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The dust storm which descended on Pampa on April 14, 1935, turned daylight into darkness. At the left of the photo is the Schneider Hotel.

Monday anniversary of Black Sunday

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Monday marks the 73rd anniversary of Black Sunday, the worst day of the Dust Bowl years of the 1930s across the Great Plains.

The Dust Bowl consisted of about 100 million acres in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and the Texas Panhandle. The region got the nickname when a series of dust storms ravaged the area in the '30s, sometimes called "the Dirty Thirties."



Photo courtesy White Deer Land Museum
The 200 block of North Cuyler is still clear of dust in this photo as the large dust storm of Black Sunday approaches Pampa.

Severe drought coupled with decades of extensive farming without crop rotation or other erosion-preventing techniques were the major causes of the dust storms. The exposed soil of the region dried out during the drought and became airborne, creating huge black clouds which moved east or south.

Sometimes the dust clouds traveled as far as California, and some of the windborne soil was deposited in the Atlantic Ocean. On May 11, 1934, a strong two-day dust storm hit California.

'Appliance Day'

More than 130 appliances discarded during second monthly event

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

The second monthly Appliance Day at Top Of Texas Ice Co. raked in over 130 discarded appliances Saturday, according to event organizers.

Approximately 100 of those appliances were refrigerators and freezers, which contain coolants. The coolant must be removed before the appliance can be properly disposed of at landfills including Pampa landfill, which also requires that appliances with compressors have their compressors detached and separate before bringing to the landfill.

The other appliances gathered Saturday for proper disposal included washing machines, clothes dryers, evaporative coolers, stoves and microwave ovens, said Gray County Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby, who, along with Paulette Hinkle and Mary Ann Richards of Top Of Texas Ice, began the monthly appliance roundup in March.

Salvation Army's canteen served free coffee and doughnuts to those participating in Saturday's event. About half

of the refrigerators and freezers were brought in by the owners, and the other half were to be picked up by volunteers at the owners' request, Willoughby said.

"Two volunteers and I took the list of pick-ups and got them Friday and Saturday," he said. Willoughby said he did not use county workers on county time or any county

equipment to do the pick-ups. The most obvious positive response to the monthly Appliance Day may be the number of units collected, but there have been other signs that the public's response is favorable.

"One person donated \$60. We gave it to the Salvation Army," Willoughby said. Hinkle has received verbal

and written thank-yous for Appliance Day, she said.

"It's just neighbor helping neighbor," she said.

The next Appliance Day will be from 9 to 11 a.m. May 3 at Top Of Texas Ice Company, 1945 N. Hobart. There is no charge to have unwanted appliances accepted at the monthly event. Persons who are elderly

and/or disabled and who cannot bring their appliances to the business may call 665-2061 to arrange for pick-up. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the monthly collection may also call 665-2061.

"We already have 10 pick-ups lined up for next month," Richards said Tuesday.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers
Above are some of the approximately 100 refrigerators and freezers collected Saturday at the second monthly Appliance Day at Top Of Texas Ice Company. The business accepts certain unwanted household appliances between 9 and 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month and will see to their proper disposal free of charge.

Salvation Army dreaming of Boys & Girls Club for Pampa

By JULIE ANN THOMPSON
The Pampa News

Efforts are underway to found a chapter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America in Pampa. The club would benefit not only Gray County but the Panhandle as a whole.

"We have a lot of kids who live in homes who's finances are worse than poverty," Captain Mark Martin of The Salvation Army said.

The club would meet in The Salvation Army building at 701 South Cuyler which is now chartered with the Boys and Girls Club. The building has been undergoing renovations for the past year now. New carpet has been put in, along with a pool table, ping pong table, a big screen TV for power-point presentations and a computer room complete with nine donated computers. Martin, who started in Pampa a year and a half ago, said that's just the tip of the iceberg.




"Somehow, someday, I'd like to get a fence up," Martin said. "We need a basketball court. You can walk out there, the blacktop is cracked, weeds are growing through, it's not in good condition."

According to the Boys and Girls Club Web site, www.bgca.org, the club's mission is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." The club provides a safe place to learn and grow; ongoing relationships with caring; adult professionals; and character development.

"There are over 4,000 clubs in the world," Martin said.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. South-southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

FRYREAR, Naomi Lorane — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Hansford Cemetery, Spearman.
HOLLOWAY, Eva — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.
THOMPSON, Jean — 2 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.
WASHBURN, Rose Sharron — Graveside services, 10 a.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

Helen McClendon, 81

Helen Hampton McClendon, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, April 11, 2008. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Naomi Lorane Fryrear, 80

SPEARMAN — Naomi Lorane Fryrear, 80, died April 10, 2008, at Pampa. Graveside services are scheduled at 4 p.m. Saturday in Hansford Cemetery in Spearman with Jim Williams, a family friend, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Fryrear was born Sept. 30, 1927, at McLoud, Okla., to George and Flora Randall. She grew up in Tuttle, Okla. On Aug. 24, 1943, she married Cecil Fryrear at Chickasha, Okla. The couple lived in Los Angeles, Calif., for a few years before moving to Spearman. Mrs. Fryrear would plant a garden every spring and loved to can. She enjoyed camping, cooking and fishing.



Fryrear

Mrs. Fryrear was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a daughter, Ina Sue Tindell. Survivors include a son, Cecil Fryrear, Jr. of Sanford; a daughter, Donna Giddens of Mangum, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.
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Eva Holloway, 87

SKELLYTOWN — Eva Holloway, 87, died April 9, 2008, at Weatherford, Okla. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Skellytown with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Born Feb. 3, 1921, at Fox, Okla., Mrs. Holloway had been a Skellytown resident since 1929. She married Dan Holloway on



Holloway

Sept. 20, 1938, in Sayre, Okla.; he died Dec. 11, 1986. Mrs. Holloway belonged to First Baptist Church of Skellytown since 1962. Survivors include two daughters, Lorean

Thompson of Sweetwater, Okla., and Pat Jones of Keller; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, TX 79080.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Jean Thompson, 74

Jean Thompson, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died April 9, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Thompson was born

June 25, 1933, at Amarillo and graduated from Dumas High School in 1953. She married Clark Thompson on May 29, 1954, in Masterson. Mrs. Thompson had been a resident of Pampa since 1966, joining Barrett Baptist Church, present-day



Thompson

Baptist Church, that same year. She was a long-time Sunday School teacher. For many years, Mrs. Thompson volunteered with Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels. Survivors include her husband, Clark Thompson, of

Debbie Taylor of Pampa and Shelly Sexton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Don Tweedy of Fort Worth; one sister, JoElla Turner of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd Ave., Pampa, TX 79065.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Rose Sharron Washburn, 63

ABILENE — Rose Sharron Washburn, 63, died April 6, 2008, at Abilene. Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer with the Rev. Terry Hodges, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in El Paso, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Washburn was born Nov. 15, 1944, at Pampa. She married Gary Washburn on July 10, 1968, in Reno, Nev. She had been living in Abilene for the past two years, moving there from Pampa, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa. Mrs. Washburn was a

homemaker. She was preceded in death by a son, Howard Scott Washburn in 1991. Survivors include her husband, Gary Washburn, of the home; and a cousin, Frances French of Pampa.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. this morning.
Thursday, April 10
 11:26 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Banks on a call for medical assistance.
 11:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of West Francis on a call for medical assistance.
 12:49 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1100 block of Coronado on a public service

program.
 9:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Garland on a medical call.
 5:43 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Murphy on a call for lifting assistance.
 6:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for lifting assistance.
 Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday

and 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, April 9
 2:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.
Thursday, April 10
 7:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.
 9:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.
 9:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 and Gray County Road 13. No transport.
 9:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient to PRMC.
 10:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Gray and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Club

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country," Regional Service Director L. Joel Mabrey said. "It's a positive place for kids."

A new director, Kimberly Thomas of White Deer, is also coming aboard to aid efforts in establishing the club.

"She's just impressed everyone she's talked to. She's motivated. She's doing this for the kids. Everything's falling into place," Martin said.

Martin said that he hopes to get the club up and running within the year, with an emphasis on a summer program. He went on to add that they are not trying to compete with other programs in town, such as the Latchkey program, but hopes to add to what Pampa already has.

"Some children living in single parent families need something, somewhere to come. When mom's working, what do they do?" Mabrey said.

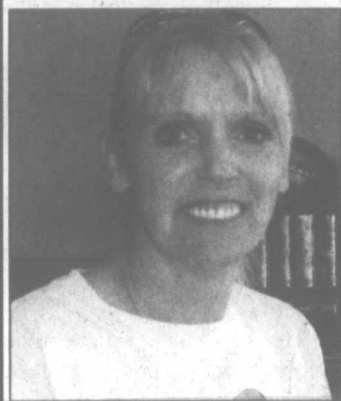
The Salvation Army will continue its social work efforts, such as providing diapers and food to be given to the community as needed.

Ultimately, Mabrey said, they are trying to provide a safe and positive place for kids in which they can develop their talents.

"They know this is a sanctuary and they respect that. Their attitude changes when they come in here," Martin said. "That's what we want to do. We want to change their attitude. There's a different way to live your life without cussing and drugs."

Word on the street

How have changing gas prices affected your vacation plans?



"It's pretty much canceled them."
- Shella Lindsay



"I'm probably more likely to fly."
- Stacey Ladd



"We're rethinking where we're going and we'll probably stay closer to home."
- DonAnne Woodruff



"We don't have any plans right now. We want to wait and see how it will be this summer."
- Carolyn Rapstine



"It hasn't effected us. We actually just got back from Amsterdam."
- Reed Kirkpatrick

Dust Bowl

Cont. from Front Page

storm resulted in the soil particles falling like snow on the city of Chicago, Ill. Several days later, the same storm reached cities in the eastern U.S., including Buffalo, N.Y., Boston, Mass., New York City and Washington, D.C. That winter, red snow, colored by the airborne topsoil, fell on New England.

On April 14, 1935, or Black Sunday, 20 of the worst dust storms occurred throughout the Dust Bowl, turning day into night. Pampa and the Texas Panhandle were among the regions affected that day.

Dr. Sylvia Grider, a former Pampan, interviewed a number of local residents about Black Sunday, according to Thelma Bray. The storm reached Pampa at 6:45

p.m. that Palm Sunday. Descriptions documented by Grider of the dust storm included: "A real low cloud, big and black, rolling and tumbling, hugging the ground, coming out of the north or northwest, churning along at 50 miles an hour, no sound, only a swirling wall of blackness."

The dust storm which affected Pampa and the Panhandle had also traveled across North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

In an address at the annual meeting of a folklore society in 1979, Bray said that "a ground-hugging, rolling black cloud bank of incredible density and height bore down. . . There was no sound, no preceding dust — only a swirling wall of blackness that blotted out the sun and threw a shroud of emulsified dust over everything."

Some in the path of the

dust storm thought it was smoke from a wildfire, while others thought it was a freak cold front. Some headed for their storm cellars, fearing one of spring's severe storms.

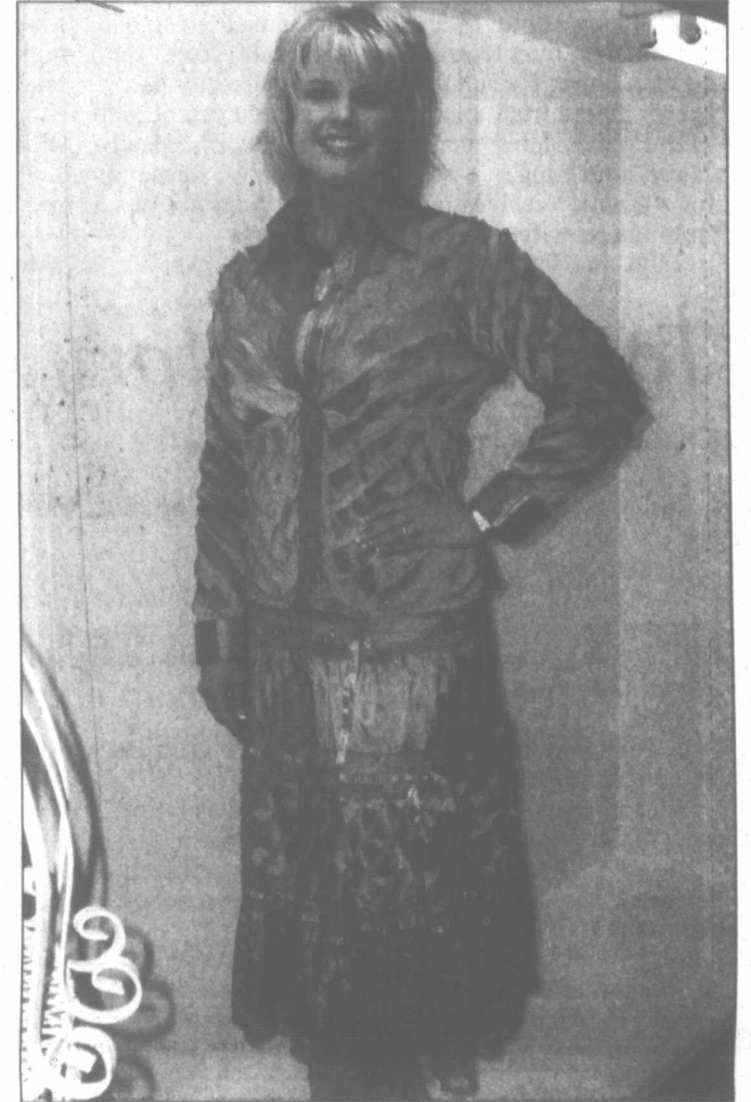
"Past experience with dust storms drove others to a frenzy of window shutting and door slamming," Bray said in the address. "Sheets were snatched from clotheslines and beds and wetted down in hopes of controlling the dust." Wet wadded newspaper was also used to try to keep the dust out of homes by poking it in the cracks around windows and doors. Some residents breathed through rags which covered their noses in order to try to make breathing easier during the ordeal.

Motorists were forced to stop and wait until the worst of the storm was over because they could not see well enough to drive. Some had to finish their traveling on foot because the powdery dust and static electricity in the air had stalled their cars, Bray said.

The worst part of the storm only lasted about 30 minutes, although visibility was limited to six miles or less for 55 hours, one of the longest spans on record," she said. "After about three hours, the wind died down and people started to dig out. Wherever windows had been left open, cleaning up had to be done with scoops and shovels."

The dust storms of the 1930s, coupled with the effects of the Great Depression, resulted in many families from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and the surrounding Great Plains migrating westward to look for work. More than 500,000 Americans became homeless during this period. By 1940, 2.5 million people had moved out of the Plains states.

The exodus from the Dust Bowl was the largest migration in American history. Those who left the area for other parts of the nation were generally referred to as "Okies," although not all were from Oklahoma.



Lisa Clifton is modeling an outfit from Carousel Expressions for the upcoming Altrusa Style Show. The annual style show and brunch will kick-off at 10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be \$12 apiece at the door.

Two tornadoes caused some of damage from widespread Texas storms

DALLAS (AP) — At least two tornadoes and a line of "intense" thunderstorms were responsible for widespread wind damage in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the National Weather Service said Friday.

The first tornado touched down around 3:30 a.m. Thursday in Johnson County near Alvarado. Packing 95 mph winds, the tornado traveled about 3 miles and carved out a path about 50 yards wide. At least three homes in the area were "total losses," according to the weather service.

Meteorologists said the second storm touched down in DeSoto in southern Dallas County around 4 a.m. and was about 40 yards wide.

National Weather Service

survey teams are continuing to examine damage in suburbs east of Fort Worth and the Dallas suburb of Plano. The damage in those areas is consistent with straight-line winds of 75 mph to 80 mph, the weather service said.

"This damaging line of thunderstorms was part of one of the most active 24-hour periods in recent North Texas weather history," National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Bunting wrote in his report.

No deaths were reported. There were several injuries, including one gas field worker who lost an arm when a possible tornado in Johnson County struck the trailer in which he was working.



Pampa News Photo by David Bowser
Charles Henry examines one of the Dust Bowl photographs on display at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. The display is part of a program planned Saturday to commemorate Black Sunday, the day in April that a huge black dust storm rolled into Pampa in 1935.

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Viewpoints

Male alimony: Turn-about is fair play, ladies

Hey, ladies, turnabout is fair play.

I refer to the Wall Street Journal report on an interesting trend: As more women excel in the workplace, more ex-husbands are winning juicy divorce settlements.

As it goes, the Supreme Court ruled, 30 years ago, against gender discrimination in divorce settlements. A man, if he earns less than his wife, can demand alimony, too.

Back then, however, men were much more likely to pay alimony than receive it — no man worth his salt would accept dough from a lady.

But times have changed. There's no longer a stigma for a man to receive support from his ex-wife.

Take one fellow. Though

he earned \$500,000 a year, his wife earned \$1.5 million. When they moved to California to advance her career, he had to take a pay cut.

When their marriage dissolved, he demanded and won a sizable settlement. It was the only way, he explained to The Journal, he could maintain the standard of living he'd become accustomed to.

Who can blame him? For years, ex-wives have used the same logic to win big settlements from their high-earner ex-husbands, a sentiment that can be summed up in two words: Heather Mills.

Besides, these days, the old sayings are just as true — in reverse.

Behind every successful

woman is a man — a sensitive fellow who stays home with the kids and claps heartily the first time junior uses the potty to go number two. He manages the domestic chores so the big woman can climb the corporate ladder.

Of course such fellows deserve the same payouts as ex-wives have long been getting.

But some in the old girls club aren't going along with the program. These female chauvinists cling to a prehistoric double standard — that it's OK for women to accept alimony, but men who do should be ashamed.

One woman, who earns \$500,000 a year, says she can't understand why she has to send her ex-husband thousands a month just because she used to be married to him.

Another refers to the payments she gives her ex, a toilet salesman, as a social-welfare program for ex-husbands funded by working women. Her relatives are more succinct. They call her ex-husband "a deadbeat."

A third says she spits on the alimony check she writes each month before handing it over. She's especially agitated

that her slacker ex-husband used her money to hire crafty lawyers who helped him seize a large share of her assets.

But I don't know what these women are complaining about.

For years, they've demanded equality at home and in the workplace. For years, they've demanded that men take on more of the domestic chores — that men become more sensitive and caring, more like them.

Hey, ladies, you got exactly what you wanted. I'm all for it.

I'm all for men using their wiles to woo highly paid wives so they can get at their money. Isn't it about time "guy diggers" do to women what gold diggers have long

done to us?

I have half a mind to give it a go myself. I'll use my wit and charm to trick a well-to-do lady into falling for me. I'll talk her into marriage, then use her means to drive nice cars and enjoy lavish vacations. I'll stick out the marriage until her stock options are cashed.

Then I'll take half of everything she's got.

I used to hold traditional views toward men and women — I used to think it unmanly for any man to use a woman for her dough, but there's no need for manliness anymore.

In the past, I would have felt odd asking my ex-wife to support me, but I'm catch-

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Tom Purcell
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2008. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

On this date:

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

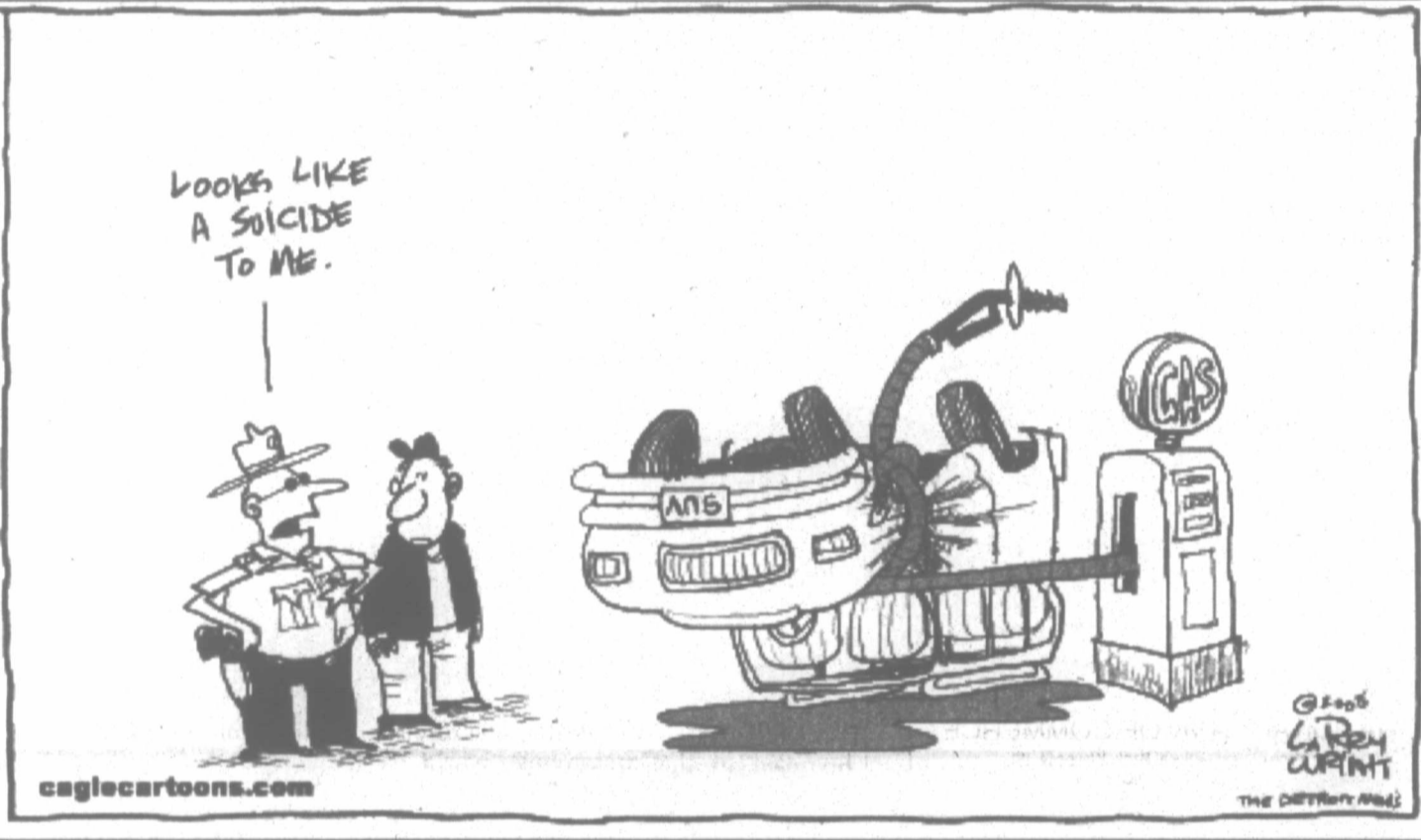
In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, as tensions with Spain continued to rise, President McKinley asked Congress to authorize military intervention in Cuba.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.



Our readers write

Reader objects to termination of coach

Dear Editor,
On Thursday, March 27, 2008, PISD board members voted to terminate head volleyball coach, Tandi Hudson's contract by a vote of 5-2. The vote came even after a standing-room only crowd there in support of Coach Hudson. Some spoke on her behalf, but where were the complainants?

I have been told that there is a possibility they were secluded in one of the offices in the same building. Why weren't they there to voice their complaints in this matter? Was it already decided? Had they already been assured of their success? What was the reason for demanding that this coach be fired?

Yes, she was fired when

she refused to resign. She refused to resign because she had done everything required of her from her athletic director, so she was told. She was even given the impression that she would be returning next year. Now, I am no rocket scientist, but my common sense tells me that I smell a skunk. Since when are you guilty until proven innocent? Does not the administration and the school board owe it to the condemned to question them before they pull the switch? So, in other words, anyone could just ruin your life and mine with untrue allegations, and then go on their merry way.

I have a letter that I wrote to the school board the after-

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McCain never a great intellect at best of times

Republicans waited too late to nominate John McCain. When he ran in 2000, he was bright and alert, but they chose George W. Bush, the pseudo good old boy and country-wrecker. Now they want to hand the presidency to McCain, soon to be 72 years old. He's not up to it.

The senator has made eight trips to Iraq. The Iraq War, he claims, is his specialty. He said he's willing to keep American troops in country for 100 years. Well, how can a guy who has been so focused on the war confuse al-Qaida, which is a Sunni group, with Shiite extremists?

He did that three times on his last trip. Three times. That's like confusing the New York Yankees with the Boston Red Sox. On another trip to Iraq, he came back to the U.S. and told people it was so safe he could stroll around a marketplace. He neglected to mention that he was surrounded by security forces, including helicopter gunships hovering overhead, during his walk until he was

called on it by a journalist. Forty years ago, McCain was a hero. It was a noble thing he did when he refused a Vietnamese offer to be set free and chose to remain with the other POWs. He's a patriot. He's brave. He also finished near the bottom of his Naval Academy class. He's never pretended to be a scholar. Now he's nearly 72 years old, and if he ever did understand the Middle East, he obviously doesn't now.

Al-Qaida people are Sunni Muslims of the Wahabi sect. That's the equivalent of the American Puritans. They are very much fundamentalist. Iran is a Shiite country. Shiites and Sunnis are roughly comparable to the Catholics and Protestants when people in both religions took their beliefs extremely seriously.

So, unlike what McCain kept saying, Iran is not training or supplying al-Qaida.

Charley Reese
Columnist

When we decided to go to war against Afghanistan, the Iranians were helpful because both the Taliban and al-Qaida are Sunni. The Iranians support Shiite militias and Hezbollah in Lebanon. There is no evidence that they support al-Qaida. On one of the three occasions, Sen. Joe Lieberman corrected McCain, but he made the same mistake again on two other occasions.

McCain's handlers, of course, will try to confine him to prepared scripts. They don't want him talking off the cuff because he has a tendency to wander off the subject. Well-disciplined handlers, coupled with a lazy and inattentive press, could elect a near comatose person, and the public would never know it. McCain may have good genes and physically live to a ripe old age. I sincerely hope he does. But the organ you should be con-

cerned about in a presidential race is the brain.

Bearing in mind that nobody ever accused McCain of being a brilliant thinker even in his prime, you should be alert for signs of forgetfulness and confusion. Presidents don't have to fight or run marathons. They have to absorb and assess a great deal of information, often conflicting information, and they have to form very sound judgments. Unless they are going to be helpless captives of their staff, they have to be well-read and continue to read and to seek information "outside the box." Otherwise, they are just puppets and don't know it. Presidents need sharp minds and almost boundless energy.

Shakespeare wrote, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries ... we must take the current when it

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 27
El Paso Times on the Texas Lottery and privatization:

Last year, Texas Gov. Rick Perry proposed selling the Texas Lottery to a private company.

Perry believes, with good reason, that privatization of the Texas Lottery, which brings in about \$1 billion a year, would make the operation more efficient. And, he said, privatization could net as much as \$14 billion.

But a recent report from Texans for Public Justice indicates that in order for the lottery to make that kind of profit, gaming throughout the state would

have to be expanded.

That's not bad, because it would almost certainly mean that the Speaking Rock gaming operation run by the Tigua tribe would be back in business. Speaking Rock was shut down in 2002 by then-Attorney General John Cornyn.

Cornyn is now one of Texas' two Republican senators. And now Speaking Rock is again under attack, this time from Attorney General Greg Abbott because the tribe is allegedly operating illegal slot machine-style games.

When Speaking Rock was in operation, it was a financial boon both to the tribe and to El Paso. It could be a boon once again.

Are there downsides to expanding

gaming in the state?

Sure.

There are worries about gambling addicts and poor people gambling with money they can't afford to lose. That needs to be addressed, possibly through such means as a more-aggressive intervention program.

But there are huge benefits attached to gaming expansion. The prospect of being able to invest a lot more money in such areas as education, cancer research and helping to mitigate the health insurance problem.

Selling the Texas Lottery must be given serious consideration. URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>

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Pie auction Courtesy Photo

Central Baptist Church recently held its annual pie and cookie auction to benefit the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The church's goal was to raise \$7,000. The auction raised \$6,395 and a total of \$13,034 was given for this mission offering. The last pie was auctioned for \$500 and was put in Pastor Norman Rushing's face by I.B. Rushing and Scott Rankin.

CHURCH BRIEFS

BORGER — Jerry Smith will present "The Triumphant Quartet," a gospel quartet, in free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at the high school auditorium in Borger.

WAKA — Rushing Wind Emmaus has changed its meeting location. The group will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Waka Christian Center for a potluck meal, a sponsor training, database instructions, and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided.

AMARILLO — Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will present "Earley Praises," Lynn McCarn, Jelene Ballard (as Miss Trudy Value) and the Good-Time Gospel Jamboree Band at 7 p.m. April 17 at the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo.

The jamboree will next host "Earley Praises," Melody Grace, Ranch-Hand Hank and the jamboree band at 7 p.m. April 18 at Great Plains Western Church in Claude. Admission will be free to both shows. For more information, log onto gospeljamboree.blogspot.com on the Internet.

Jim Hamilton, executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker at the men's breakfast at Cornerstone Baptist Church slated for 8:30 a.m. April 19. Hamilton will discuss his past in the motorcycle world. A motorcycle ride will follow the breakfast. This motorcycle ministry is a special ministry at Cornerstone. "Our hope is that through this activity of riding motorcycles, people might find a welcoming church that loves the Lord and people of all kinds," a press release from the church states.

The church is planning several rides throughout the warmer seasons. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509 or via e-mail at cornerstone@cbcpampa.com.

The breakfast and motorcycle ride will be free and open to everyone.

Bible Church of Pampa, 309 W. Browning, will stage an "All Church Garage Sale" from 3-7 p.m. today and from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday in the multi-purpose building gym at 300 Frost. Proceeds will benefit the church's youth mission trip.

Calvary Assembly to host Woodwards

Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love, will host missionaries Steve and Sheri Woodward at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church.

The Woodwards are Assemblies of God missionaries at the Amigo Center, an outreach for the immigrant community in Amarillo. The center shares the gospel and teaches English to internationals.

Steve and Sheri began their missionary career in 1990, attending the Assemblies of God language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, for one year before relocating to southern Mexico. Their ministry began in Tuxtla Gutierrez in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

For 12 years, the Woodwards were involved in Christian education, opening a resident Bible school which served more than 400 Assembly of God churches in the region. They opened another school and two feeding programs for impoverished children.

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St. Francis to mark 100th anniversary

AMARILLO — The 100th Centennial Anniversary Celebration of St. Francis Catholic Church will be held on Saturday, May 24, at the church and parish hall east of Amarillo on Highway 60.

The celebration will kick-off with registration and open house at 1 p.m. Participants will be able to view the new church, the 100th Anniversary quilt and enjoy the museum of artifacts from the church's archives.

The afternoon will be filled with additional activities including the dedication of a Red Oak Centennial tree, placement of a time capsule, dedi-

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Courtesy Photo
 St. Francis in its early days, circa early 1900s.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old mom with three grown daughters. I gave up my whole life to be a stay-at-home parent. I was a room mother at school and a bus driver, and did everything I could to be the best mom my kids could have. Now they are grown with children of their own. I help with the grandkids, but I never feel appreciated. I tried to do everything the opposite of how my parents raised me. My mother was absent, and my dad was a drunk who abused us. I'm beginning to wonder -- have all the sacrifices I made mattered? Or have I wasted my life trying to be a good mom and no one cares? -- **SUPERMOM IN WELSH, LA.**

DEAR SUPERMOM: You were a diligent parent when your daughters were growing up, and you have continued generously giving of your time with your grandchildren. But it seems you forgot completely about yourself during those years. Rather than looking for "appreciation" from your daughters, don't you think it's time you started devoting some time to yourself and your own interests? I do. Take some time for yourself. You have earned it. And, perhaps, if you're less available, you will be more appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the columns you printed with letters from readers describing what they think is wrong with American society, I think it's time to talk about what is RIGHT in our society. I, for one, would like to mention the endless compassion we are capable of giving, and how, in times of some of our greatest tragedies, we have come together in spite of our differences to support and help one another. Yes, there are many negatives that can easily be listed about problems in our society, but wouldn't the greater challenge -- and a more productive one -- be to list the positives about it? -- **REBECCA IN NEW YORK**

DEAR REBECCA: I received a great deal of feedback regarding not only the question I posed to readers -- "What is society's greatest problem?" -- but also some of the thought-provoking responses that appeared in my column (Feb. 5 and 6). While many people told me they enjoyed the intellectual exercise, others felt that those columns were uncharacteristically negative. (My feeling is that finding solutions to problems entails first identifying them.) However, your point is well taken. So, readers, pick up your pens or head for your keyboards, and share with me -- and each other -- your thoughts on what is right in our society.

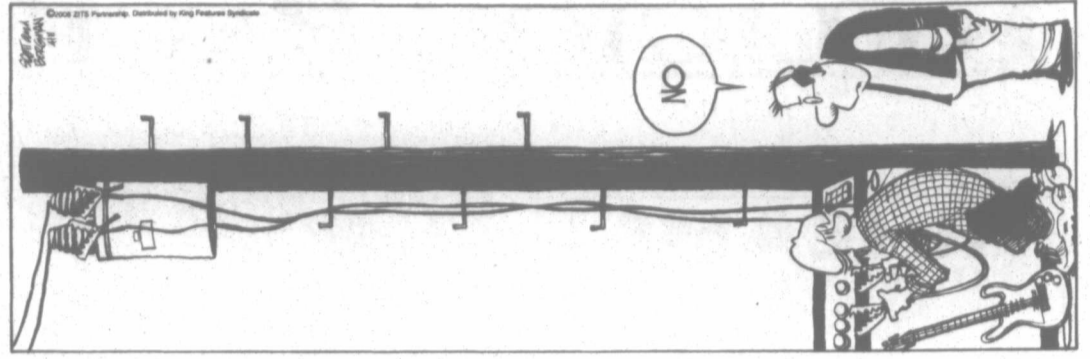
DEAR ABBY: I recently won a local vocabulary contest. In school, I am called "the walking dictionary." People often approach me to find out the meaning of words. Since winning the contest, I have become more popular, and my boyfriend has been trying to use big words when he talks to me or to our friends. The problem is, he uses them incorrectly or mispronounces them. I know he's trying to impress me, but it's embarrassing. How can I tell him to stop without hurting his feelings? -- **THE WALKING DICTIONARY IN GEORGIA**

DEAR WALKING DICTIONARY: People sometimes mispronounce words because they learned them by reading them rather than hearing them used. Give your boyfriend points for being intellectually acquisitive. The next time he uses a word incorrectly or mispronounces it, offer a gentle correction -- but be sure to do it in private. That way, he won't be embarrassed.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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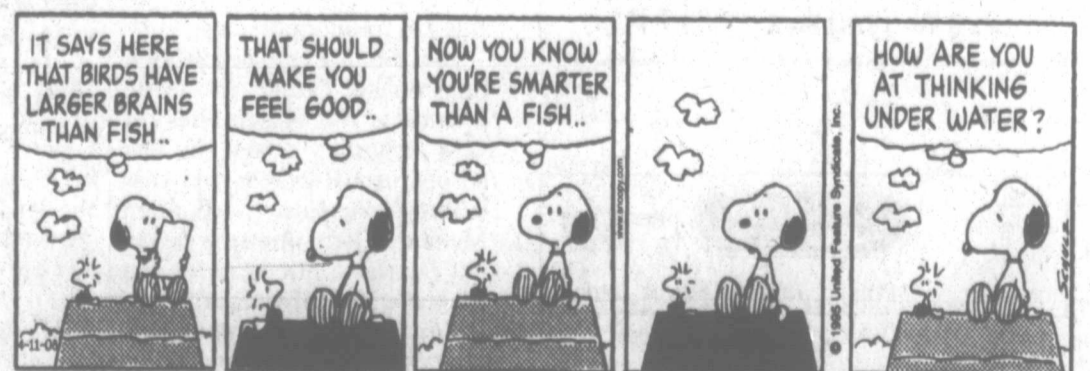
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Sports

Junior high boys track competes in district meet

The boys track team competed in the District Track Meet held in Pampa recently, with the eighth grade placing fourth and the seventh grade placing sixth.

Results are as follows: For the eighth grade in 400 relay, Latigo Collins, Jessie Cruz, Luis Romero and Trace Carter placed fourth. In 800 meter run, David Palencia placed fifth and Colton Adams placed sixth. In 110 HH, Reid Miller placed first. In 800 relay, Joe Vizcaino, Reid Miler, Jessie Cruz and Luis Romero placed third. In 400 meter dash, Latigo Collins placed second. In 300 LH, Reid Miller placed second. In 200 meter dash, Jessie Cruz placed first. In 1600 meter run, David Palencia placed fourth. In discus, Luis Romero placed second. In triple jump, Trace Carter placed first. In long jump, Jessie Cruz placed second.

For the seventh grade in 400 meter relay, Nicholas Johnson, Patterson Alvey, Jordan Lemons and Ryan Smith placed third. In 110 HH, Ryan Smith placed fifth. In 100 meter dash, Nicholas Johnson placed third. In 800 relay, Nicholas Johnson, Patterson Alvey, Jordan Lemons and Zane Robles placed fifth. In 300 LH, Ryan Smith placed third. In 1600 relay, Ty Hutto, Jonathan Cox, Romel Lee and Taylor Woods placed sixth.



Courtesy Photos
The seventh and eighth grade junior high track teams competed in the District Track Meet this past Saturday. Pictured above is the eighth grade team, from left to right in the front row: Jesus Cabrales, Trace Carter, Reid Miler and Luis Romero. Second row: Ty Linder, Jessie Cruz and David Palencia. Third row: Cody Parks, Devin Coleman, Zavier Arellano and Joe Vizcaino. Pictured below is the seventh grade team, from left to right in the front row: Nathan Fuentes, Ryan Smith, Jonathan Cox, Ty Hutto, Jordan Lemons and Nicholas Johnson. Second row: Quaid Chennault, Trey Wiggins, Zane Robles, Patterson Alvey and Scott Kelly.

Harvester golf team completes district play

Pampa High School's boys and girls golf teams finished their district play last week. The girls team finished fourth behind Hereford, Randall and Dumas. Taylor Bell and Shelby Wisdom were honored as second team all-district players and Bell will also represent District 3-4A at Regionals in San Angelo as a medalist. The boys team finished fifth place after a strong finish on Tuesday shooting 334 for their best round to date this year.

"The boys competition is very tough," Coach Josh Blackmon said. Randall's team took first place in District with Hereford finishing second. They will also advance to Regionals.

The Harvester golf team has been practicing since school started in August, Blackmon said.

"I am very proud of our boys and girls this year. They competed hard all year long and finished very well," Blackmon said. "I'm excited to see what that does for our confidence next year."

Lady Buffs in must win situation this weekend

CANYON, Texas — The Lady Buffs' softball game against Eastern New Mexico originally scheduled for Friday has been moved to Sunday. The Lady Buffs will take part in a three-game road series against the Zia beginning on Saturday with a double-header slated to begin at 1 p.m. (CST). The series continues on Sunday with a single contest at 1 p.m. (CST).

The softball team is in a must win situation if they want to compete in the Lone Star Conference tournament. WT has six games left against conference opponents and must win every contest.

The Lady Buffs will return to action at Lady Buff Yard on Wednesday as they battle Panhandle State in a double-header. Start time for this game is set for 1 p.m. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the matchup as the softball team honors faculty from around campus during Faculty Appreciation day.

Anaheim Ducks try to regroup after loss to Dallas

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere obviously wasn't happy with Anaheim's play in the play-off opener against Dallas.

Having been through the ups and downs of the post-season in the past, he still could put the lopsided loss in context.

"Four to nothing, one to nothing, it doesn't really matter," Giguere said Thursday night after the Stars stunned the defending Stanley Cup champions 4-0. "It still only counts as one game, and now we've got to get ready for Game 2."

If the first game of the series was any indication, the Ducks have a lot of getting ready to do before Saturday night's rematch in Anaheim.

Marty Turco made 23 saves and the Stars scored a pair of power-play goals in the first period and added two more in the second on

the way to ending a six-game losing streak in Game 1s. It also was just the second time they had won in their past 10 series openers.

"I can't remember the last time we have won a Game 1, so it was huge," said Brendan Morrow, who had a goal and two assists. "The way we finished the year off (slumping) and to come out and have everyone contribute and play their roles was huge for us and gave us a little confidence."

He said the Stars couldn't have drawn the game up any better.

"We stayed disciplined. We kind of weathered the storm in the beginning and took advantage of the power play," he said. "That was the difference."

The Stars played with poise; the Ducks didn't.

"We took too many stupid penalties," Anaheim's Teemu Selanne said.



Rose, Immelman share the lead as Tiger sputters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — This was about as good a day for scoring as it gets at the Masters: the warm, soothing sun, the receptive greens, the breeze barely rippling the flags, the inviting pin locations to tease everyone before the green jackets turn nasty on the weekend.

It didn't matter. Tiger Woods always takes a while to get warmed up at this place.

Since this was only Thursday, he deferred to Justin Rose savoring a third straight first-round lead — hey, another Masters tradition like no other — and watched from afar as Ian Poulter celebrated just the 19th hole-in-one in the tournament's storied history.

Woods seemed content to "just plod around" Augusta National on the way to a rather pedestrian 72, an even-par round buried beneath 18 others in the red.

Hmmm, haven't we been down this road before?

Woods spotted the leaders a three-shot headstart back in 1997, but still captured the first of his four Masters in a 12-shot runaway. The first-round deficit was five strokes in 2001, three in '02, a daunting seven in '05, when the world's greatest player chased down Chris DiMarco, then finished him off in a playoff.

No wonder he didn't seem too concerned as he strolled off the 18th green four shots behind co-leaders Rose and Trevor Immelman.

"I feel good about how I played all day," said Woods,

who has never broken 70 in the opening round of the Masters. "I hit the ball really well. I hit a lot good putts that just didn't go in. I just have to stay patient out there, and hopefully it will turn."

Chances are it will. The pretenders usually fade away, leaving Woods to battle it out with expected contenders such as Jim Furyk (70), Phil Mickelson (71), Retief Goosen (71) and Vijay Singh (72).

"I just had to stay patient out there," Woods said. "I ended up OK, even par."

Give the guy credit: He doesn't have to hog the spotlight all four days as he tries to get started on a Grand Slam, the feat he has called "easily within reason."

Let's give a tip of the hat to guys like Rose, who sure knows how to handle the first 18 holes of the Masters, even if he's yet to master the other three days. This is the third straight time the gangly Englishman has at least shared the Thursday lead, posting a 4-under 68 that left him tied with Immelman.

Now, he's just got to figure out how to finish one of these things.

"You stay in the moment," Rose said. "That's so easy to say, but it's harder to do it. I guess that's what I've learned. I feel more comfortable on the leaderboard now."

In early play Friday, another sunny day in Augusta, Immelman picked up an early birdie to get to 5 under. Brandt Snedeker was at 4 under after a birdie on the par-5 second hole.

Immelman is getting close to full strength after a strange year of health problems. He lost 20 pounds because of a stomach parasite after last year's Masters, and late in the year had a benign tumor removed from his diaphragm.

This season, he's missed the cut in half his events, and his best showing in a stroke-play tournament is a tie for 40th.

"Obviously, my form has not been too stellar so far this season," the South African said. "I had to just stay patient with myself and know it's in there somewhere. You just have to remember you're a fairly good player."

He was in good company two weeks ago.

Rose, Immelman and Poulter flew up to Augusta for two days of practice, playing a few money games (Rose won) and sharing tips with each other. Immelman could only smile as his mates joined him on the leaderboard. Poulter was among those at 70.

"It's a great coincidence,"

Immelman said. "Hopefully, we keep it going."

Poulter sure had it going at No. 16, a 169-yard gem of a hole known as Redbud. He struck an 8-iron over the water, then watched the ball funnel down the slope and into the cup for an ace.

"Great timing," said Poulter, best known up to now for his garish clothes, eccentric hairstyle and his oft-ridiculed belief that he can work his way up to be the No. 2 player in the world behind Woods. "It gave me a great boost and a great adrenaline rush. It was pretty special."

One shot off the 18-hole lead were Snedeker, Lee Westwood and Masters rookie Brian Bateman. Defending champ Zach Johnson, showing he's no fluke, was part of the logjam at 70. Mickelson, who's won at Augusta two of the last four years, rolled in an improbable birdie at the first hole that may have saved his round.

Lefty flew his approach 60 feet over the first green into a walkway, his ball resting on the pine straw. Using a putter, the ball scooted up the slope and rattled the pin before falling, turning bogey or worse into a birdie.

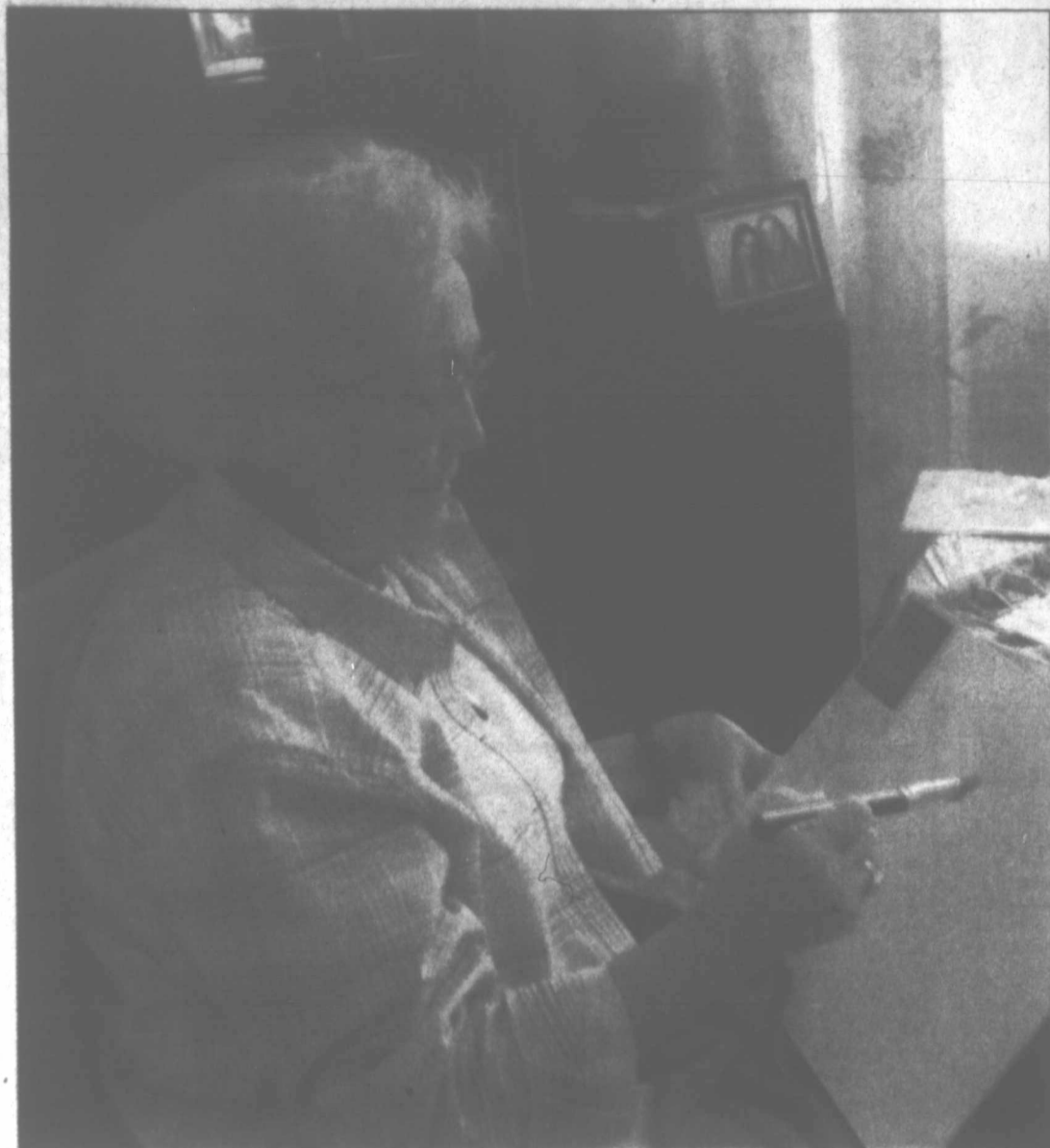
"It was at least a two-shot swing, possibly three," Mickelson said.

There was a big ovation again for Arnold Palmer, smacking his ceremonial tee shot so far that he never saw it land — but that was only because of soupy fog that caused a one-hour delay.

"I just have to stay patient out there, and hopefully it will turn."

— Tiger Woods
Pro Golfer

Art club tea



Courtesy Photo

Pampa Art Club met recently in the home of Norma Hinkle. Pictured is Billie Collinsworth with her watercolors. Members are working diligently to complete works to be displayed at this year's annual Tea and Art Exhibit set to kick-off at 10 a.m. May 6. This is the club's 60 year anniversary. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 7 at Lovett Memorial Library.



Courtesy Photo

Gabriela Recendiz, middle, recently won the monthly drawing at Heard-Jones Health Mart. Gabriela is pictured with Anna Pineda and Ada Westbrook.

Events calendar

- **"Fang-Tastic" 47th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt** will be staged April 12-13 at Waurika, Okla. The event will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers from Granbury, food booths, longest snake auction, carnival, gifts, souvenirs and more. For further information, call (580) 228-2553 or visit www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.
- **Circle in the Square Theatre School** will be holding auditions April 12 in Dallas for its professional two-year workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week summer workshops. For more information, write to:

Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; call (212) 307-0388; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. Applications can be downloaded at www.circleinthesquare.org on the Internet.

- **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. April 14 in the Hazlewood Education Building at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Reports will be heard and plans will be made for programs in 2008. The meeting is open to the public.

Purcell

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ing on to the new ways — I like that there is virtually no difference between men and women anymore.
That's why I applaud the shop foreman

The Journal interviewed. During his divorce, he told the judge he needed \$20,000 a year just to maintain his collection of classic cars. The judge awarded him \$40,000.

You go, guy!
—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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serves or lose our ventures."
McCain's flood tide was in 2000, and he missed it. It's sad but true. He was

qualified to be president then; he is not now. We can put it down as another of those missed opportunities that mark our lives as vividly as our successes. The old warrior no longer knows who the enemy is or where he is located.

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

St. Francis

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cation of historical plaque from the Texas Historical Commission, certificates honoring the 100th anniversary from the Texas Catholic Historical Society, the Catholic Historical Society of the Diocese of Amarillo, a Centennial Resolution honoring St. Francis read in the Houses of Congress on March 13, and another Resolution from the Potter County Historical Committee.

A special blessing and prayer service will be conducted at St. Francis Cemetery.

A Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo, Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Amarillo and the Rev. John Dalton, pastor, is scheduled at 5 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by dinner catered by the Coors Cowboy Club of Amarillo.

A family dance will begin at 8 p.m. featuring the music of Ed Montana and Co.,

and several parish members.
The dinner and dance will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Children under six will be admitted for free.

For more information, log onto www.amarillodiocese.org on the Internet and scroll to Diocesan Calendar.

Participants are urged to RSVP by May 10.

The St. Francis Historical Society is writing the sequel to "Harvest of Memories — The St. Francis Story." This is volume II, the Centennial Edition of The Last Twenty-Five Years. It will cover the 25 years since the 75th Diamond Jubilee Edition of 1983.

The book will include a synopsis of the history of the first 75 years; pictures and story of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration; the arson burning of the fourth church; the dedication of the new fifth church; the highlights of parish life and the histories of the families who have made up St. Francis in these last 25 years.

Final release of the book will be Oct. 4 the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The price of the book will be \$50.

Letter

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noon of March 27 explaining what I knew to be true about Tandi Hudson. You see, she IS my granddaughter, and I am extremely proud of her — not biased, proud. In that letter, I explained how important it should be to all business people to have our children go away and get their advanced education, and then return home to raise their families. Be an upstanding citizen, and educate their children in the very system of which they

were a part. Be near their parents, let their children know well their grandparents, and always have that family support that is so vital today.

Apparently that means nothing. You see, I understand that there are others who have come to this misjudgment as well. Are they not qualified? Why not? They were Pampa students as well.

When is professional conduct not required in the work place, and isn't chivalry still alive? Also, to the two board members who voted in favor of Tandi, thank you!

Thank you,
Zip Hall
Pampa

Calvary

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In 2005, the Woodwards transferred from foreign missions to U.S. Missions within the Assemblies of God. They established Amigo Center which current-

ly offers both day and night classes, teaching English to many from a variety of nationalities. A citizenship class meets once a week at the center and Bible studies are taught. Students attend classes at the center free of charge.

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The Woodwards have three children.

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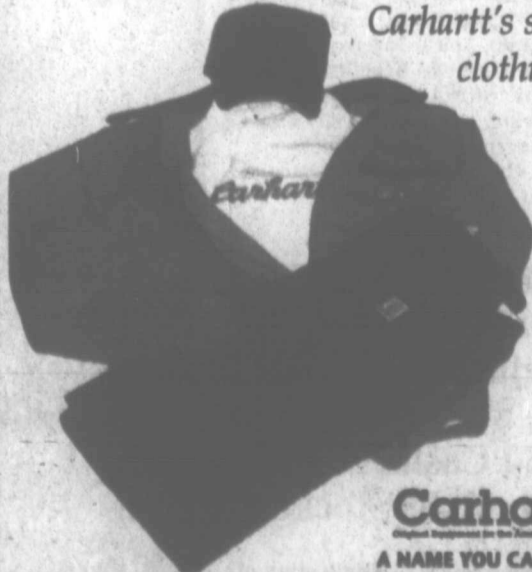
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