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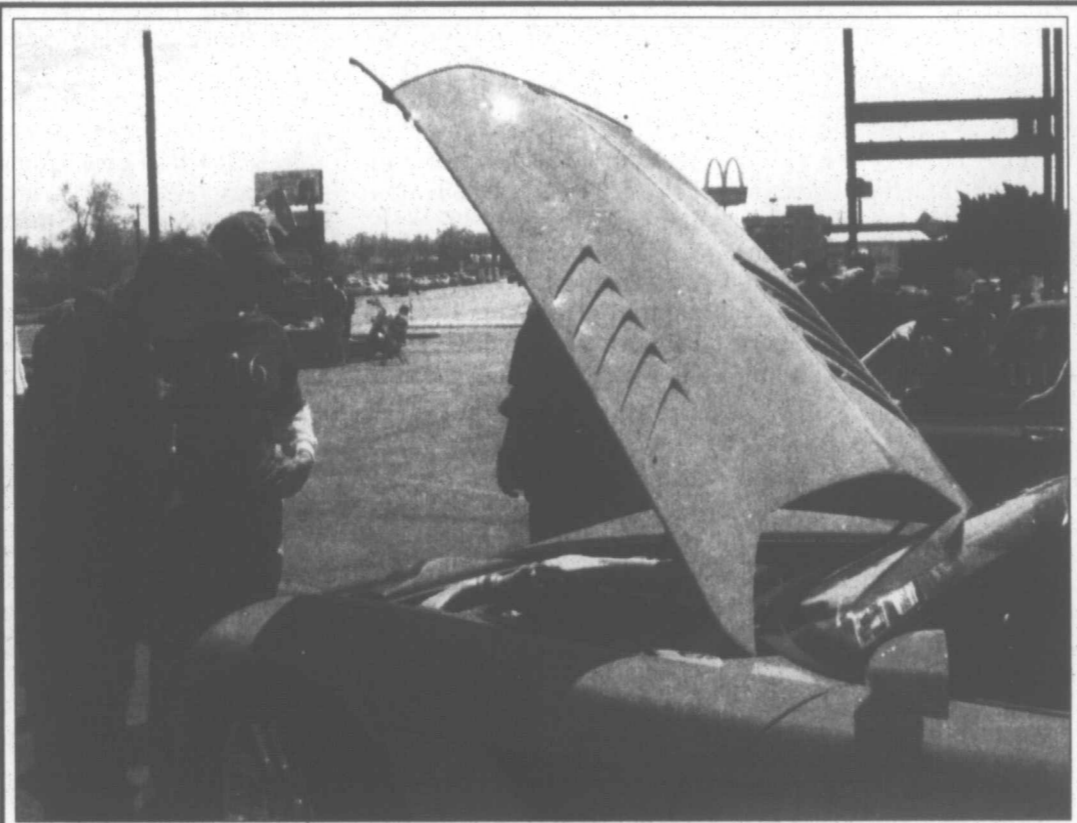
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VFW Car Show
Above - Lorraine Smith and Johnny Byrne, both of Pampa, check out a Viper convertible at the VFW car show held Sunday afternoon at the Coronado Plaza. At left - VFW members (from left) Jim Pero, George Collingsworth and Larry Stephens, all of Pampa, enjoy the weather. (More photos on Page 6.

Study throws doubt on aquifer recharging

By David Bowser
The Pampa News

WHITE DEER -- The hope was that the giant Ogallala Aquifer that underlies much of the Great Plains, and specifically the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, could be recharged, but the latest study appears to have dashed that hope.

The water conservation district funded a preliminary study in 2006 that indicated some recharge of the aquifer beneath the rolling rangeland of Roberts and Hemphill Counties. That led to a second study conducted by the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas.

Bridget Scanlon of the Bureau of Economic Geology, who headed the study and who is among the

premier recharge experts in the state, said she had never seen recharge on a rangeland area before, so she was very interested.

"Usually," said Amy Crowell, hydrologist with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, "the indigenous grasses and shrubs use the water there. That's why they're acclimated for this climate. They use what water is there."

Scanlon was excited to see recharge on rangeland.

"We thought, good, what better place than Roberts County," Crowell said.

Roberts County has been at the center of something of a water war for the past decade with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority buying up almost

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Officials talk tourism funding

By David Bowser
The Pampa News

Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Robert Dixon both voiced their opinion that the Pampa Tourism Committee should be getting a percentage of the hotel-

motel tax rather than a lump sum each year.

"Over the years," said John Curry the head of Pampa's tourism committee, "the actual funding formula has changed."

He said when he first became involved on the

tourism committee, the city was giving the committee \$14,000 or \$15,000 a year. The motel tax was just over \$100,000 a year then so it figured out to be about 15 percent of the motel tax.

The committee used that money to fund a motel study, which in turn brought in new motels that increased the motel tax revenues.

Curry said that two years ago, the city commission agreed to give the committee 15 percent as

the tax money grew, but they have budgeted a dollar amount rather than a percentage, so the tourism committee is still getting only \$15,000 in a lump sum while the tax revenues have increased.

Curry said he would like to see a percentage of the hotel-motel tax every quarter when it comes in from the state.

The city hasn't paid the tourism committee anything this fiscal year, which started Oct. 1, although this year's budget calls for the tourism committee to get \$24,100.

Robin Bailey, the city's finance director, said there's nothing in the budget concerning a percentage amount of the hotel-motel tax.

Curry said the committee ended up spending \$26,185 last year on tourism efforts.

He said not all items were expended and some items, like the Freedom Museum brochure, will be carried over to this year.

"Some times," Curry said, "there are items that carry over that we reserve money for."

A big part of their expenditures went to advertising and program support.

"We are somewhat reactive to that because, for instance, Celebration of

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Dumping on county agenda

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

The county's burn ban and policy concerning junk yards and rural dumping will again be on the agenda of Gray County commissioners' meeting, 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom at the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Commissioners plan to consider the burn ban at each of their meetings until the ban is lifted. The ban prohibits outdoor burning, excluding barbecue grills and some occupational practices such as welding. It went into effect Jan. 15 as a result of an extended period of little to no rainfall with dry vegetation and frequent periods of high winds.

The county policy concerning junk yards and rural dumping will also be examined. The issue was first brought to commissioners' attention by Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby at their

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City to address seal coating program

The Pampa City Commission will hold a special meeting tomorrow to consider canceling its April 8 meeting. The meeting will meet at 4 p.m. in the City Hall commission chambers.

City Manager John Horst said that the city's seal coating program needs to be approved in early April so work could start on city streets and that there would have been several absences at the April 8 meeting.

The city commission will consider increasing funding for seal coating.

Donny Hooper with the Public Works Department is recommending an additional \$300,000 to cover 14 miles of seal coating. The city has already budgeted \$250,000 for seal coating seven miles of city streets. Hooper said

there is a need to cover 14 miles of streets and with increased sales tax revenue the money should be available.

Hooper said that \$50,000 of the additional \$300,000 is for patching damaged streets.

The commission will also consider authorizing Trevlyn Pitner, who takes over Tuesday as interim city manager with the retirement of Horst, to enter into an inter-local governmental agreement with Lefors to help manage their water system.

They will also consider declaring certain police weapons as surplus property. Horst said the weapons had been evidence in different cases and were no longer needed. Normally, he said, such weapons are auctioned off to gun dealers.

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 Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. East-southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
 Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

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Laura Jean Johnston, 85
 Laura Jean Johnston, 85, Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of Panhandle, formerly of Bruceton, Tenn., died March 31, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with

Rose L. (Rosie) Myatt, 89
 Rose L. (Rosie) Myatt, 89, died Monday, March 31, 2008. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	9.17
Milo	8.77
Corn	10.02
Soybeans	10.80

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	74.22	+1.00
BP PLC ADR	60.90	+0.98
Cabot Corp	27.75	-0.05
Celanese	39.35	+0.26
Cabot Oil Gas	50.85	+0.20
Coca Cola	60.88	-0.06
VLO	49.31	+0.36
HAL	39.68	+0.47
XCEL	19.77	-0.10

Anadarko	63.37	+0.47
XOM	86.23	+1.01
Nat'l Oilwell	58.49	+1.74
Limited	16.89	+0.09
Williams	33.02	+0.55
MCD	55.81	+0.33
Atmos	25.01	+0.01
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Obituaries

Viola Margaret Holt, 88
 CANADIAN, Texas — Viola Margaret Holt, 88, of Canadian, formerly of McLean, Texas, died March 28, 2008, at Canadian. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home Chapel in McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, of United Methodist Church of McLean, and Pastor Kenneth Martin, of First

Baptist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean. Mrs. Holt was born Viola Margaret Corbin on Feb. 17, 1920, in McLean, to Merdia Triplet Corbin and Lillie Ann Yopp. She went to McLean schools, and lived there the majority of her life. She married Harold Ray Holt, August 9, 1952, in

Denver, Colo. They had two children, Carolyn Ann, and John Wayne. Carolyn lives in Mobile, Alabama, with her husband, Barry Cotton. They have one child, Brandi Crawford. Brandi has three children, Shawna Zirlott, Ricky Zirlott, and Jessica Zirlott all of Mobile, Ala. John Holt is living in Canadian, Texas, with his

wife, Sue Beavers Holt. She has two sisters, Louie Tyrrell and Jessie Corbin; and one brother, Troy Corbin. Viola was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will miss her. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James Ernest and Andy Corbin; and her husband, Harold Ray Holt.

Kenneth A. Smith, 87
 Kenneth A. Smith, 87, of Pampa, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with mil-

itary honors provided by the U.S. Navy. Mr. Smith was born on Aug. 29, 1920, at Amy, Kan. He married Esther North on Feb. 8, 1941, at Dighton, Kan.; she died in 1993. For 60 years, Mr. Smith was self-employed as a painter. He had been a Pampa resident since 1956. He was a veteran of the U.S.

Navy, serving during World War II as a gunner's mate. Mr. Smith was preceded in death by three sisters, Velma Seward, Lela Boone and Mary Nitz; and by three brothers, Vinton Smith, Floyd Smith and Roland Smith. Survivors include a son, Kenneth L. Smith of Pampa; a sister, Estelene Child of

Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. MEMORIALS: Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, TX 79106. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Marie Tinsley Smith, 90
 Marie Tinsley Smith, 90, of Pampa, died Friday, March 28, 2008, in Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Philip Elsheimer, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Smith was born on March 30, 1917, in Pampa and was a 1935 graduate of Pampa High School. She

was a secretary for Texaco in Pampa, Wichita Falls, and Midland for 30 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star and the Gray County Historical Commission. She was a volunteer for the Coronado Hospital auxiliary, and she was a member of St. Paul United Methodist

Church in Amarillo. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Heritage Art Club, Tuesday bridge club and Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Survivors include one son, Earl Smith and wife Barbara of Pampa; two granddaughters, Dana Holland of Breckenridge, Colo., and Leslie Coffman of Waco;

four great-grandchildren; two nieces; one nephew; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy W. and Edna J. Tinsley; by a daughter, Betty Lou Love; and by a grandson, Donald Smith. MEMORIALS: Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Saturday, March 29
 Michael Heath Honeycutt, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Ballard by Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana.
 Marvin Monrow Finney III, 32, of Lefors was arrested in the 100 block of North Ballard by PPD for disorderly conduct and a bond surrender for fictitious or counterfeit inspection or insurance.
 Manda Michelle Fought, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of Malone by PPD for secure execution document by deception and parent contributing to non-attendance.
 Lee Galaviz Rodriguez, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.
 Francisco Sotero Cruz, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Houston by PPD for no valid driver's license.
 Mary Patricia Davis, 43,

of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan by PPD for being a fugitive from justice out of Louisiana.
 Subaston Martin Ambriz, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Christy by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Johnathan Paul Munn Jr., 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Christy by PPD for three capias pro fines, warrants for eight counts of theft under \$50 and bond forfeitures for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.
 Sylvia Ree Brock, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Frederic by PPD on capias pro fines for speeding and failure to signal.
 Lexton Bryan Larue, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Boyd by PPD for wrong/fictitious/altared/obscured vehicle registration, failure to display vehicle registration, failure to display inspection, no proof of insurance and consumption

of alcohol by a minor.
 Kimberlie Dawn Mouser, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West Brown by PPD for no valid driver's license, failure to appear/bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Sunday, March 30
 Elena Leigh Mercado, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of North Sloan by PPD for driving under the influence/minor, minor in possession of alcohol and no valid driver's license.
 Monica Denise Moxon, 26, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of McCullough and Barrett streets by PPD for open container and failure to appear/bail jumping.
 Kasaundra Marie Sharp, 18, of Borger was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.
 Justin Wayne Sealman, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to signal.
 Anthony Dwain Baston, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Williston, once in the 1500 block of Hamilton, the 2500 block of Beech, the 800 block of North Summer, the 1500 block of Rham, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Russell streets. Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Love. One warrant service was attempted and resulted in at least one arrest. A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Somerville. A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of North West. A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Yeager and Louisiana streets. Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 900 block of Finley and the 400 block of Graham. Harassment was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart. Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Reid. An offense against family and children was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. One building check was made. Theft and found property were reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson. A bicycle valued at \$100 was taken and later recovered. Another bicycle was found to have been left in place of the bicycle that had been taken. Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Miscellaneous items valued at \$80 were taken. Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter. Miscellaneous items valued at \$61 were taken. Theft was reported at the intersection of Montagu and Perry streets. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson. A guitar and amplifier were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,000. Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Finley.

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Pampa PD
 Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for Friday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to midnight. Twenty-four traffic stops were made. A stop in the 100 block of East Kentucky resulted in at least one arrest. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of West 30th, the 400 block of Red Deer, the 1800 block of North Hobart, the 300 block of North Banks, the 700 block of North Frost, the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 300 block of Canadian, twice in the 1500 block of

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Altrusa plans annual Style Show

Pampa Altrusa Club members are currently busy planning their 13th Annual Style Show fund-raiser. The annual event is set to kick-off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

This year's show will follow a circus theme — "Greatest Show on Earth." This theme will be carried out not only in the show decorations but in the entertainment as well.

Models will be displaying spring and summer fashions from local and area stores including Bealls, Carousel Expressions, Cato's, Gebo's, V.J.'s Fashions, Wayne's Western Wear, Wal-Mart, Taylor's Tans, all local businesses, Amy Lynn's Fashions in Borger and Every Nook and Cranny in Clarendon. Display tables will be provided by Brown's Shoe

Store and Carousel Expressions.

Musical entertainment, door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

The show is a major benefit for the local Altrusa Club. Funds are used for various community service projects including Children's Shopping Tour, Pampa Senior Citizens, PHS Career Clinic, Tralee Crisis Center, Sheltered Workshop Reception, Adult Vocational Award, Senior Citizens Center, Schneider House, Salvation Army Angel Tree and the literacy project "Make a Difference Day."

Beyond the service projects listed above, Altrusans volunteer with the local Meals on Wheels program, Celebration of Lights and Salvation Army Christmas wrapping project.

Tickets to the Style Show are available in advance



Courtesy Photo

Pampa Altrusans Leona Willis, from left, Pat Johnson, Carolyn Kessel, Barb Hahn, Karen Bridges, Frances Isbell, Linda Shackelford and Mattie Norton make plans for the club's upcoming Style Show fund-raiser April 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The fashion show and brunch are set for 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$12 at the door.

from any Altrusa member or at the door on the day of the event for \$12 each (\$10 tax deductible.)

Gov't proposes new safety rules for railway tank cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a string of train accidents in recent years, railroad tank cars carrying hazardous materials must be replaced, rebuilt stronger and travel at slower speeds over half of the nation's tracks under new federal proposals.

The Transportation Department's proposed rule requires tank cars carrying poison inhalation hazard, or PIH, commodities to be equipped with puncture-resistance protection to prevent penetration at speeds of 25 mph for side impacts and 30 mph for head-on collisions. Those speeds are more than double the limits for existing tank cars.

The proposed rule also sets a maximum speed limit of 50 mph for any train transporting a PIH tank car and a temporary speed restriction of 30 mph for cars not meeting the puncture-resistance standard that travel in non-signaled

territory, or "dark" areas that comprise about half of the nation's tracks, Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph Boardman said during a conference call Monday morning.

Some of the oldest PIH tank cars also will be phased out on an accelerated schedule over concerns that they do "not adequately resist the development of fractures that can lead to a catastrophic failure," according to the government proposal.

A series of deadly railroad accidents involving hazardous materials — including the 2002 derailment and chemical spill on the edge of Minot, N.D., a 2004 derailment near Macdonia, Texas, and a January 2005 train collision and chemical spill in Graniteville, S.C. — led the FRA to develop the new rules, which Boardman called a "revolutionary step forward in tank car safety."

Aquifer

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300,000 acres of water rights to feed its 11 member cities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains (including Pampa), the City of Amarillo buying water rights for future use and Boone Pickens and his Mesa Water corporation buying water rights to sell water to thirsty urban areas down state.

Crowell said the district was happy to think that there was some recharge where there is now concentrated pumping by CRMWA and planned pumping for other projects.

"It would be good news for the long term water supply up there," Crowell said.

She said they were really

excited going in. "However," Crowell said, "the numbers were just not that great."

She said that closer to the Canadian River, which bisects the county, there is loose, unconsolidated sand.

"That's really the only place we saw recharge on rangeland," Crowell said.

On the plains, there has been evidence that as playas filled up, there is some recharge around the edges as the water overflowed the bowl of the clay lining covering the bottom of the lakes.

"That's how it works in the playas out here on the plains," Crowell said.

Roberts County is more rolling and has sand hills.

"Our hope was that was

going to really help," she said.

Crowell said they did see some recharge on farmed land.

"You're more likely to see recharge in plowed land," she said, "because there's no vegetation using the water unless there's a crop planted."

With farmland in this area, she said that many times there's also some supplementary irrigation going on.

"We did see that where we expected to see it," Crowell said, "but the stuff we were really hoping for on the rangeland just wasn't there. It turns out that it was a very local phenomenon."

Crowell said that the first

thing most people suggest is drilling holes in the tens of thousands of playa lakes that dot the Great Plains and allow, or pump, the water into the aquifer.

"It doesn't work," Crowell said.

The problem is that the holes or recharge wells soon silt up. A secondary problem is that the playa lakes are all too often filled with run off from surrounding cropland. Crowell asks whether it is a good idea to pump that run off with its pesticides and herbicides directly into the pristine waters of the aquifer.

"It was a great study," Crowell said of the latest study, "but we were disappointed in the numbers."

Tourism

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Lights is a wonderful draw for our community," Curry said. "We continue to support that."

He said that Burning the Bricks is a tourist draw for the community.

"They presented an idea and we support their advertising," Curry said.

He said the committee feels like such activities will draw people to the community.

"That's what we're trying to do, draw tourism dollars to the community," Curry said.

One of the highlights last year, he said, was the TxDot tour when people from all the TxDot Welcome Centers in the state plus the AAA people from Dallas came and toured the community.

"Because of the money we had available in the increased hotel-motel tax, we were able to cover that at our expense and get a pretty tremendous exposure for Pampa from a lot of people," Curry said.

He said they also got a lot of good ideas from people that are beginning to react to how Pampa can position itself better.

"Since I've been involved in this, that was probably the best educational event for us to see how people react who

know this business," Curry said.

With the increased motel space in Pampa, Curry said they've started promoting meeting space in the community in an effort to draw area conventions.

He said they got together with the economic development and purchased goody-bags, bags that can hold brochures and bigger bags for events like golf tournaments that can hold souvenirs. The all say "Pampa" on them.

"That was a pretty big expenditure," Curry said.

The last two years, he said Pampa has hosted a Dance Master's state meeting.

"It's been a real success," Curry said, "because of the American and the civic center being together."

He said the tourism committee is working to bring the regional meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club to Pampa in 2009.

"We've already met with those people who are going to present our proposal at their next meeting in Los Angeles," Curry said. "That's one of the things we're working on."

He said their budget for next year will be very similar to this year's budget.

"Some of it will be continuing items," Curry said.

He said they are in the preliminary stages of getting

a part time person to help follow up on some proposals. Curry said he wants to make sure Pampa events are well represented on the internet and in travel publications.

"That takes a lot of work," he said.

Curry said Pampa events are now being listed in Texas Highways and a couple of other magazines.

The increased funding the last couple of years has helped the committee do more.

"Before when we just had the \$15,000 a year," Curry said, "we couldn't have hosted the TxDot tour."

He said with the motels that are in Pampa with rumors of more hotels coming to the community, the hotel-motel tax should bring in more money for tourism promotion.

"Right now, we have two billboards," Curry said. "One as you come in from Amarillo on the left right before you get to Price Road."

It welcomes motorists to Pampa and encourages them to turn north into town and the main business district.

There's also a billboard for motorists coming in from Miami that does the same thing.

"Our thought was that there are a lot of people that drive through here, and we

Dumping

Continued from Front Page

Feb. 15 meeting. Willoughby presented photos and descriptions of areas in his precinct in which items such as appliances, furniture, tires and household trash had been dumped, and of junk yards which did not meet proposed state guidelines.

The state has regulations in place concerning dumping and junk yards, but the coun-

ty must adopt those regulations in order for them to be enforceable in Gray County.

Roof repairs to the Lovett Building will be discussed. The building currently houses Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman and county juvenile probation offices, and is located at 1146 N. Hobart.

Three items on Tuesday's agenda concern the watershed system along McClellan Creek. They are

the operation and maintenance agreement for the McClellan Creek Watershed flood retardant sites, completion of the operation and maintenance inspection items for the sites and developing plans to address needs, and a new form to be used during the annual inspections.

Other items on county commissioners' agenda for Tuesday include paying county clerk's employees

overtime for working 2008 elections with reimbursement from political entities, transfer of a hanger lot at Perry LeFors Airport, a petition to close roads in a revised plat of Pampa Industrial Park East Subdivision, tax bids cited in a letter from the county tax assessor-collector, a bond for the county's deputy treasurer, the county treasurer's report and payment of bills and salaries.

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Viewpoints

Texas Tales: Painting told story of historic battle

The Battle of San Jacinto, the short-lived but decisive engagement that assured Texas independence from Mexico, took place more than a decade before the development of photography.

Because of that, subsequent generations of Texans and others interested in history have had to rely on written accounts of the battle to develop a mental picture of what it must have looked like that spring afternoon. In 1886, a half-century after the April 21, 1836, battle, Virginia-born artist William Henry Huddle greatly enhanced Texas' collective image of the aftermath of the fight with the large oil painting which hangs inside the south entrance of the Capitol

in Austin.

Born in 1847 more than a decade after San Jacinto, Huddle served for two years in the Confederate Army. After the war, he moved to Paris (the city in Lamar County, not the one in France). A gunsmith by trade, he became interested in a softer medium and left the state to study art in Nashville and later New York.

Huddle returned to Texas in 1877, settling in Austin. Five years later, he went to Munich for two more years of art schooling. He returned to Austin in 1886 and shortly undertook his San Jacinto paintings.

Though cameras had yet to be invented by the time of the Texas Revolution,

Huddle did use photographic portraits of San Jacinto veterans to add some degree of realism to the 72 x 114 inch canvas he titled "The Surrender of Santa Anna." Unfortunately, he did not use his brush to subtract the years from the images of the veterans he featured, making them look older in the painting than they would have been at the time of the battle.

Even so, Huddle's painting — which the Legislature purchased for \$4,000 in 1891 — is the prime image associated with the military victory that changed

American history.

The oil, done in a formal style Huddle learned in Germany, depicts the then 43-year-old Sam Houston lying on a colorful Mexican serape beneath a moss-hung oak, his wounded right leg bandaged. Texas scout Deaf Smith is shown sitting nearby, his hand cupped around his ear. Houston is nobly extending his right hand to the recently-captured Mexican general.

The big transplanted Tennessean, born in Virginia, probably did extend his right hand in Santa Anna's direction at

some point, but historians now believe it wasn't his right ankle that caught a Mexican bullet that eventful day.

An exhibit at the Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville features a life-size diorama of the same scene, correctly portrayed for the first time. A faux blood-stained bandage is affixed to Houston's left leg. Houston descendants have long believed it was his left leg, not the right that sustained a gunshot wound in the battle. But everyone else, dating all the way back to Huddle in 1886 always has assumed it was the right leg.

James L. Haley of Austin, author of "Sam Houston," the latest and arguably best biography of Texas' George

Washington, agrees with the Houston relatives on the left versus right leg issue. But he came to that belief after the publication of his book, which has Houston's wound on his right leg.

"When they reprint the book, I'll make the change," Haley said. "I think it was his left leg, but the only way to know for sure would be to exhume Houston, and no one's interested in doing that."

Other than suffering a painful wound, April 21 had been a lucky day for Houston. His ragtag Army prevailed over a larger force of Mexican soldiers. But that luck almost went the other way.

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Mike Cox
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 31, the 91st day of 2008. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on efforts to bring a peaceful end to the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson shocked listeners by announcing he would not seek another term of office.

On this date:

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland and Labrador) entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

Our readers write

An homage to the Pampa city flag

I feel your pain, Billy Scribner! Every day, I pay homage to the Pampa city flag, a white plastic bag aflap in the high unreachable branches of my backyard tree, only after I pick up litter in my block resulting from high school students and one fast food business — two of the greatest engines of pollution the city of Pampa has to offer.

I should seek an "amen" for Bowser's words and pic describing Scribner's litter plight, if it were not for the malaise of apathy that many citizens and our city government possess over the litter crisis that has uglified this once fair burg.

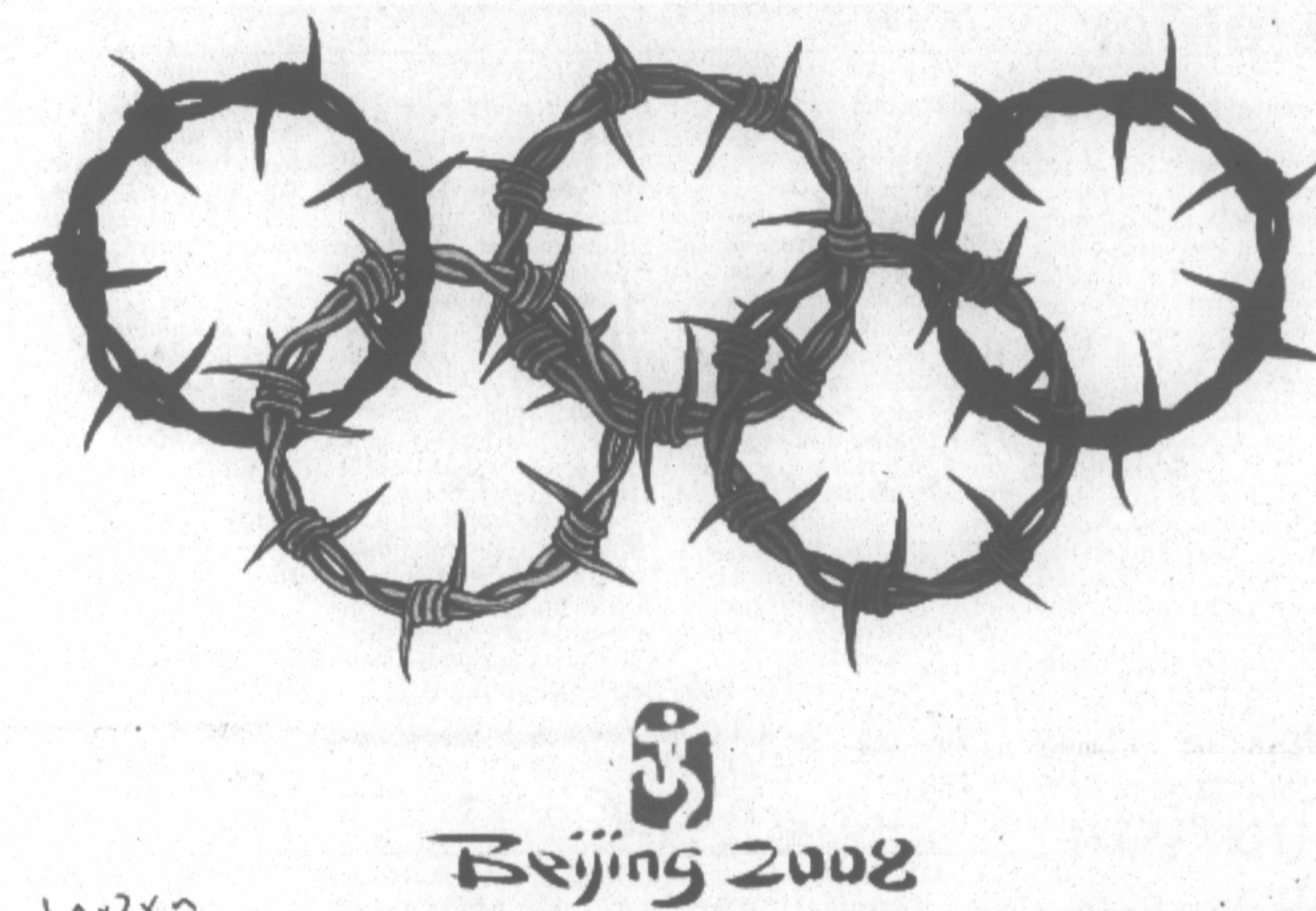
If the Pampa city government were to simply enforce

the anti-litter laws that are on local and state books by, here's a novel approach, fining the individuals and businesses that litter, perhaps litter would abate from our streets?

If the Pampa city government were to — here's another novel approach — fine the owners of homes and businesses that routinely break city ordinances in regard to junked autos and trash on their property? Think of the revenue the city would reap if the laws, pardon my redundancy, were simply — enforced!

And, if the littering citizens of Pampa were to simply use that waste container,

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Obama would make Truman proud...

I saw and heard something remarkable just recently. I saw Barack Obama deliver a courageous and eloquent speech that he actually wrote himself.

A politician who can write his own speeches and not sound like the idiot he usually is has become a rarity in American politics since the Madison Avenue types took over the political process. The typical political speech is a product of the staff and has been carefully crafted to appeal to all the points brought up by pollsters and focus groups.

Obama was victimized by the old guilt-by-association ploy. Somebody dug up some video clips of Obama's minister making some strong criticisms of America, as if Obama were responsible for the words of another person. The implication of such specious criticism is that since

Obama didn't draw a pistol and shoot his pastor dead, he must agree with what the pastor said.

And, naturally, the clips are sound bites taken out of context. Who among us is responsible for what somebody else says or thinks? I hear people all the time with whom I disagree.

I'm sure many people disagree with my opinions. No one in the normal world thinks it is necessary to "denounce and reject" someone else's opinion just because you disagree with it. Yet it was clear that political operatives, including the talking heads on television, were going to crucify Obama for something his pastor said. Obama stepped

up to the challenge and met the subject of race and racism head-on. Most politicians avoid the subject like the bloody pox. He rejected the pastor's comments in question. He called them stupid. But, shades of Harry Truman, he did not reject his former minister, who has since retired. This pastor, an ex-Marine, has been a father figure to Obama for 20 years. Obama, unlike most of the cynical cowards in politics, was not going to throw a man who had been a friend to the wolves.

When Truman was vice president, a political boss in Kansas City died. This man, Tom Pendergast, had been a friend of Truman and helped

him when he needed it. Truman's aides had fits when he said he was going to the man's funeral. It would be bad public relations. Truman's foes were already slandering him by painting him as a puppet of the Pendergast Machine. Truman was adamant. He was not going to turn his back on a friend, and to hell with the political consequences. He went to the funeral. The press crucified him, but Truman didn't care. As he said later, what kind of man wouldn't go to his friend's funeral just because he'd be criticized for going?

Well, Obama put his political ambition on the line. He laid down a challenge to the American people. Do you want authenticity? Here it is. Do you want somebody with the courage to make a tough

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 20
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and race in America: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union ..." With those two phrases from the preamble to the Constitution, Sen. Barack Obama began his highly anticipated speech on the one subject most dreaded by the majority of Americans: race.

It was naive for anyone, especially the presidential candidate himself, to believe that the country could have gotten through this election cycle — with

its historic firsts in terms of race and gender — without discussing a matter that has divided our people since long before the Founding Fathers penned those eloquent opening words.

From the moment Obama announced his candidacy, standing in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln's legacy, Americans began to talk about race. But we didn't do it publicly or boldly; sensitively or challengingly. Nor did we engage one another with a sense of purpose to do something about this national sore we've picked at for more than 200 years.

No, we sneaked to our comfortable corners, seeking out those who looked most like us and thought like us.

In one daring, well-crafted and movingly delivered speech in Philadelphia

on Tuesday morning, Obama took the issue of race out of America's kitchen and placed it squarely on the nation's dining room table for all to behold, to consider and to discuss openly and deliberately.

This candidate, a mixed-race American who had hoped to keep his campaign out of the mire of racial politics, was forced to that defining moment by reaction to the damaging remarks of his controversial pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright Jr., whom many now see as a racist in his own right.

Without defending his minister's remarks, Obama refused to denounce the man and more than adequately placed in context the ministry of his

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Jim," a single father of an 18-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter, "Jenna." The girl is very close to her parents to the point that she sleeps with them. On nights she's with Jim, she shares a bed with him. Jim and his ex have been divorced since Jenna was 2. She shared their bed while they were married. I no longer bring up the subject. I guess you could say Jim and I have agreed to disagree. However, I don't think a 13-year-old girl should be sharing a bed with her father. To put it bluntly, it gives me the creeps. Jenna also shares her father's master bedroom and closet with him as if she were his wife. Please understand, this girl has a lavish bathroom of her own connected to a princess-style bedroom that contains everything a girl could ever wish for. Space is not the problem. When she visits, she never sets foot in her own room of bathroom. I haven't said anything to Jenna because I don't want to upset her, but I think it's inappropriate for Jim to continue allowing her to sleep with him. Should I let it go? I have voiced my opinion before, and it has caused several heated arguments. What are your thoughts on this? -- **SLEEPING WITH ONE EYE OPEN IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR SLEEPING: Although it is common for some parents to share their bed with infants or toddlers, it is far less so for a father and his teenage daughter. Jenna is no longer a child, and frankly, to continue this practice is inappropriate and potentially stimulating for both of them. Clip this column and share it with Jim. Perhaps it will help him to rethink his stance on this.

DEAR ABBY: I consider myself a relatively "normal" female. Although I'm a lit

tle reserved, I can usually open up to new people. But I have one problem I'm afraid will cripple my chances in dating -- talking on the phone. My mind goes completely blank, and those terrible, awkward silences slowly stretch ... In person, I can read expressions, and it's easier for me to communicate. But in this day and age we exchange phone numbers first, and then -- maybe -- date. However, before we even have a chance to sit face-to-face, I'm discounted. Please help me. Is there any way I can be a better conversationalist on the phone so I don't wind up an old maid? -- **PHONE-PHOBIC IN TOPEKA**

DEAR PHONE-PHOBIC: Not everyone is comfortable making small talk on the phone. Instead of trying to fill up the "empty space" with prattle, why not be up front about it? When someone you have given your phone number to calls, talk for a few minutes, then say: "You know, I hate talking on the phone. Let's meet for a cup of coffee." That way you can put your best foot forward and show your attributes to greater advantage.

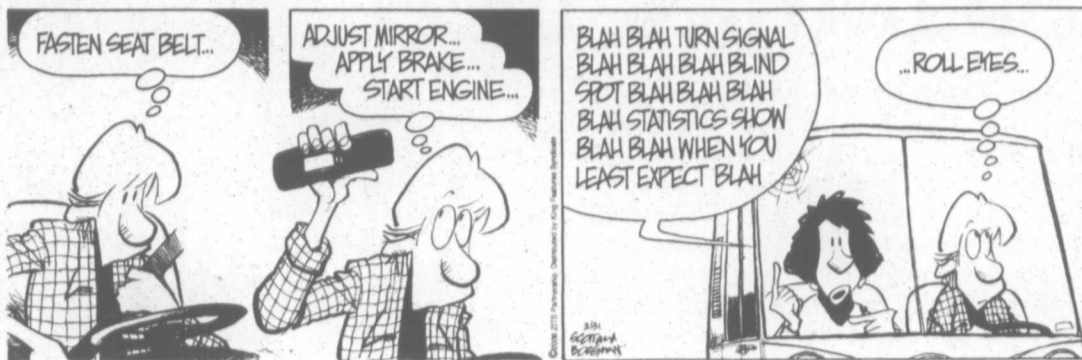
DEAR ABBY: How old do I have to be before I can begin telling my relatives exactly what I think of them? I am sick and tired of being polite to these low-lives! I want to give them a piece of my mind before I leave this Earth. I am presently 67 years old. -- **BITING TONGUE IN ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA.**

DEAR BITING: I don't know how old your relatives are, but if they're older than you are, you had better hurry.

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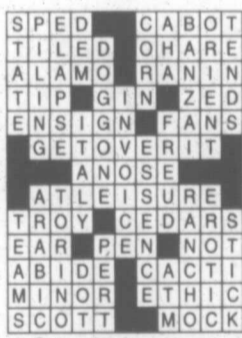


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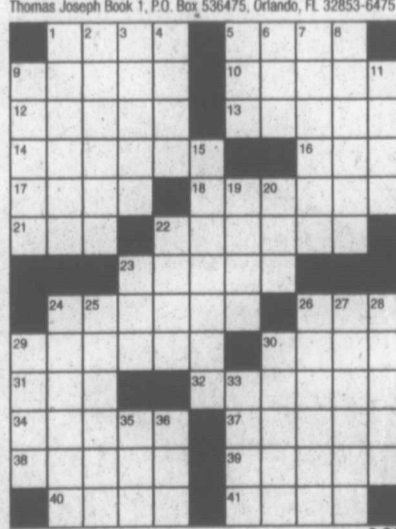
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Sports

Lefors team competes at Shamrock meet

The Lefors track team competed at the Shamrock Invitational Track Meet last week with the girls placing sixth with forty points and the boys at second with 122 points.

Results are as follows: For the girls team, Timbra Overstreet placed first in shot put (32'4 1/2") and second in discus (88'2"). Emily Jackson placed first in triple jump (32'8 1/2"), first in 200 meter (28:38) and fifth in 100 meter (13:82). Taylor Overstreet placed seventh in 3200 meter run (15:16.42) and Lacie Johnston placed ninth in 1600 meter (8:59.00).

For the boys team, in shot put Dustin Forsyth placed second (41'2 1/2") and J.D. Pairsh placed sixth (35'7"). In discus, Dustin Forsyth placed first (108'4"). In long jump, Trevor Czubinski placed fourth (18'6 1/2"). In triple jump, Jeremy Sprouse placed fourth (38'6 1/2") and Trevor Czubinski placed sixth (37.9"). In high jump, Jeremy Sprouse placed

fourth (5'10"). In 3200 meter, Gabriel Miller placed third (13:21:00), Reice Warner place fourth (13:54:00) and Wakely Pairsh placed fifth (14:19:00). In 400 meter relay, Payton Johnson, Jeremy Sprouse, Nick Hess and Brandon McBee place third (47:56). In 800 meter run, Trevor Czubinski place fourth (2:23:60). In 800 meter relay, J.D. Pairsh, Nick Hess, Payton Johnson and Brandon McBee placed third (1:42:66). In 110 meter hurdles, Payton Johnston placed third (18.54) and Jeremy Sprouse placed fourth (18.62). In 400 meter, Trevor Czubinski placed third (58.85). In 300 meter hurdles, Jeremy Sprouse placed third (45.89). In 200 meter, Nick Hess placed fourth (25.84). In 1600 meter, Gabriel Miller placed second (5:30.99). In 1600 meter relay, J.D. Pairsh, Dustin Forsyth, Keenan Lott and Trevor Czubinski placed second (4:10.84).



Courtesy Photo

Keenan Lott, above, competed in the high jump event at the Shamrock track meet held last week. Below, Payton Johnston passes the baton to Brandon McBee during the 800 meter relay at the Shamrock meet. Other members of the team were J.D. Pairsh and Nick Hess. Lefors placed third in the event with a time of 1:42.66.

Patriot track team competes at Amarillo

The seventh and eighth grade track team competed in Amarillo last week.

The seventh grade results at Plainview are as follows: In the 400 relay, Nick Johnson, Patterson Alvey, Ryan Smith and Jordan Lemons placed sixth. In 300 hurdles, Ryan Smith placed fourth. In 100 dash, Nick

Johnson placed fourth. In high jump, Jonathan Cox placed third.

The eighth grade results at Amarillo relays are as follows: In 110 hurdles, Reid Miller placed fifth. In 400 dash, Latigo Collins placed fourth. In 200 dash, Jessie Cruz placed third.

JV beats Caprock

The Pampa Harvester JV Baseball team traveled to Amarillo on Friday to take on the Caprock Longhorns. The JV came out with a victory of 7-5 to improve their overall record to 8-6, 2-0 in district.

"I thought we competed well and made plays when necessary," Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said.

Leading the Harvesters offensively were Mitch Simon, who was 3-4, Wes

Hannah, who was 2-3 and Zach Murray went 1-2. Pitching for the Harvesters was sophomore Anthony Allen. Allen struck out nine Caprock batters and allowed only one walk over seven innings.

"All in all, it was a great team effort," Snelgrooves said.

The JV will face the Canyon Eagle JV team at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31 in Canyon.

Ellis leads Warriors past Mavs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Monta Ellis scored 30 points and Kelenna Azubuike hit two clutch shots down the stretch to help the Golden State Warriors beat the Dallas Mavericks 114-104 Sunday night to create a three-way tie for seventh place in the ultra-competitive Western Conference.

With nine games remaining, Dallas, Golden State and Denver are all even at 45-28. If the season ended today, the Warriors would be on the outside looking in at the playoffs because they have lost two of three to both the Nuggets and Mavericks. But if Golden State manages to beat Denver and Dallas in their final meetings, the Mavericks would be the odd team out in a three-way tie.

That's quite a fall for a team that made it to the NBA finals in 2006, won a league-best 67 games in the regular season a year ago before being upset by Golden State in the opening round, and traded for Jason Kidd this season.

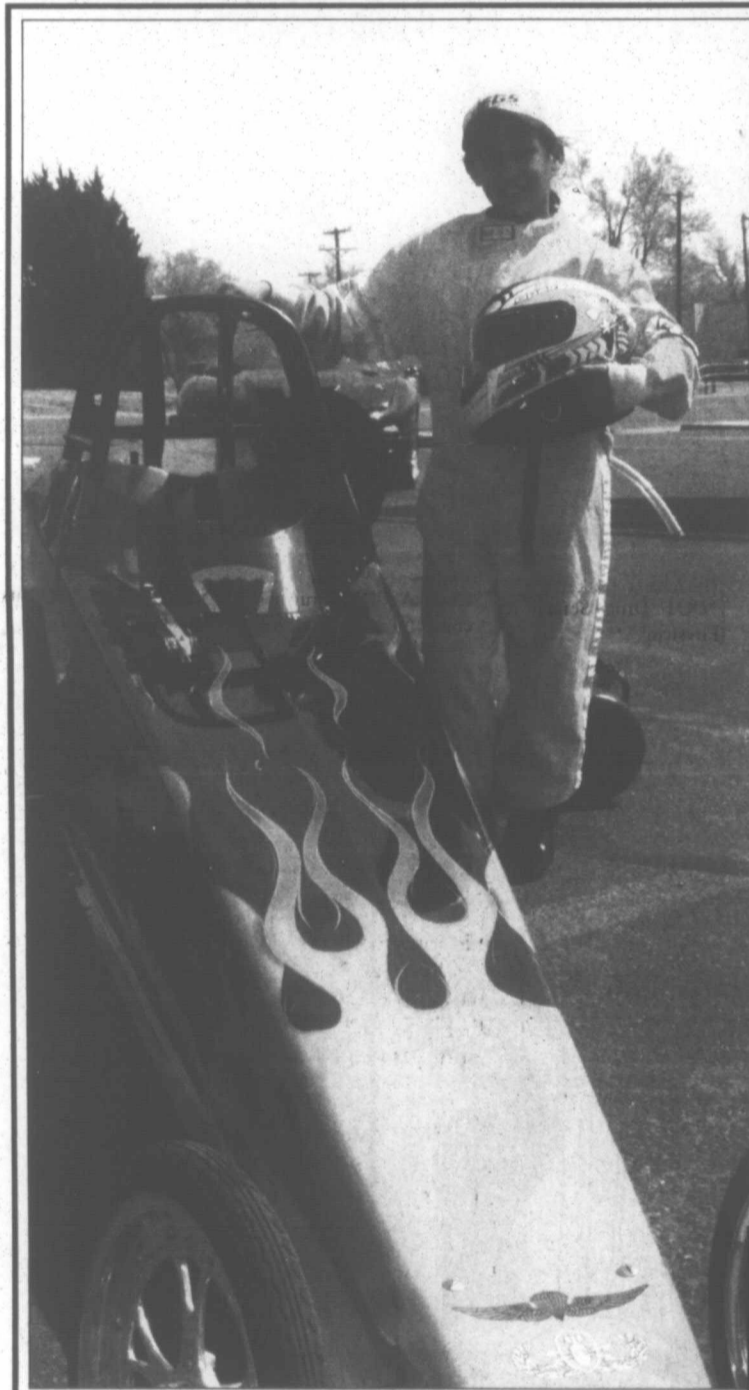
But with star forward Dirk Nowitzki sidelined with knee

and ankle injuries, the Mavericks could have a tough time making a drive for a playoff spot. Dallas fell to 1-2 without Nowitzki, with the two losses coming to Denver and Golden State.

The Warriors, who fell into ninth place for the first time since Feb. 22 with a loss Saturday at Denver, rebounded against the Mavericks after falling behind by 12 points in the opening minutes. These teams play again Wednesday in Dallas.

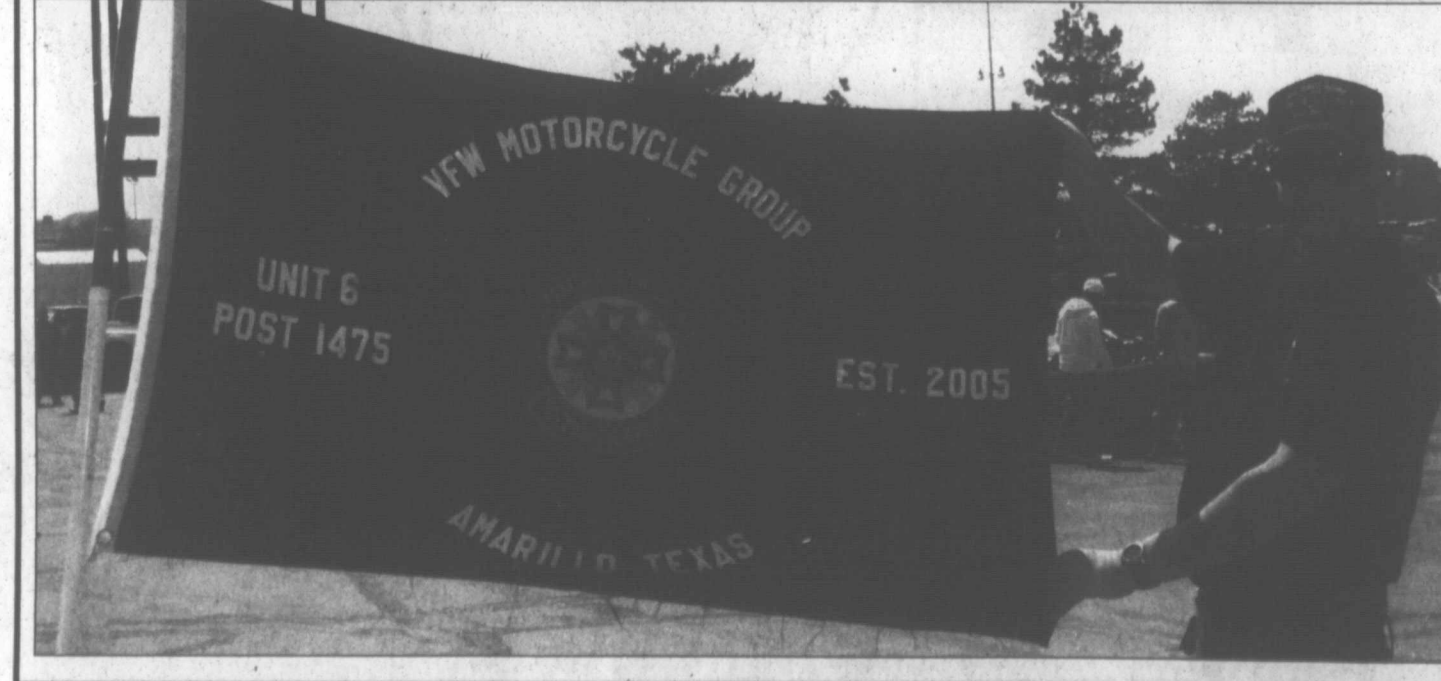
Golden State built a 14-point lead in the third quarter but led by only four late in the fourth quarter. That's when Azubuike hit a 3-point-er from straightaway to make it 105-98 with less than 4 minutes left and waved his arms to the cheering crowd. He added a jumper to make it 109-100 with 2:27 to go and Golden State went on to its 17th comeback win from a double-digit deficit.

Josh Howard scored 36 to lead Dallas in his third straight 30-point game since Nowitzki went down with the injury.



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Pampa VFW Post 1657 held a car show Sunday afternoon as part of a benefit for the Pampa Slot Cars, a company owned by the VFW and managed for local youth. Clockwise from left: Samara Villanueva stands by her alcohol-burning Junior Dragster (she is the 10-year-old daughter of Blake and Natalia Villanueva of Pampa); an appreciative crowd turned out on a beautiful day for the show; Scott Stilley and Steve Osborn, both of Pampa, crank up a funny car; Mike Stillwell was one of the motorcycle riders from the Amarillo's VFW Post 1475 who supported the show; Rick Donne (left), manager of Pampa Slot Car, and TW Hern, a professional driver from Arlington, Texas, pose in front of Hern's decked out '72 Nova.



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-31 CRYPTOQUOTE

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 S T S B J S I B D M S V A G E * A P D
 I J O H C D O O G E B H E D
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Saturday's Cryptquote: WE ALWAYS LOVE THOSE WHO ADMIRE US, BUT WE DO NOT ALWAYS LOVE THOSE WHOM WE ADMIRE.
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BREAKTHROUGHS

Soy scientists to fill 'library'

By JAN Suszkiw
ARS News

Soybean varieties with improved yield, pest resistance, protein and oil quality and quantity and other traits are among the benefits expected of a new project in which Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists will create a "library" of 50,000 DNA markers called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs).

Geneticists David Hyten and Perry Cregan will "stock" the library as part of their ongoing studies with SNP DNA markers at ARS' Soybean Genomics and Improvement Research Unit in Beltsville, Md. The United Soybean Board (USB) is funding the \$2.9 million, three-year project from the organization's soybean checkoff program.

The library's completion will provide soybean researchers and

breeders with a valuable resource to use in characterizing the genetic variation available for soybean improvement. For example, they'll be able to determine the position and characteristics of alleles, or alternate forms of genes, within the oilseed crop's 20 chromosomes.

A goal is to genotype nearly 20,000 lines, called accessions, in the USDA soybean germplasm collection, which ARS curator and collaborator Randall Nelson maintains on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign. The library's anticipated 50,000 SNPs will help researchers to take the next step in applying the soybean whole genome-sequence data — released by the U.S. Department of Energy's Joint Genome Institute — to make soybean breeding more efficient and precise. Of particular



Plant geneticist Perry Cregan compares partial DNA fingerprints of 24 soybean varieties.

Photo by Keith Weller

interest is using SNP marker technology to rapidly identify plants that carry important traits like high-quality oil and resistance to pests including soybean cyst nematodes.

The SNPs themselves are small changes, or variations, in the sequence of four biochemical "letters" — A (adenine), C (cytosine), T (thymine) and G (guanine) — that make up an organism's DNA "alphabet." Cregan and Hyten,

together with their ARS and university colleagues, have so far identified 43,000 SNPs in soybean and mapped the genome locations of 15,000 of them.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency. The USB is made up of 68 farmer-directors who oversee investments of the soybean checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers.

Cox

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At one point in the battle, which was more of a rout than a true contest of arms, Houston had charged 30 yards ahead of his men, urging them on, when he came close to getting much more than an ankle wound.

Ben McCulloch had already fired several volleys of grapeshot from the two cannons known as the Twin Sisters. He was just about to touch off another round when he noticed that Houston had ridden directly into the line of fire.

"One more second and there would have been a change in Texan command before the battle ever started," Haley wrote in his biography.

Letter

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or make sure their alley dumpster lid is closed, what would that mean to our city? It's all so simple! And, this so-called Great Pampa Trash Off — why not start on the city streets of Pampa, rather than Highway 60?

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

McCain highlights military heritage at start of tour

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain opened a new chapter in his presidential campaign on Monday, casting himself as an "imperfect servant of my country," descended from a family of U.S. warriors devoted to honor, courage and duty.

In remarks both personal and philosophical, McCain recalled ancestors buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and mused about "the honor we earn and the love we give when we work and sacrifice with others for a cause greater than our self-interest."

A prisoner of war in Vietnam at a time his own father commanded all U.S. forces in the Pacific, McCain said, "He prayed on his knees every night for my safe return. ... Yet, when duty required it, he gave the order for B-52s to bomb Hanoi, in close proximity to my prison."

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The Arizona senator emerged victorious from the Republican primaries weeks ago. Seven months before the election, polls point toward a competitive race with either Sens. Barack Obama or Hillary Rodham Clinton, rivals in a marathon struggle for the Democratic nomination.

McCain mentioned neither of his potential opponents in his prepared remarks. Nor did he discuss the war in Iraq or the spike in home mortgage foreclosures — major issues where he differs from both his potential opponents.

Instead, he offered a list of general do's and don'ts for government, details to be

filled in at a later date.

Government must avoid through inattention or arrogance making it "harder for parents to have the resources to succeed in the greatest work of their lives raising their children," he said. But it should "help make health care affordable and accessible to the least fortunate among us."

He said "tax policy must not rob parents of the means to care for their children and provide them the opportunities their parents provided them. Government spending must not be squandered on things we do not need and can't afford."

He added that "government can't just throw money at public education while reinforcing the failures of many of our schools, but

should, through choice and competition, by rewarding good teachers and holding bad teachers accountable, help parents prepare their children for the challenges and opportunities of the global economy."

In addition, "Government must be attentive to the impact on families of parents who have lost jobs in our changing economy that won't come back." He said current job retraining programs are "antiquated, repetitive and ineffective."

Family was a recurrent theme in McCain's speech,

and he dwelt at length on his own.

"A distant ancestor served on -General Washington's staff, and it seems my ancestors fought in most wars in our nation's history," he said.

As a boy, McCain said he spent part of his summers on his uncle's place in Mississippi, property that generations of McCains had left to join the military.

He recalled his grandfather, a four-star admiral, as a rumpled man who worked with his shoes off, "tobacco leavings ... always scattered about him."

Reese

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decision that's going to cost him politically? Well, here I am.

So, instead of caving in to political expedience, he explained why many blacks of his minister's generation have that anger born of their experience with racial prejudice. Then he explained why many whites are also angry because of what they perceive as injustices caused by affirmative action and favoritism. People should have stood up and cheered. A president doesn't need the kind of

courage it takes to charge a machine gun or to dodge missiles in a fighter plane. The kind of courage a president needs is the fortitude to make the right decision even when it will be politically unpopular, as Truman demonstrated time and again.

Barack Obama just demonstrated that he has that kind of courage. My estimation of him went up, because I'm sick and tired of these weasels who avoid anything that their staff says might cause them to be a shade less popular. You want a real man with guts in the White House? Well, Obama fits the bill.

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

Obama

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church, the historical (and sometimes grim) reality of the black experience in America and the growing anger among blacks and whites who continue to find new reasons for distrust.

And so, Obama did what perhaps no other person in America could have done as effectively at this moment: He dared us to come together — to truly be that "from many, one" people — and look past our artificial differences and unite in creating a stronger, better, greater America.

This is not a perfect union, nor will it

ever be. But that should not stop us from striving for perfection.

Whether you think Obama is sincere or simply being politically expedient, he was courageous in his efforts to call the American family to the table for this important dialogue, and he was on target when he said:

"But I have asserted a firm conviction, a conviction rooted in my faith in God and my faith in the American people, that, working together, we can move beyond some of our old racial wounds and that, in fact, we have no choice — we have no choice if we are to continue on the path of a more perfect union."

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