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Republicans consider 5 props in primary

AUSTIN — Early voting for the 2010 Republican Primary begins Tuesday, February 16, and along with candidates for offices from courthouses to the state house, voters will have the chance to weigh in on five ballot propositions.

The propositions were placed on the GOP primary ballot by the State Republican Executive Committee during its December 2009 meeting in Austin. The nonbinding propositions are intended to gauge voter interest in issues, as well as inform our elected officials where the party's grassroots stand on the issues.

"These ballot propositions are Texas Republicans' chance to be heard on issues facing our state," said Republican Party of Texas Chairman Cathie Adams. "All five of the propositions came up from the grassroots through the

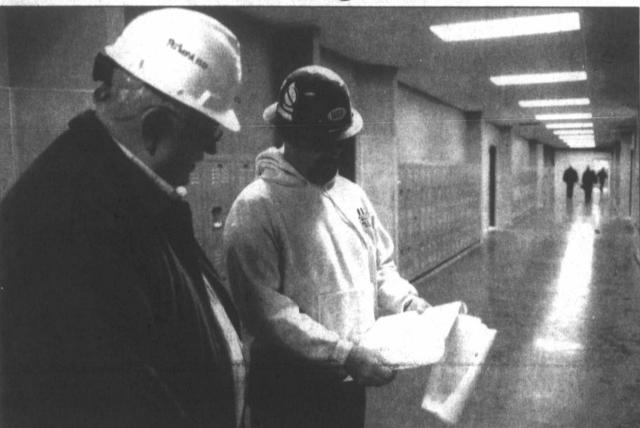
SREC to address serious concerns. Voters should study the questions and then use their vote to speak directly to their elected officials."

Noting that the Democrats have no propositions on their primary ballot, Republican Party spokesman Bryan Preston added: 'Apparently the Democrats don't want to know what their primary voters think about, say, ObamaCare or the cap and tax

bill. If they put those questions on the ballot, they might find out that their own primary voters are just as disenchanted with Washington Democrats as the rest of us. Or, that they're still on the big government bandwagon - and therefore out of touch with the rest of Texas. So in their case, apparently it's best just not to ask.'

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Junior high tour



staff photo by David Bowser

Lee Porter with the Pampa school board, left, listens to Richard Self of Western Builders describe the work being done at the new Pampa Junior High School that's under construction on the north side of town. The new junior high is expected to be completed this summer so students can attend class there next fall.

City approves 90K for land buy

BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com

Pampa City Commission Tuesday approved \$90,000 to buy land from Logan Brothers Investments, LLC for use for the outdoor aquatic cen-

In a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Bill Allison opposed and Commissioner Robert Dixon absent, the commission passed a resolution authorizing City Manager Richard Morris to acquire the land adjacent to Inez Carter Park. The purchase will be paid for with bond money from 2009 certificates of obligation.

Assistant City Manger Shane Stokes said this is the next step in preparing for the construction phase LAND cont. on page 3

Mayor promises to work on recycling issues

BY BETSY PHILLIPS

editor@thepampanews.com "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the

problem."— African proverb. One Pampa resident offered to be a part of solu-

tion when speaking to the Pampa City Commission Tuesday regarding concerns about the move of the recycling center to the landfill.

The recycling center was moved from its old location at 701 Municipal Drive by Hobart Street Park to the landfill on the east side of Pampa off Loop 171. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through

The move is part of a larger plan to consolidate the city's services and cut costs.

Pampan Jim Terry addressed concerns and proposed a plan to address

Terry told commissioners that he doesn't think as many people are recycling at the new location. Rocks at the landfill site, he said, are a problem for older people and the dumpsters

are too big to allow those who have trouble lifting lift

items, to reach. Terry said he believes a volunteer program, to assist those dropping off items, could be implemented at no cost to the city. "I propose a citizens committee be formed to study the issues and come up with solutions," Terry told commissioners.

"Let me assure you," said Mayor Lonny Robbins told Terry, "we will work on

Commissioner Fulton said he thinks the facility shouldn't be closed on Saturday, when people are working on projects.

Bill Commissioner Allison suggested that Terry would be a good choice to head up a citizens committee. He asked City Attorney Mark Buzzard to check into liability to the city of having volunteers at the landfill.

Public Works Director Donny Hooper sid there have been some kinks in the recycling center move. But, he said, leaving the facility open at night RECYCLE cont. on page 3

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staff photo by David Bowser

Stephen Pitts, center, interim CEO of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, talks with Pampa native Gary Molberg, left, with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Joe Weaver, right, of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, during the announcement of expanded health insurance through the chambers Thursday at PRMC.

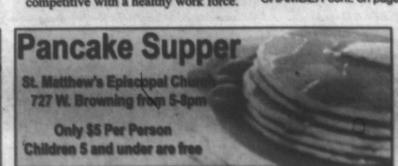
Chamber healthcare co-op provides benefits for Pampa area members

Pampa— The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce has joined with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and UnitedHealthCare to offer costeffective health care benefits for Pampa area business owners. The goals of the program are to increase the number of workers with health care coverage, improve their well-being and access to care, and assist businesses in remaining competitive with a healthy work force.

"This is a unique partnership opportunity for Pampa, Amarillo, and UnitedHealthCare that will broaden the options for our residents, small employers, and their employees to meet insurance needs efficiently and effectively." says Representative Warren Chisum. "As our state and nation continue to look for innovative solutions to health-

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For the record

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Low 25

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Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northwest wind between 5 and 10

Sunday: Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. North wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Presidents' Day: Sunny, with a high near 40. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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I have told her it's making me crazy, but she won't stop. Am I being overly sensitive? What do I do? -- CLICK-CRAZY IN CALIFORNIA

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Obituaries

Glenn Clark Sanders, 89

11, 2010, in Texas.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Military hon-ors are courtesy of U. S. Air Force, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sanders was born He transferred from Carter

Pampa— Glenn Clark December 19, 1920 Nine Skelly Camp in Sanders, 89, died February in Pawnee, Oklahoma Pampa, to Bernard and Molly Sanders. He married Ermalee Vandruff in 1947. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a fighter pilot. Glenn had a great love for flying. He received his Associate Degree from Pawnee Junior College in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma A & M University and Texas Tech University. He went to work for Skelly Oil in 1948 in Lyman, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma to Pampa in 1959. Glenn retired from Skelly Oil in 1975 and began traveling with his wife the world over. He was a member of the American Petroleum Institute and the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife: Ermalee Sanders of

Hathaway; special friends Sam and Jan Haynes. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

the home; one niece: Gwen

MEMORIALS: Book of Remembrance, First



Sanders

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Chavez

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Beverly Nan Coffman (Chavez, 72 Pampa— Beverly Nan She lived in Ruidoso, children, Joshua Harris,

Coffman Chavez, 72, died February 10, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Terry McAffrey of Destiny Center, officiat-

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

Mrs. Chavez was born January 9, 1938 in Pampa and was a 1956 graduate of Pampa High School.

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New Mexico from 1977 until returning to Pampa in 2003. For many years, she owned and operated Top O' Texas Answering Service in Pampa. She was a member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center and the Bingo Club at Pampa Manor. Survivors include a

daughter, Teri Williams and husband Dennis of Pampa; a son, Chris Coffman and wife Brenda of Sealy; brother, Rick Ramming and wife Nita of White Deer; three grand-

Meredith Coffman and Caleb Coffman; nieces and nephews R. D. Ramming, Vicki Hillis and Pam Cartwright; numerous great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Coffman in 1996; and her husband, Richard Chavez in March of 2003.

MEMORIALS: Destiny Center, P.O. Box 2410, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or Shepherd's Helping Hands, P.O. Box 1155, Pampa, Texas

Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Lucinda Arreola, 26, was

Christopher Mirabella

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credit card abuse charges.

34, Amarillo, was arrested

by deputies for parole vio-

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driving while intoxicated,

Heather Alexis Elsass,

25, was arrested by police

second offense.

on charges of criminal tres-

Teresa Gail Mundell, 35,

was arrested by police on

charges of public intoxication. Estevan Manuel Portillo, 27, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, not having lia-

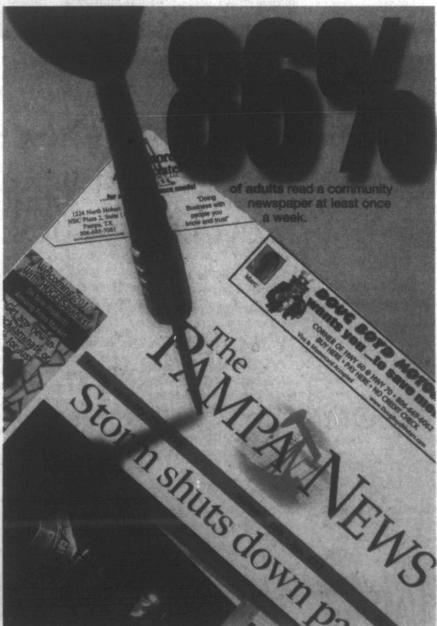
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Arrest report

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County The Gray Sheriff's

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- Only 10% watch television for community information.*

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Texas

staff photo by David Bowser Doug Carmichael, left, and Don Lane examine progress on the commons area of the new Pampa junior High School during Wednesday night's tour of the facility. Lane headed the drive to pass the bond issue to finance the renovation of the high school and construction of the new junior high. The new junior high is expected to be finished next summer with the first class moving in for the fall semester.

Chamber

care costs, this partnership is a step in the right direction to offering businesses and individuals resources without government intru-

Representative John Smithee, Chair of the Texas House Insurance Committee commented, "This is a positive step for our residents, business owners and the health care community.

The Pampa Chamber has been addressing the issue of making a health cooperative a reality for its members, and thanks to this recent effort and diligence by the Amarillo Chamber, this endeavor has come to fruition. Working with the Texas Legislature, elected officials, area hospitals UnitedHealthcare, Amarillo Chamber the successfully developed Amarillo Chamber

and now offers it to members of Panhandle area chambers, as well. This initiative is now poised to provide new health coverage options for business owners, expand consumer choice, emphasize personal responsibility for health care and focus on wellness and prevention.

Joe Weaver, Executive Director, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Pampa Chamber of

Commerce, at the request of members and healthcare professionals, and with assistance by them, researched the possibility of forming a cooperative, but the insurance companies felt our community would not provide the numbers they needed to make the proposition economically feasible. Thanks to this inclusive effort by the Amarillo Chamber, we can Healthcare Cooperative, now—through our participating member agencies-offer insurance health care products that benefit our members, future members, and in general our community and region. Today we are proudly announcing that plan."

Health plans offered the Amarillo through Healthcare Chamber Cooperative are available to business owners who are members of

Stokes told commission-

ers staff has reviewed plans

for the project in depth and

has sent corrections to the

After the land deal is

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designer.

cont. from page 1 the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and associate

members of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Businesses that enroll with UnitedHealthcare through the Chamber will receive a 7% discount on select medical plans and have an option for saving 5% on their bundled dental and vision plans.

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staff can start on prepara-

tion for water and sewer

Bids are expected to go

out in May and the city

hopes to have a contractor

site in July. "We're still

on track to open in May

2011," Stokes said.

lines at the site.

Props.

The five ballot propositions are as follows:

Ballot Proposition

#1: Photo ID The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition #3: Cutting Federal **Income Taxes**

In addition to aggressive-

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ly eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus"

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition Public Acknowledgement of God

The use of the word "God", prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition #5: Sonograms

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.

YES or NO

Recycle

resulted in people dumping household trash in the recycling dumpsters and unlabled chemicals being dropped off. "I'd be glad to

cont. from page 1 talk to Mr. Terry or anyone

else regarding their ideas (for the recyling center)," Hooper said.





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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2010. There are 322 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 - Lady Jane Grey, who claimed the throne of England for nine days, is beheaded after being charged with treason.

1577 - Don John of Austria, new Governor of the Netherlands, issues edict to settle civil war.

1610 - France's King Henry IV signs alliance with German Protestant Union.

1689 - Declaration of Rights in England, in which William and Mary are proclaimed King and Queen

1733 - James Oglethorpe and a group of unemployed and newly freed British debtors land in

'No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.'

Abraham Lincoln

Savannah, Georgia, as part of England's colonial expansion plan. 1736 - Nadir Shah

becomes King of

Persia.

1870 - Women in the Utah Territory gain the right to vote. 1895 - Japanese forces score impres-

sive victory at Weihai-wei in China.

1899 - Germany buys Pacific islands of Marianas, Carolines and Palau from Spain.

1909 - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is founded in the

1912 - Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicates, ending more than 2,000 years of imperial rule.

1915 - The cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial is laid in Washington, D.C.

1924 - George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premieres in New York City. 1934 - More than 1,000 people are believed killed

in clashes between the Austro-Fascist government of Engelbert Dollfuss and leftist workers. 1973 -The first release of American prisoners

American and Vietnamese representatives meet in Paris and sign an agreement in January. 1974 - Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Soviet Nobel

of war from the Vietnam conflict takes place after

Prize winner, is arrested at his Moscow apartment and is exiled the following day 1986 - Andrija Artukovic, 86, is extradited from United States to Yugoslavia to stand trial for war crimes during World War II. He later dies awaiting

1992 - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali opens peace talks aimed at reaching a cease-

fire in Somalia. 1994 - Norwegian Edvard Munch's painting "The Scream" is stolen from a museum in Oslo. It is recovered three months later in a police sting opera-

1998 - Cuba releases "several dozen" prisoners, whose freedom was sought by Pope John Paul II during his January trip to Cuba.

1999 - U.S. President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the Senate in an impeachment trial stemming from the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

2000 - "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz dies at 77 following a battle with colon cancer, just as the last original comic strip of his half-century career was being published in newspapers worldwide.

2002 - Pakistani authorities arrest Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, a British-born Islamic militant, as the prime suspect in the January kidnapping of Daniel Pearl, a U.S. reporter for the Wall Street Journal newspaper.

2003 - At least 30 people die and 160 others are injured in riots in La Paz, Bolivia, as striking police officers and protesters clash with the military.

2005 - Police kill three demonstrators when thousands of protesters rampage and set fires that send a pall of smoke over Lome's turquoise coast, as pressure at home and abroad mounts against Togo's army-installed president.

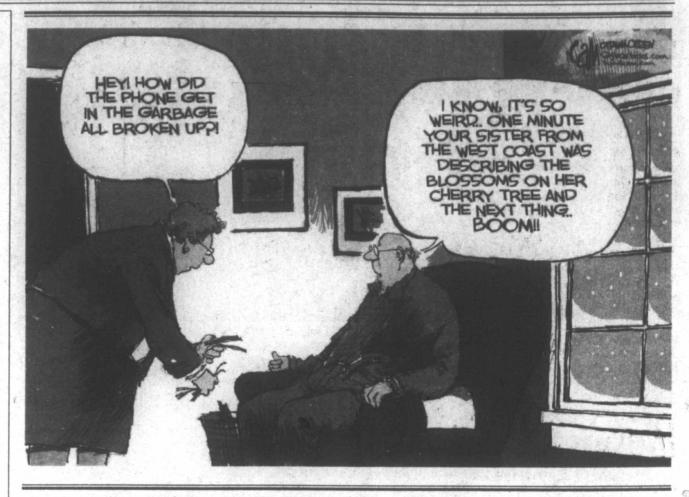
2007 - An Iraqi court sentences Saddam Hussein's former deputy to death for his role in the killings of Shiites in the Iraqi town of Dujail in 1982. The court ruled that Taha Yassin Ramadan's earlier sentence of life in prison was too lenient.

2008 - Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologizes on behalf of Australian government to indigenous people for past injustices.

2009 - For the second day in a row, the U.S. Navy captures suspected pirates in the Gulf of Aden after an Indian-flagged merchant ship sends a distress call saying it is under attack.

Today's Birthdays:

Charles Darwin, English scientist (1809-1882); Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president (1809-1865); Franco Zeffirelli, Italian director (1923--); Michael Ironside, Canadian actor (1950--); Christina Ricci U.S. actress (1980--); Josh Brolin, U.S. actor (1968-



Analysis: Gov't takeover of health care already reality

WALTER R. MEARS AP SPECIAL

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(AP) — In the long, loud argument about President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, opponents contend it would point toward a government takeover of the system. Democrats deny that. Now there's evidence that it's already happening, inexorably, whatever the outcome on the stalled health care bill.

For the first time, government programs will account for more than half of U.S. health care spending by 2012, and that share will keep creening unward. according to federal actu-

Federal and state government programs now cover an estimated 42 percent of health care costs. The number jumps significantly in the first part of the decade, exceeding 50 percent by 2012, and then rises slowly toward the end of the decade, when it's likely to reach 52 percent.

So after all the months of wrangling about the public option for health care coverage, it turns out not to be optional in the current system.

"I don't know if anybody noticed that, for the first time this year, you saw more people getting health care from government than you did from the private sector; not because of anything we did, but because more and more people are losing their health care from their employers. It's becoming unaffordable," Obama told reporters Tuesday - with a bit of hyperbole.

The numbers make a compelling case for change and Obama is making another push for it. He's called Republican and Democratic leaders to discuss health care with him on Feb. 25, all on television. It amounts to a compromise offer built into a challenge to the Republicans, who held the

lowing guidelines:

party line against his health care bill with unanimous opposition in the Senate and only one GOP vote in the House.

Obama said he wants to "look at the Republican ideas that are out there." But he is not offering to do what GOP leaders demand, as they have all along — scrap the current bill and start from scratch. The White House said he "comprehensive reform similar to the bills passed by the House and the Senate."

That was at hand before the Democrats lost their filibuster-blocking 60th Senate vote in a special election upset in Massachusetts. they've got to find another way if health care changes are to pass.

Hence the president's call for a conference with both sides plus health care experts to compare "their ideas, our ideas ... in a methodical way so the American people can see and compare.

They also can see and compare the cost of doing nothing in the projections published this month by the journal Health Affairs, covering the increasing share of government spending on health care. That's based on the impact of the recession and unemployment, Medicaid spending and the aging baby boomers who will turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare.

The report estimated national health care spending at \$2.5 trillion in 2009, or 17.3 percent of the economy after the sharpest oneyear increase in 50 years.

By 2020, health spending is expected to reach \$4.5 trillion a year and account for about 20 percent of the economy.

Add to that the biggest tax break the government offers, \$155 billion in taxes spared on employ-er-paid health insurance premiums. That exemption benefits 162 million Americans, and even a hint of changing that stirs a

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political firestorm, as it has in the current debate about limiting the deduction so as to tax part of the premium on the highest-cost, so-called Cadillac health insurance plans.

Overall, those trends point to higher health care expenses than any national budget can afford. But the case for change collides with the hard political lines already drawn on the issue. Obama's effort to bend

them "and arrive at some agreements" to get bipartisan action on health care is a long shot. He told supporters that he never underestimated the problems and political risks of pushing health care reform. "I knew this was hard,"

he said. "You don't think I got warnings?"

President Bill Clinton tried it, and paid. He couldn't even get a vote on his bill, in a Democratic Congress. And the failed drive for universal health care hurt Democrats in the 1994 midterm elections in which Republicans won control of Congress.

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Anything approaching a replay in the 2010 elections would push the issue off the table, despite the need for change to ward off unsustainable costs. About 30 years ago, House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill pronounced Social Security to be "the third rail of American politics" — perilous to touch. Eventually it was changed to control costs but only when the alternative was crisis.

Short of some kind of action this time, health care could become the new third rail.

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Sports

Borger Little League expands to include Pampa

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Borger Little League is expanding to Pampa this year and sign ups are on March 6 at the Ford Showroom at Fenton Motors.

Jack Martingdale said kids in Pampa play in the Optimist League and parents and kids wanted another option.

"Amarillo was to far away," Martingdale said. "Borger said they would be happy to have us. They submitted a new boundary map and included Borger and all of White Deer."

Even though it is the Borger Little League, Martingdale said they will be able to do a lot of things in Pampa.

"Borger is letting us form teams here," Martingdale said. "We can practice here in Pampa. We will have to commute and play games in Borger."

In Borger they have a draft for players. All boys and girls aged 7 to 16 can play t-ball, softball and baseball under the Borger Little League Charter. Martingdale said people can volunteer to be coaches and managers.

"There are no dues for coaches," Martingdale said. "Anybody who coaches must clear a criminal background check."

On sign up day parents must have a copy of their kids birth certificate and three forms of proof of residence.

"It can be a utility bill, drivers license and or an insurance bill," Martingdale said. "The cost for t-ball is \$35, all others is \$40 or \$35 for parents signing up more than one child.

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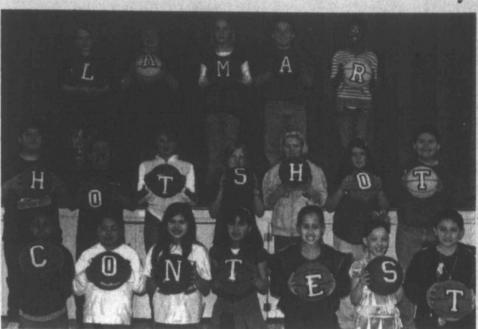
me. I know I have the most fun when we're winning

and I'm playing well and

giving these guys a chance

to win," Turco said.

Lamar Hot Shot Contest Saturday



Student are gearing up for the annual Lamar Hot Shot Contest that will be held from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Saturday, Feb.13 in the North MPAC building Second through fifth graders may compete for a \$5 entry fee. This event is a annual fund-raiser Lamar Elementary.

Pictured are: Back row-Smith, Nikki Shelby Burnett, Jacey Steel, Corbin Anguiano, D'Asia Smith; middle row-Gabriel Cervantes, David Soria, London Lowrey, Jennifer Price, Jordan Deshane,

Vanessa Cabrales and Ismael Miranda; front row-Ivanna Clarida, Allison Armendariz, Alexandra Galvan, Alex Rodriguez, McKenna Morgan, Kiarra Terrell and Hugo Quezada.

Benn scores winner, Stars defeat Calgary Flames "I've been around long

CALGARY. Alberta (AP) — Brenden Morrow was able to laugh about it after the game.

The Dallas winger overcame an own-goal to set up the tying and go-ahead scores in the Stars' 3-1 victory over the Calgary Flames on Thursday night.

"We can laugh about it now, but what an embarrassing feeling," Morrow said.

Late in the first period, Jarome Iginla lost control of the puck as he attempted to carry it in front of the net. However, as it bounced through the slot, Morrow, attempting to clear the puck, inadvertently fired it into his own net.

"I was just trying to clear it and I caught it a little thin," Morrow said. "It's

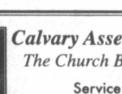
one of those things. It's the first time it's ever happened to me.

"I've seen it on highlights, laugh about it when it's other people but when it's you, it's a different feeling.'

Noting that the puck came to him off the stick of Morrow's Canadian Olympic teammate Iginla, Morrow quipped, "We had some good chemistry, but just a week too early.

Mike Ribeiro scored twice for Dallas, tying it at 1 with a power-play goal late in the second and icing it with an empty-netter directly off a faceoff. Rookie Jamie Benn

scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period, and Marty Turco made 33 saves.



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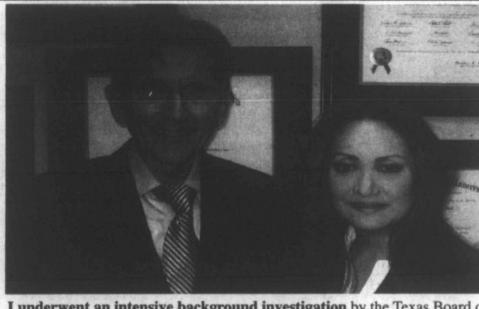
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I underwent an intensive background investigation by the Texas Board of Bar Examiners before obtaining a license to practice law. I choose to use my past as a tool to enhance my understanding of life, and it is my strength and not my weakness. I respectfully request that the citizens of Gray County focus on the issues as I make this effort to create a change in Pampa.

- · If you cannot sell your house for appraised value then your taxes are too high!
- Are you worried about paying your bills and whether you will have a job next year?
- The citizens of Pampa elect the Gray County Commissioners!
- A Gray County Commissioner makes \$32,480 dollars plus health and retirement benefits
- The total fuel budget for Gray County Precinct #1 in 2010 is \$39,136.00. The commissioner's salary with benefits is about the same as the fuel budget for 2010!
- How many hours does your Gray County Commissioner work per week to earn that money?
- Why is this important? The Gray County Judge sets the budget!
- The County Commissioners approve the budget and set the tax rate.
- The 2009 unaudited Gray County budget revenues were approximately \$7.5 million dollars!
- The Murder Trial was 10% of our total budget and we cannot afford to spend that much money over raises.
- Who was consulted and who made the final decision to proceed with the murder trial?
- · Why did Gray County not join the Indigent Defense Fund? This is like an insurance policy to help cover the costs of a murder trial in our county. Were the Gray County Commissioners aware that this fund existed?
- The Commissioner's Court approved more expenditures than Gray County had revenues coming in! (If you doubt my words get a copy of the Gray County budget at the Gray County Courthouse.) We must live within our budgets!
- My property taxes increased 47% in 2008 to cover spending decisions! What next?
- · Where are we going to come up with the money? • The time is NOW! Hold our elected officials accountable for their actions, and end the wasteful spending that continues to plague the current administration.

The defendant Levi King, charged with murder, offered to plea to three life sentences without parole and no appeals. However, our District Attorney refused to take the plea offer. One must ask, "Was justice served?" As a Christian nation is the death penalty justice? The last capital murder trial in Pampa was in 1994 and the

execution date is set for February 24, 2010. That is 17 years of taxpayer expenses. Does the District Attorney pay Gray County property taxes? The murder trial represented at least 10% of the total Gray County budget, and the Gray County Commissioners were forced to raise taxes and freeze pay raises for Gray County Employees.

- The Gray County Sheriff's Deputies and employees have not received a raise for two years.
- These employees protect our County and they should be paid for their hard work! The Gray County Sheriff's Department must have adequate resources to protect our safety.
 - If you like what is happening in Pampa keep voting the same men back into office.

We must balance the budget in Pampa before we complain about the National Debt.

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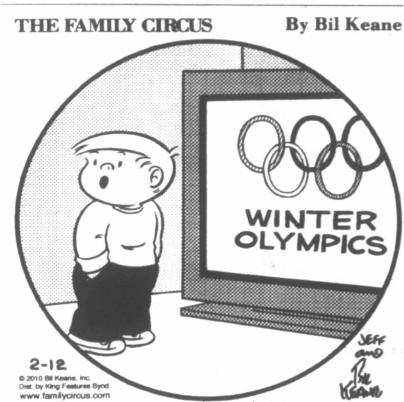
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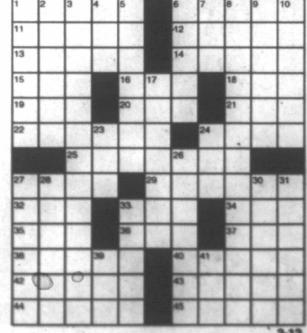
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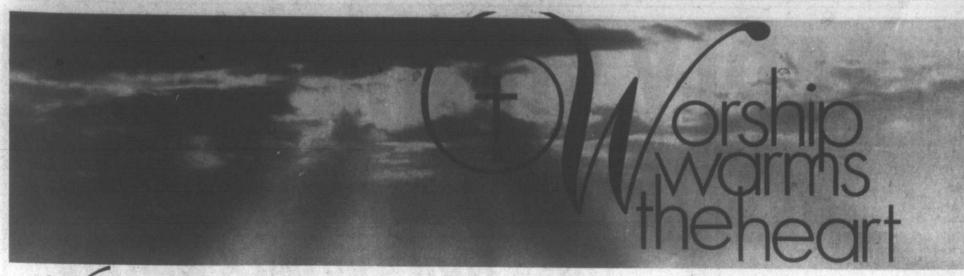


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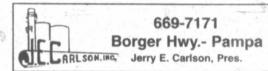
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> Go with another person's suggestion. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Choose your words with care and express your feelings in the most direct yet sensitive manner possible. Otherwise, you could be witness to a problem that you don't want to deal with: A partnership could be heading in a new direction. Tonight: Defer to a key friend

or loved one. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** New beginnings become possible. You might wonder what is the best way to handle brooding feelings. But, if possible, back off from sarcasm or a difficult conversation. Is it time for a diet or a check-up? Don't put off an appointment or other key health-related matter.

Tonight: Easy works. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You could be tired and withdrawn, more than you know. A friend or loved one might actually be trying to trigger you in order to energize you. Let your imagination play into your plans, and suddenly you'll become far more enthusiastic. Tonight: Heat up the night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might opt to stay close to home and entertain from there. Whether it is inviting a friend over to watch a movie or just a friendly meal and visit, it makes no difference. You enjoy yourself wherever you are. Be careful about a secret. You don't want the fallout of spilling the beans. Tonight: Hanging out

is fun. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) despite a desire to close down that manifests after a disagreement. Realize that someone can be upset but without it impacting his or her true feelings Remain open to talks. Have a discussion over a meal. Tonight: You don't have to

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Your ability to get past a restriction must emerge. If you're in a partnerpartner is doing with your mutual funds that would make you feel more comfortable. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You cannot take back words You cannot be diplomatic enough under the circumstances. Pressure builds to an unprecedented level. Use your friendly, open style rather than turn into a judgmental Aquarian. Tonight: You get a new

beginning PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Take in new information that simply spills out. Cut out worrying and just listen more. Share a favorite hobby or project with a child, friend or loved one. This person will feel much closer as a result. Just let it happen. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

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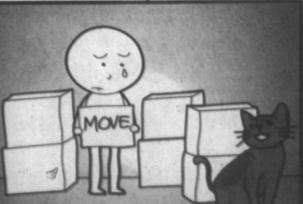
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