with an AL-record 39 runs in the doubleheader.

The Rangers led 3-1 against Seattle after a pair of two-out homers: Brad Wilkerson's two-run drive in the third and a solo shot by in the Saltalamacchia fourth. Wilkerson finished 4-for-4.

But Seattle's big inning put the game

"Hopefully, they were tired. That (39 runs) is very impressive, no doubt. But you don't like to think about that stuff. Texas' lineup is still very potent," Mariners starter Jeff Weaver said. "It's just a matter of time before we break through. We feel really good about our team right now."

Weaver (6-10) won his fourth straight start in August. The right-hander pitched six innings, throwing 60 of his 82 pitches for strikes. He allowed three runs with five strikeouts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007

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You need to take a stand more frequently this year. Others want to know who you are. How you project and express yourself often determines the outcome of situations. Sometimes you worry yourself to death overthinking a problem. Try to avoid creating nervous anxiety. Your career or public image takes constant tending. You will expend an inordinate amount of effort achieving your goals. If you are single, your life takes a turnaround that might delight you. Clearly you can kiss your single days goodbye, if you so choose. If you are attached, your relationship can bloom if you let go of a tendency to be critical. AQUARIUS works well with you.

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)

** You happily move forward and try a different approach. Evaluate and think before you agree to a new level of commitment. Pressure builds, and you could become sassy. That attitude really doesn't support you. Tonight: Head out the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** ★ If you have plans to take the day off, get going. Inevitably obstacles could appear in your path. Determination defines what you get done and choose to do. Without it, the end results will be dubious at best. Tonight: Don't even think that others aren't noticing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** If you would like to do something differently or in a more creative vein, the time is now. Don't expect everyone or even one important person to agree. Obviously you are on your own. Consider what you want at this point. Tonight: Walk to a different beat. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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*** Others dominate and decide what is happening, when and where. You can make decisions that could define events, or you might opt to join in. Think about who you want to be with, and decisions will be made from this point. Tonight: Say "yes" to an appealing offer. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** The time has come to make some decisions and move into a new realm. How you feel about somebody could be redefined as a result of actions or disagreeable comments. Ask yourself: What is behind his or her negative comments? Tonight: In the whirlwind of life. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept, 22)

★★★★ Sarcasm always has an impact. The true question remains whether you are willing to deal with the ramifications. Think before speaking. Creatively honor your feelings while getting to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: Fun and games. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**★ You might be a touch more sassy than you realize. Investigate and handle a problem head-on. If you are able to avoid a collision course with someone, you need to pat yourself on the back. You might want to allow your creativity to flow later on. Tonight: Let loose. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Speak your mind, but be careful. You don't want to be in the position of having to spend your last penny on another gesture asking for forgiveness, do you? Diplomacy can and will save your bank account. Tonight: Entertain

from your pad. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You might need to move through a situation more efficiently. Someone might be triggered, but not caving in could be very important. Knowing where a problem begins and ends also could be important. Tonight: Visit over

dinner or munchies. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Step up and let others know where you stand and what your impressions are. You count, and others see that Experience greater satisfaction through focusing on your goals. Your humor emerges. Tonight: Treat yourself and someone else ... you decide what.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You have a lot on your mind. Go forward knowing what you want and expect. Take the day to figure out what action is best. Timing is on your side, especially with an emotional issue Tonight: Happy as can be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You need to aim for what you want. Investigate what a friend suggests, even if you have a negative reaction. Your intuition suggests the most powerful direction possible. Use your free time to think.' Tonight: Take a personal night.

Guitarist Gene Simmons (1949), actor Sean Connery (1930), conductor Leonard Bernstein (1918)

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Belliard caps big inning with homer as Nationals beat Astros

HOUSTON (AP) The Washington Nationals figured the best way to get to Houston's Juan Gutierrez in his first major league start was to be aggressive early. It turned out they needed the entire six-run lead.

Ronnie Belliard capped a five-run first inning with a two-run homer, and Austin Kearns had three hits as the Nationals hung on to beat the Astros 7-6 on Thursday night.

Washington tagged Gutierrez for another run in the third, and took three of four in the series against the Astros after losing five of their previous six "We jumped on him," Belliard said.

"He was throwing strikes. Especially a rookie, he's going to try to work that zone."

Said Gutierrez: "In the first inning, I threw all my pitches down, and it looked like I just made it easy for them to hit."

Astros manager Phil Garner was lenient in appraising the 23-year-old right-hander, who was making just his

third appearance. "I don't think he just grooved them in there in the first inning," Garner said. "He just didn't have a chance to

get his head above water."

Carlos Lee hit a pair of two-run homers, the second with two outs off closer Chad Cordero in the ninth to make it 7-6. But Cordero got Orlando Palmeiro to pop out for his 28th save in 36 chances.

"I was going to go right after him," said Cordero, who hadn't pitched since Saturday. "If he hit it out, he hit it out."

Lee also hit an RBI single in the seventh off Luis Ayala, as the Astros lost for the sixth time in nine games.

"We almost made a comeback, but it is really hard when you get down like that," Lee said.

Rookie John Lannan (2-2) worked in and out of trouble, giving up three runs, five hits and five walks while winning for the first time in four starts. He picked up his first victory on Aug. 1, his first start after he was thrown out of his debut for hitting the Phillies' Chase Utley and Ryan Howard in consecutive at-bats.

"I struggled with my spots and throwing fastballs for strikes," Lannan said. "I walked too many guys. I was just trying to keep the team in the game after those six runs."

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Events calendar

 Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Support Group will present Gayla Blades, a pet therapy volunteer, and her certified pet therapy dog "Gee Gee" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of Pampa Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 669-7190.

 RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) will stage its 34th Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet for its volunteers in Pampa, White Deer, McLean and Shamrock at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday. The Amarillo banquet will be at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room. Participants must RSVP by Sept. 3. For more information, call (806) 373-8389 or 1-877-373-8389.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

The Institute for Natural Resources will offer a seminar for the

medical and health care industry entitled "The Addicted Brain" Sept. 5 in Lubbock and Sept. 6 in Amarillo. The seminar will be worth six credit hours and is open to nurses, pharmacists, dietitians/DTRs, psychologists, social workers, nursing home administrators, case managers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, massage therapists, counselors and other health professionals. To find out more or to register, call 1-877-246-6336 or (925) 609-2820.

· CASA of the High Plains will hold an informational training meeting for potential volunteers at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at The Brown Alliance for Children in Pampa. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Volunteers speak for children in the legal system, many of whome have been neglected and/or abused.

• The Corporation for National and Community Service will present an AmeriCorps*VISTA informational seminar from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sept. 12 at Panhandle Community Services in Amarillo. Participants must RSVP by Aug. 31. To learn more, call (806) 373-

• The deadline to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage program is Sept. 15. The program seeks to honor Texas farms and ranches celebrating 100 years or more of existence. For more information call (512) 463-2631 or log on to www.agr.state.tx.us.

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Big Mac turning 40, gets own museum

CHICAGO (AP) Normally, a 40-year-old sandwich would be something to be avoided.

Unless you're one of millions who flock to comfort food." McDonald's each year to chow down on a Big Mac. The triple-decker burger, which helped breed America's super-size culture and restaurants' everturning 40.

For some fast-food junkies, that's cause for celebration.

together — it's like heaven this week in your mouth," said April Kohlhaas, a 31-year-old Chicago resident. "It's just tradition, like American

The Big Mac was first introduced in 1967 by Jim Delligatti, a McDonald's franchise owner Uniontown, Pa. A year later, it became a staple of expanding jumbo meals, is McDonald's menus nation-

To celebrate the burger's anniversary, Delligatti, 89, and his family opened a Big "The flavors that come Mac Museum Restaurant

in North Huntingdon, Pa., full of memorabilia, celebratory exhibits and "the world's largest Big Mac statue."

Indeed, the sandwich has become a veritable pop culture phenomenon, spawning everything from an impossible-to-forget jingle ("Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame-seed bun," anyone?) to a currency-evaluation index created by The Economist.

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and prosperous country that America could be. It's no mystery why the infrastructure is beginning to fail. It's no mystery why public education fails in so many places. It's no mystery why health care is becoming increasingly unaffordable. Look at the cost of the empire – the military and intelligence budgets, the cost of the wars. Between the military-industrial complex and the new war service industry, the treasury is being sucked dry

by the worst people for the worst reasons. In the meantime, what are the presidential candidates talking about? A few social schemes. Different strategies for intervention. They are like the first-class passengers on the Titanic, sitting around discussing their business deals and various affairs. They show no sign of awareness of the real world outside the televised game show called "Win the Nomination.'

Who's ahead? Who zinged who? Who cares?

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

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Leeland and John Waller.

Tickets to the Christian music concert will go on sale Saturday through Panhandle Tickets and will be available at the Civic Center Box Office, area United Supermarkets, Randy's Music Mart in Amarillo, by phone at (806) 378-3096 or on-line at www.panhandletickets.com.

Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Call (806) 378-3096 for more information. The event is being produced by Glenn Smith Presents, Inc., and Civic Amarillo.

