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Pond tour

Las Pampas gearing up for annual fund-raiser

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 The Pampa News

The annual water garden and yard tour

sponsored by Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society will feature 16 stops and will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

All 16 stops are available for viewing during the daylight tour, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Five of the locations are also on the

schedule for the twilight tour, from 7 to 10 p.m.

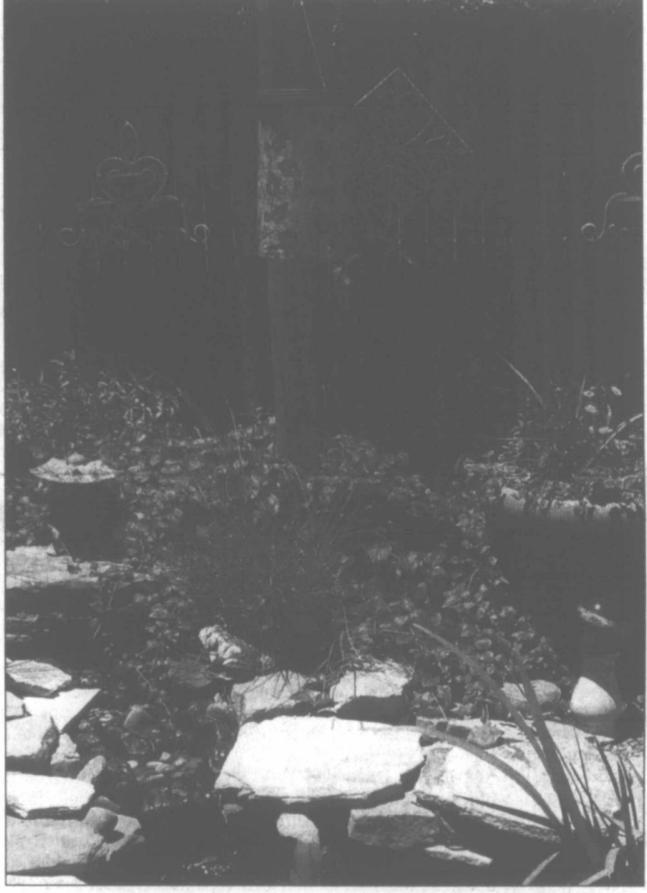
Some of the stops on the tour consist of landscaped lawns with

flowers, ornamental plants, sculpture and other decorative items. Other stops feature ponds of varying sizes, many of which contain ornamental fish. Some of the water features include waterfalls, and streams meander across some lawns to connect ponds.

Types of fish in the ponds include various goldfish, shubunkin and Japanese koi.

Water plants may also be seen, including water lilies.

Money raised from the tour each year is used to create scholarships, buy Christmas presents for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and fund various community projects. Recent projects made possible with the tour proceeds include the "Book of



Two of the stops on this year's Water Garden and Yard Tour are, left, a water feature at the home of Paul and Vicky Helms and, bottom, a water feature at the home of Wesley and Sharon Crosier.



Burnin' the Bricks photos are on pages 9 & 10.

▲ Pampa News photos by Marilyn Powers

Area Red Cross chapter announces annual meeting, volunteer dinner

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 The Pampa News

The annual meeting and volunteer appreciation dinner of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will be at 6:30 p.m. June 26 at First United

Methodist Church, on the corner of Foster and Ballard streets.

The meal will be catered by Mr. Barbecue of Wheeler.

Guest speaker will be John Stock, CEO of the Red Cross' Southwest Service Area.

The meeting and dinner are open to the public. Persons planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday by calling 669-7121 or 1-800-297-2270.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter serves Carson, Collingsworth,

Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. The chapter is headquartered at 108 N. Russell, with branch offices in Borger and Perryton.

National Park Service working up Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan

The National Park Service is preparing an Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan and environmental impact statement for the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Cindy Ott-Jones, NPS superintendent at Lake Meredith, said the long-term plan will guide off-road vehicle use at the lake for the next 10 to 15 years.

The scoping process will begin

with meetings on July 8 at the Sanford-Fritch Middle School in Fritch; on July 9 at the First State Bank in Dumas; and on July 10 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

Jones said the scoping process is an opportunity early in the environmental planning process for the public, organizations and other agencies to suggest issues and alternatives that should be consid-

ered by the National Park Service in preparing its management plan and environmental impact statement.

The plan and statement, she said, would assess potential environmental impacts associated with a range of alternatives for managing off-road vehicles or potential impacts on park resources such as

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Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. East-southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East-northeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south-southeast. Winds could gust to high as 25 mph.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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BP PLC ADR	68.23	-1.47
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Celanese	49.37	-0.50
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VLO	44.48	-0.58
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

FRY, Harold — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SALINAS, Frances Cantu — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wellington.

Harold E. Fry, 79

Harold E. Fry, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died June 16, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Fry was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Mexia. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1933, attending Pampa schools.
 He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean Conflict where he was wounded on White Horse Hill. He was a multiple recipient of the Purple Heart.

Harold worked in the gas and construction business for over 20 years. He was a member of the VFW. He loved the outdoors, where he was an avid fisherman. He cared for a lot of people and gave his time to many elderly who could no longer do domestic work around their homes.
 Survivors include one brother, Donald Fry and wife Angie of Evans, Colo.; one sister, Hazel Stark of Borger;

and a host of nieces and nephews.
 Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Cora Fry; five brothers; and two sisters.
MEMORIALS: Thomas Creek Veterans Administration, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Faye Byrd Nichols, 81

AUSTIN, Texas — Faye Byrd Nichols, 81, died June 13, 2008, at Austin. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.
 Mrs. Nichols was born June 29, 1926, in Shamrock, Texas, to Walter Redden Byrd and Velda Faye Bumpers Byrd. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1953 until April of 2007 when she moved to Austin.

They had been married for 49 years when Jack passed away on Sept. 15, 1994. On Sept. 5, 2000, Faye married Jack's brother, Dr. Theo Nichols of Abilene. They remained married until Theo's death on May 7, 2007.
 She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and a very caring friend. As her sons grew, Faye was a very active parent member of the Pampa High School Band Boosters and the Boy Scouts. She loved her cabin in Eagles

Nest, N.M., and shared many good times with family and friends there.
 Faye was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa and served as an Altar Guild member. She was also a very active volunteer with Good Samaritan Christian Services, Pampa Meals on Wheels and Friends of the Library.
 Survivors include two sons, Don Nichols and wife Patty of Austin, Texas, and Bill Nichols and wife Virginia of Cross Roads,

Texas; five grandchildren, Eric and Jamie Nichols of Chandler, Ariz., Matthew Nichols of Athens, Texas, Dustin McConnell of Denton, Texas, and Cory McConnell of Lewisville, Texas.
MEMORIALS: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065, or a charity of your choice.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Frances Cantu Salinas, 65

CHILDRESS — Frances Cantu Salinas, 65, died Monday June 16, 2008, at Childress. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Wellington with the Rev. Connie Patton, of the Gospel Lighthouse P.C.G. of Childress, officiating with

the Rev. Bobby Patton, of First United Methodist, assisting.
 Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.
 Mrs. Salinas was born Dec. 9, 1942, in Devine, to Isaac and Rafaela Pompa

Cantu. She married Jesse Salinas, Sr. on Nov. 13, 1962, at Seminole. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Simon, Trinidad Sr., and Santiago, Sr. Cantu; and two sisters, Abundia Riojas and Maria C. Saldana.
 Survivors include her husband, Jesse Salinas, Sr. of

Childress; two sons, Jesse Salinas, Jr. of Dallas and Gilbert Salinas of Lovelady; three daughters, Debbie Doss of Pampa, Cyndy Salinas of Emmett and Dora Thrasher of Ontario, Texas; a sister, Emily Reyes of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.
Monday, June 16
 Seventeen traffic stops were made. A stop at the intersection of Malone and Barnes streets resulted in at least one arrest.
 A traffic complaint was received from Highway 60 East.
 Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 300 block of North Banks, the 1000 block of Mary Ellen, the 2000 block of North Banks, the 2000 block of North Coffee, the 1800 block of Evergreen, the 1300 block of South Hobart, the

400 block of Jupiter, the 1000 block of East Kingsmill, the 800 block of East Francis, the 700 block of North Gray, the 1900 block of North Banks, the 1500 block of North Christy and the 900 block of Llano.
 Welfare checks were made at the intersection of 17th and Chestnut streets and the 500 block of North Rider.
 Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1500 block of Williston, the 1600 block of North Christine, and the 1300 block of West Kentucky for interfering with a 911 call.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Warren. A 2000 Lincoln Navigator was keyed, resulting in at least

\$3,000 in damage.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Zimmers.
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1800 block of North Banks. A vehicle was taken for repairs and never returned.
 Theft was reported in the 800 block of Duncan and the 700 block of North Gray.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Miami and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
 Lost property was reported in the police department lobby on two occasions. One of the incidents involved a metal ramp valued at \$50 for loading lawn mowers.
 Harassment was reported in the police department

lobby and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
 One alarm was reported.
 Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of North Hobart.
 A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Starkweather.
Tuesday, June 17
 One traffic stop was made.
 One alarm was reported.
 One open door was checked.
 Prowlers were reported in the 2000 block of North Sumner and the 2000 block of Fir.
 A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Foster.
 Assault was reported in the 400 block of North Doyle. The incident

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Texas today

Texas man who tried to sell cyanide to FBI informant indicted, faces life if convicted

AMARILLO (AP) — A 38-year-old Texas man has been charged with possessing cyanide and trying to sell it to an FBI informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Jeffrey Don Detrixhe, 38, of Higgins, was indicted Tuesday on two counts of prohibition against chemical weapons and one count of an unlawful user or addict of a controlled substance in possession of firearms.

Detrixhe could face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony counts, prosecutors said in a statement.

FBI agents executed a search warrant at Detrixhe's residence May 12 and discovered a container of material suspected to be sodium cyanide, prosecutors said. Detrixhe was arrested the same day without incident in Holly Creek, Okla. and remains in custody.

Time constraints, lengthy appeals force Texas prison officials to call off execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned inmate Charles Dean Hood avoided a trip to the Texas death chamber when lengthy appeals stretching long into the night left prison officials unable to complete their execution procedures in time to meet a midnight deadline to carry out the lethal injection.

Gov. Rick Perry then stopped the execution just before midnight Tuesday, using his authority to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve.

Hood, 38, had faced execution for a double slaying in suburban Dallas nearly two decades ago.

The warden at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit delivered the news to friends and relatives of the two murder victims, Ronald Williamson, 46, and Tracie Lynn Wallace, 26, as they assembled just after 11:30 p.m. CDT to watch Hood die.

Hood had just lost three appeals at the U.S. Supreme Court, following an unsuccessful flurry of appeals in the state courts

in rulings that alternately spared him and then restored the punishment.

"The death warrant was set to expire at midnight," prison spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said. "It was determined that there was not enough time for prison officials to follow the proper protocol prior to the warrant expiring."

"We initiated halting the execution for that reason. Certainly we were not willing to jeopardize our protocol. And time became an issue."

'The death warrant was set to expire at midnight. It was determined that there was not enough time for prison officials to follow the proper protocol prior to the warrant expiring.'

— Michelle Lyons
Prison spokeswoman

Verizon Communications Inc. brings faster FiOS speeds to more states

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon Communications Inc. is boosting the speed of its FiOS fiber-optic Internet service in 10 states.

The FiOS service areas of California, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington will see new plans that nearly double Internet speeds, Chief Operating Officer Denny Strigl said in remarks to be delivered at a conference Wednesday.

The faster speeds were already available in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, where competition from cable is particularly fierce, and in Florida, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

With the speed increase, Verizon is now providing the same speeds in all 16 states where FiOS is available. It comes at a time

when cable companies are preparing a big boost to their own Internet services.

The fastest FiOS Internet service, for \$139.95 per month, will provide downloads at 50 megabits per second and uploads at 20 megabits per second, up from 30 mbps downstream and 15 mbps upstream. Slower plans are being upgraded as well.

Verizon spokeswoman Bobbi Henson said existing customers will not be moved to the new plans and speeds unless they ask. Most customers are on plans that are slightly cheaper than the equivalent new plan, she said.

The prices are for customers who have annual contracts and have Verizon's land-line phone service. New Yorkers and Virginians get a price break on the fastest plan: It's \$89.95 in their states.

FiOS is available to 10 million homes, and Verizon plans to cover 18 million homes by 2010

DNA sample identifies attacker from 1985 rape case

DALLAS (AP) — A DNA sample that freed a wrongly convicted man who spent nearly 23 years behind bars implicated another man already in prison who has confessed to the crime, Dallas County prosecutors said Tuesday.

DNA evidence collected after the 1985 rape of a Richardson woman matches convicted felon Kenneth Wayne Woodson, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office said. Thomas McGowan was originally convicted of the crime and served nearly 23 years in prison before being released in April.

"The truth is out there. There's no more doubt about anything," McGowan told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Woodson will not be charged because the five-year statute of limitations has expired, said Mike Ware, who heads the Conviction Integrity Unit in the DA's office.

Woodson was convicted in a separate case of aggravated sexual assault after a 1986 rape and burglary and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He served 20 years before being paroled in January 2006.

Obama meets with national security advisory group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama is answering a question he faced often on the campaign trail. Whom would he turn to for advice when making foreign policy decisions?

The Democratic White House hopeful has scheduled the "inaugural" meeting Wednesday of what he's calling his Senior Working Group on National Security. It includes former members of Congress and high-ranking Clinton administration officials.

Among them are three who advised Hillary Rodham Clinton and had served in her husband's Cabinet — former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Warren Christopher and former Defense Secretary William Perry.

Obama also was meeting Wednesday with nearly 40 retired admirals and generals to discuss the state of the military and the challenges in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Obama plans to consult the working group members regularly between now and the Nov. 4 election, but those sitting with him in the two meetings would be likely picks to serve in high posts if he is elected. They could be secretaries of defense or state, national security advisers

or maybe even a running mate.

"Former Pentagon" leaders are among Obama's possible vice presidential picks, those who have been consulted on the search have said. The first-term Illinois senator may look for a military or national security expert to help counter Republican candidate John McCain, a Vietnam War veteran and former prisoner of war.

Other working group members include Sam Nunn of Georgia, Lee Hamilton of Indiana, David Boren of Oklahoma and Tim Roemer of Indiana, former Democratic lawmakers known for their foreign policy expertise. It also includes several Clinton administration officials — Tony Lake, Susan Rice, Greg Craig, Eric Holder, Richard Danzig and Jim Steinberg. Holder, a former deputy attorney general, is helping lead Obama's search for a running mate.

In a statement, Obama said the national security stakes could not be higher.

"It's time to change course," Obama said. "It's

time to end the war in Iraq responsibly, refocus on Afghanistan and al-Qaida, and renew our global leadership so that we can tackle the huge challenges of the 21st century."

Obama plans to spend the day in Washington Wednesday and also will meet with union leaders and attend a \$28,500-per-person Democratic National Committee fundraiser hosted by Robert Kennedy's widow Ethel at Hickory Hill, her home in McLean, Va.

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threatened or endangered species, soils, wetlands, wildlife and cultural resources. She said socio-economic impacts and effects on visitor experience and public safety will also be analyzed.

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Tour

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Knowledge" water feature at Clarendon College-Pampa Center and the "Freedom Fountain" water feature, which was constructed and donated this year to Freedom Museum USA at 600 N. Hobart.

Tickets to the tour are available at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Landscape, Pollie's Nursery and The Potting Shed. Tickets will also be available at participating homes during the tour.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241, Loyd Waters at 665-6466 or Debbie Davis at 665-0123.

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involved minor injuries. A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee. A 1993 Chevy truck was damaged by writing on the back, hood, driver and passenger sides. Bologna was thrown on the hood and side of vehicle. The estimated damage was at least \$2,000.

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Viewpoints

McCain: Four more years of mumbling?

The last thing America needs is another four years of listening to a president mumble. I don't care how great the man is otherwise, and a quick look at the amazing progress in present day Iraq accomplished by the president reveals a greatness that offends liberals, but if he's a mumbler that's what he'll be seen as.

The same is true of John McCain. His wartime heroism and whatever he's accomplished in the United States Senate fades almost into obscurity because he is seen — and joked about — as a politician who, despite his boast of being a straight talker, is seen as a man who mumbles his way through the verbal thickets.

You can't make a point if you can't articulate it in the strongest and clearest way possible.

People remember a president who communicates. You may hate his message but you have no trouble absorbing it when Barack Obama speaks. He's like the Pied Piper — he'll lead you off a cliff, but while he's doing it there's no doubt that he can put two words together, finish a sentence, and sound as if he means what he says and has enough fiery

rhetoric in his verbal arsenal to keep you marching behind him on the way to the cliff's edge. He's like a Venus's-flytrap — you think you're smelling roses when no matter how sweet the odor, it is really poison gas.

He's a communicator, not a mumbler. You don't get that from John McCain. The faithful old Republican guard may understand him and vote for him, but if you're looking for new recruits to cross over, your candidate has to at least sound as if he knows what he's talking about on matters other than the Iraq war.

He has to lead, and he can't just sit back and decide he is going to play this really nice guy with nary a mean word to mumble about his opponent, while his opponent has no intention of playing nice.

The Republican Party is looking for a real leader, not a Dr. Phil who can see the bright side of a tornado.

The last leader Republicans had was Newt Gingrich. You may not have liked him but you always knew well where he stood. He

never equivocated, and you could hear and understand everything he said. And he led his party to an astonishing victory in 1994.

Barack Obama, with all of his manifest faults and empty promises and outright misstatements of the facts, is at least leading the troops. And that's exactly what John McCain is not doing, and what he has to do if he wants to win in November.

He is deluding himself by thinking he can sit on his campaign bus and make nice with his pals in the media who no longer worship at his feet, having found a new idol in Barack Obama.

He needs to show leadership instead of musing about how he was once a prisoner of war who heroically resisted his brutal captors, because many of the people who'll vote in November were not even alive during the war in Vietnam. To them it's ancient history. They want to hear solutions to the gas-price crisis, for example, not recollections of a past they didn't share.

He can't gain any points recalling the failed presidency of Jimmy Carter because

there are lots of people out there who at best only vaguely know that Carter was once president or who have any idea of what he did when in the White House.

When he talks about the Vietnam War, or Jimmy Carter, McCain has to explain what he's talking about, and the American people have little interest or patience in matters that have to be explained.

If something has to be explained, it's something you shouldn't talk about.

McCain doesn't seem to realize that what the public perceives is reality. In politics, perception and reality are the same. True of not, the perception is that George Bush hasn't led. The reality is that we have no leadership, and we're hungry for a leader.

At this point in time, Barack Obama may be leading us off a cliff, but at least he's whistling the tune the voters want to hear.

John McCain needs to find his tune, and then sing it loud and clear. He can't mumble his way into the White House.

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

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Mid-East pop quiz for all Americans ...

It's time for another pop quiz on America's favorite region of the world — the Middle East. Let's get started with the subject of nuclear weapons.

Which country in the Middle East actually possesses nuclear weapons?

Israel.
Which country in the Middle East refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?

Israel.
Which country in the Middle East refuses to allow international inspections of its nuclear facilities?

Israel.
Which countries in the Middle East have called for the region to be a nuclear-free zone?

The Arab countries and Iran.
Which country in the Middle East occupies land belonging to other people?

Israel, which occupies a piece of Lebanon, a larger piece of Syria, East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

Which country in the Middle East has for 60 years refused to allow refugees to return to their homes and refused to consider compensation to them for their lost property?

Israel.
Which country has roads on which citizens who are Arab may not drive and housing developments where Arabs may not live?

Israel.
Which country in the region has violated more United Nations resolutions than any other?

Israel. The United States has on more than one occasion gone to war ostensibly to enforce U.N. Security Council resolutions, but when it comes

Charley Reese
Columnist



to resolutions directed against Israel, the U.S. is like the amoral monkey that sees, hears and says nothing. That raises the question of who's the dog and who's the tail?

Which country in the region has in the past been led by men who at one time were terrorists with a price on their heads?

Israel. Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir once led the Stern Gang and ordered, among other things, the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, a Swedish diplomat working for the United Nations. Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin led the Irgun, a terrorist gang that among other things blew up one wing of the King David Hotel, killing nearly 100 people.

Which country in the Middle East openly employs assassination against its political enemies?

Israel. There have been assassinations carried out by some of the Arab governments, but they usually don't own up to them. Israel has created a euphemism that the suck-up American press has readily adopted: "targeted killings." A British journalist told me once, "The Palestinians have a talent for picking bad leaders, and the Israelis have a talent for murdering their good ones."

What are the top five countries from which we import oil?

Here they are in order of volume: Canada, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Nigeria and

Venezuela. The next time you hear some blowhard politician ranting about how the Arabs control our oil imports, remind him or her of the facts. By far, a majority of oil imports come from non-Arab countries.

Which country in the region receives an annual gift of \$3 billion or more from Congress?

Israel.
Which foreign-aid recipient is the only one allowed to receive its aid in a lump sum and which routinely invests

part of it in U.S. Treasuries so that taxpayers pay them interest on the taxpayers' gift?

Israel.
Which country in the Middle East has the most powerful lobby in the U.S.?

Israel.
Which country in the Middle East are most American politicians, journalists and academics afraid to criticize?

Israel.
On behalf of which country has the U.S. vetoed the largest number of U.N. Security

Council resolutions?

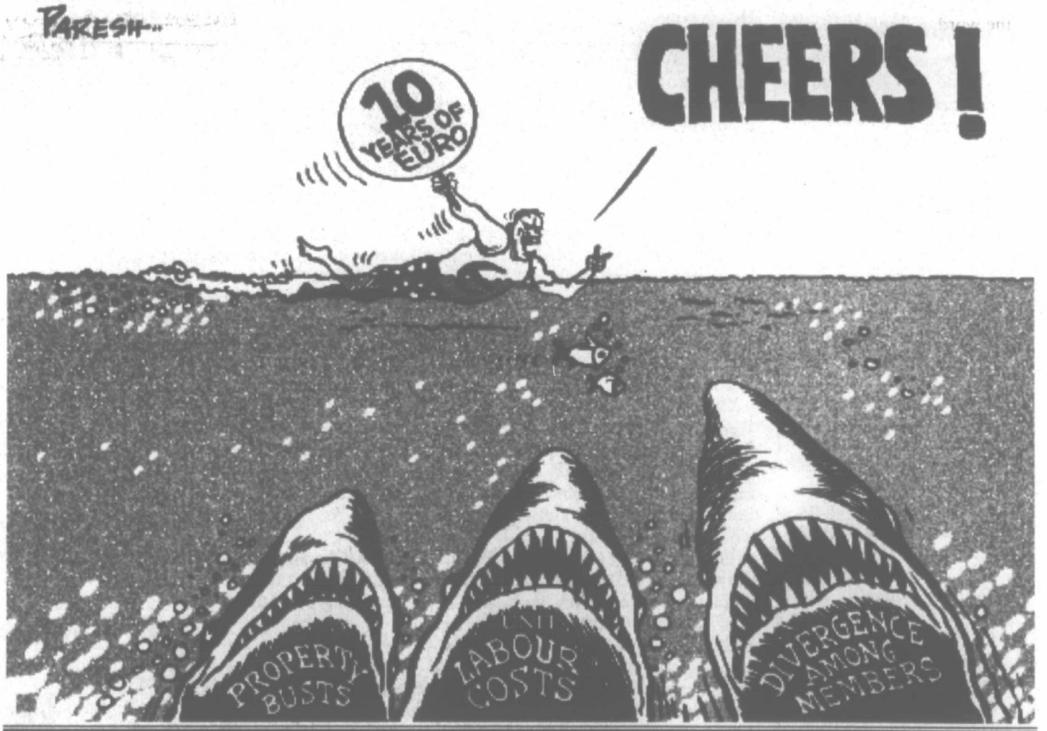
Israel.
What country do the people in the region consider the world's biggest hypocrite?

The United States.
Which countries in the Middle East have attacked U.S. ships in international waters?

Iraq and Israel. A lone Iraqi plane fired one missile at a U.S. ship by mistake. The Iraqi government quickly compensated the U.S. In 1967, Israeli airplanes and torpedo boats attacked the USS Liberty,

government declared it an accident even before the ship limped into port, and to this day Congress has never held a public hearing and allowed the survivors to tell their story. Their story, by the way, is that the attack was deliberate. Israel compensated the families of those who were killed, but resisted for years paying compensation for the ship.

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



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 8
Austin American-Statesman on handling nuclear weapons:

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates demonstrated once again that accountability in Washington can be more reality than rhetoric. Gates doesn't hesitate to fire people who don't measure up, regardless of station or rank.

The sackings of Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne and Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley come in response to an inquiry into the Air Force's handling of nuclear weapons. Last summer, a B-52 bomber carrying six nuclear cruise missiles flew from North Dakota to Louisiana without anyone realizing the warheads were on board. In March, Air Force officials discovered that electrical fuses designed for the nose cones of Minuteman nuclear warheads had mistakenly been sent to Taiwan in place of helicopter batteries. The mix-up was discovered a year and a half after the parts were shipped, leading Gates to call for a review and inventory of all

nuclear weapons and their components.

Gates, a former president of Texas A&M, has pushed out top military brass before. He declined to recommend the reappointment of Gen. Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last year and helped force the resignation of Admiral William Fallon, former head of Central Command. In March 2007, he ousted the Army secretary, surgeon general of the Army and the commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center after a Washington Post investigation into the appalling living conditions at the hospital.

Gates sees the Air Force as reluctant to shift its strategy from fighting major wars — state versus state conflicts that require advanced fighters and bombers — to the "asymmetrical" conflicts against insurgents and rebel groups seen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To Gates, the Air Force has been slow to assist in the deployment of unmanned aerial vehicles to the Middle East, like the Predator or the larger Reaper drones.

But regardless of any strategic differences, two incidents involving America's nuclear arsenal in a years

time is too severe an error to excuse or ignore. Gates said the nuclear inquiry found "a lack of effective Air Force leadership oversight," and that the Air Force had not been "sufficiently critical of its past performance."

The United States has long criticized a post-Cold War Russia for supposed carelessness in the safeguarding of its nuclear arsenal. Mistakes like the bomber flight and erroneous shipment are embarrassing blunders on an international stage and can hurt U.S. credibility when it comes time to talk about the maintenance and disarmament of these weapons with the other nuclear powers.

It's encouraging to see officials at the highest levels — especially in this administration — assigning responsibility for failed strategies or a lack of proper oversight. Gates has made a habit of cutting through military bureaucracy to dismiss leaders and promote their replacements to improve performance. His policy of accountability should be an example to a White House that preaches about accountability but is reluctant to practice it. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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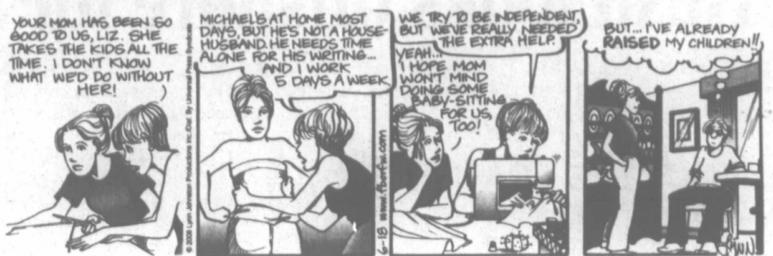
DEAR ABBY: Please help me alert your readers about an important program launched by companies in the information technology (IT) industry to educate, train, certify and provide job placement assistance for returning veterans. Military who successfully complete the Creating Futures program will have the knowledge and skill level they need to start a rewarding career in IT. Creating Futures is free for all participants. The cost is covered by organizational sponsors such as HP, Xerox and Ricoh. The Creating Futures program is tailored to help individuals with various levels of skill. Individuals who have honed their computer skills in the military will be taught how to transfer those skills to civilian life, and those who are new to IT will be taught the basic skills they need to pursue a career in information technology. Returning veterans, people with disabilities, youth-at-risk and dislocated workers interested in participating in the program should visit www.creatingfutures.us for information on how to participate. -- **JOHN VENATOR, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for bringing this to the attention of my readers. I'm sure many individuals in each of the categories you mentioned will be interested in learning more about the Creating Futures program. Readers, as workers in the baby boom generation begin retiring, they will leave a significant gap in the talent pool of the technology industry. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that there will be 600,000 more jobs than available employees in the IT industry by 2012. This could be opportunity knocking, so please spread the word.

DEAR ABBY: I have been fortunate in most areas of my life. I have a loving husband, a beautiful apartment, and will graduate from law school in a few months. My problem is my parents are indifferent about anything I have achieved in my life. They refuse to visit our home or acknowledge my milestones -- like high school or college graduations and my wedding. What have I done wrong to make them so ashamed of me? And how can I make them love me and show some pride in their eldest daughter? -- **UPSET DOWN SOUTH**

DEAR UPSET: You have accomplished much in your young life. That your parents are unable -- or unwilling -- to give you the acknowledgment you crave is more a reflection on them than it is on you. Not knowing them, I can't say what their reason is. However, you are no longer a child. Rather than continue blaming yourself, it's time to take a long, hard look at THEM and ask yourself what kind of people would treat their firstborn child the way you have been treated. Then draw your own conclusions and go on with your life. You can't get blood from a stone, and you can't force loveless people to love you. But you can stop beating yourself up for not being able to "please" them and go on to live a happy and useful life, and that's what I'm advising you to do.

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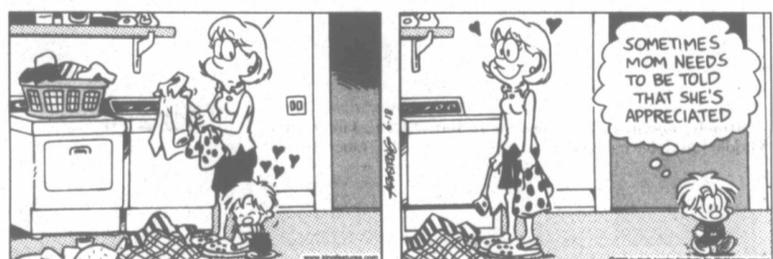
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Bush looks offshore for remedy to high oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wednesday on extending a House panel put off a vote Congress' ban on offshore

drilling, even as President Bush was poised to publicly renew his call for lawmakers to open U.S. coastal waters to oil and gas development.

Drilling for oil and gas off nearly all the American coastline has been banned over the past quarter-century, in part to protect tourism and to lessen the chances of beach-blackening spills. Now, \$4-a-gallon gasoline prices are a part of people's daily lives and motorists are clamoring for something to be done about the record price of oil, much of it produced in foreign countries.

In response, Bush was to call again Wednesday for exploration, arguing that it's high time to battle high prices with increased domestic production. He planned to ask Congress to lift the drilling moratoria that have been in effect since 1981 in more than 80 percent of the country's Outer Continental Shelf and to let states help to decide where to allow drilling.

"The president believes Congress shouldn't waste any more time," White House press secretary Dana Perino told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "He will explicitly call on Congress to ... pass legislation lifting the congressional ban on safe, environmentally friendly offshore oil drilling."

Keith Hennessey, the director of the president's economic council, said that Bush will lift a parallel executive order banning offshore drilling if Congress does likewise with the law. Asked why Bush doesn't act first and lift the ban, Hennessey said: "He

thinks that probably the most productive way to work with this Congress is to try to do it tandem."

Bush, in a Rose Garden statement, will also call on Congress to make it easier for oil refineries to be expanded.

Even a quick change in law is expected to have no immediate effect on oil supply. The impact, Hennessey said, "is definitely measured in years." But he said that allowing a greater oil supply in future years could trigger the market to use more supply now and reduce the price of oil.

For their part, some lawmakers had their own plan: Legislation that would continue the ban into late 2009, and which had been scheduled to be considered Wednesday by the House Appropriations Committee. But the session was postponed because the committee was focusing on disaster

relief measures involving the Midwest flooding.

Congressional Democrats, joined by some GOP lawmakers from coastal states, have opposed lifting the prohibition that has barred energy companies from waters along both the East and West coasts and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico for 27 years.

On Monday, GOP presidential candidate John McCain made lifting the federal ban on offshore oil and gas development a key part of his energy plan. McCain said states should be allowed to pursue energy exploration in waters near their coasts and get some of the royalty revenue.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate for president, opposes lifting the ban on offshore drilling and says that allowing exploration now wouldn't affect gasoline prices for at least five years.

McCain called for reform

of the laws governing the oil futures trading market, and drew a standing ovation from his audience Wednesday when he repeated his day-old support for an end to the federal moratorium on offshore oil drilling. He favors allowing states to decide whether to explore offshore waters.

That drew a rebuttal from Obama, who said his opponent had switched positions from when he first ran for president in 2000. "I think he continues to find himself being pushed further and further to the right in ways that in my mind don't show a lot of leadership," he said.

Obama also said there is "no way that allowing offshore drilling would lower gas prices right now. At best you are looking at five years or more down the road."

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, energy secretary during the Clinton administration, called it "another bad idea."

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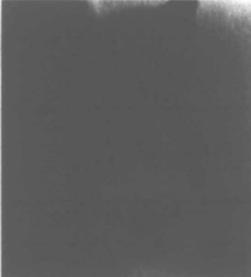
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• **"Cowboy Guns"** will be the subject of a campsite talk at 7 p.m. June 21 at Copper Breaks State Park near Quanah. The program will be presented by volunteer David Singleton. Singleton, a Texas native of Brazoria County, participated in the excavation of Fort Velasco. He will explore and demonstrate the technology of black powder single-shot weapons along with some early weapons of the industrial revolution such as the six-shooter, deringer, shotgun and repeating rifle. For more information, contact park headquarters at (940) 839-4331.

• **Amarillo Botanical Gardens** will stage its "Music in the Gardens" June 23 and 30 with various musicians and vocal artists. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513. Summer hours for the gardens are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. week days.

• **Pampa Girl Scout House**, 720 E. Kingsmill, will be the site of a "Container Gardening Workshop" for girls between seventh and 12 grades and their mothers. The registration deadline is June 23. The workshop will be offered from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 28. Participants will learn how to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables in fun, creative containers. The fee is \$12.50 per person. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is hosting the event. Participants may join the Girl Scouts for a \$10 fee. Registration and fee must be turned into the Clarendon office (P.O. Box 729, Clarendon, TX 79226) by the 23rd. For a form or more information, call (806) 874-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

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AP news in brief

NATO, Afghan troops launch operation against Taliban outside Kandahar

ARGHANDAB, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan and Canadian forces moved into a series of villages outside of southern Afghanistan's largest city Wednesday to root out any Taliban militants there, while an explosion elsewhere killed four British soldiers, officials said.

Troops in Arghandab district just outside of Kandahar exchanged fire with militants during "a few minor contacts" but there were no immediate reports of casualties, NATO spokesman Mark Laity said. Helicopters patrolled the skies and smoke rose from fields after exchanges of fire.

A helicopter landed in a field near the fighting and appeared to evacuate a casualty. Large Canadian military vehicles and Afghan police trucks were moving through the region.

"As of this morning we've expanded operations into Arghandab," Laity said. "Canadian troops are in support" of the Afghan National Army.

Afghanistan's Ministry of Defense on Tuesday said between 300 and 400 militant fighters were operating in Arghandab — a lush region of pomegranate and grape fields that lies 10 miles northwest of Kandahar city, the Taliban's spiritual home.

Canadian military officials who patrolled through Arghandab over the last day reported "no obvious signs" of insurgent activity. But that didn't mean there were no Taliban there, a news release said. Pentagon officials said reports of hundreds of Taliban in Arghandab were being overstated.

Boston Massacre: Celtics win 17th NBA title with 131-92 win over Los Angeles Lakers

BOSTON (AP) — With Russell and Havlicek sitting courtside, and Red surely lighting up a victory cigar somewhere, these Boston Celtics returned to glory like the great teams before them.

Dominant in every way. On a new parquet floor below aging championship banners hung in the rafters two decades back, the Celtics won their 17th NBA title and a first one — at last — for Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen — their Big Three for a new generation.

After 22 long years, the NBA has gone green. Lifted by ear-splitting chants of "Beat L.A." early and cries of "Seven-teen" in the closing seconds by their adoring crowd, the Celtics concluded a shocking rebound of a season with a stunning 131-92 blowout over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 6 on Tuesday night.

Floodwaters threaten Mississippi Rivers towns in Illinois and Missouri after ravaging Iowa

GULFPORT, Ill. (AP) — Floodwaters that bedeviled Iowans for the past week have flowed out of the state and are now threatening Mississippi Rivers towns in Illinois and Missouri.

Flooding that began in eastern Iowa caused more than \$1.5 billion in damage as it crept south toward the Mississippi. About 25,000 people in Cedar Rapids were forced from their homes, 19 buildings at the University of Iowa were flooded and water treatment plants in several cities were knocked out.

Now the floodwaters are a problem for communities such as Gulfport and Clarksville, Mo.



Pampa News photos by Marilyn Powers

TOP: Gatiin Taylor completes a head-over-heels dive before splashing into the water feet-first at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool recently.

BOTTOM: Raelynn Miller keeps her eyes and nose shut as she dives feet-first into the water recently at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool.

Veganic farmers work without animal fertilizers

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The tradition of farming the land in northern New Mexico's Espanola Valley had been passed down from Don Bustos' Spanish ancestors who tilled the same soil centuries before.

But when Bustos realized the traditional farming techniques he was using could harm his children's health, he went organic 15 years ago. Now, Bustos said he has found an even safer method — vegan organic farming without any animal fertilizers or byproducts.

Much like certified organic farmers, veganic farmers use no synthetic chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or genetically modified ingredients. Veganic farmers take it to another level by not using any manures or slaughterhouse byproducts. They don't even use organically approved pesticides.

Salmonella and e-coli are bacteria that live in the intestines of livestock and are present in their waste. Livestock waste, or manure, can be used to fertilize fields, potentially contaminating crops with the disease-causing bacteria.

Crops can also be contaminated by contact with infected animals or their byproducts, including bone meal and blood meal, which are used as fertilizer as well.

Veganic farmers use crop rotations and composted plant matter — or "green manure" — to fertilize their crops.

Bustos, 51, was inspired to pursue veganic

farming four years ago after listening to then-U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns speak.

"He was talking about ways to protect the safety of our food system, but to me you still have things like e-coli and salmonella from manure (fertilizer)," Bustos said. "Now, I use no manures, no bone meals, blood meal, no pesticides, nothing."

The method, also called stock-free farming, is an emerging concept in the United States.

Stephane Groleau, co-founder of the Veganic Agriculture Network based in Quebec, Canada, said he's aware of only a dozen veganic farms or gardeners in the U.S. He said the farming method is more popular in England and Europe because of lack of available land for raising livestock and concerns over livestock diseases transferring to humans.

"In Europe, what we see is they import a lot of their meat and they don't have as many animals on their land. And animals require a lot of space, so if you have just a small holding, it's very demanding for the farmer," Groleau said.

Veganic farmers in the U.S. are motivated by the need to protect the environment and human health, said Ron Khosla, who operates the 77-acre vegan organic Huguenot Street Farm in New Paltz, N.Y., with his wife.

Anglican Bible conservatives meet for a 'strategy summit'

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

Less than a month ahead of a global gathering of Anglican leaders, conservative bishops angry about the liberalism of churches in the United States, Canada and elsewhere are meeting for a strategy summit in Jordan and Israel.

Organizers of the Global Anglican Future Conference say they will not formally break with the 77 million-member Anglican family when the meeting ends June

29. Even so, the gathering is a clear challenge to Anglicans who want their fellowship to remain unchanged.

"This is a show of force, unity and global significance," said the Rev. Peter Moore, former dean of Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry, a conservative Pennsylvania seminary. "The Anglican Communion is in the process of breaking up. What will emerge from that, I don't know."

The event, starting Wednesday with closed-door sessions in

Amman, Jordan, moves Sunday to Jerusalem for public discussions and visits to holy sites. About 1,000 attendees — including bishops, clergy, lay people and their families — are expected in Israel.

The timing is key.

The summit occurs one month before the Lambeth Conference, the once-a-decade meeting of all Anglican bishops, organized by their spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

Many of the estimated 280 bishops attending the conservative

summit are boycotting Lambeth, mainly because Williams invited bishops from the U.S. Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and elsewhere who believe that the Bible permits committed gay relationships.

The Episcopal Church — the U.S. Anglican body — caused an uproar in 2003 by approving the first openly gay bishop, the Most Rev. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Williams barred Robinson from Lambeth, but included the American bishops

who consecrated him.

More conflict arose last weekend when it was revealed that two male Church of England priests exchanged rings and vows in a May 31 church ceremony in London. The bishop of London is investigating.

"Going to Lambeth? The question is 'What for?'" said Archbishop Henry Orombi, leader of the conservative Anglican Church of Uganda and a lead organizer of the conservative meeting.

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Measurement Technician I for Frontier Natural Gas, LLC, a business enterprise of Aka Energy Group/The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. This position is responsible for performing meter calibrations, gathering and editing meter data, securing gas samples for analysis, calculating gas volumes, sizing orifice plates, service and repair of meters. This position will be located in the Texas Panhandle.

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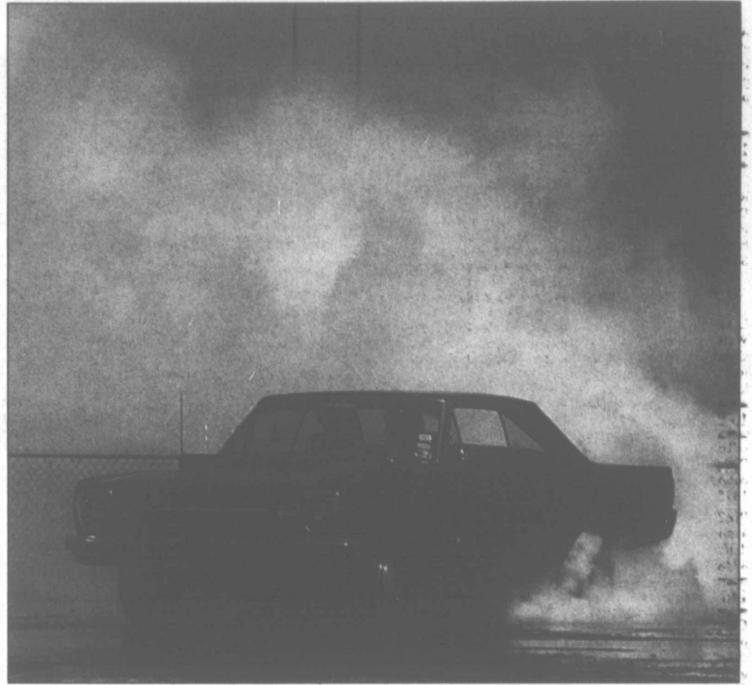
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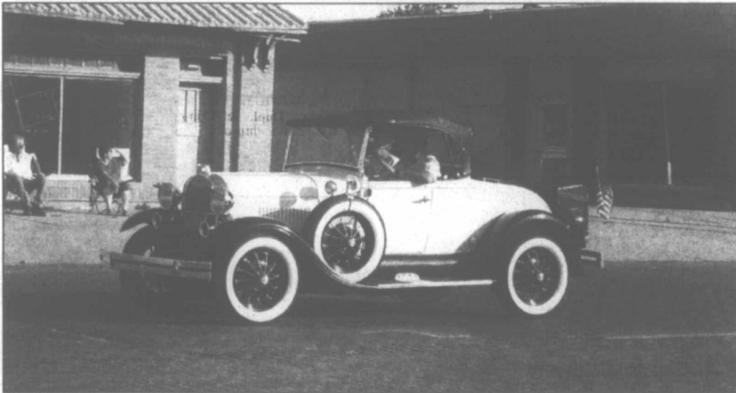
Aaron Strickland of Borger stands beside his 1967 Chevrolet Camaro at Saturday's car show in Recreation Park.



Conrado Munguia took second place in the outlaw class at Saturday's burnout with his Plymouth.



Ralph Fleischman of Amarillo brought his 1966 Ford Cobra to the car show.



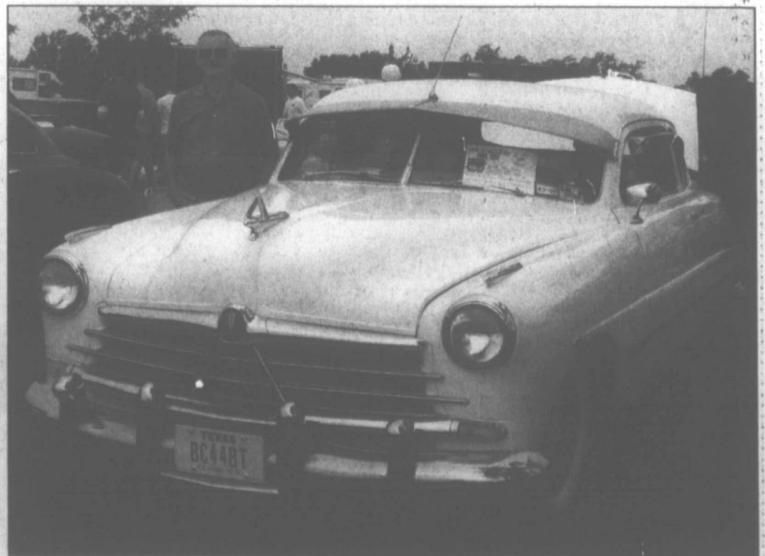
A 1960 Dodge Pioneer was one of the vehicles shown Saturday by Raymond Douglas of Pampa.



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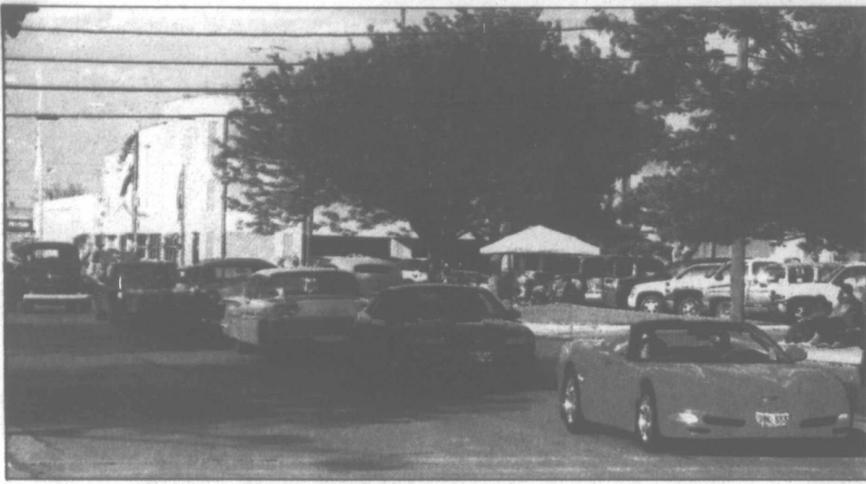


Bruce Schubert of Dalhart entered his 1964 Chrysler 300 in the car show.

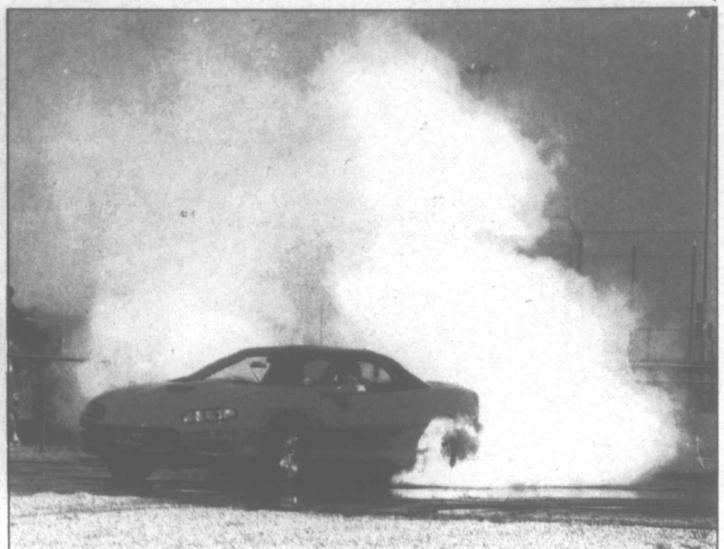


Russell Seely of Pampa stands beside his 1950 Hudson Commodore.

Burnin' the Bricks



A line of vehicles cruises the traditional Pampa drag Saturday evening during Cruise Night.



Michael McCormick spins his rear wheels to generate smoke and noise at the burnout competition Saturday in Recreation Park.



A 1948 Chevrolet pickup owned by James Smith of Pampa was one of the pickups entered in Saturday's car show at Recreation Park.



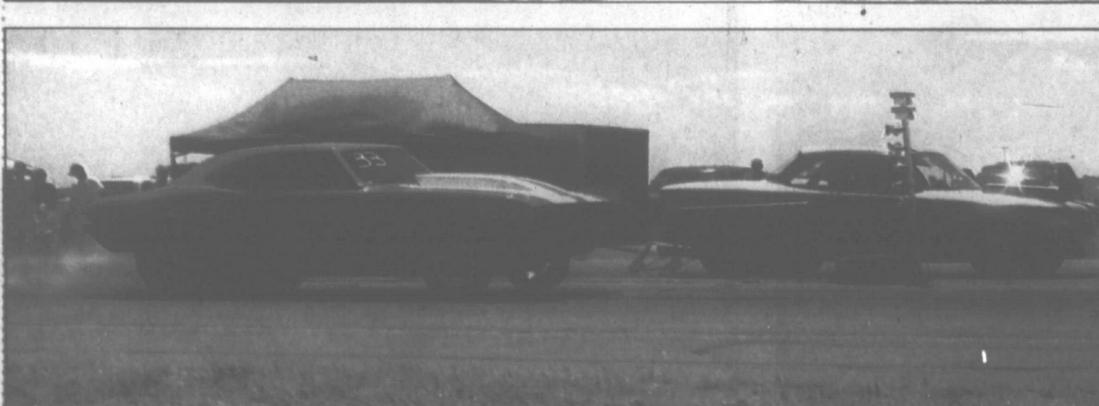
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A 1955 Chevrolet owned by Charlie Emmons was among the many cars of the '50s entered in the car show.



Jack Gilbreth of Washburn had his 1969 Mercury Cougar in Saturday's car show.



Clay Cunningham's orange Camaro and Earl Smith's gold Corvair leap off the finish line at Sunday's drag races.



David and Randy Swires of Pampa show their 1947 Ford truck, painted in the style of the Texas flag.

