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Jim Hamilton, executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention, starts up his motorcycle for a ride hosted by Cornerstone Baptist Church. Hamilton is in Pampa to lead the church's revival this week.

# Biker-minister to lead revival services this week at Cornerstone Baptist

By DAVID BOWSER The Pampa News

At six-foot-five and 300 pounds, Jim Hamilton looks at home on the main street said. "God touched his life, and he of Sturgis, S.D., during bike week, where changed." he can usually be found each August. With mustache and beard and wearing his leathers, he blends in with the other bikers Hamilton said. on their motorcycles.

apart. Across the right side of his massive bars to his custom chopper. chest is the nametag "Jesus."

Hamilton is the executive director of the said. Dakota Baptist Convention, which covers North and South Dakota.

"It's pretty new," said Doug Hixson, to the Dakotas," Hixson said. pastor of Pampa's Cornerstone Baptist Church. "He's the first full-time guy Cornerstone will make the trek to Sturgis they've had there."

Hamilton will be the guest minister for

Cornerstone's revival this week. His background, Hixson said, is as a

"He was really a Hell-raiser," Hixson

He's still a biker, though.

"I just have a great love for bikers,"

Hixson said Hamilton confided in him It's the 'colors' he wears that sets him that he had just added ape-hanger handle-

"That's still a part of his life," Hixson

Hixson met Hamilton in South Dakota. "Our church is doing some mission trips

Several motorcycle enthusiasts from

See BIKER, Page 3

# Ministry and motorcycles a winning combo, pastor says

Doug Hixson, pastor of Cornerstone annual bike ride. Baptist Church, sees a need for combining the ministry and motorcycles.

Saturday, Cornerstone hosted a Baptists men's breakfast followed by a motorcycle

"There are 15 or 20 guys in our church that have bikes," Hixson said. With a sheepish grin, Hixson admitted

that he wasn't a motorcycle rider before he came to Pampa.

"I still don't own a bike," he said, "but I'm working on my wife with that."

Hixson put one of his flock, Al Almanza, in charge of organizing the

After graduating from Hereford High School in 1976, Almanza said he moved around for a while.

"I cowboyed for a lot of years," he said. 'I drove a truck for a few years.' He fell in love with and married a

young lady from Mobeetie. "I went work at the prison here,"

Almanza said. "I'm a correctional officer out there at the prison." He said he's been here since 1992.

With a laugh, he said he doesn't know

See MINISTRY, Page 3

# \$250,000 set aside for seal coating streets in Pampa

The City of Pampa will spend more than a half mil- pleased with the bids that we lion dollars on repairing city received from all of those this Unfortunately, it won't cover ding process," said Donny as many streets as city offi- Hooper, assistant director of cials had initially hoped.

The city commission, last year during its budget discussions, designated \$250,000 for seal coating Pampa streets.

Richard Morris, director of public works for Pampa, said that at the time, the mayor and commissioners said that if the economy stayed good and there was extra money available they may be able to increase that.

"We"ve done that the last couple of years," Morris

The economy has stayed good and the money was available due to increased sales tax revenues that were more than had been budgeted, so the commission approved an additional \$300,000 for this summer's

seal coating project. That's the good news. The bad news is that much of the originally budgeted money and the additional funds have been eaten up by increased oil prices. What had been expected to cost \$1.25 per square yard will now cost \$1.75 per yard or more.

"We were extremely summer. that were involved in the bid-

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# Lamar to dismiss early

Lamar Elementary School, part of Pampa Independent School District, will dismiss early on Tuesday. Lamar, and Lamar only, will dismiss school at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Other schools within the school system will dismiss at the regular time. Buses at Lamar will run at 1 p.m. No pre-K or Head Start classes are scheduled for the afternoon. The school is dismissing early due to the death and funeral of faculty member, Sherry Walker.

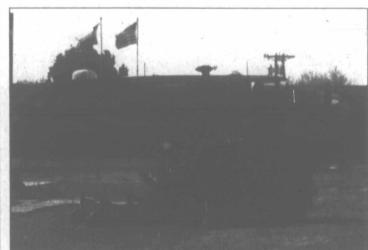
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Doing a little spring maintenance, Peter Solorzano with the city's public works department mows the park adjoining Freedom Museum as the weather turns clear and warmer and the grass turns green.



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Tuesday

Wednesday

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Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

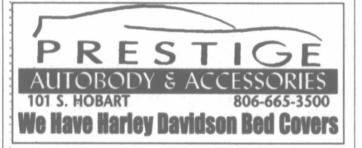
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. Windy, with a south-southeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southsouthwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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# Obituaries

time Wednesday at the church.

Golden Gate Mortuary of Amarillo.

Harold Adkism Sr.

Harold Adkism Sr., of Pampa, died

Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday

at Macedonia Baptist Church in Pampa.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. until service

Arrangements are under the direction of

## Services tomorrow

POWERS, Tom Collins — Graveside services, 4 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

WALKER, Sherry Raines — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

#### **Tom Collins Powers, 77**

WHITE DEER — Tom years and worked Collins Powers, 77, of White Deer, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at White Deer Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Carter, pastor of Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Powers was born Aug. 31, 1930, in White Deer, where he had been a lifelong resident and attended White Deer schools. He farmed in Carson County for about 20

as a pumper for Caprock Engineering in Pampa until retiring in 2000. He attended and

supported City Church in Amarillo. Tom was an avid collector and Powers

Groom.

trader of Indian and antiques. He was a staunch supporter of the White Deer community and helped to build the cross at

Survivors include one

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God and her family.

cially liked water parks.

daughter, Barbara Ann Thomas and husband Steve of Pampa; one son, Rick Powers and wife Linda of Brownwood; one sister, Penny Zavala of El Paso; three grandchildren, Bart Thomas and wife Lesa of

Amarillo, Zach artifacts, sports memorabilia Thomas and wife Maritza of Dallas, and Katina Taylor and husband Jason of Miami, Fla.; seven greatgrandchildren, Taylor, Ty and Trey Thomas, and Brooklyn Lepard, all of

Amarillo, and Isaiah, Mason and Zoe Grace Taylor, all of Miami, Fla.; and by five nephews and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Winfield and Mary Ellen Powers; and by a sister, Jane Osborn.

**MEMORIALS:** City Church Outreach Ministry, 205 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79109, Cross Ministries, P.O. Box 305, Groom, TX 79039, or St. Valentine's Radio, Inc., 1304 Iroquois, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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



Sherry Raines Walker, 36, Walker on March of Pampa, died Saturday, 2004, 13, April 19, 2008, in Amarillo. Pampa.

Sherry was an Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at active member of the Central Baptist Church Highland Baptist with Paul Nachtigall, pastor Church. She loved of Highland Baptist Church, to garden and ride trains with her Burial will be in Memory husband, and she was an avid read-

Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

officiating.

Mrs. Walker was born on Aug. 31, 1971, in Pampa and was a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a B.A. degree in psychology taught Reading band, Alfonse Walker, of the Recovery Lamar Elementary School. She married Alfonse one brother, Michael Raines



er. She loved to Walker

Throughout her life, she touched many lives as a friend, teacher and confidant. She had a deep love for

Survivors include her hushome: her parents. Jerry and Priscilla Raines of Pampa; Scott of Houston; one

Tarzan, Texas; her grandmother, "Nana" Mary Rutherford Pampa; two aunts, Diane Young of Pampa, Glenda Ward and husband Larry of Clarksville, Ark.; her mother-in-law,

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Evelyn "MawMaw" Denson and husband Robert of Houston: her father-in-law, Eddy Walker and wife Rose of Houston; a brother-in-law, Vincent Walker and wife Ingrid of Houston; her ter Farline Schultz of Baton Rouge, La., and Georgia

and wife Sue of nephew, Vincent Caleb Walker of Houston; two nieces, ~ Nichele Katelynn Raines, both of Tarzan, Texas; and a special cat, Chloe; and a host of cousins and extended family.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sherry Walker Memorial Fund, c/o Pamcel Federal Credit Union, 1939 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line regisbook grandmothers-in-law, www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

## **Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. to midnight Friday. Friday, April 28

Twenty-one traffic stops were made.

A traffic hazard/abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Finley. The incident involved a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 200 block of West Foster, the 2800 block of Charles, the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets, and the 200 block of Tignor.

Driving while intoxicated Duncan. was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals at the intersection of Browning and Red Deer streets, the 300 block of North Banks, the 400 block of Jupiter, the 2100 block of Duncan, the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Fisher and Lefors streets, the 1100 block of Seneca, the 2200 block of Beech, the 100 block of North Somerville and the 300 block of North Banks.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Ballard and the 100 block of North Nelson.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 200 block of North Sumner and at Long John Silver's Restaurant, 1050 N. Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the report concerning Long John Silver's.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of Jupiter.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of East 17th, the intersection of Crane and Rosewood streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of

Criminal mischief was reported at Xcel Energy, 101 S. Marie. The driver's window of a 2008 Ford F350 was shot

Harassment was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported. Three business checks were made.

Two building checks were made.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident concerned fraudulent use of identifying infor-

Theft was reported at Taco Bell, 1002 N. Hobart. Taken was approximately \$476 in

cash.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of Somerville. A purse containing a wallet was taken from a vehicle.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Items with a total estimated value of \$258 were taken. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Locust, the 2800 block of Charles and the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy. A 1993 Chevrolet van was broken into but nothing was reported stolen.

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

Saturday, April 19

James Robert Ostercamp, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of Barnes by Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled sub-

Sunday, April 20 Martin Rios-Perez, 45, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Frederic by PPD for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license and no proof of insurance.

Shawn Lee Weatherford. 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West McCullough by PPD for wrong/fictitious tag, expired motor vehicle registration, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and driving while license is invalid with previous conviction.

GCSO for deadly conduct/dis-

charging a firearm and a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Misty Tuttle, 35, of Pampa

was arrested in the 2500 block of Rosewood by PPD for two capias pro fines.

Michael Charles Tuttle, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 2500 block of Rosewood by

PPD for unlawful restraint. Luis Enrique Villanueva, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of South Sumner by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence and resisting arrest/search/transport.

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TOWN HALL Meeting, April 22nd for Levy of a Junior College District Anthony Dwain Baston, 18, Branch Campus Maintenance of Pampa was arrested by Tax, 7pm at the Clarendon College, Pampa Center.

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in August to help man Hamilton's tent on the main street of the community during bike week.

"One of the things that convention does at Sturgis is they give away a Harley," Hixson says. "If you'll listen to a three-minute testimony about people's salvation experience, you get a raffle ticket for the Harley."

It's not a common practice for a Baptist church, Hamilton admitted, but it seems to be working.

"It's a pretty neat outreach," Hixson said. "I told some leaders in our church that we're taking a group to Sturgis and that we were truly going to the edge of Hell to tell people about Jesus. It's really that kind of crowd."

Born and reared in Southern Illinois, Hamilton is the tenth of eleven children. He said none of the kids had a close relationship with their father growing up, but his mother was a saint, working several jobs at one time to keep the family

Hamilton said he had an alcoholic brother-in-law who was an ironworker that took his father's place when Hamilton was about 11years-old.

"I had an alcoholic biker background," Hamilton said. He married his high school sweetheart, whom he credits with saving his life.

"She was a Christian," Hamilton said. "She kept trying to get me to go to church.'

It took four years, he said for her to succeed, and it was rough on both of them.

But when he did join her, he said he was amazed at what he heard the minister say. It was a message of love. "That's what I was look-

ing for," Hamilton said. "I just didn't know it." He was working as an

ironworker all over the country, but from the time he



Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Johnny Harper of Lefors pours a little gravy over his biscuits at the men's breakfast gathering at Cornerstone Baptist Church Saturday morning.

Now, he also has a Kawasaki

the country preaching and

offering leadership seminars,

it's Sturgis that he's in his

that he first went there.

It was about five years ago

After a couple of years of

just walking the streets offer-

ing his testimony, he finally

hit upon the idea of getting

renting a booth, or in his case

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give away, he said. This

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first announced that they

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on a motorcycle to give

Hamilton admitted that

He began offering tickets

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While Hamilton travels

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heard the Gospel for the first time at age 23, Hamilton said he began to feel guilty about the way he was living.

He said he came home about 5 a.m. one day after a night of partying. His wife got up and was showering while he stood in the bedroom alone, guilty and confused. It was then he knelt and gave his life to Christ, Hamilton said.

Two years later, he said he was called to the ministry.

In 1985, he and his wife traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, where they worked in a Baptist children's home, and he worked part time at a local church.

Hamilton returned to school and earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate. He worked with crisis counseling and as a pastor, until he was sent to the Dakotas to take over the Baptist conventions there.

Hamilton said he gave up his bike when he found Christ, but he always loved motorcycles. He said it took his wife 20 years to get over her suspicion of the twowheeled beasts.

About five years ago, he away, but that was where his

said he got another one, a ministry led him. custom soft-tail Harley.

"It's those kinds of places," Hamilton said of the bars and grills in Sturgis, "where lost people are."

He said he hopes they come to Sturgis to party but leave finding Jesus.

"God has taken me on an amazing journey," Hamilton

He said he sees his ministry in Sturgis as more than reaching individuals. He hopes he is planting seeds for biker churches all across the country. Hamilton said he sees long-term benefits coming out of the work at

When Hixson first invited Hamilton to lead the revival at Cornerstone, Hamilton sent a video that showed him on his chopper wearing his leathers and doo rag. Hamilton said he hoped it didn't scare the church members. Hixson replied he hoped his church members don't scare Hamilton.

"He's a cool guy," Hixson said. "He's just down to

## **Streets**

public works.

Hooper said the city will be able to seal coat more streets now than they had originally planned.

Initially, they'd planned to patch and seal coat about 14 miles of streets. With the rising costs of asphalt and fuel, even with the extra money, they will only be able to do about three more miles of street, depending upon the width of the streets.

"We've got streets here that are 60 feet wide," Morris said, "and we've got some that are 32 or 33 feet wide.'

Pampa has a total of 104.1 miles of paved streets.

"If you wanted to seal coat the entire town," Hooper would

Continued from Front Page \$3,654,000 at the \$1.75 rate."

Morris said there's also some extra patching in order to get the seal coating done properly. City crews will do the patching in order to stretch the budget.

"We're doing that inhouse," Morris said. Even then, it will take some of the extra money.

A local bidder, Gene James, who did the work last year, bid on the project again this year, Morris said. Two other companies, Lewis Construction of Dumas and Wagner Construction, also bid. Wagner is doing work in Shamrock and Wheeler.

The bids are still being reviewed to make sure they meet all the specifications,

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# **Ministry**

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where his love of motorcycles came from. "It just happened,"

Almanza said. "I didn't ride motorcycles until after I'd graduated from high school.

His first motorcycle was a 1980 Honda 750cc that he bought brand new. "This is the sec-

ond one I've had," he said of his 1981Honda Gold Wing. He became

involved with the Christian Motorcycle Association about a year and a half ago. "It's a worldwide organi-

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zation," Almanza said. "They supply bibles for people all over the world." He said a lot of third

world countries that have churches, but a minister may serve several of the them. "The preacher may walk

20 or 30 miles to get from one place to another," Almanza said. "We supply little motorcycles to help them."

If a motorcycle isn't appropriate, they may supply a donkey.

"Whatever they need to spread the word of God," Almanza said.

He said CMA riders go to different churches on different Sundays. Last year, they came to Cornerstone Baptist Church here at Price Road and 23rd Avenue.

After that Doug Hixson, the pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church asked Almanza if he would head up a motorcycle ministry for the church.

"He asked it I thought we could do it," Almanza said. "I said, 'Yeah, if God leads the way, we can follow."

This year is the second motorcycle ride that Cornerstone is hosting.

"Last year,' Almanza said, "we went all the way around through Miami. It was a short run, about 75 or 80

miles." This year, Almanza planned a 200-mile ride down to Groom to see the cross, then down to Claude and on to Silverton to go through Caprock

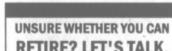
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through Clarendon. "After you leave Silverton and you go back toward Clarendon," Almanza said, pretty in there.'

From Clarendon, Almanza plans on going to Lake McClellan and then come back to Pampa.

Looking out at the blue sky over the Texas Panhandle Saturday morning, he said they had beautiful weather for a motorcycle

"We've been blessed," Almanza said.





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# Viewpoints

# Texas Tales: Millard all but forgotten

Texas has 254 counties and 1,208 incorporated cities, but none are named for Henry Millard - a virtually forgotten hero of the Texas War for Independence.

The best the state has managed to do in remembrance of this early-day fighting Texan is attach his name to the 13th hole at Battleground Golf Course in Deer Park. Well, there is an official state historical marker about him placed in 1991 outside the Beaumont public library in the city he founded.

Part of Millard's obscurity is easy enough to understand. When Texans think of the battle of San Jacinto, the first name that comes to mind is Sam Houston.

Oh, yes, we recall, Houston defeated Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna on April 21, 1836, and assured Texas' independence from Mexico. True enough, but the two men didn't go "mano a mano" in a duel. Each had hundreds of "seconds" backing them up in that decisive contest of arms.

Houston relied on a small staff of senior officers commanding some 700 to 900 men, depending on which source you want to believe. The Mexican force had more officers and more rank and file soldiers.

On the Texas side, while Houston held overall command, he turned to five men as his field commanders. Of those five, four are relatively

well known even to casual students of Texas history: Cols. Edward Burleson, George Washington Hockley, Mirabeau B. Lamar and Sidney Sherman.

Burleson, who led the

First Regiment Mike Volunteer Cox Infantry, laiter Columnist

became vice presi-

dent of the Republic of Texas and had both a county and city named in his honor. Hockley, commander of artillery (including the famous Twin Sisters) got a county named after him. Lamar, who led a corps of cavalry that after-

second president. He also got a county, a town and a university bearing his distinctive surname. Finally, Sherman, commanding the Second Regiment of

> Volunteer Infantry, got a town, a county and a college named in his honor. Alas, no

one bothered to recognize the final member of Houston's battlefield leadership team, Lt. Col. Henry Millard.

No one has yet found his date of birth, but Millard is believed to have been born around 1796 in Stillwater, President Millard Fillmore and novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne, Millard came to Texas in 1835 after having. spent time in Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana. He and a partner bought land along a bluff on the Neches River and laid out a town site he called Beaumont, his late wife's maiden name.

Millard quickly became active in separatist politics, and in late 1835 or early 1836 received a commission as lieutenant colonel in the Texian army.

At San Jacinto, he led two companies of regular infantry, 92 men in all. Along with Burleson's regiment, Millard and his soloverwhelmed the diers

noon, became the Republic's N.Y. A distant relative of Mexican breastworks and captured their cannon.

> The artillery under Col. Geo. W. Hockley was placed on the right of the first Regiment; and four [sic] companies of Infantry under the command of Lieut. Col. Henry Millard, sustained the artillery upon the right," Houston wrote.

Neither Millard nor any of his men suffered injuries that day, but one account has Millard's horse having been shot from under him. Houston, who lost two horses, rode near Millard's men when he suffered an ankle wound that plagued him for the rest of his life. Later, in appreciation of Millard's service, the general present-

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 21, the 112th day of 2008. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

> Mark Twain (1835-1910)American author

In 1816, Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," was born in Thornton, England.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independ-

In author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "\$64 ques-

tion," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro. In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

In 1977, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway.

Ten years ago: Astronomers announced in Washington they had discovered possible signs of a new family of planets orbiting a star 220 light-years away, the clearest evidence to date of worlds forming beyond our solar system.

Five years ago: Military officials in Iraq announced the arrest of Muhammad Hamza al-Zubaydi, a key figure in the bloody suppression of the Shiite Muslim uprising of 1991. State-run media in China reported the government had dismissed Beijing's mayor following the disclosure of a steep increase in SARS cases in the Chinese capital. Scott Peterson pleaded innocent in the deaths of his pregnant wife and unborn son. Robert Cheruiyot became the 12th Kenyan in 13 years to win the Boston Marathon; Svetlana Zakharova of Russia won the women's race. Jazz singer Nina Simone died in France at age 70.



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## Gen. Patraeus should teach at West Point

Gen. David Petraeus is overrated. I don't for a second question his intelligence, patriotism or courage. He just has had the misfortune of coming along at a time when the Pentagon hands out generals' stars and decorations like Mardi Gras beads.

He has medals (commonly called a "fruit salad") from his collarbone almost to his bellybutton, yet he has seen very, very little combat. If you read his military resume, he has been mostly a desk jockey. Again, the medals aren't his fault. The politicians in Washington, those in and those out of uniform, have cheapened them all by too generously handing them out for too little in the way of accomplish-

The only wounds Gen. Petraeus has suffered were

I mean no disrespect, but being accidentally shot by one of his own men and breaking his pelvis in a noncombat parachute jump. He led the 101st Airborne Division from Kuwait to Mosul, Iraq, in 2003. That

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was a cakewalk Saddam Hussein's army was technologically obsolete, demor-

alized and falling apart. It lasted only weeks. And that's it for his combat record. Even then, how close he got to the actual fighters, I don't know.

There again, it's not his fault. A soldier has to fight the enemy available. Petraeus can't help it that there were no Germans, Japanese, Koreans or Vietnamese to give him a good test.

What a far cry from the battles fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I'm too spoiled by having known real heroes to buy into the public-relations types these days. A man I admire more than most

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commission in 1939 in the Marine Corps. He fought his way across the Pacific, earning Silver Stars and Navy Crosses in bitter combat and suffering wounds on several occasions. Then he fought in the Korean War and again in Vietnam. After all that combat, he wasn't given his fourth star until

1966. And by the way, Gen. Walt was doing the counterinsurgency stuff Petraeus is given credit for back in Vietnam. Nor was Gen. Walt a suck-up shoe-licker. He blasted the press, he blasted Congress, he blasted parents for neglecting their children's education. He was a truly fearless man. Go to Wikipedia and read the bios of these two men, and you'll

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see what I mean. When in Mosul, Gen. Petraeus, according to his critics, disregarded the advice of the Kurds and appointed the wrong people to various positions. After he left, they nearly all defected to the insurgents, taking their uniforms and guns with them. His next assignment was to train the Iraqi army. That, too, was a failure, and that was when so many rifles and body armor turned up missing.

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

April 11 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the lat-

A sample of editorial opinion around

est occurrences in the U.S. airline Track the latest turmoil in the U.S. airline industry back to one word: air-

As in, if an airplane has not been inspected and maintained exactly according to a complicated set of very specific and detailed instructions issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, it is deemed to be not airworthy.

The FAA says that airplanes that are not airworthy must be grounded. Makes perfect sense, doesn't it?

But ask the thousands of American Airlines customers who were grounded on Tuesday and Wednesday - the second time in two weeks that the airline has cancelled flights for imperfect inspections of its MD-80 aircraft - and you might hear something like, "There has to be a better way."

There should be. But what might it

look like?

The sudden focus on airline inspections comes about because Minnesota Rep. James Oberstar, the Democratic chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has highlighted instances in which it is clear that FAA has been too lax. Oberstar insists that the "cozy relationship" between the FAA and the airlines must end, and he's right.

The FAA immediately shifted to require strict compliance with its regulations and levied a \$10.2 million fine against Southwest Airlines for compliance failures. That has U.S. airlines thoroughly spooked - hence the mass grounding of aircraft.

There is a very real difference between not airworthy and unsafe. The first term says that there may be conditions on the airplane that could make it unsafe. The second says that those conditions exist and that there is a high risk that the airplane will not fly properly or could crash.

The FAA's job is to make sure that all planes are airworthy and never become unsafe. That's a good thing.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a deaf woman who was raised by a woman who made sure I had speech therapy most of my life. Because of it, my speech is quite good, and people often forget that I am deaf or don't believe me. I was pulled over by a cop, and when I told him I was deaf and needed to read his lips, he didn't believe me. Friends and co-workers have even told me, "With speech like yours, you can't be THAT deaf!" It is frustrating and sometimes hurtful. The truth is I cannot hear, and I need people to look at me so I can read their lips. Any suggestions on how to kindly remind people -- including law enforcement officers -- that I really am deaf? -- READ MV LIPS IN D.C.

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DEAR READ MY LIPS: You should request from your physician a card explaining your hearing disability, and carry it in your wallet in case you are stopped again by law enforcement. You can also use it if there are any more misunderstandings in the workplace.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 46-year-old woman with two grown children. My daughter, "Summer," is abusive. Her husband, "Craig," laughs it off and calls it "just being Summer," but I don't find it funny. My health isn't 100 percent, and sometimes I need help. I live in Nebraska, and Summer lives in Illinois. When she and Craig fight, she comes to stay with me and my husband. I had foot surgery last year. The last time Summer was here, we had an argument and she stomped on my feet until they bled. I was so badly injured I had to go to the ER for treatment. Summer is now angry because I changed my will and made

my best friend the executor. It has always been understood that if I got sick, Summer would take care of me because I don't want to go to a nursing home. But I'd rather risk being abused by a stranger than my daughter, and my son lives too far away to help. Am I right about this? My husband doesn't like it. During the four years we've been together, he hasn't shown me he loves me enough to follow my wishes regarding being sick or dying. I'm not scared, but I need to know that what I want is what I'll get. Your thoughts, please? -- MIND OF MY OWN

DEAR MIND OF MY OWN: Your daughter appears to be seriously disturbed. Because she has a history of violence, she should not stay in your home, nor should you be alone with her. I can only hope that after-she assaulted you, the incident was reported to the police. Under no circumstances should she be your caregiver. You have options besides going to a nursing home. One would be to hire a home healthcare worker in the event you become unable to help yourself. You should also consult a lawyer who specializes in wills and trusts to ensure that a person you can trust has your power of attorney for healthcare decisions and will, if necessary, fight like a tiger for you to ensure that your wishes are carried out. Because your marriage is recent, you may also want to ensure that any property that's in your name is handled according to your wishes. Do not wait to do this. It will give you peace of mind.

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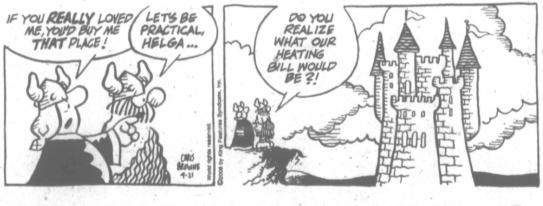




SEE SPOT BURYING THE RUBBER GLOVES IN THE BACKYARD.



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# Sports

# Lady Harvesters go undefeated for second year

By JULIE ANN THOMPSON The Pampa News

The Lady Harvester varsity softball team defeated Randall last Friday to finish the district season at 10-0, making this the second year in a row that the team has finished undefeated. The Lady Harvesters have now won 26 consecutive district games.

"This was a great win for us. Our seniors really stepped up and had a great performance at home for their last home game," Coach Bobbi Gill said.

Carlyn Teichmann started the game and Ashley Facio to improve her record to 10-11-1.

single, one triple, three runs and one stolen base. Kelby Doughty had one single, one stolen base and two RBIs.

Kambra Jimenez had one single, one stolen base and two runs. Libby Dyson had two doubles, two runs and three RBIs. Sammie Pearson had one hit and two RBIs. Ashley Facio had one single and one run. Shelbie Watson had one double, two RBIs and one run. Holly Winegeart had one single and one RBI and Devin Valentine, who is a courtesy runner for Pearson, scored one run and had two stolen

The team will now have two weeks off before the first playoff game.

"I want to make sure to tell them thank you for all their hard work, leadership finished, picking up the win and commitment to the program over the last four years," Coach Gill said. Jasmaine Moore had one "They are great young women and we hope to keep this going as long as we can for them.





Courtesy Photos sophomore Above, Sammie Pearson, catcher for the Lady Harvesters, sings The National Anthem just before the game on Friday. Pearson had one hit and two RBIs during the game. Right, pitcher Ashley Facio fires a ball to home plate. The win impoves Facio's record to 10-11MEIER issued

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#### 25,000 start in Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) - The ing for a repeat. 112th Boston Marathon got started with defending day after the U.S. Olympic champion Robert Cheruiyot women's trials featured the and a field of more than top American runners fight-25,000 runners leaving the ing for a berth in the Beijing Copley Square.

Grigoryeva, last year's Olympics. women's winner, is also try-

Monday's race comes a

starting line in Hopkinton Game. Deena Kastor, for the 26.2-mile run to Magdalena Lewy Boulet and Blake Russell finished Cheruiyot is going for his in the top three to earn a ourth Boston win. Lidiya change to runy in the

#### AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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KIYIGOYLM Saturday's Cryptoquote: TRUST HIM NOT WITH YOUR SECRETS WHO, WHEN LEFT ALONE IN YOUR ROOM, TURNS OVER YOUR PAPERS. JOHANN LAVATER

DALLAS (AP) — Erickson and an empty-net- of criticism for first-round give them a lot of credit, but Trailing by a goal, 20 min- ter by franchise icon Mike exits in 2004, '06 and '07. part of that falls on us, too." utes from letting a 3-1 Modano gave Dallas a 4-1 "For all we've been through, series lead dissolve into a victory over Anaheim on we talk about doing what blamed it on a lack of execu-Game 7 on the home ice of Sunday night, sending the we're capable of and not just the reigning Stanley Cup Stars into the second round one series. We want to win it champions, coach Dave for the first time since 2003 all. That's why it's been so he said. "It's so fresh in your Tippett had a simple mes- and ending the Ducks' hopes disappointing over the mind that we're not playing

"Stay with it," he said.

Another score by Loui

sage for the Dallas Stars.

of repeating as champs. "In the coaches' room goal 52 seconds later. did, that's a great feeling."

> Dallas became the second Western Wings,

> > beat Nashville 3-0 in Game 6. Calgary forced a Game 7 in its series with a 2-0 vic-

Jose. Dallas hadn't won a series since a firstrounder over club played at a

different arena. that's not the stretch. case," said Dallas Turco,

The Ducks are the fifth Tippett liked what he'd after the second period, we straight defending Stanley seen so far and was confi- thought we had a good Cup champions to fail to organizations that compete dent more of the same chance at winning this make the second round. The consistently into May. For would be rewarded. He game," Tippett said. "We NHL hasn't had a repeat was right, as Stephane were competing hard, block- winner since Detroit in able to get that done." Robidas quickly scored a ing shots and doing whatev- 1997-98. No defending tying goal, then set up Stu er it takes to win the game. champion has even made the series by scoring on

years.'

2000. advance in the Calgary-San Jose series.

playoffs, join- Colorado. If San Jose wins, ing the Red Dallas will open on the road who against San Jose.

"It's disappointing because we believe we could do better," said Anaheim defenseman Scott Smythe winner as MVP of tory over San last year's postseason who the glass. retired then decided to return to chase another Cup. "Our sights were set higher

than this." Edmonton in series 2-0 and 3-1, but made 2003 and had- things interesting. The n't closed a Ducks led 1-0 early in the winning round second period on a goal at home since from Corey Perry and it 1-0. the conference seemed like a good omen for finals all the a Game 7 in Anaheim; the way back in team that scored first had 2000, when the won every game so far.

But the Stars dominated right here, but tough chance down the ahead of him.

"There were a couple of took the brunt Pronger said. "You've got to Predators in Game 6.

Coach Randy Carlyle

"It's hard to understand," past April 20 when we played into June last year. ... You try to create those elite various reasons, we weren't

Dallas grabbed control of Barnes with the go-ahead For that to happen the way it the Finals since the Stars in eight of its first 18 powerplay chances. Then the Stars Dallas' next opponent went 0-for-18. The drought team Sunday to hinges on Game 7 of the ended when Modano ripped a shot wide of the net and If Calgary wins, Dallas Robidas knocked the carom Conference will be at home against past goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere for his

On the next shift, he skated right at Giguere, then fed Barnes for a shot right in front of the crease. The 37year-old Barnes was so Niedermayer, the Conn happy about his goal that he gave a flying chest bump to

"Robi got by a couple guys and found me in the slot and all I had to do was put it in," said Barnes, who Anaheim trailed this also had the winning goal in

> Perry scored a relatively soft goal early in the second period to put the Ducks up

Perry, Anaheim's leading goal scorer this season, missed six weeks with an injury, returning for Game 4. At game's end, he was douthe third period. The Ducks bled over at the blue line for "It would be had only one shot the first several seconds, hardly easy to feel 15 minutes, then Turco han- moving, realizing all the good and stop d'ed tough chance after months of healing time now

Red Wings 3, Predators 0 At Nashville, Tenn., goal- games where we just could- Nicklas Lidstrom and Jiri tender Marty n't mount much of an Hudler each scored, and who attack," Ducks captain Chris Detroit closed out the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April

22, 2008:

Often you might question why people seem so obstinate this year. Could that be a reaction to your own determination? You do have drive, stamina and Lady Luck on your team. Learn to trust yourself and not force your hand with others. Don't look for a consensus. On the other hand, understand that you cannot control others. If you are single, your enthusiasm draws many. Look toward someone quite unique and different. You might have already met this person but don't currently look at him or her as a possibility. You will if you remain open. If you are attached, you often wonder how much to give or when to say enough. You will learn to juggle boundaries this year. SCORPIO often challenges you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\* Others listen when you speak your mind. A talk opens up a door. A person you deem to be a realistic friend could be confused at best. Your instincts guide you with a work-related matter. Fatigue sets in. Use your mind to find shortcuts. Tonight: Relax on the computer or watch a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You might want to someone's constraints for now, especially if that points to success. Others will reveal much more if you relax with them, allowing for a stronger bond. Tonight: Plans need to involve a friend or two. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Dive into work tomorrow. There will be a tomorrow perhaps one where you would like to work less and relax more. Schedule meetings for after today. Emphasize what must be done. Tonight: Consider an exercise or diet plan.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Where others get confused by sudden news, you incorporate this happening into a workable program. Actions could be far more decisive than you think. Your intuitive response is best. Tonight: Slow your pace and relax. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*★★★ Start with the basics and then move forward. Your creativity flourishes. You might not see a situation like many do. You have a lot of insight and direction. Avoid giving a yes to an iffy proposition. A risk is ill-advised, especially now. Tonight: Let go of what was. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Negativity only breeds more negativity. On the other hand, viewing a situation slightly more realistically will only help. Be aware that someone you see as a fact-giver could be unintentionally confused. Remember, each person sees the same event differently. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Your finances need studying. You might want to seek out several opinions. Investigate a suggestion from a family member. An investment needs a second

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Use your unique style, which works. Investigate new ideas but still support yourself in what you want. Your problems. You if come up with unusual

with the answers. Tonight: Speak your

solutions; give one or two a shot Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* You are in a building phase. Accept information and come up with answers. You will be able to clear out a problem with research and a willingness to dig up more information. Think positively. Tonight: Act on renewed vitality. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Use the daylight hours to the maximum. Your way of dealing with a problem could radically change with more feedback. Don't take a back seat any longer. Join a group of like-minded people for a discussion. Tonight: A lot of soul-searching.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Know that others will follow your lead. Still, make the best decisions possible. Doing PR will happen later. Schedule meetings and appointments for later today, when you will be more relaxed. Tonight: Out and about. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* You gain a better understanding of what needs to happen. You will discover there are many ways to turn a situation around. News is laden with information. Use your listening skills. Take action later today. Tonight: A must show.

HISTORICAL FIGURES TODAY

Actor Jack Nicholson (1937), Russian volutionary Vladimir Ilyich Lenin (1870), television producer Aaron Spelling (1923)

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Robidas gets Stars past Ducks; Stanley Cup champs eliminated

first career playoff goal.

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# Zion Lutheran planning annual feast

Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, is gearing up for its "Big Z Barbecue" to be held Saturday, April 26. The barbecue will include a silent auction and a country store. The event will last from 5-7 p.m.

items for auction. Proceeds will raise ice programs at the church.

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## Reese

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Just recently, he went before the sycophants in Congress, resplendent with four stars and all his medals, telling them that when the Iraqi army is trained and able to take over ... Whoa! Stop the tape. How long have we been hearing this? No Army in the world has been trained longer than the Iraqi army. If the Iraqi soldiers don't take the field pretty soon, they will all be too old.

The truth is that the Iraqis know how to fight. The problem is that they don't always wish to fight the people we want them to fight. What the Bush administration is offering the American people (Petraeus is just a lackey of his commander in chief) as a policy is to make 140,000 American men and women hostages to Iraqi corruption and incompetence. In other words, the Bush policy is to leave it up to the Iraqis as to when we will leave.

There is a vile, vulgar expression common in my barracks long ago that aptly describes this policy. I can translate it as to heck with this stupid idea. That's our Army, and we should decide when it will leave Iraq, without regard for what the Iraqis think. You don't need to be a military genius to realize that it will be the worst of the Iraqis who want us to stay indefinitely.

It might be true that we broke the country, but we've already paid more than it's worth. It's time to remind the Iraqis that life isn't fair and to bid them farewell. As for Gen. Petraeus, he should be assigned to teach at West Point. Most of his experience is academ-

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

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ed the colonel with two pistols that had belonged to Santa Anna.

If Millard ever wrote an account of his role in the battle, it is not known

A few months after the battle, however, Millard made the newspapers by participating in an Army plot to arrest interim tle, still smarting from his President David G. Burnet. The effort did not succeed, after-action report to and Burnet booted Millard out of the Army.

While that incident could explain Millard's lack of recognition, he went on to hold public office in the new county of Jefferson as well as in Beaumont. Later, after moving to Galveston, he served as a militia colonel.

Just as his birthday is unknown, so is there conof death. He died at around 48 on either Aug. 28 or 29, 1844, in Galveston. He's

buried in the Episcopal Cemetery there.

One hundred and fortyone years later in 1985, Judith Walker Linsley and Ellen Walker Rienstra revived his memory somewhat with an article called "Henry Millard, Forgotten Texian," published in the Gulf Historical and Biographical Record. They also wrote the entry for Millard in the Handbook of Texas Online.

Four days after the batwound, Houston sent his President Burnet While remembered for a high level of self-confidence bordering on arrogance, Houston said the right thing about his officers and men in his report:

"For the Commanding General to attempt discrimination as to the conduct of those who commanded in the action, or those who were commandfusion as to Millard's date ed would be impossible. Our success is conclusive proof of their daring intrepidity and valor; every

officer and man proved himself worthy of the cause in which he battled, while the triumph received a luster from the humanity which characterized their conduct, after victory, and richly entitles them to the admiration and gratitude

of their General.' Houston was grateful for his officers and men, but the people of Texas failed to accord lasting recognition to Henry Millard. Well, except for that 13th hole in Harris County.

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But here's the bad thing - an example cited by Ron Ricks, a senior vice president at Southwest:

An FAA directive says that a particular bolt on Boeing 737 aircraft must be inspected periodically and replaced under certain conditions. When it is replaced, the mechanic may add a washer. A Southwest mechanic decided one recent Friday evening that the bolt on one aircraft should be replaced and two washers should be added, but the FAA directive did not mention a second washer. The plane was grounded until the following Monday to get FAA permission to add a second washer.

An extreme example, for sure, but it illustrates the current problem. Even regulatory compliance can go to a ridiculous extreme.

But where does it cross that line? For now, nobody seems to know a better standard than strict compliance to ensure both airworthiness and safety. That's the same as requiring perfection, and it's a hard standard to uphold.

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