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County Commission

Officials adopt policy on rural junkyards, dumping

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Gray County commissioners voted unanimously at their Monday meeting to adopt a proposed policy concerning rural junkyards and rural dumping.

The issue had first been brought before commissioners by Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby at

their Feb. 15 meeting. The county did not have a policy concerning junkyards and rural dumping, since county commissioners had never voted to adopt state regulations which apply to such situations.

Willoughby and County Attorney Josh Seabourn co-authored the new county policy, adapted from Chapter 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The new county policy is titled "Order Authorizing the Abatement of Public Nuisances in the Unincorporated Areas of Gray County" and is five pages long.

Section III of the document is titled "Prohibition Against Public Nuisances." It states:

A person may not cause, permit or allow a public nuisance. A public nuisance is the presence of at least

one of the following conditions on land that is not agricultural land in the unincorporated areas of Gray County:

1. Keeping, storing or accumulating refuse on premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle;
2. Keeping, storing or accumulating

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Slot car speedway project dear to local VFW

By **DAVID BOWSER**
The Pampa News

It's Saturday morning and the race crew is ready.

Rick Dunn is at the worktable while his brother Larry is at the counter. George Poole is checking the track while Ken Curtis with a mouthful of donut is working on one of his cars.

They are waiting for the kids.

School is out and summer vacation is beginning with a bright blue panhandle sky. That's means things will slow down here for now, but with the first cold snap next fall, Rick Dunn said they expect a full house.

"The worse the weather is," Dunn said, "the better our business."

He said they were packed last winter during an ice storm.

It's a typical weekend in the pits and on the track at the VFW Pampa Slot Car Speedway in Coronado Center.

"We're all veterans," Dunn said.

He said that with closing of the skating rink and many of the other activities for



LEFT: Ken Curtis works on one of his cars on Saturday morning at the Pampa Slot Car Speedway while his other cars are lined up for display. RIGHT: Curtis, left, George Poole and Larry Dunn send their miniature race cars speeding around a road track at Pampa Slot Car Speedway.

Pampa's youth, VFW Post 1657 was looking for a project for the community's young people.

"Originally, Dunn said, "we saw this on the Internet."

He said several of the post members traveled to the Metroplex to look at this set up that was for sale.

"We went to Dallas and looked it over," Dunn said, "and decided that we'd take it."

The post paid some \$31,000 for the slot car set up not including the transportation costs.

"We built this for the kids and their parents," Dunn said.

They opened in October, 2006.

"The first year," Dunn said, "we did great."

But last summer with blue skies and outdoor activities beckoning, the crowd fell off. It picked up again with the first cold front of autumn, a seasonal adjustment that seems to be repeating itself.

They're open from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, but when things get to rolling, Dunn said they may stay open until midnight or 1 a.m. on a

Friday or Saturday night.

They book birthday parties or just about any kind of party, he said.

Dunn said they've hosted Cub Scout parties and parties for school groups.

"And we try to have special deals like

Father's Day and Mother's Day," Dunn said.

He said they're looking for special deals like

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DRUG CORRIDOR

DPS stop nets marijuana haul

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

A Los Angeles, Calif., woman was released on \$75,000 bond Saturday after a K-9 unit indicated an illegal substance was in her vehicle during a traffic stop on Interstate 40 east of McLean on Thursday.

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper stopped Unique Katherine Obrown, 19, at 1:22 a.m. Thursday for a traffic violation as she was eastbound near

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Judge installs latest water board members

WHITE DEER — Carson County Judge Lewis Powers administered the oath of office to the newly elected directors for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, at the Board's meeting on May 14.

Phillip Smith represents Precinct 1, which includes the western one-third and northern one-half of Carson County and the eastern edge of Potter County. Precinct 3 is represented by John R. Spearman, Jr., and covers the northern one-third of Gray County and the southwest corner of Roberts County. Jason C. Green represents Precinct 5, covering the majority of Donley County. New to the Board is Steve Hale, representative for Precinct 7, who

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Submitted photo
Carter County Judge Lewis Powers (left) recently administered the oath of office to newly elected directors of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, including (after Powers, from left) Steve Hale, Phillip Smith, John R. Spearman, Jr., Thomas Cambridge, and Jason C. Green.

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Mostly sunny Partly cloudy Mostly sunny

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 25 to 30 mph becoming west-northwest 15 to 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. West-southwest wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south-south-east. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

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Thomas Dean Graham, 43

Thomas Dean Graham, 43, of Pampa, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa. No services are scheduled for Mr. Graham. At the deceased's request, his body was donated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 15, 1964, Mr. Graham was a native and lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1984. He worked at Harvy Mart as a grocery clerk for several years and belonged to Apostolic Faith Church.

Survivors include his parents, Jackie and Charlotte Graham of Pampa; a sister, Anita Graham of Pampa; and a brother, Bradley Graham of Pampa.

MEMORIALS: Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., North Texas Chapter, 15441 Knoll Trail, Suite 190, Dallas, TX 75248.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

RUCKER, Janice Ann "Mother" — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors, Pampa.

Mary Lee Van Buskirk, 60

Mary Lee Van Buskirk, 60, of Pampa, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

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

Jim Harold Kindie, 85

Jim Harold Kindie, 85, of Pampa, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Louis Leo Bichsel, Sr., 80

WHITE DEER, Texas — Louis Leo Bichsel, Sr., 80, died June 3, 2008, at White Deer. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bichsel was born on Aug. 7, 1927, in White Deer, to Leo M. and Adella Bichsel. He married Vivian L. Spoonmore on Nov. 7, 1947, in Corning, Iowa.

Louis was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving during World War II. He worked for Northern Natural Gas from 1950 until 1964.

He then worked for Ike's Garage in White Deer as a mechanic, and then later opening Louis' Garage. He then worked for Northern Gas Pipeline as a field booster operator, retiring in 1992.

On May 23, 2008, Louis was honored with his high school diploma by the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Bichsel, of the home; three daughters, Diana Bichsel of White Deer, Becky Baten

and husband Gene of Pampa, and Debbie Alford and husband Greg of Katy; two sons, Rudy Bichsel of Pampa, and Randy Bichsel and wife Barbara of Booker; seven grandchildren, Rick Baten and wife Sissy of McLean, Stephannie Ellis and husband Richard of McLean, Keven Baten,

Tanya Gasaway, and Cherie Keller and husband Chris, all of Pampa, and Chris Alford and Tasha Boyd, both of California; two stepgrandchildren, Tory Laimonis and wife Tanna of Michigan, and Jason Laimonis of Ohio; six great-grandchildren, Zoie Baten, Zarek Baten, Kaia Gasaway, Dylan Ellis, McKenzie Ellis and Dietrick Keller; eight step-great-grandchildren, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Kristin Ellis, Rena Smith, Brook Alley, Noah Laimonis, Erik Lamonis and Ryan Lamonis; five brothers, George

Bichsel and wife Bonnie of Perryton, Gerald Bichsel and wife Carolyn of Dallas, Robert Bichsel and wife Margie of White Deer, Marion Bichsel of Houston, and Jim Bichsel and wife Nadine of Pampa; and one sister, Lori Albus and husband Charles of Pampa.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard Bichsel, Wallace Bichsel, and Wilford Bichsel; and a sister, Geraldine Held.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

Stella A. Klein, 89

LEFORS, Texas — Stella A. Klein, 89, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Klein was born March 5, 1919, in Larned, Kan. She married Herbert L. Klein on March 20, 1937, in Greensburg, Kan. He preceded her in death on Jan.

27, 1990. She had been a resident of Lefors since 1942.

Stella was a dietician for Lefors ISD for 30 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors.

Survivors include one son, Robert "Bob" Klein and wife Beverly of Lefors; four sisters, Verna Arthur of Alpine, Wyo., Laura Dovel

of Denver, Colo., Joan Mitchell of Garfield, Kan., and Lena Simmons of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; four grandchildren, Bob Roy Klein of Keller, Roger Klein of Pampa, Randy Klein of Dallas and Suzan Hudson of Bedford; seven great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; two sisters; and two brothers.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

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

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Monday, June 2

Kenyon James Kendall, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for possession of a controlled substance.

Marcus Edward Babb, 21, of Breaux Bridge, La., was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond for possession of a controlled substance.

Kenneth Bruce Cox II, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Wells

by Pampa Police Department for failure to report change of address/name and failure to appear.

Tuesday, June 3

Emmanuel Campos, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection, two counts of no valid driver's license and two counts of displaying expired registration.

Erika Abigail Renteria, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to attend school, failure to appear and contempt of court.

Brian Travis Been, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Barnes by PPD for evading arrest or detention.

Ryan Randal Hill, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive

by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

Timothy Michael Knoop, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of East Frederic by PPD on Hemphill County charges of assault on a public servant and resisting arrest.

Tanya Kay Jacob, 32, of Skellytown was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Bobby Ray Howard, 48, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO on a blue warrant.

Leonard Jay Kane, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond for evading arrest with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and two counts of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance/enhanced.

Wednesday, June 4

Elvin Louis Golliver, 46, of Sun Valley, Nev., was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for failure to appear on a theft charge.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for theft of property over \$500 and under \$1,500; no Texas driver's license; failure to maintain financial responsibility; and displaying expired registration.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 3

8:56 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call of unconscious/unresponsive.

12:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

the 1800 block of North Wells on a call for medical assistance.

3:32 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 800 block of East Francis on a call for medical assistance.

11:29 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 400 block of West on a medical call.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 3

8:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Field.

12:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Wells. No transport.

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Sierra and transported a patient to PRMC.

A mobile ICU responded (time not clearly listed) to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

A mobile ICU responded (time not clearly listed) to the 400 block of North West and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, June 4

4:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Osborne. No transport.

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CHARITY GOLF Scramble for Community Christian School on June 7th. Teams are forming now! 8am shotgun start at the Pampa Country Club. \$400 per team (4 players). To register your team call DeLynn Gordzelik at 806-440-1412 or sign up at the PCC Golf Shop. Prizes: \$5000 putting contest, Ford Mustang Hole in One Prize, Hogan Clubs Hole in One Prize, Long drive/Long Putt Titlest AP1 Irons Raffle and more!!!

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Economy: Productivity improves, wage pressures moderate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worker productivity increased at a faster pace in the first three months of this year than previously estimated, while wage pressures moderated.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that productivity rose at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in the January-March period, faster than the government's initial estimate of

2.2 percent made a month ago.

Wage pressures, meanwhile, moderated from the final three months of last year with unit labor costs rising at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the first quarter. That was a marked slowdown from a 4.7 percent surge in labor costs in the final three months of last year.

While rising wages and benefits are good for employees, those increases can lead to higher inflation if businesses are forced to boost the cost of their products to cover the higher payroll costs. However, if productivity is increasing, it allows businesses to finance higher wages out of the increased output.

The Federal Reserve,

always on guard about the threat of inflation, closely monitors developments in productivity since wage pressures are often the main way inflation gets out of control.

The 2.6 percent rate of growth in productivity was a significant improvement from a 1.8 percent increase in the final four months of last year. The 2.2 percent rise in labor costs, unchanged from the initial estimate a month ago, marked a sharp slowdown from a 4.7 percent rate of growth in labor costs in the fourth quarter of last year.

"There is plenty to worry about on the inflation front. Soaring prices for energy, food and other commodities are pushing up input costs for companies and raising

the cost of living for consumers, but labor costs remain subdued," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at Global Insight.

Gault and other analysts said that the news on productivity and labor costs should be welcomed by the Fed, which has started to worry more about inflation pressures in the face of the relentless surge in energy and food costs.

The Fed cut rates for a seventh time on April 30, but the reduction was a smaller quarter-point move. The central bank indicated the rate cuts could be drawing to a close as the attention shifted from worrying about keeping the country out of a steep recession to concerns about inflation.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Alleyway Grain of White Deer:		Anadarko	75.17	-1.00
Wheat	6.93	XOM	86.02	+0.31
Milo	9.43	Nat'l Oilwell	82.34	+0.61
Corn	10.59	Limited	19.09	-0.03
Soybeans	11.70	Williams	38.26	NC
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		MCD	58.12	+0.56
QXV	88.69	Atmos	27.02	-0.04
BP PLC ADR	68.42	Pioneer Nat	73.26	+1.34
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VLO	51.88	CVX	97.04	-0.82
HAL	47.47	Wal-Mart	57.71	+0.06
XCEL	20.71	ORX	49.66	-0.26
		New York Gold	880.60	
		Silver	16.80	
		West Texas Crude	124.32	

Airlines raise nonstop fares sharply for the summer

DALLAS (AP) — If you're taking a nonstop flight to summer vacation, better pony up a lot more money or start unpacking.

In many cases, major carriers have more than doubled or even tripled their cheapest U.S. fares from last summer's fares. That's on top of the new fees for checking luggage

and other services.

Tom Parsons, chief executive of the discount travel site Bestfares.com, looked at the lowest fares for nonstop travel in July — the kind of tickets that usually must be bought long in advance and therefore appeal mostly to vacationers, not business travelers.

Parsons said where major carriers offer nonstop flights and low-fare competitors offer only one-stop service, fares are up to 365 percent higher than a year ago.

Last summer, Parsons said, American Airlines offered fares as low as \$238 for July travel between Phoenix and Miami. This year, the lowest fare is \$660, he said.

Delta's lowest Atlanta-Tampa nonstop round trip starts at \$392 for the week of July 22, compared with \$148 last year, Parsons said. And United's best deal for Chicago-Charleston, S.C., is \$730, up from \$178 a year ago, he said.

In all the cases, Parsons said, low-cost carriers such as Southwest Airlines Co. offer only one-stop or slower service.

"You better look for alternate airports or one-stop service because airlines are betting that they can get away with these fares," he said.

The major airlines have raised fares about a dozen times since late last year to offset skyrocketing costs for jet fuel, which has nearly doubled in price over the past year, pushing most airlines into the red.

County

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ing rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned or junked vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street;

3. Maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin or disease-carrying pests;

4. Allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood if the weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment;

5. Maintaining a building in a manner that is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to safety, health or public welfare because of inadequate maintenance, unsanitary conditions, dilapidation, obsolescence, disaster, damage or abandonment or because it constitutes a fire hazard.

"Refuse" is defined as garbage, rubbish, paper and other decayable and non-decayable waste, including vegetable matter and animal and fish carcasses.

"Rubbish" means non-decayable waste from a public or private establishment or residence.

"Garbage" is decayable waste which includes vegetable, animal and

fish offal and animal and fish carcasses.

"Junked vehicle" is defined as a vehicle that is self-propelled and inoperable and:

1. does not have lawfully attached to it an unexpired license plate or a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate;

2. is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded, or

3. has remained inoperable for more than 45 consecutive days.

The "junked vehicle" definition also states that "A junk vehicle for the purposes of this order does not include a vehicle stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed vehicle dealer or junkyard."

"Weeds" refers to "all rank and uncultivated vegetable growth or matter that has grown to more than 36 inches in height, or may create an unsanitary condition or become a harborage for rodents, vermin or other disease-carrying pests, regardless of the height of the weeds."

A person commits a criminal offense if the person violates Section III and the nuisance remains unabated after the 30th day after the date on which the person receives notice from a county official, agent or employee to abate the nuisance.

The offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200. If the defendant has previously been convicted of an offense under Section III, the defendant is punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, confinement in jail for not more than

six months, or both.

Each day a violation occurs is a separate offense.

A Gray County official, agent or employee may enter any premises in the unincorporated area of the county at a reasonable time to inspect, investigate or abate a nuisance or to enforce the nuisance order. Before entering the premises, the official, agent or employee must exhibit proper identification to the occupant, manager or other appropriate person.

A special exception or variance to the nuisance order may be granted by Gray County Commissioners Court under certain circumstances.

If the nuisance is not abated by the responsible party, the county may resolve the issue and assess cost of abatement to the responsible party, along with cost of legal notification by publication and an administrative fee of \$50. A lien may be assessed against the property, along with interest at the rate of 10 percent a year.

Persons receiving notices of public nuisances may submit a written request for a hearing. The request must be submitted before the 31st day after the date on which the notice is served.

Notices must be given in person or by registered or certified mail. If personal service cannot be obtained or the address of the person to be notified is unknown, a copy of the notice may be posted on the premises on which the nuisance exists, and the notice may be published in a newspaper with general circulation in the county two times within 10 consecutive days.

VFW

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ing at starting a ladies night for Powder Puff races.

The Dunn brothers, Curtis and Poole are at the slot car facility regularly. They show the kids how to work on their cars and maintain

them.

"Kenny's our painter," Dunn said, pointing to the row of small vehicles with elaborate paint jobs sitting on the table in front of Curtis as puffs of smoke come up from the wires he is soldering.

They have slot cars for sale along with the necessary accessories, Dunn said, but they also have cars for rent.

"If the kids don't have cars," Dunn said, "I let them use mine. Some of

the other guys let them use theirs."

He said the racers have to be nine or older to stay without their parents.

"We have a lot of kids that stay in here all day long," Dunn said. "Their parents know where they're at. We don't let them leave. They're always supervised."

Dunn said they haven't had any trouble.

Stop

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Mile Marker 115, said DPS public

information officer Daniel Hawthorne. Obrown was traveling alone at the time of the stop, he said.

When the K-9 unit alerted on the vehicle, five bundles of marijuana were found in the rear cargo area, Hawthorne said. The marijuana

weighed 70 pounds and has a street value of \$29,470.

The load is believed to have originated in Los Angeles and was headed for Indianapolis, Ind.

Board

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replaces Kim Flowers. Ms. Flowers declined to run for another term on the Board. Precinct 7 includes all

except the southwest corner of Roberts County. Thomas Cambridge is the representative for Precinct 9, which includes the majority of Potter County.

The District's remaining directors are: Billy Van Crawford, Precinct 2; Charles Bowers, Precinct 4; Jim Thompson, Precinct 6; and Danny

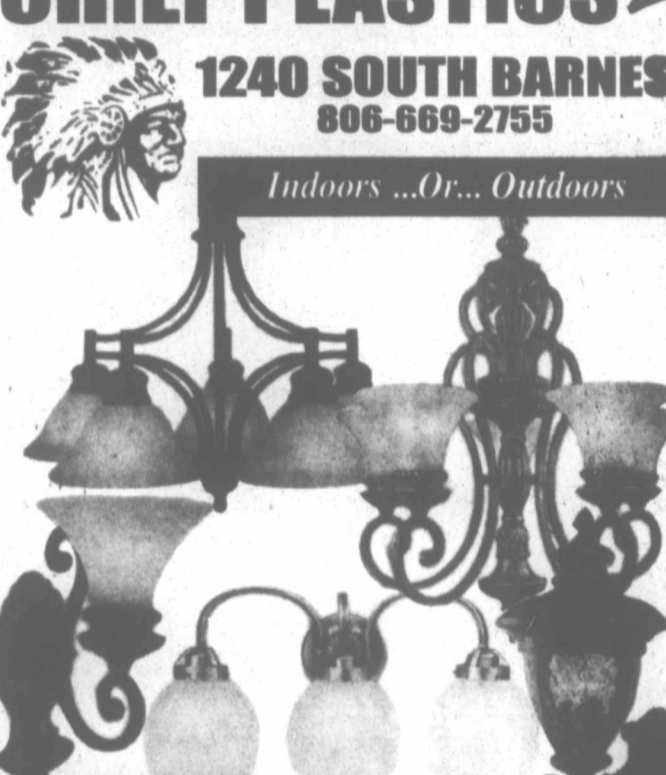
Hardcastle, Precinct 8.

Board officers were also re-elected. John R. Spearman, Jr. will serve another term as Board president, as will vice-president Danny Hardcastle, and secretary Jason C. Green.

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Viewpoints

Loyalty seldom gets in the way of filthy lucre

It's amazing what some people will do for 30 pieces of silver.

Scott McClellan was given the signal honor of being the spokesman for the president of the United States, a distinction few Americans have ever achieved. Being the spokesman for the world's most powerful political figure is no small thing, and I'm sure that the men and women who have held the post view their service as an honor more given than deserved.

It doesn't appear as if McClellan sees it that way. He is not the first press secretary to be forced out of the job, and he won't be the last. But he'll be the first to sink his teeth into the hand that gave him the job in the first

place.

It is a tough job, especially when the spokesman of a president the liberal media despises wears a large bull's eye on his chest. It's an even tougher job when the person who holds the job is clearly not up to it, as was the case with McClellan. He was an easy target for the nastier members of the largely hostile White House Press corps.

His lack of competence is what cost him the job, and it is now obvious that he left the White House burning with resentment over his forced departure. The fact that he had held the job as long as he did obviously created no sense of gratitude for his having been given the post to begin with.

His act of vengeance has

delighted the media who once excoriated him. Their onetime foe is now their hero, an ally in their never-ending campaign to portray George Bush, a good and decent man, as a bumbling fool if not an outright criminal.

They greet his alleged revelations with none of the skepticism with which they once treated his pronouncements from the White House press room podium, accepting, for example, his attempt to lay the blame for what Richard Armitage did in leaking the name of Valerie Plame on his old friend and Texas colleague, Karl Rove,

and Scooter Libby.

They let out a great cheer when he joins the chorus of Democrats and their media henchmen attributing the Iraq war to sleazy, dishonest and hugely deceptive White House maneuvering when the real facts show otherwise.

As David Horowitz and his co-author Ben Johnson write in "Party of Defeat," George Bush acted solely to enforce a United Nations ultimatum blatantly ignored by Saddam Hussein.

Wrote the authors: "The United States went to war because it had concluded that Saddam Hussein could

not be trusted to observe the arms agreement embedded in the UN resolutions. Twelve years of defiance and obstruction leading up to, and including the December 7 deadline had established that fact. Even then, the Bush administration was prepared to forego war if Saddam and his sons left the country and went into exile, thus allowing the terms of the UN resolutions to be met."

Scott McClellan surely knew this but chose to ignore it, preferring to give ammunition to those who want to advance a false view of the conflict's genesis.

In the end, it's all about money. An honest book about his experiences wouldn't sell. If he wanted to sell his book, it had to dish

up dirt, even when there wasn't any underfoot.

When I wrote my first book, "On the Outside Looking In," I had publishers waving huge royalties in my face if I would only sling mud at my father. They couldn't understand that there was simply no mud in his life and work, and I wasn't willing to create any for them for the sake of big bucks.

Too bad Scott McClellan, blinded by the glitter of those 30 pieces of silver, didn't see it that way.

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



Michael Reagan
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 4, the 156th day of 2008. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the Pacific Battle of Midway began during World War II; three days later, American naval forces claimed a decisive victory over the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1784, opera singer Elizabeth Thible became the first woman to fly aboard a Montgolfier hot-air balloon, over Lyon, France.

In 1878, the Ottoman Empire turned over control of Cyprus to the British.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful pre-dawn test run of his horseless carriage, called a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

In 1939, the German ocean liner St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according to "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1979, Joe Clark of the Progressive Conservatives became the 16th prime minister of Canada.

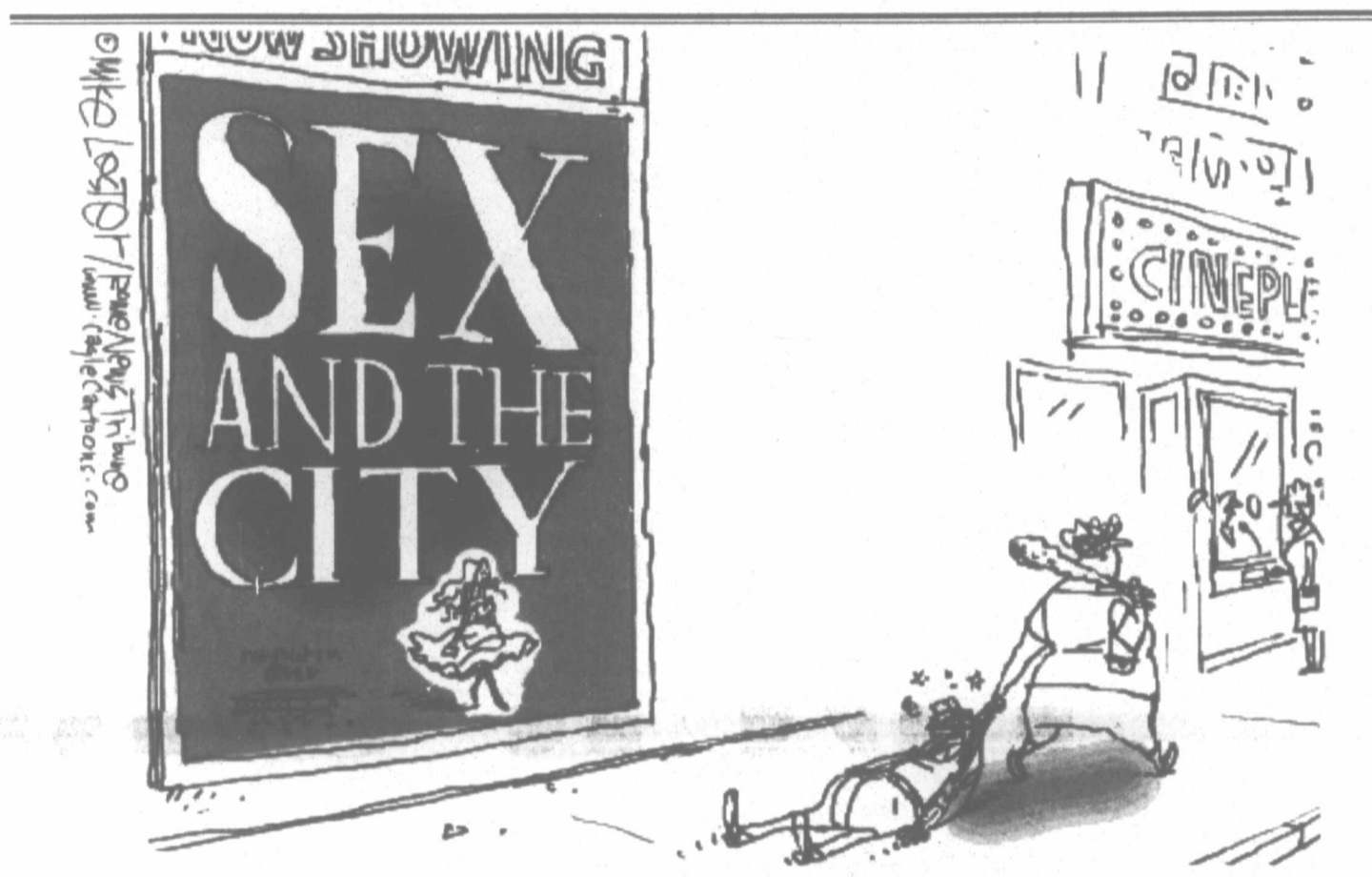
In 1989, Chinese army troops stormed Beijing to crush a pro-democracy movement, killing hundreds, possibly thousands, of people.

Ten years ago: A federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing. Americans aboard the shuttle Discovery arrived at the Russian space station Mir to pick up U.S. astronaut Andrew Thomas, who'd spent four months in orbit.

Five years ago: President Bush held landmark meetings with the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers, hoping to advance a Middle East peace plan after winning new support from top Arab leaders. Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators.

'If America forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to the deniers and mockers, then will begin the rot and dissolution.'

— Carl Sandburg
American writer
(1878-1967)



Making war on Iran is not an insane action

President George Bush and his tag-along buddy John McCain are repeating almost word-for-word about Iran the pattern of lies and threats they used to justify the war against Iraq.

Our intelligence agencies have said that Iran gave up the pursuit of a nuclear weapon three years ago. President Bush makes speeches as if he's never heard of any intelligence agencies. That's what worries me about President Bush. His words very often defy and contradict reality.

Recently, he almost repeated word-for-word a theme he often used in the buildup to the Iraq aggression. It was, he said, unthinkable to allow "the most dangerous regime to acquire the most dangerous weapons." This guy might actually launch an attack on Iran before his term expires. If he does, you can kiss the world economy goodbye.

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In the first place, Iran is far from the most dangerous regime in the world. I would say it is not dangerous at all, so far as the United States is concerned.

Except for idiots, sane people assess threats based on capability, not on political rhetoric, intentions or imagination.

So what are the capabilities of Iran? It has no nuclear weapons. We have about 3,000 or more. One American submarine could destroy the entire country of Iran and its population. Iran has no missiles that could reach us. It has no aircraft that could reach us. Its army couldn't even defeat Iraq.

So what I want to know is

how in the blankety-blank Hades Bush and McCain define the word "dangerous"? When their statements about Iran are placed side by side with the known facts, Bush and McCain sound insane.

Nothing alarms me more than the thought of an irrational person in the White

House. I'm OK with stupid. I can live with venal. I can tolerate a womanizer, even a drunk, but a crazy person in command of our nuclear forces gives me the heebie-jeebies. Somebody who can't tell the difference between a nuclear-free Iran with no ICBMs and Russia with thousands of nuclear warheads sitting atop advanced intercontinental missiles has no business being allowed in the White

House, even as a tourist.

There are two countries that have the capability of being a threat to us — Russia and China. That's foreign policy and geopolitical strategy at the kindergarten level. They have the capability. No other country in the world does. Only a moron would worry more about an ex-college professor with a long name whose office doesn't even control the armed forces than he would about Vladimir Putin. This present American administration, in one of the dumbest moves in the history of diplomacy, neglected our relations with Russia while it got us bogged down in two small desert countries that don't amount to a hill of coffee beans.

Also bear in mind that it doesn't matter diddly squat if some small country manages to make a few nuclear weapons. A few is no threat

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Charley Reese

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 25
Houston Chronicle on the ruling that could end the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy:

The nation's focus is on our embattled armed forces this Memorial Day weekend. It's worth noting that life might be changing for the better for several thousand servicemen and women, thanks to a federal appeals court ruling last week.

The court reinstated Maj. Margaret Witt's lawsuit challenging her dismissal from the Air Force under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. While the ruling does not strike down

the policy, it strikes a blow to its future application and bodes well for more equitable treatment of gays in the military.

The policy allows gays and lesbians to serve as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts. The rationale given for the policy, and one usually upheld by the courts, has been that accepting openly gay and lesbian service members would hurt troop morale and recruitment and undermine the cohesion of combat units.

Witt, a decorated flight nurse who cared for injured patients on military flights and in hospitals, most recently supported troops in Afghanistan. For six years, she lived with a civilian woman in Spokane, Wash., about 250

miles from her base, and kept the relationship private. After an anonymous tip to the Air Force about the relationship, she was suspended without pay and honorably discharged in 2007 after 18 years of service, two years shy of qualifying for retirement benefits.

In 2003, the Supreme Court ruled that a Texas ban on sodomy was an unconstitutional intrusion on privacy. Witt sued the Air Force in 2006, but the court dismissed her claims, saying that the Texas ruling did not affect the legality of "don't ask, don't tell." But last week, the appeals court disagreed and reinstated her case, ruling that since the Supreme Court sodomy ruling, the government must prove an important

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DEAR YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Your mother is right. You are responsible for the welfare and emotional development of your baby. While this does not mean you can't have some social life, please recognize that your son needs consistency. He should not be left for an extended period of time. Take the college courses, but take them locally. Foreign travel to "find yourself" will have to wait because leaving your son now could cause lifelong repercussions.

DEAR ABBY: I have lived on a golf course for the last five years, but golf -- or any sport, for that matter -- has never interested me. My parents and the rest of my family can't get enough of golf. I have given it many tries, including being forced into going to two golf camps and playing the game. My parents know I don't like golf -- I have told them -- but they keep on

insisting I "give it a try." (I have for five years. I just don't enjoy it.) And to top it off they want me to go golfing once a week. I try to please them. I go to church, get straight A's, respect them and do my chores. But they constantly nag me about the rest of the family enjoying it, and it makes me feel guilty for being a black sheep. Are my parents asking too much, or am I being selfish? -- **TEE'D OFF IN MIDDLETOWN, DEL.**

DEAR TEE'D OFF: You are intelligent and obviously a high achiever. But nowhere in your letter did you mention that you are in any way physically active, which may be what concerns your parents. I cannot stress enough how important it is for young people to get at least an hour a day of cardiovascular exercise. Please consider what I'm saying. If you are adamant about disliking golf, perhaps you can make a deal with your family to engage in some other physical activity that interests you.

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 15, and everyone in my family gave me great presents. I'd like to write them thank-you notes instead of just telling them that I am grateful. But, I'm not sure if writing thank-you notes to my parents and siblings is too formal. Are these notes written to close family? -- **EMILY IN DALLAS**

DEAR EMILY: They absolutely are. Not only should you write those thank-you notes, you may be surprised to find later on that family members treasured and kept every single one you wrote.

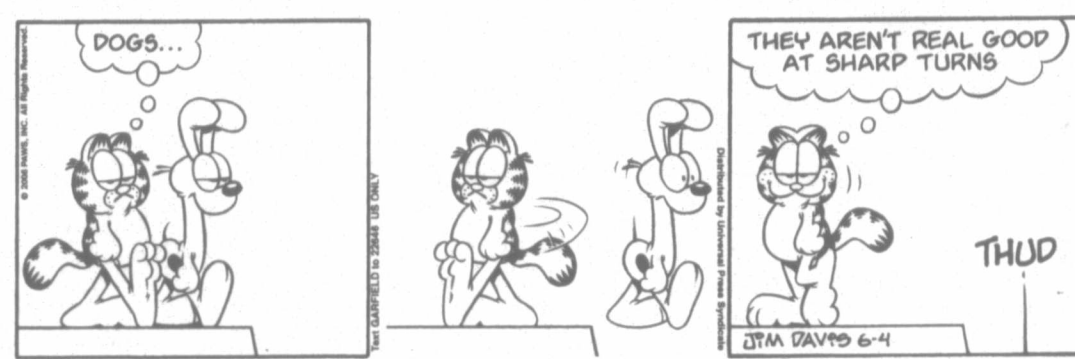
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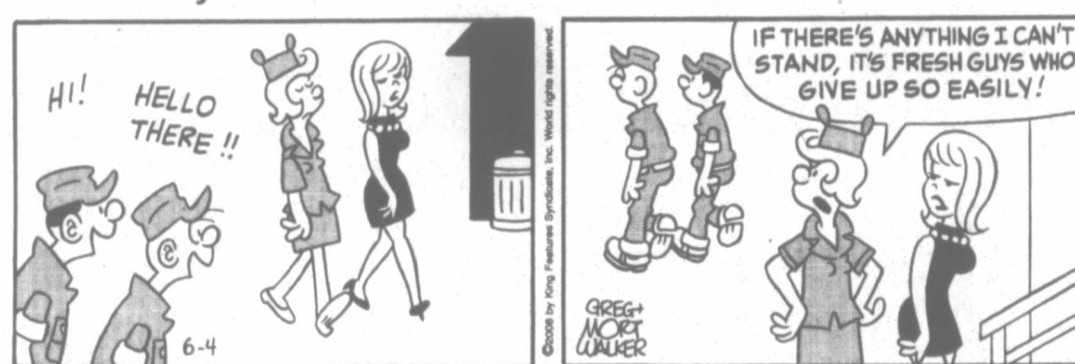
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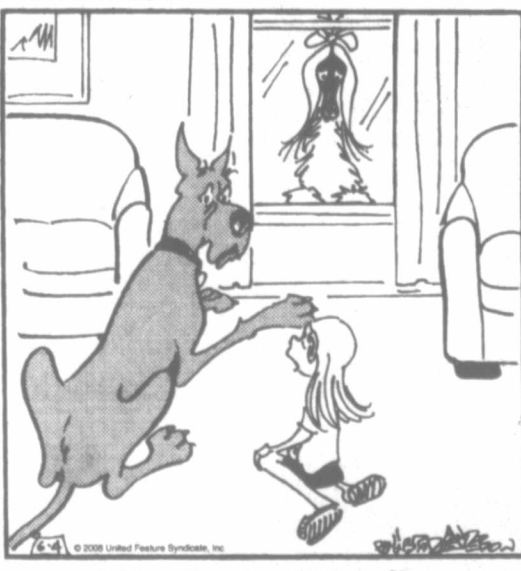
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Sports

Celanese remains only undefeated team in Cal Ripken City Tournament

Celanese is the only undefeated team in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament after vanquishing Glo-Valve Service 8-5 Tuesday.

Ben Arbuckle was the winning pitcher and aided his own cause with two hits, a run scored and two RBI. Ethan Hunt also had two hits, including a double, and a run scored for Celanese.

Pitching four innings and getting help from Thomas Haley, Arbuckle struck out eight, hit a batter and walked two. He permitted three runs and two hits. Haley gave up two runs on one hit. He struck out three and walked one.

Ryan Powell, Aaron Allen and Krysten Miller pitched for Glo-Valve. They gave up eight hits, two earned runs and two walks while striking out five.

Glo-Valve took an early lead in the first inning. Jordan Lemons, who had all of Glo-Valve's hits, opened the game with a single. He stole second and third and scored on a ground out by Aaron Allen. Krysten Miller walked, stole two bases and scooted home on a wild

pitch. Celanese evened the score in the second inning. Blayne Troxell was safe on an error. He went to third on a single by Haley. Both runners scored when Justin Velasquez reached base on an error. After two were out in the third inning, Brandon Stokes singled, went to second on an error, to third on a wild pitch and gave Celanese a 3-2 lead on a single by Arbuckle.

Glo-Valve tied the game in the fourth on a double by Lemons, a stolen base and a wild pitch. Celanese regained the lead in the bottom of the fourth. Hunt doubled and took third on a wild pitch. With two outs, Eddie Spencer laid down a bunt which scored Hunt.

Celanese rallied for four runs in the fifth inning. Alec Hendricks was safe on an error. C. J. Spencer drew a walk. Aron Avilla was hit by a pitch to load the bases. A force out at home saved a run, but Arbuckle came through again with a single which scored C. J. Spencer and Avilla. Stokes scored moments later on a ground out by Cyler Clifton. A sin-

gle by Hunt plated Arbuckle.

The winners needed the insurance runs. Brody Gaines walked to open the Glo-Valve sixth. J. T. Skinner was safe on an error. A double by Lemons scored both runners.

The 11 strikeouts by Celanese's pitchers made for few defensive plays, but Glo-Valve had several defensive gems. Chance Douglas snagged a fly ball in right field and started a double play by throwing to Lemons at first. Trey Miller and Skinner caught fly balls in center and left. Krysten Miller threw out a runner trying to steal third, and Tyler Powell threw one out trying to steal second.

Glo-Valve will play Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Thursday at 6 p.m. The winner will take on Celanese Friday at 5:45 p.m. and, if necessary in the double elimination tournament, at 7:45 p.m. for the City Tournament Championship.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Burkhart, Cochran lead Arizona St. to first title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — After seven national championships at the junior college level, Clint Myers made a bold prediction in his first meeting with the Arizona State softball team.

Then he followed through on it by bringing the Sun Devils a championship of their own.

Katie Burkhart threw a four-hitter, Kaitlin Cochran finally showed off her hitting prowess with a three-run home run and Arizona State claimed its first Women's College World Series title with an 11-0 win over Texas A&M on Tuesday night.

Myers said it was more than the players taking "a fat, old, grey-haired guy" at his word.

"It was something you had to earn. We had to go out and we had to earn their trust. We had to teach them and show them that what we were saying, we truly believed," Myers said.

The sixth-seeded Sun Devils (66-5) put together a complete game, combining Burkhart's dominance in the circle with an offensive outburst never seen before in the championship round to claim some bragging rights in the Pac-10, which already had a slew of titles from softball powers UCLA and Arizona and one from California.

"It is a tradition we're trying to build, and this year's team put it on the map," Myers said.

Burkhart (41-5) struck out 13 to win her 11th straight decision, firing back-to-back shutouts to close out Texas A&M in the best-of-three championship series. She credited a friend with inspiring her to have the mentality of a shark because "in the wild when they go for prey, when one shark goes, they all go."

"Every pitch I was think-

ing, 'Be that shark. Right here, let's destroy, let's destroy,'" Burkhart said.

Cochran made a big splash after getting intentionally walked in her first six World Series plate appearances and heading into Game 2 of the championship with a single as her only World Series hit.

The 2007 batting champion went the opposite way for her 14th home run of the season, hitting the first pitch from Megan Gibson (41-4) over the left-field fence to give the Sun Devils a commanding 4-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning.

Arizona State then turned it into a rout with seven runs in the seventh inning, including a two-run single by Caylyn Carlson and a three-run home run by Mindy Cowles that caromed off a canopy over the seats in left

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— Katie Burkhart
Sun Devils Pitcher

field. The margin ended up matching the second-most lopsided game in World Series history. Only Arizona's 12-0 defeat of Fresno State in the first round of the 1989 World Series was a bigger blowout.

"I've been speechless since we won this game," said Burkhart, the Sun Devils' bubbly left-handed ace. "This is the most phenomenal experience I've ever had. This is what I've dreamed about for my entire life. To be able to experience

this is something truly amazing. This team, they're capable of doing damage and I think we did that today."

Burkhart pitched around a single by Natalie Villarreal and a walk to Gibson to start the fourth inning, and didn't face much trouble the rest of the way. She retired Jami Lobpries on a popout, Erin Glasco on a comebacker and then struck out Jamie Hinshaw to end the threat.

The only other time fifth-seeded Texas A&M (57-10) got a runner on third was in the sixth, when Gibson doubled with two outs and then stole third.

"I don't think it helps that a lot of people decided to go into a slump at the same time," Gibson said. "I think we just needed to be more selective with our pitches that we were swinging at. There were a lot of pitches that were balls that we had people swinging at in our lineup, but that just happens sometimes. You go through slumps and you try to get out of them. We just could not get out of it."

Myers, who happened into softball while awaiting his chance to be a baseball manager, finally got to bring a national title home to his alma mater. He narrowly missed winning national titles as a catcher on Arizona State's 1972 and 1973 College World Series teams that lost one-run games to Southern California in the championship game.

As a coach, he won six national softball titles at Central Arizona junior college after Mike Candra left the program to build an eight-time NCAA champion at Arizona and eventually become the U.S. Olympic team's coach.

He eventually won the 2002 baseball title at Central Arizona, too.

Hustling Harvester Basketball Camp begins June 9

The Hustling Harvester Basketball Camp for incoming first through ninth grade boys will be held in McNeely Fieldhouse beginning Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 13.

The camp mission is to have fun and to help each boy improve himself and the fundamentals of basketball. This includes improving skills such as shooting, passing, ball handling, rebounding and team building.

The camp fee is \$60 and includes a basketball, t-shirt and a skills and drills book. Registration may be taken Monday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. Players may also bring their own basketball, tennis shoes and a water bottle.

First through fifth graders will participate in the camp from 9 a.m. to noon while sixth through ninth graders will participate from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information please contact the Athletic Office at 669-4830 or Dustin Miller at 664-7813.

Kuznetsova advances to French Open semifinals

PARIS (AP) — Svetlana Kuznetsova returned to the French Open semifinals, recovering from a slow start to beat unseeded Kaia Kanepi 7-5, 6-2 Wednesday.

Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion, was runner-up at Roland Garros to Justine Henin in 2006.

In an all-Russian semifinal Thursday, the No. 4-seeded Kuznetsova will play the winner of the quarterfinal between No. 7 Elena Dementieva and No. 13 Dinara Safina.

The other semifinal will be all-Serbian, with No. 2-seeded Ana Ivanovic playing No. 3 Jelena Jankovic. Ivanovic beat Patty Schnyder 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday, and Jankovic defeated unseeded Carla Suarez Navarro by the same score.

Kanepi, an Estonian playing in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, was hurt by 31 unforced errors and lost 16 of 24 points on her second serve.

Still, she took an early lead.

Kuznetsova lost serve to fall behind 4-2 when she

ended an 11-stroke exchange by putting a forehand into the net. Kanepi raised a fist, bent over and yelled in excitement, while her supporters in the guest box stood and cheered while waving Estonian flags.

Kanepi went ahead 4-0 love in the next game, a point from a 5-2 lead, before her game unraveled. Kuznetsova won the next point, a 12-stroke rally, with a forehand winner, and Kanepi dropped the next four points too, all on her miscues, capped by a double-fault on break point.

That began a run in which Kuznetsova won five of six games — and 23 of 32 points — to take the first set.

She raced to a 5-1 lead in the second set, and after closing out the victory with a forehand winner, she waved a clenched fist as she walked to the net.

Three-time defending champion Rafael Nadal was toasted on his 22th birthday Tuesday after he gave himself another berth in the semifinals. He drubbed fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-1, 6-1, 6-1, the

most lopsided victory by Nadal in two days.

On Sunday, he routed yet another poor Spaniard, Fernando Verdasco, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

"I play better and better every match," Nadal said.

The going's about to get tougher. A potential final looms against No. 1-ranked Roger Federer, but first No. 2 Nadal must beat No. 3 Novak Djokovic on Friday in a semifinal widely anticipated since the draw was held nearly two weeks ago.

Nadal is 7-3 against Djokovic and 26-0 at Roland Garros.

"I don't want to go out there in the semis and just try my best," Djokovic said. "I want to win, and I think I have good quality and a good chance. Of course he's a favorite, and all the credit to that, but only with a positive attitude and approach in the match I can get the positive outcome."

The Australian Open champion, Djokovic is bidding for his second successive major title.



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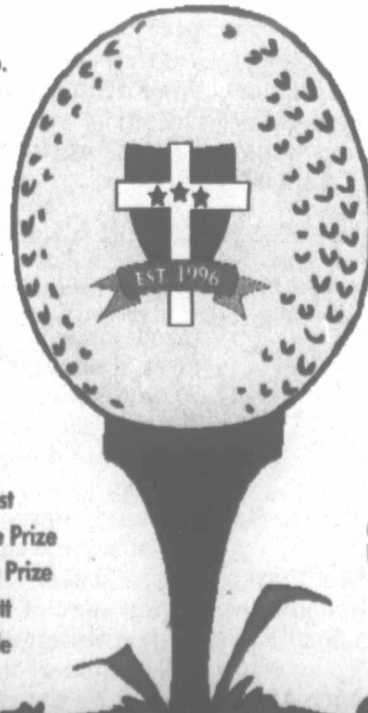
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Texas Tech baseball coach steps down after 38 years

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech baseball coach Larry Hays is stepping down after 38 years as one of four Division I coaches with more than 1,500 wins. Hays, who made the announcement Monday, finishing with a 1,509-860 record. Before coming to Tech, the 63-year-old coached 16 years at Lubbock Christian, where he was 695-381.

The Red Raiders (25-30) finished last in the Big 12 this year, giving Hays only his second losing season since 1987, his first year at Tech.

Dan Spencer was named head coach designate in April. The 42-year-old Spencer, who played at Tech, returned last year after 11 seasons at Oregon State. The Beavers won NCAA titles in 2006 and 2007 with Spencer as associate head coach.

AP NEWS IN BRIEF

A look at the world ...

McCain, Obama plunge into five-month general election campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Change is coming, that much Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama agree on as they plunge into a five-month campaign for the White House.

The primaries behind them, the presidential rivals were wasting no time drawing the battle line for a fall fight that will make history with the election of either the oldest first-term president in McCain or the first black leader in Obama. In speeches marking the start of the general election, both maneuvered for the advantage with voters sour on the status quo.

McCain, a four-term Arizona senator seeking to succeed a fellow Republican, uttered the word "change" more than 30 times as he tried to distance himself from President Bush and blister his Democratic rival. Obama uttered the phrase 19 times in a speech that claimed the Democratic presidential nomination.

"The wrong change looks not to the future but to the past for solutions that have failed us before and will surely fail us again," McCain, 71, said in suburban New Orleans. "I have a few years on my opponent, so I am surprised that a young man has bought into so many failed ideas."

In St. Paul, Minn., Obama, 46 and a first-term Illinois senator, ceded no ground on the reformer mantle and cast McCain as a continuation of the unpopular Bush's eight-year tenure.

Chinese police cordon off school after breaking up protest over students killed in quake

DUJIANGYAN, China (AP) — Chinese police Wednesday blocked access to a school that collapsed in last month's massive earthquake, a day after breaking up a protest by parents of students who died in the disaster.

A cordon of police held back reporters and others gathered at Juyuan Middle School on the edge of Dujiangyan in Sichuan province. More than 270 students died when the school collapsed in the May 12 earthquake.

Police were also out in force at the Xiangge Middle School, where 300 students died. Unlike at other schools, no memorials, banners, or photos of children had been set up at the school, also near Dujiangyan.

"There is no use protesting ... no one ever comes here," said a man who lived near the school. He would give only his surname, Ding.

Ding said officials had told local residents not to cause any problems by protesting.

The State Council, or Cabinet, said Wednesday that the confirmed death toll rose to 69,122, an increase of 17 from a day earlier. Spokesman Lu Guangjin refused to say how many of them were children.

Beleaguered Olmert to meet Bush for talks on Iran, Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's fears that Iran could obtain nuclear weapons and

the Israeli government's attempts to negotiate peace with the Palestinians and Syria are top agenda items when Israel's beleaguered prime minister, Ehud Olmert, meets President Bush.

The most pressing issue for Wednesday's talks, however, might not even be openly discussed: Olmert's deteriorating political situation back home, where his popularity has nosedived because of a new corruption scandal and where the end of his term is largely seen as just a matter of time.

Those developments are jeopardizing Bush's already ambitious timetable for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement by year's end and are making it unlikely that Bush or Olmert will be able to shepherd the process to completion.

For Olmert, a friendly meeting with a stalwart ally like Bush is a marked change from what he left behind in Israel, where his political allies are conspicuously refusing to come to his defense and jostling for his job.

Topping the list of discussion points at the Bush-Olmert meeting is Iran, a prime concern for both countries, though each has a different intelligence assessment on the state of Iran's nuclear program. Israel believes that Iran has not suspended its nuclear weapons program, despite a report to the contrary by U.S. intelligence.

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United Nations chief says up to \$20 billion needed to boost food production

ROME (AP) — U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon says \$15 billion to \$20 billion is needed each year to boost food production to combat hunger.

The United Nations secretary-general says most of that money would have to come from concerned countries.

Ban was speaking Wednesday at a summit on the food price crisis. Delegates at the summit in Rome have been divided over the role that biofuels play in driving up food prices to the point of provoking riots in some countries.

Ban says policy guidelines on biofuel production should be put in place because of its impact on food production.

Salmonella illnesses reported in 9 states; tomatoes a common factor in Texas, New Mexico

ATLANTA (AP) — An outbreak of salmonella food poisoning first linked to uncooked tomatoes has now been reported in nine states, U.S. health officials said Tuesday.

Lab tests have confirmed 40 illnesses in Texas and New Mexico as the same type of salmonella, right down to the genetic fingerprint. An investigation by Texas and New Mexico health authorities and the Indian Health Service tied those cases to uncooked, raw, large tomatoes.

At least 17 people in Texas and New Mexico have been hospitalized. None have died, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

work against Iran.

I know most secular folks equate religion with insanity, but they are not the same. Iran is a religious nation, but its leaders are not crazy. They are smart and well-educated. They fought a long, grueling war with Iraq, and I think what they want more than anything else is a little peace and prosperity. But I think they are worried about Bush, McCain and Israel, and I don't blame them.

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

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to many. Nobody with a few would be tempted to attack any country with many nuclear weapons.

Deterrence worked when the Soviet Union had 30,000 nuclear warheads, but these moronic, unscrupulous, intellectually dishonest, dishonorable neocons would convince you that deterrence wouldn't

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government interest necessitating the intrusion on privacy.

That's as it should be. "Don't ask, don't tell" has been an awkward compromise that followed then-President Bill Clinton's attempt to force the Pentagon to allow gay soldiers to serve openly. Most European countries, including Great Britain, have lifted their bans on gay soldiers, with no ill effects. Four out of five American soldiers feel comfortable with gay comrades.

Disturbingly, Witt's discharge came during a shortage of flight nurses, the Associated Press reported, and it out-

raged many of her colleagues. One of them, a sergeant, retired in protest.

As Americans salute the military today and the sacrifices its members make, it is worth remembering that their ranks include 65,000 or so homosexuals and thousands more before them who serve just as bravely and proudly as do all in the armed forces. Their sexuality should not be any more of an issue than that of their straight colleagues.

Witt said of the historic ruling: "I am thrilled by the court's recognition that I can't be discharged without proving that I was harmful to morale. I am proud of my career and want to continue doing my job. Wounded people never asked me about my sexual orientation. They were just glad to see me there." URL: <http://www.chron.com>

Perfect attendance



Courtesy Photos
Travis Elementary School recently gave away four bicycles for perfect attendance. Names were drawn for the winners. Top to bottom: Shattner Reeve, Brendan Grant, Brittney Blakemore and Odalys Miranda.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** If you feel the need to stay close to home, do so. You can probably get a lot done from your pad, even if it isn't work. Cutting back and slowing your pace is a perfect decision. Someone strolls into your life, adding a lot of action today or in the near future. Tonight: Make nothing difficult! Order in!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** At first you try to be diplomatic, but later you could toss restriction to the wayside. You could become a tad outrageous or crazy. Perhaps in letting go, you'll understand more about those who are more carefree. Tonight: Why not go the whole way? Try a spontaneous gem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Relate more openly about a

money/security-related matter. You might decide to be cautious at first. A partner encourages you to be slightly more indulgent. Only you can decide. Tonight: Pick up a favorite munchie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You need to express who you are to the most complete level possible. At first you might be conservative, but as the day ages, you could become outrageous. Just make this your day to be! Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Step back. You might even want to close your door. Time taken now to reflect on different issues will come back to you in multiples. Don't kid yourself. You'll lighten up considerably after you see the humor in a situation. Tonight: Rest up ... soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Though you might be serious, you have spunk and resilience. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with someone you care about deeply. A relationship could go from very serious to simply silly in a few hours. Tonight: Start living it up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** A nagging doubt could infiltrate your strong, responsible exterior. Slow down if you believe you have made an error in judgment. You'll rebound with joy when the pressure eases. Cut out and make it an early day. Tonight: Treat a family member to dinner out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** A friend feels you need to look deeper into a situation. You could feel conflicted. There probably is no such thing as too much knowledge. Phones ring off the hook. Screen your calls if

need be. Tonight: Let your mind roam, even if your body must stay put!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** A partner has surprising resources. New beginnings come from out of nowhere if you defer to others and don't try to control a situation. You become joyous as the day ends. Tonight: Togetherness builds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Defer to others today. Listen to feedback from various sources. Many people revolve around you. Though you might try to detach, that attitude won't work for long. Count on being a player, not an observer. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Focus on what you can do, even if an associate is slightly tight or refusing to relax with you. You discover that the sense of accomplishment feels great as you keep zeroing in again and again on one other task. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others might be somber, but that doesn't mean you need to be. Loosen up and relax with a child or new friend. Laughter abounds. If you're really trying to work, focus on a creative project. You need to let your imagination wander. Tonight: So what if it's Thursday night? Act like it is Friday.

BORN TODAY Cabinetmaker Thomas Chippendale (1718), economist John Maynard Keynes (1883), journalist Bill Moyers (1934) ***

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Events calendar

• **Amarillo Botanical Gardens** will stage its "Music in the Gardens" June 9, 16, 23 and 30 with various musicians and vocal artists. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (vari-

cella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., June 6 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Pampa Girl Scout House**, 720 E. Kingsmill, will be the site of a "Container Gardening Workshop" for girls between seventh and 12 grades and their mothers. The workshop will be offered from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 7. Participants will learn how to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables in fun, creative containers. The fee is \$12.50 per person. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is hosting the event. Participants may join the

Girl Scouts for a \$10 fee. Registration and fee must be turned into the Clarendon office (P.O. Box 729, Clarendon, TX 79226) by June 2. For a form or more information, call (806) 874-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

• **The Eighth Annual Flatlanders Car Show** will last from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 7 on the east side of Sunset Lake at Guymon, Okla. A cookout is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 6 at Pickle Creek Building. A Turbo 350 transmission, Flow Master Mufflers, pressure washer, GPS tracking system and more will be given-away at the show. The entry fee to register for the show is \$25. To learn more, call (806) 339-8165, (580) 338-3837 or (580) 338-2743.



Fifth grade valedictorian

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