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Early voting

Steady turnout so far at the polls ...

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Turnout for early voting so far in the May 10 elections has been steady as of this morning, according to Elections Administrator Linda Lewis.

"I don't think you could call it heavy, but it's been steady and a pretty good showing," she said.

For the six precincts voting early at Gray County Courthouse, there were 82 ballots cast Monday and 99 on Tuesday. In McLean, 20 ballots have been cast for Monday and Tuesday.

Early voting continues through May 6 for election of city and school board officials in the county. Also on the ballot are special elections concerning a maintenance tax to benefit Clarendon College-Pampa Center and a property tax rate freeze for some Pampa residents.

Polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays during early voting. Twelve-hour days were Tuesday and today, when the polls were to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All Gray County voters have the opportunity to vote on whether to approve a maintenance tax for CCPC. State law requires that the tax

would never exceed 5-cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property in Gray County, and all tax revenue would go to the Pampa Center.

Maintenance tax funds could be used for tuition reduction, maintenance costs, special projects, building construction and expansion of course offerings.

Residents of the City of Pampa may vote on a proposed limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes imposed on the homesteaded residence of a person who is disabled or is 65 years of age or older and receives a residential homestead exemption.

The proposition on the ballots states that if the limitation is approved, it would be established "even if the tax freeze raises the tax rate for other taxpayers or reduces services in the City of Pampa."

No election is being held for Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees, although three seats are up for election. Each incumbent filed for re-election and each was

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Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Freedom Museum

Walter Miller holds some of the model kits available at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. Tank, airplane and ship models are available, along with paints and glue. Profits from sale of the models and supplies go to support the museum. Museum hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.



Pampa News photo by Sue Pribble

One's comin' up on the left...
A mule checks out the traffic situation in downtown Pampa.

Water program on county's agenda

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

A resolution in support of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's Precipitation

Enhancement Program is on the agenda for the next Gray County commissioners' meeting, which will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N.

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Local vets participating in annual rabies drive in May

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

A rabies drive will be held in Pampa on May 9, 10 and 12 at

Easley's Animal Hospital and Gray County Veterinary Clinic. On May 9 and 10, the focus will be on dogs, with May 12 for cats. The rabies shot

will cost \$12, with other shots similarly discounted by 20 percent. The drive coincides with National Pet Week.

"A rabies vaccination is the only thing the law requires because

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Courtesy photo

Kimberly Brown's fifth-grade class collected the most money during the annual Million Penny Campaign at Wilson Elementary School. Funds raised by the school go to the CASA of the High Plains' programs to aid victims of child abuse and neglect who have been removed from their homes. Wilson Elementary collected \$567.96. Brown's class won their choice of a pizza party or ice cream party, and chose the pizza. Front row from left are Kenyon Kimbro, Brianna Simmons, Jose Loa and Zarek Baten. Middle, from left, are Brown, Trace Leftwich, Meagan Martinez, Erica Soto, Dayton Portillo, Caci Freeman, Matthew Salcido, Maycon Montero and Travis Williams. Back row from left are Adrian Lopez, Kristian Vizcalno, Dalton Guerrero, Omar Tovar, Adrian Wallace and Enrique Carrera.

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.
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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

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Dortha 'DJ' Stewart, 59

DUMAS, Texas — Dortha "DJ" Stewart, 59, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2008, in Dumas. Services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2008, at First Assembly of God Church in Dumas with the Rev. Damon Akins, pastor of the church, officiating. He

will be assisted by the Revs. H.L. Stevens and Allen Turley, both of Dumas.

Burial will be in Northlawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

"DJ" was born Oct. 25, 1948, in Wheeler, Texas, to Joe and Dortha McNutt. On Oct. 7, 1988, she married Norris Stewart. She was a retired Registered Professional Appraiser with the Moore County Appraisal District. She was also a Registered Tax Assessor, former member of Texas Association of School Bus Officials, president of the Pheasant Trails Lady Golf Association and a member of Moore Bullish Broad Investment Club.

"DJ" had been a resident of Dumas and Moore County for 20 years. She loved to play golf, dance and shop on QVC.

Survivors include her husband, Norris; her daughters, Terri Hermesmeyer of Happy, and Christi Penland Pointer and husband, Joe, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a son, Kelly Penland and wife, Beth, of Beaver, Okla.; daughters, Nortina Thoms and husband, Tim, of Levelland, Patricia England and husband, Ray, of Lubbock, and Sonia Martin and husband, Trent, of League, Texas; sisters, Glenda Kay Ingalls of Mountainair, N.M., Wanda J. DeWitt of Perryton, Texas, and Sue Zan Montgomery of Pampa, Texas; many, many friends; and her puppy, Brandie Jo.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to Lady Golf Association Scholarship Fund, 1109 Bennett, Dumas, TX 79029; or The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Steven E. 'Steve' DeVoll, 95

Steven E. "Steve" DeVoll, 95, of Pampa, died April 30, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

▼ **Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday until 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Saturday, April 26

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 300 block of Lefors, the 900 block of South Gray and the 1000 block of Huff Road resulted in arrests. Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in connection with the stop in the 900 block of South Gray.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of Lefors, the intersection of Francis and Cuyler streets, and the intersection of 20th and Holly streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of East Francis.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2200 block of Williston, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of East Francis and twice in the 300 block of Jean.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highway 273 and Loop 171.

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of 25th and Aspen streets.

One suicide attempt was reported. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of West Brown and the intersection of Foster and Wynne streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Lefors.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Three alarms were reported. Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. A 30-pack of beer valued at \$17 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$42 was taken.

Sunday, April 27

Nine traffic stops were made. One stop in the 900 block of East Browning resulted in at least one arrest.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Graham. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Louisiana and Mary Ellen streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Perryton Parkway, and the 500 block of Reid.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 600 block of North Sumner.

One attempt to serve papers was made. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Ballard streets, the 600 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of Murphy, and the intersection of Crawford and Barnes streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of 18th and Evergreen streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis and the 800 block of Oklahoma.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of West Foster, the 100 block of West 30th, the intersection of Browning and Carr streets, and the 2700 block of Navajo. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 400 block of West Foster.

Sexual assault was reported in the 1000 block of Farley.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Roberta. A generator valued at \$600 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A gas drive-off was reported at Express Lane #12, 2801 Perryton Parkway. Fuel valued at \$24 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Sloan. One doorknob, one dead bolt and five windows and screens were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$400.

Monday, April 28

Eighteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A vehicle was reported to be blocking the roadway in the 1200 block of Williston.

An unlawfully parked vehicle was reported in the 300 block of West Albert.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Alcock Street and Price Road, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 200 block of North Russell and the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2100 block of Duncan, the 900 block of Llano, the 500 block of Lefors, the 1100 block of Darby, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 1000 block of West McCullough, the 300 block of Anne, twice in the 1000 block of Huff Road, once in the 1200 block of South

Sumner, the 2400 block of Rosewood, the 1100 block of Willow, the 600 block of South Ballard, the 2200 block of Williston and the 100 block of West 30th.

Found property was reported in the 900 block of Municipal Drive. A bicycle was found in the 1000 block of Duncan.

A welfare check was made in the 2800 block of Charles.

A missing person was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 600 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Crawford Street and Varnon Drive, the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets, the 600 block of Magnolia and the 200 block of West Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Gray. A passenger side window of a vehicle was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

Harassment was reported in the 2000 block of Alcock.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance and information were reported in the 200 block of Canadian. The incident was a verbal argument only.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

One alarm was reported. Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler. Makeup valued at \$24 was taken. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported at World Finance, Inc., 1534 N. Hobart. A computer valued at \$2,800 was taken.

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

A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 101 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$23 was taken.

Tuesday, April 29

Four traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1700 block of West Wilks and the intersection of Jordan and Magnolia streets resulted in arrests. Possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in connection with the stop at the intersection of Jordan and Magnolia streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of Octavius.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 2600 block of Navajo.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Zimmers.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 27

2:13 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway on a hazardous materials cleanup.

2:53 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of North Nelson on a call for medical assistance.

4:23 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 400 block of North Ward on a fire alarm.

12:32 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of South Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

Monday, April 28

1:13 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the corner of Alcock and Price on a vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.

2:32 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for LifeStar Helicopter standby.

2:54 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Dwight on an unconscious, unresponsive call.

7:41 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

Tuesday, April 29

8:32 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of Davis on a call for medical assistance.

10:54 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Coffee on a gas odor investigation.

11:07 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen to a motor vehicle accident. One possible injury was reported, but the victim refused care.

2:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut on a false alarm.

6 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Christy on a public service call.

1:55 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 29

12:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Davis and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Crane Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local residence.

3:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

Wednesday, April 30

1:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Schneider and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Sumner. No transport.

4:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.


Obituaries

Sadie O. Lane, 94

WILLS POINT — Sadie O. Lane, 94, died April 29, 2008, at Grand Saline. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Voting

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unopposed, and in such instances, the school district declines to hold an election. Incumbents who will each serve another three-year term on the PISD school board are Derrell DeLoach, Place 1; Lance DeFever, Place 2; and Dana Terry, Place 3.

Candidates in the running for seats on the McLean Independent School District's board of trustees are Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar and Linda Harvey. Voters are instructed on the ballot to vote for none, one or two of the candidates.

Lefors ISD's election for school board trustees drew five candidates. They are Bruce Withers, Sandra Pairsh, Pam Franks, Anna Johnson and Michael Ray. Voters are instructed on the ballot to vote for none, one or two of the candidates.

There are three candidates in the City of Pampa's general election for two city commissioners. Ward 4 Commissioner Neil Fulton is running unopposed for reelection. In Ward 2, incumbent Bill Allison faces Shawn Clifton.

Registered voters in the City of Lefors may vote on a mayor, city council members and cemetery committee members. The choices for mayor are Mike Young or a write-in candidate.

On the ballot for Lefors City Council are Dana Davis, Johnny Harper, Karen Noble, Ray Carter, C.E. (Bud) Hess, Ronny Ferguson and David Boyd. Voters are instructed on the ballot to vote for none, one or two of the candidates.

Candidates for Lefors cemetery committee member are Linda Stanton, Wayne O'Brien and Clayton Lock. Voters are instructed on the ballot to vote for none, one, two or three of the candidates.

Running for two-year terms on the City of McLean's city council are Patti Brass, Donnie Basham, Robert McDonald, Lynn Reeves, Roby Lynn, Debbie McDonald and Mindy Reeves. Voters are instructed on the ballot to vote for none, one, two or three candidates.

County

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increase the amount of rainfall dropped by a rain-producing cloud. Eleven bids on delinquent tax properties will be considered by commissioners. Four of the bids are for property in McLean, and the remaining seven are in Pampa.

Commissioners will decide whether to continue the county's burn ban, which has been in effect since Jan. 15 due to weather and environmental conditions being favorable for wildfires.

Commissioners will hear the county treasurer's report and investment report, consider line item transfers and approve payment of bills and salaries. A guaranteed minimum repurchase from Warren Cat concerning a Caterpillar motor grader bought for Precinct 4 is also on Thursday's agenda.

Rabies

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humans can catch it also," Veterinarian Ron Easley said. "This is an observation of what our pets mean to us."

A dog or cat is required to get their first rabies vaccination at 3 months of age with a follow-up at 15 months. It is then recommended that an animal be vaccinated every three years.

Rabies, which is derived from the latin word meaning "madness, rage or fury" is a viral zoonotic neuroinvasive disease that causes acute encephalitis or inflammation of the brain in mammals. In humans, the disease is almost always fatal. There are only six known cases of a person surviving the virus.

"It's not that there are so many cases of rabies but that it's so bad," Easley said. "For the most part, it's 100 percent fatal."

If a person is bitten by an infected animal, it can cost up to \$2,000 for preventative vaccinations.

In Region One of the Texas Department of Health, which consists of the majority of the Panhandle, there have been six reported cases since the first of the year: One in Sherman County, two in Hansford County and three in Ochiltree County.

"If your dog bites someone else, then you're liable. If it has had its shots, then that's one less thing to worry about," Easley said. "This is a way to save a few bucks and is just a good, responsible thing to do."

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Viewpoints

Critique of small towns reveals truths

Barack Obama said the people in the small towns of Pennsylvania "cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them." He spoke aloud what many liberals think. His remarks in San Francisco, which have now come to be known as "Bittergate," are very telling about the man. These were not scripted and pre-thought words, but were a spontaneous, honest answer to a query. Obama's words are a looking glass into his deepest thoughts.

We believe Obama was projecting his own beliefs on working, mainstream Americans. Since making the comments, he has been in retreat. Now, he says that anger and hope go together. Evidently, Barack Obama's message of hope is actually a brew including anger, bitterness and resentment. Are these the emotions lingering in his heart when he speaks of change?

No one denies that in the past many wrongs were perpetrated against African-Americans. However, let us put it in perspective. Jews, Italians, the Irish and many other

groups of people faced cruel and unfair treatment in our history, especially when they were new arrivals to America. While not slaves, many were indentured servants ... only a small notch above slavery.

Secretary of State Condi Rice has a much healthier attitude on these issues when she says our nation had a "birth defect" when the nation was born because of slavery of African-Americans. She holds out hope by talking about the healing process, which began with the Civil War, continued with the Civil Rights movement and is ongoing today.

Obama has a way of turning around negative situations. He excels at making "the other person" out to be the bad guy. Instead of apologizing for his comments, as most people do after they offend someone else, he plays the victim and acts offended. This is

the tactic a wife abuser uses when saying, "It's her fault that I hit her, she made me do it." Obama offends millions of Americans by his remarks about people in small towns, guns, religion and immigrants, and then dismisses it as "the silly political season."

This is not the first time that he has used the tactic. When America learned about his racist, anti-American, profane pastor, what did Obama do? He turned the dialogue into a discussion about why it is America's fault that the Rev. Wright said all of those

hate-filled words. Either Obama is an arrogant, intellectual elitist or he just does not "get it." It is probably a combination of the two. Obama is disconnected from, lacks empathy for, and has no understanding of the beliefs and values of these small town and suburban Americans. Here lies the great divide in worldviews.

The Harvard-educated, urban-dwelling, Hollywood-embracing, Pastor Wright following Obama just has trouble understanding why we love America without conditions. He continues criticizing the "bad" in our past, while we choose to embrace America, even with her flaws, because she is still, by far, the best and greatest nation the world has yet seen. Despite our sins, we still are the beacon of hope and opportunity for freedom-loving people around the globe.

Barack Obama: Your derogatory, demeaning, and stereotype-filled remarks may reveal more than you realize. Be careful, because your arrogance may lead to your downfall ... we are beginning to hear the condescension in your slick words.

Hope mixed with anger is not the solution. Former slave and the founder of Tuskegee University in Alabama, Booker T. Washington, wisely said it best concerning the effects of bitterness, "I would permit no man ... to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him."

Floyd & Mary Beth Brown

Columnists



Guns don't commit violence, people do

There seems to be more talk every day about gun violence. That is just a prelude to a push for more gun control.

Guns, being inanimate objects, do not cause crime. They are used to facilitate crime. If we are going to prevent crime, we have to deal with causes, not with tools. Cars don't cause bank robberies. We would think somebody a fool who said he was going to cut down on bank robberies by regulating cars.

Once you attach the crime to the criminal, a whole lot of useful information becomes obvious. Gun violence is not uniformly present in this country. It is concentrated in certain areas and among certain people. A lot of it is related to drug gangs fighting over territory. Why

should anyone be surprised

Charley Reese

Columnist



by this? What happened during Prohibition? Gangs of bootleggers fought bloody battles for territory and customers.

Another human factor is that gun violence seems to be more prevalent among blacks and Hispanics than among whites. I know that is not a welcomed thing to say, but it happens to be a fact. I don't know why. Dick Gregory, many years ago, had a line in his comedy routine. "People are always asking me," Gregory said, "why

you black folks are always cutting each other with razors and knives. It's simple. We can't afford guns."

Apparently they can now.

I'm not about to get into any discussion of genetics or eugenics. I don't know why some groups are more violent than others. All I'm saying is that if you want to solve the gun crime problem, that's where you have to go. It won't do a darn bit of good to prevent some Lutheran kid in Minnesota from buying a gun when the gun violence is concentrated in other areas and among other groups of people.

One problem I have with the gun-control people is that I believe most of them

know these facts about who's committed a majority of the gun crimes. But they don't want to deal with it. It's too hot a potato, too politically incorrect. So, as a smoke screen, they rant and rail about guns as if all these tools are possessed by demons that cause the guns to hop off the shelves and force people to use them. That's nonsense. Gun violence is a social problem, not a hardware problem.

As for psychos, who really are a rarity, the only hope for them is for the mental-health professionals to get better and braver at spotting troubled people and isolating them. There's no way for an average person to tell when somebody is going to pop

his cork. The only thing to do is to maintain a state of alertness and, if necessary, react in time to save yourself. But do remember that such people are extremely rare.

Finally, we have to always remember that guns save lives. I don't know how many people fend off criminals with a firearm. I don't trust the statistics, which claim there are 700,000 to more than a million instances each year. But I do know it happens because I can see anecdotal evidence in newspaper stories, and because common sense tells you that if you are attacked, you are better off being armed than disarmed.

Don't forget, too, that

police, the FBI, the Secret Service, the Capitol Police, U.S. Marshals and sheriffs deputies are all armed with handguns. The next time some anti-gun fanatic tells you that handguns are no good for self-defense, ask the person why so many law-enforcement officers rely on them for self-defense. Unfortunately, we are confronted at times with stupidity, craziness and evil. I don't know of a better antidote than a .45-caliber bullet. None of us wishes to kill, but if we are forced to choose, most of us would prefer to be sorry rather than dead.

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

Today in History

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, April 30, the 121st day of 2008. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1948, the charter of the Organization of American States was signed in Bogota, Colombia.

In 1958, the American Association of Retired Persons (later simply AARP) was founded in Washington, D.C., by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.

In 1958, Britain's Life Peerages Act 1958 allowed women to become members of the House of Lords.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 17
Houston Chronicle on developing the world's most powerful telescope:

Big science has been good to Texas: the Johnson Space Center and human space exploration; petroleum geology; medical research, genetics and other biosciences; nanotechnology, the hugely promising science of manipulating tiny molecules. Now there is a chance for Texas to play a principal role in creating and wielding the world's biggest astronomical instrument, the Giant Magellan Telescope.

This telescope, to be built atop a Chilean mountain, would have 10

times the resolution of the Hubble Space Telescope. If the moon had an atmosphere, the Magellan could observe the light from a single candle burning on the lunar surface. More to the point, it will be able to see to the farthest reaches of the universe, revealing its shape, breadth and all its visible components.

There is only one obstacle: the cost of the Magellan \$600 million is giant, as well. If the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and sympathetic philanthropists can't come up with \$60 million soon, Texas astronomers will not have significant access to the Magellan and will not be associated with the wave of discoveries it cannot help but provide. If Magellan's financing lags, it will be overtaken by other

large telescope proposals and won't be built.

Dr. Wendy Freedman, director of the Magellan project, says the telescope will unlock secrets of the early universe: the first stars, galaxies and black holes. The instrument will also help physicists understand more about phenomena such as dark energy.

George Mitchell, the businessman and philanthropist who has done so much to promote scientific inquiry in Texas, is leading the charge to gather Texas' share of Magellan's funding.

The prospect of keeping Texas at the center of the next wave of scientific discovery is a persuasive reason to get this job done. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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Sports



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Valerie Miller cleared 9'6" in the pole vault competition at the Region 1A track meet held at South Plains College in Levelland last weekend. The vault was a personal best for Miller and it put her in second place, qualifying her for the state meet to be held in Austin on May 9.

Lefors competes in Region 1A; pole vaulter qualifies for state

The Lefors track team competed in the Region 1A track meet in Levelland recently. One competitor, Valerie Miller, placed second in pole vault to qualify for state. Results are as follows: Valerie Miller placed second in pole vault (9'6" which was a personal best), fourth in long jump (15'91/4"), eighth in 100 meter dash (13.80) and seventh in 200 meter dash (29.53). Emily Jackson placed seventh in triple jump (31'8") and ninth in 200 meter dash (27.93). Timbra Overstreet placed 16th in shot put (28'91/4") and 14th in discus (86'8"). Jeremy Sprouse placed sixth in high jump (5'10"), 14th in 110 meter hurdles (17.61 which was a personal best), and 12th in 300 meter hurdles (44.12 which was also a personal best). Trever Czubinski placed 15th in 400 meter dash (56.9). Nick Hess placed 13th in pole vault (10'). Keenan Lott placed 15th in pole vault (9'). The state meet will be held on May 9 in Austin.



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Chase Ferguson (middle) holds the bat and ball with which he hit the first home run of the season, a two-run homer, for the Babe Ruth League. The Cree Oil team defeated DE Chase recently with a final score of 14-7.



Attention Golfers

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce Will be holding it's annual **Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament** To Help fund the Retail Trade Committee **May 10th and 11th 8a.m.**

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If you have any questions, you can contact the Chamber at 669-3241

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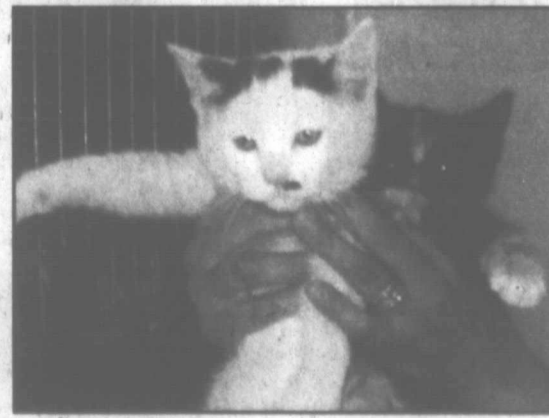
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother needs help, but will not listen to my brother or me. She has always respected your advice, and she needs it desperately now. Mama is a retired nurse. A little over a year ago, she moved from Florida to Virginia to live with her boyfriend, "Rudy." Rudy is extremely wealthy. He owns three homes and commercial real estate. However, he suffers from mental illness. Mama has told us that Rudy is bipolar. He also has no respect for women. He orders her around, and she must answer "Yes, sir" or "No, sir." Even though this man has millions, he and Mama are living in one room above a barn. Rudy's wife died several years ago. He has two sons, neither of whom speak to him. Mama says she moved from her lovely home to live with him because she's "looking at the big picture." Because Rudy is wealthy, she wants us to benefit from what he has, even if she doesn't. My brother and I can't bear her living like this. Their room has limited plumbing and -- to put it politely -- it smells. There is also evidence of rodents. Please, Abby, how can we make Mama see what she's doing to herself and to us? We love her. We don't want her to sacrifice her last years for our future financial comfort. -- **HURTING FOR MOM**

DEAR HURTING: Please forgive me if this seems harsh. Your mother is living in squalor with a rich man who treats her like an employee, and she thinks it will somehow benefit YOU? She is seriously misguided. Because your mother and Rudy are both adults, and presumably not a danger to themselves or to others, it could take a crowbar to separate them. However, if you want your mother out of there, talk to his sons about what's going on and your feelings about it. I'll bet they'll not only start speaking to their father, she'll be out of there in a jiffy.

DEAR ABBY: I have an etiquette question. Is it impolite to ask a member of the royal family for an autograph? -- **FAN IN DE BARY, FLA.**

DEAR FAN: My experts tell me that to approach a royal in such a fashion would be highly inappropriate, and no one does it. However, in recent years, some upper lips may have become less stiffened. Therefore, it might be all right to ask a young prince -- but don't ask an old queen.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and have a stepsister, "Emily," who is also 16. We have become good friends, which is lucky because we share a room every other weekend when I am at my father's. Something really bothers me. I refer to Emily as my sister. However, she calls me her STEPsister. I have told her it hurts my feelings, and asked if we couldn't just consider each other as sisters. She says she thinks of me as a close friend, but isn't comfortable calling me "sister" because technically we're not. I have always wanted a sister. How can I get Emily to consider me hers? -- **RELATED IN FORT WAYNE, IND.**

DEAR RELATED: As close as you feel to Emily, and as much as you want a sister, you can't force another person into it. I have known unrelated girlfriends to refer to each other as "sisters." However, for whatever reason, it is important to Emily to maintain some distance and make the distinction that you're not blood-related. Frankly, it's her loss. Don't push her; continue to love her, and perhaps one day she'll realize how fortunate she is to have someone as sweet as you in her life.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Washing-ton city
- 7 Whirlpool
- 11 Penitent person
- 12 Have supper
- 13 Poet
- 14 Infamous czar
- 15 Pure
- 17 Cocka-too's home
- 20 Suggest
- 23 "Exodus" hero
- 24 "West Side Story" song
- 26 Gun
- 27 Big truck
- 28 Tiny taste
- 29 Words on a penny
- 31 Course area
- 32 Surgery tool
- 33 Appliance part
- 34 Entirely (Lat.)
- 37 Gasp for air
- 39 Thief
- 43 Solemn act
- 44 Incense
- 45 Smell
- 46 Neptune, for one

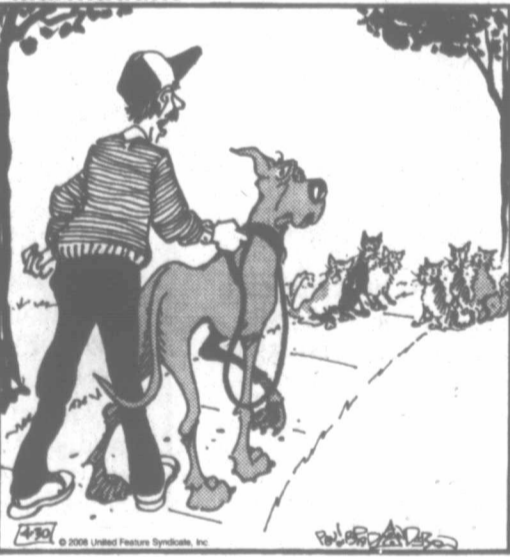
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- 1 Smidgen
- 2 Had supper
- 3 Debate side
- 4 In reserve
- 5 Screen
- 6 Scope
- 7 Copy fixer
- 8 Begins with
- 9 Genetic stuff
- 10 Hankering
- 16 Depleted
- 17 Seasonal song
- 18 Site of action
- 19 Admits defeat
- 21 Less friendly
- 22 Pre-recorded
- 24 Turn aside
- 25 Game piece
- 30 Heart
- 33 Hooded snake
- 35 Mine rocks
- 36 Phone sound
- 37 Debate side
- 38 Lend a hand
- 40 Do a checkout job
- 41 Conceit
- 42 Sun-burned

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