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Pampa News photo by David Bowser Coach Shane Stokes works with Ethan Hunt during batting practice for the

Fuel prices driving up cost of maintaining city streets

Celanese Cal Ripkin League. (Story and photos on Page 7.)

By DAVID BOWSER The Pampa News

More streets in Pampa will be seal coated this summer than originally planned.

meeting Tuesday afternoon approved anoth- \$1.50 to \$1.75 per square yard and could go er \$300,000 to seal coat more city streets and patch others this summer. They had already

budgeted \$250,000 for the city's seal coating project next summer.

Donny Hooper with the city's public works department told the commission that because of fuel costs the price of seal coating The Pampa City Commission in a special has increased. He said it had gone up from

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County gov't defers action

Commissioners considering policy on junk yards, rural dumping

> By MARILYN POWERS The Pampa News

Gray County commissioners voted Tuesday to continue the burn ban currently in effect for the county but deferred action on the county policy concerning junk yards and rural dump-

The burn ban, which went into effect Jan. 15, has been continued by commissioners at each of their subsequent meetings due to the presence of conditions favorable for wildfires. These conditions include an extended period of little to no rainfall with dry vegetation and frequent periods of high winds.

The ban prohibits outdoor burning with the exception of barbecue grills and some occupational practices such

as welding. Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby presented drafts of proposed county policy concerning junk yards and rural dumping. He first brought the issue before county commissioners at its Feb. 15 meeting after noting

several locations within his precinct where junk yards were present and where dumping of appliances, furniture, household trash, tires and other items had occurred.

"It is not my intent to infringe upon private property rights, but only to protect residents," Willoughby said at Tuesday's meeting concerning the proposed policy. "It is also not the intent of Gray County to make money out of this."

Action on the proposed policy was deferred until commissioners' next meeting in two weeks so that the draft could be updated and completed.

A request by property owners at Pămpa Industrial Park, located along County Road 12 1/2 east of Pampa off Highway 60, was granted by commissioners. Dick Stowers, representing the property owners, asked that

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LOCAL NEWS

Deputies arrest man on burglary, arson charges

By MARILYN POWERS The Pampa News

An arrest has been made in connection with a burglary reported March 20 at the Taylor Mart located at 11818 Highway 60 West.

Joseph Ryon Gross, 20, of Pampa was arrested Friday by Gray County sheriff's deputies and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of theft over \$500 and under \$1,500, burglary of a building and attempted

He remained in jail as of Tuesday afternoon in lieu of \$7,500 bond on the arson charge, \$5,000 bond on the burglary charge and \$2,500 bond on the theft charge, for total bond of \$15,000, according to jail records.

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School trustees to convene next meeting

By MARILYN POWERS The Pampa News

The Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

Trustees will consider purchase of the READ180 curriculum and OdysseyWare. They will

examine a budget amendment and possible revision of school policy concerning commencement.

Clarification on a parttime teacher employment offer will be discussed, along with PISD construction projects.

Other agenda items include goal-setting for 2008-2009.

Library Book Sale begins tomorrow



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

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Joy Haynes and Roy Morriss of Friends of the Library sort children's books by age group for display at the Friends of the Library's annual book sale, which begins Thursday in the conference room at the north end of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. This year's sale features a large number of children's and large-print books, as well as jigsaw puzzles and other books and publications. Music and movies round out the list.

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Friday

Sunday







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Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Northwest

wind around 10 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MYATT, Rose LaNell "Rosie" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Rose LaNell 'Rosie' Myatt, 89

Rose LaNell "Rosie" Myatt, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died March 31, 2008, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Butch Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Myatt was born Feb. 1, 1919, in Chillicothe, Texas, to Ruth Kate and

Robert Williams. Rosie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was characterized by her gentle spirit, her kindheartedness and her humor. Throughout her

lifetime, Rosie was also a talented Myatt musician and a gifted artist. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Rosie was preceded

in death by her husband of

68 years, Ed Myatt.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Cook and husband Bo of Houston, and Martha Cunningham and husband Pete of Waxahachie; two grandchildren, Chris Cunningham

and wife Joanna of Waxahachie, sisters-in-law, Bohlander of Pampa, Jenny

and Eric Cunningham of Dallas; three Betty Ralls, and Norma Healy and

husband Frank, all of San Antonio.

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The family would like to extend their special thanks to Sandy and Leonard Warren, and Dr. Joe Donaldson for their continuous support and assistance.

Memorial contributions in Rosie's name may be made to the organization or charity of your choice.

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

Lena Pearce, 96

LINDALE — Lena Pearce, 96, of Lindale, died March 31, 2008, at Lindale. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Pearce was born

23, 1912, at Shongaloo, La. She married William Claud Pearce on

1928, Sept. 26, Smackover, Ark.; he died on Aug. 15, 1977.

Mrs. Pearce formerly lived in Pampa before moving to Lindale in 2002. She was a homemaker and a member of Church of the Nazarene in Pampa.

She was preceded in death

in by a son, George Pearce in May of 2004; and a grandson, Greg Cole on Dec. 26, 1976.

Survivors include(two daughters, Marjorie Edmunds and Claudia Cole, both of Hideaway; one sister, Treby Staten of Springhill, Louisiana; one brother, Jim

Lindsey of Cotton Valley. La.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Heart to Heart Hospice, 1402 Rice Road, Suite 100, Tyler, TX

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Twenty-one traffic stops were made. A stop in the 200, block of West, 28th resulted in arrests. Traffic complaints were

received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the 900 block of Mary Ellen and the 400 block of Lefors.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of East Browning, the 2300 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of North Frost, twice in the 400 block of Red Deer, twice in the 1500 block of LARGE 2 Bdrm with lg Williston, once in the 500

Seven attempts to serve papers were made.

Found property reported in the 800 block of South Hobart. A bicycle was found in Priest Park.

Found property

reported in the police department lobby.

Lost property was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner. A wallet containing a driver's license, credit cards and \$500 in cash was lost.

Lost property was reported in the 1100 block of West Coronado Drive. The incident involved a wallet.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

matters Civil reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 400 block of North Wynne and the 1100 block of Crane

Road. A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Lefors streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1800 block of Hamilton and the 700 block of Locust. Violation of a city ordi-

nance was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. A silent/abusive 911 call

was received from the 1000 block of Love. An information report

was taken in the 1000 block

of Love. Disorderly conduct was reported in the police department lobby, the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1400 block of West

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block

Somerville.

of Duncan. The back window of a pickup was broken out with a rock. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Criminal mischief was reported at Attebury Grain Elevator, 600 S. West. A window in the grain elevator and a window in the main office were broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$530.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. Two windows of a camper shell were broken with a rock. Estimated cost of damage is \$500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. Three windows of a motor home were broken out. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Somerville. A motorcycle trailer brake lamp was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$15.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Christine. The hood of a 1994 Jaguar was damaged and the hood ornament taken. Estimated cost of damage and loss is \$3,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the police department lobby, the 400 block of North Sumner and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 400 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of East Francis. Taken were a mattress and box springs, bed frame, television and compact disc player. Estimated value of loss is \$450.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. A 4-month-old pit bull was taken out of a back yard. Estimated value of loss is \$500.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Naida. A television valued at \$700 was taken out of a storage unit.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Monday, March 31

Jerimey Ray Howard, 29, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and a Randall County charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Charles J. Church, 31, of Springfield, Ohio, was Texas arrested Department of Public Safety for possession of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of

marijuana. Shawna Gail Henry, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West 28th Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Allen Curry-Lee Henry, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West 28th by PPD for no proof of financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection, expired motor vehicle registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of no valid driver's license.

Jake Adam Berry, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Marcus Allen Dorsey, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to maintain financial responsibility, running a red light in a school zone and no valid driver's license.

Bobby Joe Sanchez, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of North Sumner by PPD on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license and failure to

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, April 1 3:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Randy Matson and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical



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up more during the summer.

"If we wait too long," Hooper said, "the price may go up more."

The initial \$250,000 that the commission had budgeted for seal coating was expected to cover seven miles of city streets. The additional \$300,000 will bring the total to 14 miles.

Pampa Financial Director Robin Bailey said excess revenues from increased sales taxes should cover the additional cost.

The city commission also approved certifying 17 weapons in the Pampa Police Department as surplus. They will be sold to federally licensed gun dealers.

City Manager Trevlyn Pitner, the former chief of police, told the commissioners that the weapons were all over 15 years old and in need of repair. They had been used by police officers, but were now considered

The list of weapons includes 15 Remington shotguns, one Winchester shotgun and one Armalite AR-180 assault rifle.

The commission also authorized

an interlocal governmental agreement cooperation contract with Lefors. The person who oversees their water department is incapacitated, Pitner said, and the agreement would allow Pampa to provide emergency services for the water department should the need arise.

Pitner said he expected the situation to be short term.

"We're just being good neighbors," said Commissioner Robert Dixon.

The commission also cancelled their regularly scheduled April 8 meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 22.

County

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commissioners update the plat of the area by removing two proposed streets. Stowers brought to the meeting a letter signed by all property owners concerning the request.

The original plat, filed in October of 1980, included two proposed streets in addition to what is now County Road 12 1/2, formerly called Green Street. The other two streets would be named Gold and White Streets. When Gray County accepted responsibility for Green Street, it was renamed County Road 12 1/2.

Stowers explained that if either or both of the proposed streets were to be put in, it would interfere with the current and planned future arrangement of property in the area.

Commissioners voted to have the roof at the Lovett Building repaired. The roof currently leaks, threatening damage to five rooms' worth of records currently being stored there, said County Judge Richard Peet. The building also houses a county constable's office, the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office and the offices of the county juvenile probation depart-

County funds which were budgeted for repairs will be used to pay for the roof. Estimates from two roofing companies had been obtained prior to Tuesday's meeting, and commissioners voted to have Crawford Roofing, which turned in the lower estimate of \$7,950, do the repairs.

Manuel DeLeon, local specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, spoke on the operation and maintenance agreement, inspection items and new inspection forms for the McClellan Creek watershed flood retardant sites. He also addressed commissioners concerning developing plans to address needs discovered by inspections of the sites.

Bids on 19 tax-delinquent properties were accepted by commissioners. They are: Arthur Williams, \$200 for Drive, \$509 for 1149 Prairie Drive and salaries.

and \$208 for 1048 Huff Road; New Hope Baptist Church, \$101 each for 407-409 Oklahoma and 404 Crawford; Glen Harris, \$3,321, 113 S. Wells; William Shelton, \$1,553 for 1105 S. Dwight, \$675 for 220-222 Craven and \$127 for 905 Murphy; Lonnie Moore, \$450, 510 Oklahoma; Jan Becker and Suzan Gregory, \$3,000, 509 E. Foster; Mary Thomas, \$500, 1037 Varnon Drive; Mary Mack, \$508 for 909 S. Somerville and \$553 for 900-902 Brunow; James Robles, \$500, 405 Davis; Robert Oliveira, \$100, Campbell; Bruce McMahon, \$601, 833 Murphy; and Denia Sissom, \$150, lot on Albert Street.

Commissioners also approved payment of overtime for county clerk's employees for working all 2008 elections, with cost to be shared by all entities involved in the elections; transfer of Perry LeFors Airport Hangar lease for Lot 24 from Jeff Kindle to Raymond Cox; a bond for the county deputy treasurer; the county treasurer's report; the county 709 S. Gray, \$308 for 1124 Varnon clerk's report; and payment of bills

Arrest

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The burglary was reported at 3:15 a.m. March 20, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard, and is believed to have the attempted arson charge, Hoard

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occurred sometime between midnight and the time of the report. Approximately \$650 cash was taken in the burglary.

A trail of flammable liquid was found leading across the floor of the building into an office at the time the burglary was investigated, prompting

The method of entry into the store at the time of the burglary had been undetermined at the time it was reported. Gross was an employee of the store at the time of the incident, Hoard said. distance offert.

Police decide not to charge 14-year-old who gave birth on plane

year-old girl who delivered a stillborn fetus in the bathroom of an airplane on her way back from a middleschool field trip will not be charged with any wrongdoing, Houston police said Wednesday.

The Harris County District Attorney's office decided not believed to be the father.

HOUSTON (AP) — A 14- to pursue charges against the girl, who disposed of the fetus in a waste can. The students and their chaperones were returning from New York aboard a March 30 Continental Airlines flight.

> Houston homicide investigators interviewed both the girl and a 14-year-old boy

have not identified, told was pregnant. Preliminary autopsy results indicated the fetus was stillborn and not viable, police said

at non-stop flight from New plane landed.

The girl, who authorities York's LaGuardia Airport. The plane, which was about police she didn't know she 30 minutes late, carried 144 passengers and six crew members.

A cleaning crew found the fetus inside a wastebasket in The Boeing 737 plane the bathroom of a Bush Continental Airlines plane Intercontinental Airport on a about 15 minutes after the

Bernanke warns recession possibility

By JEANNINE AVERSA **AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Wednesday the economy may shrink over the first half of this year and that "a recession is possible." Yet, he didn't offer any assurances of further interest rate cuts.

Bernanke's testimony to the Joint Economic Committee was a much more pessimistic assessment of the economy's immediate prospects amid a trio of crises - housing, credit and financial.

"It now appears likely that gross domestic product (GDP) will not grow much, if at all, over the first half of 2008 and could even contract slightly," Bernanke told lawmakers. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is the best barometer of the United States' economic health. Under one rule, six straight months of declining GDP, would constitute a recession.

Still, Bernanke said that he expects more economic growth in the second half of this year and into 2009, helped by the government's \$168 billion stimulus package of tax rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses as well as the Fed's aggressive reductions to a key interest rate. Nevertheless, the chairman acknowledged uncertainty about the Fed's next steps, notwithstanding the mounting economic woes.

"Much necessary economic and financial adjustment has already taken place, and monetary and fiscal policies are in train that should support a return to growth in the second half of this year and next year," Bernanke said.

To try to limit the damage, the Federal Reserve has aggressively cut a key interest rate, now at 2.25 percent, to spur buying and investing by individuals and businesses. At the Fed's last meeting in March, however, two members dissented from the Fed's decision to sharply cut rates, showing a rare division in the often unified front the Fed shows the public. The dissenting officials, who had reputations for being extra concerned about inflation, favored a smaller reduc-

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Viewpoints

Making sense: When travel is experience

that my global wanderings when my dad was president qualify me to run for the presidency myself.

Mrs. Clinton has been insisting that her global junkets as first lady, and her meetings with foreign leaders, qualify her to be president of these United States.

I never thought of it that way, but if she is correct then I am eminently qualified to follow my father's footsteps and take up residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., not merely as a member of the president's family, but as president in my own right.

media now admit will say or do anything to win election, is using her past as first lady my visit - was treated by

Clinton for the revelation American people on her expertise in foreign policy, a claim largely based on her travels during her husband's administration and the fact that she met with world leaders while junketing abroad.

Well I'll match my global travels and meetings with world leaders against hers any time, and I'll come out on top.

As a member of the president's immediate family I traveled far and wide, accompanied by entourage of Secret Service agents, as are all members of a president's family. And because I was the son of a Hillary, who even the sitting president, my presence in their country – no matter what the reason for

visit, and I was accorded the treatment given to such official guests.

Moreover, I was present during times of crisis when momentous decisions were made affecting foreign poli-

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

For example, I was in a suite in the Century Plaza Hotel when my father gave Attorney

Gen. Ed Meese the authority to order our military to shoot down Moammar Gadhafi's aircraft in the Gulf of Sidra.

Following Hillary's reasoning, that experience qualifies me as an expert of military matters relating to for-

I'm indebted to Hillary to attempt to sell the their leaders as an official eign affairs capable of know- merely threatened by imagiing what to do in a moment of crisis.

Hillary has made much of her alleged exposure to danger during a visit to Bosnia, claiming falsely that she came under sniper fire and is

> thus qualified to act facing personal threats.

When my father ordered air strikes

against two of Gadhafi's homes, which killed his adopted child who was in one of them, Gadhafi swore to get revenge by killing Ronald Reagan's adopted son - me. My life was threatened by a world leader, not

nary sniper fire.

On one occasion during my dad's administration, when I went to Taiwan on private business (I was in the yacht business in those days), the government went all-out to greet me even though I came as a private citizen. Before I could check out the yachts there, I had to perform the official duty of laying a wreath on the tomb of Chiang Kai-shek, not as a yacht broker but as an official visitor representing the president of the United

Does that experience qualify me as an expert on Far Eastern affairs?

On the same trip, my family and I were greeted in the Philippines by Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, and invited to visit them in the presidential palace for cocktails and conversation. That was another meeting with a world leader.

Hillary's widely-touted experience is not at all unique. Any member of any presidential family has had similar experiences but not one of them ever even suggested that their travel and meetings with foreign leaders qualified them to be president of the United States.

Nancy Reagan, for example, had far more experience than Hillary, but she was content to be the loving wife of a president instead of crowing about the famous world leaders she met in her

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2008. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1968, the influential science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington. On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most

'No artist is ahead of his time. He is his time. It is just that others are behind the time.

 Martha Graham Modern dance pioneer (1894-1991)

of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces.

In 1908, actor-dancer Buddy Ebsen was born in Belleville, Ill.

In 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1932, aviator Charles

Lindbergh and John Condon went to a cemetery in New York, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man called "John" in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child was not returned, and was found dead the following

In 1974, French president Georges Pompidou died in Paris.

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain took back the islands the following In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a

bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece. In 2005, Pope John Paul II, who'd led the Roman Catholic

Church for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84. Ten years ago: Shaking their fists in rage, thousands of mourners marched in a funeral procession in the West Bank for a top Hamas bomb maker (Mohiyedine Sharif) hailed by Palestinians as a martyr and condemned by Israel as a terror-

Five years ago: American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline; Iraqi soldiers discarded their military uniforms by the roadside to hide their identity. A bomb blast near a wharf in the southern Philippine city of Davao killed 16.

Nation now into bungled war five years

We have passed the fiveyear anniversary of George W. Bush's bungled war in Iraq. What has it gained the American people? I'm afraid the answer is nothing. Let's look at the accomplish-

We delivered a new ally to Iran. We lost nearly 4,000 American lives and suffered another 29,000 wounded. We spent \$400 billion, by Pentagon accounting. We increased the federal deficit to \$9 trillion. We've made the Middle East more, not less, unstable. American prestige is in the trash can. Oil is more than \$100 a barrel. The military is strained to the breaking point, so we are now recruiting highschool dropouts and people with criminal records. The American economy is on the tipping point of disaster. Bush's disapproval rating is at 65 percent.

Iraq is by no means stable. The destruction of infrastructure and loss of life in Iraq have, many say, permanently wrecked the country. The so-called rebuilding of Iraq has, from the beginning, been a clus-

Charley

Reese

Columnist

ter-blunder marked by greed, corruption, nobid contracts and incompe-

tence. To a large extent, we have lost our economic independence. Most of the brands you see advertised on television are Japanese; most of the stuff we buy is made in China. We are the biggest debtor nation in the world. The product of our public education system sucks when compared with most of the industrial world. If it weren't for foreigners with Ph.D.'s in the sciences and engineering, many of insoluble problem. our faculties would be lacking enough warm bodies to teach. You might think about that before you gripe about Muslims. The dollar has lost so much purchasing power,

foreigners are beginning demand payment in euros.

We've had some incompetents as president. I've

always thought Jimmy Carter was the champion incompetent, but by golly he's been dethroned by George Bush. The Chinese, the Japanese and the Russians think we are stupid. They may be right at the present time, but America's ace in the hole has always been the ability to change. We do not face a single

However, since all of our problems are self-created, we are going to have to change ourselves in order to solve them. I won't say, as Henry Hull said in an old movie about Jesse James, that the first thing we have to do is take all the lawyers out in the street and shoot them down like dogs. I will say we should close about threequarters of the law schools in the U.S. We already have a surplus of lawyers, far more than any other three nations combined. Lawyers do not create wealth; they transfer it from their clients to themselves.

On the other hand, engineers and scientists, of which we have a shortage, do create wealth. I once argued that a new American missile should be sited on

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

Texas: March 20

Houston Chronicle on immigration and the next president:

The temperature of the immigration debate has cooled noticeably, both among voters and the leading presidential candidates. That bodes well for

With Sen. John McCain, Sen. Hillary Clinton or Sen. Barack Obama in the White House next year, the mix of political capital and a clear perspective will mean that real reform of the nation's immigration policy can finally take place. Voters can look forward to a

place of the circus that passed for debate last time around.

According to a recent Zogby International poll commissioned by the Houston Chronicle, this measured attitude is exactly what Americans want. The survey showed that only one in 10 Harris County voters called immigration the most pressing issue in choosing candidate in the general election. Republicans, predictably, felt more urgency: Illegal immigration ranked first for 20 percent of likely GOP voters, but for only 3 percent of

Democratic voters. Overall, 35 percent of likely voters in Harris County said the economy is their first concern.

Locally and nationally, voters calm, reasoned policy discussion in already have acted on those priorities.

Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former N.Y. Gov. Rudy Giuliani immigration hard-liners all either jumped or were pushed from the presidential race this winter.

In Houston, the usually level-headed former district clerk, Charles Bacarisse, lost his bid to become the GOP's nominee for county judge in part because of his sudden zealotry about legal immigrants' medical bills.

Bacarisse clearly got some bad advice on what would energize local voters. Like his national counterparts, his alarmism on immigration ended up distracting voters from his record of competence in office.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just made the biggest career mistake of my life. I was working for a wonderful company. Then a former co-worker told me about a management position opening at the agency she went to work for. I thought it would be my golden opportunity for advancement. I submitted my resume and, after two interviews, got the job. The problem: This is the unfriendliest company I have ever seen. Management belittles staff. Praise is seldom given. There is no kindness, no "good mornings" uttered -- the people here are just plain MEAN. I am a friendly, outgoing person, and I'm having a hard time adapting. I miss my old job. I realize now that I made a hasty decision, and I don't know what to do. My old position has been filled, so there's no way I can go back. What should I do? -- RELUCTANT MANAG-**ER IN VERMONT**

DEAR RELUCTANT MANAGER: Your predicament proves the truth of the saying, "The grass isn't always greener." For the sake of your mental health, start looking for another job. There is no way you are going to change the corporate culture in the place you're now working. Don't discount your old workplace; stay in touch. Something may open up there, and your former colleagues may be glad to welcome you back.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I am engaged to a man with three kids -- a 7-year-old girl and 9-year-old twin boys -- and soon to become a stepmom. He has them about half the time. The family all believe their biological mother is failing miserably, and I feel as though they view me as a suitable substitute. I like his children, but I have three of my own. One is grown; two are teenagers. I see the light at the end of the tunnel and

do not want to start over again raising someone else's kids. Can I marry this man and not have to raise his kids? Or is that what a stepmother does? I would be happy just being their friend. - UNCERTAIN STEPMOM IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Although you would be happy just being their friend, at their ages and with the biological mother "failing miserably," face it: There will be plenty of mothering going on. Of course you will have a hand in raising those children -- it goes with the territory. If that's not what you are willing to sign on for, you should not marry him. Sorry.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Lee," and I have been married two years and have kept all of our finances separate, including having different auto insurance policies. While I was away on a business trip, Lee moved my car and parked it in our circular driveway. Subsequently, a tree limb broke and dented my car's trunk. I was extremely distressed that damage was done to my car when I wasn't even in the vicinity. I feel that, as a minimum, Lee should pay half of my car's deductible. He refuses because he says it was an act of nature. Obviously neither of us was directly to blame, but I truly believe he should pay half the deductible because he moved my car in the first place. What do you think? -- OUT ON A LIMB IN GEORGIA

DEAR OUT ON A LIMB: I see the logic. However, it depends on why your husband moved your car. If Lee moved it because it was street-cleaning or trash collection day, then he should not be penalized. However, if he moved it on a whim, he should fork over his half of the deductible.

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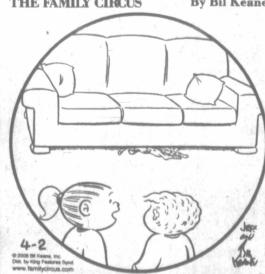


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Sports

Harvester varsity baseball team defeats Plao Duro 17-4

By Julie Ann Thompson early lead with one run in the Luke Covalt, pitched the last Staff Writer

The Pampa Harvester varsity baseball team defeated Palo Duro on Tuesday, April 1 with a score of 17-4.

Brett Powell, pitched the first three innings allowing nine hits, three runs and three earned runs. He had one strike out and no walks. Powell's season record is 3-3, and 1-1 for district.

According to Coach Clay RBI single. Wilson, Palo Duro gained an

JV Softball

defeats Pampa

The Lady Harvesters JV

softball team was defeated

by Randall on Monday,

Pampa lead 13-10 going

into the last inning but

Randall rallied for four runs.

Pampa out hit Randall 9-7 in

the game but hurt themselves

with six errors and seven

and falls to 7-3 on the sea-

Katelin Wall took the loss

March 31 by just one run.

the second starting with a ing no hits and one run. double by Ryan Funderburg. Starting pitcher, junior Gowin and Jeremy Maxwell son. Mitchell Killgo provid-Colden Fortenberry.

> Pampa's increased in the third inning, scoring eight Funderburg contributed two district. The next district

Relief pitcher, junior John against Hereford.

first inning, but were quickly two innings, Wilson said. He passed by the Harvesters in had three strike outs, allow-

Junior Madison Wilson This was followed by singles opened the fifth inning with from Braden Hunt, Dakota his third home run of the seaand another double from ed an RBI single and Funderburg hit his third doumomentum ble of the game.

The Harvesters are now at runs. 6-15 on the season and 1-2 in hits, an RBI double and an game is at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 5th in Pampa



Pampa News photo by David Bower Shane Stokes with his Celanese Cal Ripkin team.



Stokes prepares Celanese Cal Ripkin team for Opening Day

By David Bowser The Pampa News

With opening day just a couple of weeks away, Shane Stokes and his Celanese Cal Ripkin team of 11 and 12-year-olds are spending evenings on a makeshift field next to Clifton Supply getting ready for baseball sea-

times a week," Stokes said as he looks out at 10 of the 12 up for practice.

Their first game is April 14

our division," Stokes said.

at the Optimist Club field.

tions director for Pampa, was ager of the Celanese team in dent of the Pampa Optimist Ripkin Baseball League. Youth Club, John Warner, in

also a member of the said. Optimist Club, was voted Stokes was also a football rooms. "We try to practice three coach in the Optimist's youth

club's board. Optimist football, basketball ple of this area.' There are five teams in and baseball for several years, Warner said. This is team win this year? Stokes, community rela- Stokes second year as man-

recently cited by the presi- the club's 11 and 12 Cal "He does things behind the

a letter to the City of Pampa. scenes that many people Warner said Stokes, who is never know about," Warner

Stokes is in the process of Optimist of the Month in writing a grant application to November for his work in the help the club build a new club's equipment room. concession stand and rest-

"He has shown great peoprogram, second-vice presi- ple skills and works well dent and liaison between the with kids, parents and follow team members that showed football program and the coaches," Warner said. "He is a great ambassador from Stokes has coached the City of Pampa to the peo-

The question is can his

Baseball defeats Caprock

Staff Writer

The Pampa Harvester JV

Baseball team traveled to offensively were Mitch team effort," Snelgrooes said. Amarillo on Friday to take on Simon, who was 3-4, Wes 7-5 to improve their overall Pitching for the Harvesters 31 in Canyon. record to 8-6, 2-0 in district.

"I thought we competed well and made plays when Caprock batters and allowed

Snelgrooes said.

Leading the Harvesters

was sophomore Anthony Allen. Allen struck out nine

By Julie Ann Thompson necessary," Coach Kaleb only one walk over seven innings.

"All in all, it was a great

The JV will face the the Caprock Longhorns. The Hannah, who was 2-3 and Canyon Eagle JV team at JV came out with a victory of Zach Murray went 1-2. 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March

Warriors' top three scorers

had a bad one. The result

was an eighth straight victo-

ry for the defending NBA

champions, who inched

closer to securing a playoff

ROCKETS-KINGS

- If the Sacramento Kings

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Best season in Texas A&M history ends just shy of Final Four

had a reputation for building programs from the ground his latest stop.

history in Aggieland. moving farther and farther away from a losing tradition - winning the most games honor to us." in school history and advanc-NCAA tournament, even from Blair's first season that coach Blair had, so I

Regional final. Only three years after overtime.

She was a lightly recruited, championship in addition to a ence title with Oklahoma and He had all five starters back undersized point guard. He memorable NCAA tourna- national player of the year from last season's Big 12 coment run.

"I think that's one of the up, but a lot of work to do at reasons why we came to the map," Franklin said. Texas A&M is to be able to Together, the two made be at a program that's on the in Texas A&M when there Atunrase and a post player rise and not a program that Despite coming oh so already had a name for now take pride in what close to the Final Four and itself," said Franklin, who they've built in College so special. They believed in then missing, Texas A&M received AP All-America heads into the offseason on a honorable mention the last high. The Aggies (29-8) kept two seasons. "And just to play against Tennessee and

Franklin said she saw ing deeper than ever in the some promise in the Aggies coaches and coaching staff A&M," Blair said. powerhouse despite a 2-14 Big 12 record. knew coming here that he couple of them get next-level Tennessee in the final 4 min- Between the lines, there were utes of a 53-45 loss Tuesday six losses by three points or what type of players to go want them to be successful in night in the Oklahoma City less, including two against after and what it took to win," life. Use this as a learning top 10 foes, and another in Atunrase said. "There was no experience. Sometimes you

playing for a team that went Her freshman season

and a Big 12 tournament came a share of the confer- they experienced this year. Courtney Paris. And now?

was little reason to do so can that can provide Reado's grit. Station. Blair has said he us first. They said, 'Hey, believes this year's Aggies we'll only come to a program were better than the 1998 that's not winning, and I'm Arkansas team that earned going to believe in the coachbe in the Elite Eight is an him his only Final Four ing staff and I'm going to

n't reach the goals that we succeed."

The departure of the three champs, but now will have to "Texas A&M is back on find a new team leader to replace. Franklin, another The players who believed perimeter threat to fill in for

"These seniors have been appearance as a head coach. believe in the quality of edu-"I knew what kind of cation. We can get it at Texas

"They're special. I hope a knew how to coach, he knew opportunities. But if not, I doubt in my mind we would- have to fail before you can

Texas Sports Digest

BASKETBALL: Women's NCAA NCAA-TEXAS A&M-TENNESSEE

OKLAHOMA CITY --With Tennessee's best play- spot. By Elizabeth White. er struggling to keep her arm in its socket, the fate of TXEG104. the women's basketball powerhouse depended on someone digging through laundry in the team bus. were in the Eastern Candace Parker's shoulder Conference, they would be

OKTG106.

needed to be stabilized, and in the thick of the playoff someone needed to find a race with huge meaning in sleeve to do the trick, every game. In the power-Needless to say, college packed West, they have long basketball's winningest been eliminated and must coach was a little bit antsy. take solace in playing the By Sports Writer Jeff role of spoiler. Ron Artest scored 30 points, Kevin AP Photos OKTG103, Martin added 27 and the Kings dealt a blow to Houston's chances of win-

WARRIORS-SPURS ming the Southwest División SAN ANTONIO - The with a 99-98 victory over San Antonio Spurs' Big the Rockets on Tuesday Three had a good night and night. By Sports Writer Josh two of the Golden State Dubow.



Above, Brooklyn Barker stands ready in the field

while below Rachel Heuston waits for her turn to



Above: the Lady Harvesters walk off the field just after their win against Randall. Callie Preston, below, left, stands on third and cheers her team on during the game. Carlyn Teichman, below, right, gets the out just in time.





no chance to "No way!" In Monday's opener, new Ranger Josh Hamilton could only flail at a 97 mph fastball that J.J. Putz buzzed past

Seattle's win. "I cleared that at-bat out of Tuesday.

Guess so.

Hamilton hit the next fastball he saw from the All-Star closer for a stunning, tworun homer in the ninth, send-5-4 victory over the Mariners on Tuesday night.

Putz (0-1) angrily snapped his glove at the new baseball after Hamilton pulled the old one, a 93 mph fastball with one out, four rows into the bleachers beyond right field.

Hamilton said he was sitwas able to pull it mightily.

Putz blew his first save in last year until July 25 - at Texas.

"It's early in the year. We are getting our feet on the ground all the way around," was Mariners manager John of the rarity.

The Mariners were 75-0 last year when leading after eight innings, thanks to Putz. They are 1-1 this year in that situation, thanks Hamilton.

"That was fun," Hamilton pitch. said, smiling.

his career last season with 19 out.

SEATTLE (AP) — From home runs in a delayed rook-Then Texas traded for him in run eighth.

comfortable with his new mistakes we made," shorthim for the final out of team since the first week of stop Michael Young said. spring training.

His new manager, Ron with a 104-degree fever. Washington, Hamilton is pressing.

"He's a great player. He's ing Texas to a flip-flopping, just got to relax and play and not put so much pressure on himself, because what he did today is what he's capable of," Washington said after

McLaren's only explanation the eighth but Seattle went Seattle's new twin aces. ahead on an RBI single by grounder by Ichiro Suzuki that second baseman Ian

by cocaine and alcohol Suzuki, who had three hits,

By Julie Ann Thompson Pearson had two hits and one run. Ashley Facio had one RBI and one run and Teichman also had one run. team defeated Randall on "We have just finished the

Monday, April 1 with a score first half of our district play and are 5-0," Gill said. "I am very proud of how the girls are rising to the occasion and performing well when we for us and we handled that need them to."

The teams closest behind Pampa are Dumas at 4-1 and Randall at 3-2. Pampa will play Dumas at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 here at home. According to Gill, it is a must win for the Lady Harvesters.

"We really need to take hit, one run and one RBI. care of business on Saturday Kelby Doughty had two hits, and that will put us in a two one stolen base and two game lead for first place," RBIs. Callie Preston had one Gill said. "Clinching that hit and one run. Sammie would be huge for us.

DRAG RACING RESULTS

Varsity softball

record to 5-0

Staff Writer

The Pampa varsity softball

of 5-2. This improves the

team's district record to 5-0

pressure and importance very

well," Coach Bobbi Gill said.

the game and improved her

record to 8-0-1 and overall to

15-11-2 for the year. She

made eight strikeouts and

Jasmaine Moore had one

gave up only four hits.

Carlyn Teichman pitched

"Yesterday was a big game

for the season.

improves district

Saturday, March 29 Pampa Slot Car Speedway

First - Bryce

Second - Ken Curtis

Third - Rick Dunn

Sunday, March 30 Pampa Slot Car Speedway

First - Samantha Hern

Second - Ken Curtis

Third - Rick Dunn

Hamilton homers in 9th to give Rangers win



Courtesy Photo

These 8th graders competed at the Amarillo relays on Saturday, March 29. On the left is Reid Miller who came in 5th in the 110 Hurdles out of 59 boys. In the middle is Jessie Cruz who came in 3rd in the 200 out of 89 boys. On the right is Latigo Collins who came in 4th in the 400 out of 77 boys.

Höffman and Hairston carry Padres to 2-1 win over Astros

Trevor Hoffman's 2008 sea- serve." son started much better than '07 ended.

earned his 525th career save postseason for the third oh Tuesday night, pitching straight year, but lost all the ninth inning in the San three. Diego Padres' 2-1 win over the Houston Astros.

Oct. 1 at Coors Field.

tion from the crowd as he out there and be successful."

jogged in from the bullpen. "Tremendous fan base," more than just a first-appear- mph. ance kind of cheer. It was, you,' "

drama. Hunter Pence beat leadoff single. Haffman to the bag for a two-Berkman to end the game.

"You try not to make any said. particular opportunity greater tant, the meaning of it," said screaming, 'Hit me!' " Hoffman, who wasn't needed son-opening win. "The start way. of the '08 season was very 1"I tonight. Those are the ones run wasn't a bad pitch. The

that you want to try and pre- ball was down and the guy

The Padres needed to win The 40-year-old Hoffman games in 2007 to reach the

here have any doubt about Saturday. 'It was Hoffman's first who Trevor Hoffman is and since blowing two saves over how good he is," said rightthe final three games last sea- hander Chris Young, who son, including in an epic 13- won his season debut thanks inning, 9-8 loss to the to Scott Hairston's two-run Colorado Rockies in the homer. "If we're overly wild-card tiebreaker game on happy for Trevor, I don't think that's the case. I think Hoffman got a nice ova- we all expect Trevor to go

Hoffman threw a fastball that topped out at 87 mph and Hoffman said. "I think it was a changeup that clocked 76

Hairston's 393-foot drive went 3-for-4 and has five hits 'We're behind you, that's on a 2-1 pitch from Brandon in two games. how we're going to show Backe reached the second deck in left field with one out As is usual with Hoffman, in the fourth. Kevin it wasn't without some Kouzmanoff was aboard on a

"In that situation you've out out infield single before got to be looking for a fast-Hoffman struck out Lance ball and he was able to give me what I wanted," Hairston

"It was right down the than others, but the first of middle," Backe said. "It wasthe season is always impor- n't high, it wasn't low, it was

Astros manager Cecil in Monday night's 4-0 sea- Cooper didn't quite see it that

important. Tight ballgame. pitched well," Cooper said. innings while striking out The team played well "Even the pitch for the home three and walking three.

put a good swing on it.' Normally a left fielder, just one of their final three Hairston started his second game in center field while filling in until Jim Edmonds (strained right calf) returns from the disabled list. "I don't think any of us in Edmonds is expected back on

> Hairston hit a few clutch homers down the stretch last season, including a two-run shot that gave San Diego the lead in the 13th inning of the Oct. 1 game against the Rockies.

The Astros don't expect

their slump to last long. "I don't have any doubt about it. You're not going to see this team struggle a lot," Cooper said.

San Diego's Khalil Greene

Young, an All-Star last year, got in trouble in the sixth, loading the bases on two singles and a walk. Lefthander Joe Thatcher came on and walked Michael Bourn on four straight pitches to bring in Miguel Tejada with the Astros' first run of the season. Thatcher got Pence to ground out to end the threat.

Young (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in 5 2-3 innings. He was unusually wild with five walks while striking out three.

Backe (0-1) gave up two thought Brandon runs and five hits in five

December.

said. "I want to be a part of eighth that sparked Seattle's that."

the winning homer.

Hamilton shook off two ting solely on Putz's fastball two rallies — one that broke youngest Mariner, one week again. When he got one a 1-1 tie in the eighth and short of his 22nd birthday, slower than he expected, he one led by his homer that allowed only an unearned erased a 4-3 deficit.

his second game of the sea- also made a running, over- yelling in left-center field by former- fastball reached 97 mph. Ranger Brad Wilkerson in the fifth. That saved a run.

The Rangers made three ie season for Cincinnati. errors, two in Seattle's three-

"That was a rewarding one Hamilton says he's felt to win, considering all the

Young went 0-for-4, hit "This is an awesome team into two double plays and my head," Hamilton said to be around, great guys," he made one of the errors in the

rally. Then again, he played "I don't feel good at all," he said, describing a flu that

Kinsler had Monday and is spreading through Texas'

Vicente Padilla did. He allowed eight hits, one run and stranded 11 Mariners in

six innings. Hernandez looked ace-like strikeouts against starter in his new role as Seattle's Felix Hernandez, then got No. 2 starter behind new hits in each of Texas' last teammate Erik Bedard. The run and five hits in seven Texas' new center fielder innings of fist-pumping, and continual son. He didn't blow his first the-shoulder basket catch of escapes. He struck out three a drive to the warning track and walked three, and his

> He and Bedard have allowed just eight hits and Joaquin Benoit (1-0) one earned run combined relieved with a 3-1 lead in through their initial starts as

Notes: Suzuki is 15-for-26 Yuniesky Betancourt, who (.577) against Padilla. ... had four hits, an RBI Texas hasn't won a seasonopening series since 2001. ... Betancourt's four hits tied a Kinsler misplayed for an career high. ... The Rangers error and a run-scoring wild ended a six-game losing streak in Seattle. ... Mariners Betancourt doubled with DH Jose Vidro got his first The 26-year-old was a two outs in the ninth off C.J. stolen base since April 23, first-overall draft choice of Wilson. But Wilson earned 2006, in the second on a Tampa Bay in 1999 troubled his first save by retiring botched hit-and-run when Kinsler dropped the throw addictions before he revived on a game-ending ground- from C Gerald Laird for another error.

Beckham chats with Leno on 'Tonight Show'

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) presence. David Beckham got to

national television Tuesday. Angeles to play for the celebrity Jay Leno, and on "The pond. Tonight Show" Tuesday the men traded jokes about drivlife with a constant paparazzi appearing in briefs.

know one of his neighbors on the paparazzi hanging asked Leno. around the neighborhood,

about Emporio Armani ads

"Do you normally sit Beckham apologized for around the house like this?"

Women in the live audi-Since moving to Los but also said American ence screamed and applaudphotographers ed the black and white photo Galaxy, Beckham has lived "have been kind to us" com- showing Beckham's ripped in the same neighborhood as pared to those across the stomach. However, Beckham said he was nervous during Leno quizzed Beckham the photo shoot because his "mum" was going to see him ing themselves places and that feature the soccer star lounging around in almost no clothing.

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Notice to Creditors Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Marie Ennis, Deceased, were issued on March 17, 2008, in Cause No. 9499, pending in the County Court of Gray

County, Texas, to: carol

Dout. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescric/o Gene Thompson

Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1461 Pampa, TX 79066-1461 Dated the 28th day of March, 2008. Gene Thompson

Attorney for Carol Dout

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 3. 2008:

Think and evaluate before you take action this year. Power issues come to the forefront. Refresh your thoughts before making a statement or taking an action. Investigate and move forward in a classic and direct way. Often you need to research ideas or go back into your mind before deciding on a course of action. Your instincts often help. If you are single, you grow and evolve to a new level this year. Be careful who you choose, as he or she might not be emotionally capable of what you want. Walk with care; approach with care. Check out this person. If you are attached, your relationship will open up given nurturing and understanding. PISCES helps you understand what seems to be impossible.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** Take your time with a situation and get ahead of the game. Yes, you might not know the whole story, and truthfully, you might not want to. Pressure builds from outside, but remember that you do have a choice. You don't need to respond. Tonight: As you like. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** How you deal with a friendship could define the quality of the long-term bond. A smart Bull will distance himself, rethink and evaluate. You might have all the answers, but you might not have the understanding you would like. Tonight:

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Clearly you have the ability to

make a difference. Whether you choose

to do so really is your call. A relationship might be actively changing before your very eyes. Think carefully before you take action. Tonight: In the whirlwind of

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Sometimes you might not have as much control as you would like. The likelihood of shutting someone out is high. Before you do anything that you might feel sorry about later, pull back. Think and evaluate. Tonight: Ask, and

you will receive. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Work with one other person. Listen to others, but work with one person individually, and you'll get results. Don't take a matter too personally. Your work levels are changing dramatically, as is your approach. Tonight: Teamwork

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others assume control. Let them. How you say what you feel could change substantially. Creativity emerges in a brainstorming session. Follow along this trail, and everyone will be able to identify and join in. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Sometimes you can be overworked or tired. Today might be a classic example. How you delegate or ask for support will determine others' willingness, but also the quality of the end result. Don't give in to whimsy. Tonight: Laugh and lighten up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You might want to open up and allow others to see and experience your rich imagination. Sometimes you hold back so much that others cannot see your special creativity. Let events spin from that strong center of yours. Tonight:

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Groundwater office, 201 W. Third St., White Deer. Could be very nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Possibilities happen because you want them to. Emphasize home base, security and perhaps a slightly more dynamic approach, if possible. You know what you want. You know where you are heading. Tonight: Don't hesitate to ask

for what you want. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan, 19) *** You might want to understand a lot more about what makes someone tick. You feel your reaction, but the question remains whether you are able to control

and discipline it. Tonight: Hanging out is AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Give yourself space with finances and money. You might not want to even think about certain matters. Never fear, you will be on top of your game.

Sometimes space and relaxation do more than intense focus. Tonight: Think in the PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Knowing the strength of your energy and high focus, you can and will take on whatever is necessary. Understanding your friends and their

desires could be instrumental to making

a long-term goal happen. Tonight: Live it

BORN TODAY Actress Jennie Garth (1972), actor David Hyde Pierce (1959), zoologist Jane Goodall (1934)

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4-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Events calendar

• Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center is currently seeking memorabilia from the Dust Bowl Days for a special commemoration of this particular period in history April 10-13 at the center. For more information, e-mail Immb777@hotmail.com.

• Copper Breaks State Park at Quanah will premier

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a enew children's campsite program April 5. The family-oriented presentation will begin at 3 p.m. and is part of the statewide "Great Texas Trash Off" events being observed at the park from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. that day. For more information, call (940) 839-4331.

 Pampa Book Club will review the following books

eight years as first lady

and claiming it qualified

her to be president.

Unlike Hillary, Nancy

-Mike Reagan, the

tells the truth.

elder son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is

heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally

in the coming months: "A
Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by
Betty Smith, April 9; and
"Walking Drum" by Louis
L'amour, May 14. The club
meets at 10 a.m. the second
Wednesday of each month
in the Texas Room at Lovett
Memorial Library in Pampa.

The Texas

LST/Amphibious
Association (including veterans from World War II,
Korea, Vietnam and other
peacetime veterans) will
meet April 10-12 at
Corsicana. For more information, call (806) 435-5647.

 "Fang-Tastic" 47th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt will be staged April 12-13 at Waurika, Okla. For further information, call (580) 228-2553 or visit www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.



Courtesy Photo

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as part of the Radio America Network.

That's not to say that illegal immigration as a societal, security, labor and economic question is irrelevant. Although fear of illegal immigrants was flogged to life as a bogeyman for partisan purposes, the United States does have to face the schism between what we want affordable houses, onshore business, cheap food and labor with the way we have been achieving it: exploiting human beings who live among us but can't take part in our society.

Clinton, Obama and McCain all acknowledge this challenge. And they largely share the same philosophy about it: Each favors a comprehensive reform. McCain, whose name was on the early bipartisan reform bill, has triangulated a bit: In recent speeches he's called for border security before installing overall reform. But each candidate accepts the need for a multifaceted approach. All three see the lunacy of mass deportations, a cockamamie idea that extreme voices in the past year tried to force into the main-

stream

The three front-runners instead favor a regulated path to legal residency and citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants who are already here. Only immigrants with a clean record would be eligible, and they wouldn't be allowed to shove aside those who have applied to come here legally.

This, again, clearly reflects the wishes of most Americans. According to a May poll by the New York Times and CBS, 62 percent of those who answered wanted illegal immigrants who had been here more than two years to be eligible for some form of legal status. In Harris County, where many candidates thought a hard line on immigration would be a winner, 48 percent of respondents told Zogby that they favored a path to citizenship; in contrast, 42 percent didn't.

This relative calm about immigration, both nationally and locally, doesn't mean a lack of interest in this important issue. Instead, it suggests something more promising: a mainstream consensus on how to approach it and a frame of mind in which reform can be reasoned through and finally passed. URL:

http://www.chron.com

AFS foreign exchange students, from left, Lina Marie von Hacht of Germany, Hanna Baumgartner of Austria and Rene Cazenave of Chile, all students at Pampa High School, recently presented a program for Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa.

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law-school campuses on the grounds that their destruction would at least provide a silver lining to a nuclear war. Lawyerpoliticians in Washington, however, thought cornfields in the Middle West were more expendable than law schools. Therefore, one thing you can do is make a solemn pledge to never vote for a lawyer running for public office.

We also need to regain the civic courage that our ancestors had. That means the courage to face tough questions without regard for the special pleaders who claim they will be "offended" if you discuss it. It means the courage to demand of the schools that they educate and not entertain students. It means the courage to demand that students study and study hard, because learning is hard work. It means the courage, if necessary, to toss the television and the electronic games in the garbage can. And it's necessary if parents can't control the amount of time their children spend on these time-killers.

Lastly, we should all post on our refrigerators the immortal words of Pogo Possum when he said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

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

