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## Task force talks turkey about prairie chicken

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A small bird with a big impact was the subject of a discussion this week in Pampa. The Lesser Prairie Chicken Advisory Committee met in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building Tuesday afternoon to talk about the future of the Gray County economy and the lesser prairie chicken, a candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act as either endangered or threatened.

chicken side," said Mike Carter with Playa Lakes Joint Venture, representing conservation interests, who chairs the advisory committee. The lesser prairie chicken was first proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in 1998. It has been on the candidate's list since then. While its priority on the candidate's list has moved up toward the top, federal and state officials admitted that it is difficult to tell just how many of the shy little birds are left in this part of the world or exactly why their numbers are dropping.

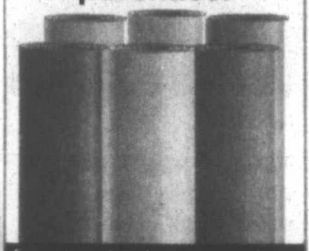
Jeff Bonner with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Still, there appears to be a general consensus of opinion that lesser prairie chicken populations are disappearing. Scientists from Texas Tech and Texas A&M University are working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other state and federal agencies to determine what appears to be a steep decline in the bird's population. "The prairie chicken habitat is in the eastern part of Gray County," said James Bradley, one of the members of the Lesser Prairie Chicken

"There's an economic side and there's a

"Those little rascals are hard to find," said

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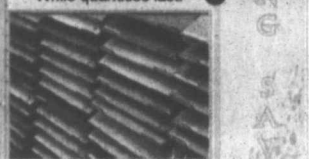
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## THRILL OF VICTORY



Senior Carlyn Teichman (left, in yellow) of the Pampa High School Lady Harvesters celebrates with teammates after she scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh against the Randall Lady Raiders Tuesday. The victory puts the Lady Harvesters into a tie with Randall for first in district. Full coverage of the game on Page 8.  
staff photo by Andrew Glover

## Storm Spotter Training to be held on Friday

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It's no secret that when Panhandle weather turns ugly, it gets very ugly in a hurry. That's why Pampa Emergency Management Coordinator Fred Courtney stressed the importance of the city's annual Storm Spotter Training class, to be held at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday in the Commission Chamber at City Hall. "Everybody knows how bad the weather can get," Courtney said. "That's why it's important that we know what to look for." The class is an annual session held through the National Weather Service, with Amarillo meteorologist Steve Drillette expected to host. Topics to be covered include everything from funnel cloud recognition to safety for weather spotters. According to Courtney, those who attend the class are given a priority of sorts by the National Weather Service when it comes to calling in potential storm activity. "Basically, the Weather Service recognizes somebody's report that has had the training," said Courtney. "Everyone who goes to training is issued a special number. If somebody calls in a sighting and they give their number as, say, 1234, the Weather Service will recognize that number and put more weight on the report." Courtney said that, while most who attend the class are affiliated with law enforcement or emergency services, the class is

## McCullar talks safety, crime prevention with Rotarians

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Officer Stormy McCullar, the Pampa Police Department's Crime Prevention officer, recently gave an overview of the department's programs to a gathering of Pampa Rotarians. People can improve the safety of themselves and their belongings by using a little common sense. For instance, don't leave your keys in your car. "A car in Texas is stolen every 5 1/2 minutes," she told the group, gathered for the regular noon luncheon. "In the United States, a car is stolen every 33 seconds. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 88

percent of the cars that get stolen — we don't know who stole them. "That was a shocking statistic for me," she added. "We've had 11 cars stolen in Pampa this so far this year; one of them was by a family member, one was by a friend." Typically when a car is stolen, it is used for joyriding or it is used to commit another crime. One of them stolen in Pampa was found in a ditch at the super playground. To help combat such thefts, the department has its HEAT Program (Help End Auto Thefts). It amounts to the use of a white sticker that can be obtained from the police department and placed on your vehicle. **MCCULLAR** cont. on page 3



Officer Stormy McCullar visits with Pampa Rotary President Katrina Bigham Wednesday afternoon following the Rotary's noon luncheon meeting. McCullar, Pampa Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, was the guest speaker at the meeting.  
staff photo by Randy Pribble

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 65 Low 39	High 75 Low 46	High 76 Low 50

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Hulon Ray "H.R." Bright, 72

Howardwick—Hulon Ray "H.R." Bright, 72, died Monday, April 5, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Interment will be at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

H.R. was born on August 8, 1937 to Charlie and Sylvia Naomi Walden Bright in Hico. He married Eva Evans on August 8, 1958 in Ft. Worth. He had been a resident Howardwick since 1972. He had been a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows in Lubbock where had served as Grand Master. He also coached little league, and helped with Boy Scouts. He enjoyed fishing, going to art shows, and metal working. He also volunteered his time helping with kids. He was also a master at bartering. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

H.R. was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Barbara Ann Bright; and two sisters, Patricia Alford and Nina



Bright

Survivors include his wife, Eva Bright of Howardwick; a son, Eddie Bright and wife Celeste of Amarillo; two daughters, Susan Bright and husband Jeff of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sharon Bright and husband John Kelly of Pflugerville; two brothers, Stacey Bright of Weatherford and Wesley Bright of Milton.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Love Fund for H.R. Bright c/o Donley County State Bank / PO Box 967, Clarendon, TX 79226

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## Obituaries

### John N. Gikas, 87

Lubbock—John N. Gikas, 87, died March 7, 2010 in Lubbock.

Memorial services will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Pampa, with Grant Gikas, John's son, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gikas was born July 6, 1922 in Lincoln, Neb. He was a 1941 graduate of Borger High School and served in the U. S. Merchant Marines during World War II. He was a resident of Pampa since 1947 before moving to Lubbock in 2002. John married Joyce Stone on March 21, 1948 in San

Antonio. From 1947 until 1951, he worked with his uncle, Bill Coronis, at the Coney Island Café. John and his brother, Ted, owned and operated the Coney Island Café from 1951 until their retirement in 2001. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Pampa and taught the Everyman's Bible Class for many years, and was currently a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock. John was a trustee of the school board of Pampa Independent School District for 12 years and served as board president. He was a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and was active in the Pampa United Way and the Gray County Red

Cross. John was preceded in death by two brothers: Ted and Chris.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Gikas of the home; two sons, Tim Gikas and wife Connie of Fredericksburg, and Grant Gikas and wife Debra of Las Colinas/Austin; a daughter, Karen Jacobsen and husband Doug of Lubbock; a brother, Gus Gikas and wife Leola of Baton Rouge, La.; two sisters, Margaret Herron and husband B. J. of Marshall, and Marie Puckett of Bartlesville, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Heather Patterson of Richmond, Tyler Jacobsen of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Ryan Gikas of Oklahoma City, Tanner Jacobsen of Brooklyn, N.Y., Lindsey



Gikas

Gikas of San Francisco, Calif., Abby Kelly of Round Rock, and Lauren Ellis of Granbury; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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### Rex Johnson, 66

Miami—Rex "Sexy Rexy" Johnson, 66, died Saturday, April 3, 2010 in Miami.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at the United Methodist Church of Miami with Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Happy, and Rev. Mindy McLanahan, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Miami, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Rex was born May 24, 1943 in Dawson, Minn. and was raised in Lindsborg, Kan. where he attended school. After graduation, he entered the U. S. Army and served as a ranger in the 101st

Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Rex married Susie Billingsley on Dec. 24, 1997 in St. Lucia, West Indies. He worked for Michigan-Wisconsin Pipeline, which later became ANR Pipeline for many years before retiring as superintendent in 2000. After retirement, Rex was a maintenance supervisor for Roberts County. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Miami American Legion Post. Rex's many hobbies included building and showing street rods for which he received numerous awards and made many close friends. He was a pilot and held a private pilot's license. His shop was known as the "Dew Drop Inn" where all

his friends were welcome and had many get-togethers including shuffle board tournaments and Super Bowl parties.

Survivors include his wife, Susie of the home; a daughter, Kim Henry and husband Mike of Longview; two stepsons, Brad Billingsley and wife Janice of Amarillo, and Norman Ward of Ky.; two stepdaughters, Shann Clark of Irving and Jennifer Eggers of Dodge City, Kan.; two sisters, Jean Opat, and Karen Leaf and husband Alan, all of Lindsborg, Kan.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Rex was preceded in death by his parents, Milo and Dorothy Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made



Johnson

to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P. O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552, United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059, or a favorite charity.

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### Victor "Nino Brown" Wallace, 47

Pampa—Victor "Nino Brown" Wallace, 47 died April 2, 2010 in Pampa.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2010, at St. Mark CME Church, with Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wallace was born March 31, 1963 in Odessa. As a young boy, he moved to Pampa where he graduated from Pampa

High School. He attended college at Texas State University in Houston, and worked for 12 years for U.P.S. He moved to Lubbock and worked as a substitute teacher, and then moved to Pampa. He enjoyed fishing golfing and working on cars. Victor will be remembered as a generous man who would help anyone in their time of need.

Survivors include his mother, ImoGene Wallace-Sims of Pampa; a god-child, Jamar Ballard of Dallas; two brothers,

Ricky Smith and wife Felicia of Baytown, and Curtis M. Lee of Houston; three sisters, Virginia Lee of Phoenix, Ariz., Mae Phillips and husband Lonnie of Odessa, and Bridgett Barnaba and husband Jimmy of Crosby; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and good friends. Victor was preceded in death by his father, Earl Lee Jordan; his stepfather, Willie Sims; and a brother, Kenneth Jordan.



Wallace

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### Tracy Wayne Wilson, Sr., 63

Tracy Wayne Wilson, Sr., 63, died Monday, April 5, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at University Heights Christian Church with Pastor Tim Bernard, pastor of Faith Fellowship Church officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral

Directors of Borger.

Mr. Wilson was born on January 30, 1947 in Borger. He had lived the past twenty-five years in Troy, Mont. He was retired superintendent for Tri-State Construction and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and shooting pool. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Vaughn

and his son, Johnathan Wilson.

Survivors include his mother, Tommie Stroud of Pampa; four sons, Tracy Wilson Jr. and wife Jozette, James Wilson and wife Beverly all of Borger, Richard Wilson and wife Nanette of Wichita Falls, and Justin Garcia of Colorado Springs, Colo.,

two daughters, Heidi Wilson of Troy, Mont. and Jessica Casias and husband Bryan of Trinidad, Colo., two sisters, Treva Wilson and Lisa Thomas both of Pampa, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Jean Bennett, 77

Pampa—Jean Bennett, 77, died April 7, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

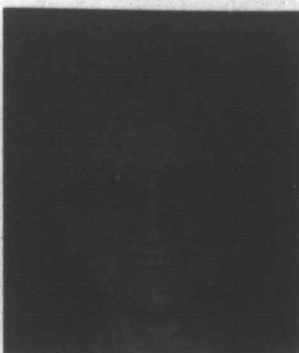
Mrs. Bennett was born September 4, 1932 in Stratford. She married Troy Bennett on February 1, 1951 in Tecumseh, Ala. He preceded her in death on February 3, 2008. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951 and she was a beauty operator for 10 years. Jean was a member of the Women of the Moose and was a former

grand region state deputy. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Bennett Farrar and husband Larry of Southlake, and Darla Bennett Hoskins and husband Lance Scott Travis of Rockdale; two sisters, Clara Belle Linvick of Park Hill, Okla., and Peggy Coffman of Guymon, Okla.; three brothers, Loyal Dean Rhoden of Texhoma, Okla., Buster Spradling of Mooreland, Okla., and Willis Frazier of Justin; five grandchild-

dren, Larysa Santiago, Lezlie Linn, Aemon Layton, Jeremy Hoskins, and Alesha Hoskins; seven great-grandchildren, Nate and Zoe Santiago, Tori and Blake Linn, Jamison King, Macy and Kenzie Hoskins. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Pfitzenreuter; and a grandson, Justin King.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, TX 79106.



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## SPEEDY DELIVERY



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Looks like the Easter Bunny (Linda Bodie) has some late deliveries to do, but fortunately, she's got a Harley to help expedite things. Only in the Panhandle.

## April 15 is deadline for business tax renditions

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To "render" means to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

"Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Combs said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, it places a greater tax burden on other business owners and homeowners."

Rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Rendition is not required for exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Failure to render property carries a penalty of 10 percent of the taxes due.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15.

Combs also reminded owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their tax bill. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2010.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at [ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us) or call the property tax hotline at 800-252-9121. The Comptroller's forms are available online at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html).

## Two troops wounded as gunmen attack Mexican army housing

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Suspected cartel gunmen wounded two soldiers in an unprecedented grenade attack on army housing in northern Mexico, the latest sign that drug gangs are increasingly turning to open warfare tactics against the military.

The gunmen fired the grenade from a rifle at a camp where soldiers live with their families outside the Gulf coast city of Tampico, the Defense Department said in a statement Tuesday.

The two wounded soldiers were treated, but none of their relatives was harmed in the attack Monday.

The Defense Department reiterated its stance that cartels are acting out of desperation in the face of army successes in the drug war.

"Members of organized crime staged a cowardly attack with a rifle-fired grenade," the department said. "These types of aggressions demonstrate that the structure of organized crime has been eroded, provoking desperate acts like attacking families of the armed forces."

Soldiers pursued the assailants but only found their abandoned car, with five guns and a grenade inside, the statement said.

Army positions have repeatedly come under attack in recent weeks in the northwestern states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, which border Texas. Cartel gun-

men have ambushed military patrols on highways and thrown up street blockades in front of army garrisons.

The fighting has occurred amid a split between the Gulf cartel and its former ally, the Zetas drug gang. Experts say the gangs may be trying to get the army out of the way of their fight over control of drug trafficking routes in the region.

So far, no soldier has been killed in the latest wave of confrontations, while drug gang have suffered heavily losses. Eighteen assailants were killed in seven different shootouts in one day last week. Civilians have been caught in the crossfire, including two children ages 5 and 8, who were killed over the weekend.

While cartels lack the training of the military, they have the firepower: soldiers have seized dozens of grenades, semi-automatic rifles and even homemade explosives at the scene of the gunbattles.

Meanwhile, seven prison guards were arrested for alleged complicity in a jailbreak last week in Reynosa, a Tamaulipas city that borders McAllen, Texas, the attorney general's office announced in statement Tuesday.

Authorities initially said 13 prisoners escaped, but the statement Tuesday said only 12 did.

The Tamaulipas state government said gunmen drove up in 10 cars and exchanged gunfire with guards. Three inmates were killed, but it was unclear who shot them.

Tamaulipas state Gov. Eugenio Hernandez said Tuesday he asked the federal government for help in guarding state prisons holding inmates who have committed federal offenses because "state authorities don't have the capacity to prevent jailbreaks."

The Interior Department said in a statement late Tuesday that corruption and collusion with organized crime by some government officials contributed to the recent jailbreaks in Tamaulipas. It said the jailbreaks "are not proof that criminals prevail over institutions" and it encouraged the Tamaulipas government to punish those responsible.

Elsewhere, five men were killed when gunmen opened fire on their car Monday outside a shopping mall in Mazatlan, a city in the northeastern state of Sinaloa, said Martin Gastelum, a spokesman for the state attorney general's office.

In the Pacific coast state of Guerrero, police found the bodies of two men who were shot to death and had their hands and feet bound with tape, authorities said.

Police found the decomposing bodies Tuesday in a ravine in the town of Chilapa de Alvarez after receiving an anonymous tip, Guerrero state Public Safety Department said in a statement.

Both men were wearing military boots and police found M-16 shell casings at the scene, it said.

## Chicken

Advisory Committee and a member of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. "Gray County is going to take a real hit."

He said that the ranchers in the eastern part of Gray County will be hit hard if the lesser prairie chicken is listed as an endangered species as will the oil and gas producers in that area of the county.

While most of the oil and gas being produced now is shallow, there has been talk about drilling deeper wells.

Bradley said nobody in the eastern and southern part of the county needs another obstacle thrown up in his way.

"Our fields are depleting," he said.

Bradley said he looks at the situation from that viewpoint. "I'm a landowner myself," he said.

Bradley has a ranch in that area with oil and gas production.

"Oil and gas production definitely outweighs the chicken," he said.

Bradley said that in the last few years, Gray County has lost chemical companies and other industries.

He said that the only thing he sees in Gray County's economic future is oil and gas and wind energy development, but if the lesser prairie chicken is declared an endangered species, that future could be in danger.

Bradley said putting the chicken on the endangered species list could devastate the local economy.

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"When you look at our deals here," Bradley said, "Gray County is going to take a real hit as far as the economy."

"People come before the bird," said Cochran County Commissioner Stacey Dunn, also a member of the advisory committee.

There are two basic areas that make up the lesser prairie chicken habitat. One area extends south from Kansas into the Texas Panhandle and includes part of Gray County. The other is along the Texas-New Mexico line from Oldham County south to the southeast corner of New Mexico.

The advisory committee will meet in May in Hereford to continue their discussions.

## Training

free and open to the public and encouraged interested civilians to attend.

"With tornado season coming up, it's important to know the facts," Courtney

said. "(The class) basically refreshes everybody's memory about what to look for. It never hurts to have the knowledge."

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## McCullar

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"If you have that a sticker on your vehicle, an officer can stop it between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. (the peak hours for stolen vehicles) without any reason," Officer McCullar said.

However, she added that the best guard against the crime is to lock your car doors and pocket your keys.

McCullar also said she would like to get the concept of a Neighborhood Watch program more widely in use in the community.

"To start a neighborhood watch program you need a person committed to it," she told the group. "That person will get two or three other people that will commit to the program. After that you need a place to meet. Typically they meet in their homes."

After that, the organizers generally host a block party.

"We block it off for you and you invite everyone on the block," she continued. "You get to meet your neighbors. It is very surprising how many people do not know the person living right next door to them."

"This also lets a shady person who

might live in your neighborhood know that you mean business."

The department also conducts the Eddie Eagle program which teaches gun safety to elementary-age children. Gun safety not in the sense of how to handle the guns, but what to do if they see a gun laying around.

McCullar said she would like to get the concept of a Community Garden implemented in Pampa.

The garden plot could be a way to funnel the efforts of juvenile offenders with benefits for the the elderly of the community and local service organizations.

"I need lots of help with this," she told the Rotarians. "We need to have a security system with a fence and video cameras. Sad to say, if we don't there will be people coming in to destroy it."

McCullar said the City of Pampa is ready to support the project on suitable city-owned property, but the need is for volunteers from the community.

To volunteer or for information on any of these program, call Officer McCullar at the department at 669-5700.

## Kentucky Avenue church of Christ

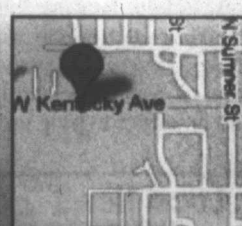
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 7, the 97th day of 2010. There are 268 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by General Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

### On this date:

In 1199, King Richard I of England (also known as The Lion-Heart) died in the Limousin region of France at age 41 after being mortally wounded by an arrow.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed less than a week later.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson took the first U.S. space walk in almost a decade as they worked in the open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours.

In 1990, a display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center, the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges (both were acquitted).

**Ten years ago:** Attorney General Janet Reno met in Washington with the father of Elian Gonzalez; Reno later told reporters that officials would arrange for Juan Miguel Gonzalez to reclaim his son, but she gave Elian's Miami relatives one more chance to drop their resistance and join in a peaceful transfer.

**Five years ago:** The blockbuster painkiller Bextra was taken off the market, and the FDA said all similar prescription drugs should strongly warn about possible risk of heart attacks and strokes. Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite, was named Iraq's interim prime minister; Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani was sworn in as interim president. Historic bus service began between the two parts of Kashmir, one controlled by India, the other by Pakistan.

**One year ago:** Vermont became the fourth state (after Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa) to legalize gay marriage. President Barack Obama capped his eight-day European trip by addressing college students in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Today's Birthdays:** Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 90. Actor James Garner is 82. California Attorney General Jerry Brown is 72. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 71. TV personality David Frost is 71. Singer John Oates is 61. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 61. Actor Jackie Chan is 56. Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 56. Actor Russell Crowe is 46. Actor Bill Bellamy is 45. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 35. Actress Heather Burns is 35.

### Thought for Today:

"Lying is done with words and also with silence."  
— Adrienne Rich, American poet.



## April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Did you know that there was an agency concerned with animal abuse in the United States before there were any agencies for victims of child abuse and neglect?

That was the situation when the circumstances of Mary Ellen's life came to light in 1874.

Mary Ellen was a child whose father was dead and whose mother was unable to care for her. The New York Commission of Charities and Correction removed Mary Ellen from her mother's home and placed her with the Connollys, a husband and wife, who were to take care of Mary Ellen and report each year on her progress.

Mrs. Connolly abused Mary Ellen by beating her, locking her in a room, rarely allowing her outside, and not providing adequate food or clothing.

A neighbor who was upset by the child's screams told a mission worker about the situation. Laws concerning child abuse and neglect were not systematically enforced at the time, and the mission worker could find no one to intervene in Mary Ellen's behalf. No mention is made of whether the commission which placed Mary Ellen with the Connollys was contacted.

The mission worker finally contacted Henry Bergh, founder and president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He was able to persuade a judge to hear Mary Ellen's case.

A newspaper reported that Mary Ellen told the judge, "My father and mother are both dead. I don't know how old I am. I call Mrs. Connolly 'Mamma.' I have never had but one pair of shoes, but I cannot recollect



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when that was. My bed at night has only been a piece of carpet stretched on the floor underneath a window.

"Mamma has been in the habit of whipping and beating me almost every day. She used to whip me with a twisted whip -- a raw hide. She struck me with the scissors and cut me. I have no recollection of ever having been kissed by anyone -- have never been kissed by Mamma.

"Whenever Mamma went out, I was locked up in the bedroom. I do not want to go back to live with Mamma because she beats me so."

Mary Ellen was removed from the Connollys. Her case drew public attention, and complaints began to pour in to Henry Bergh. So many cases of child abuse and neglect came to light that citizens called a community meeting and formed an association "for the defense of outraged childhood." That association gave rise to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which was formally incorporated a year after Mary Ellen's case was heard.

A number of agencies have been formed since that time to deal with the circumstances of child abuse and neglect. Two local organizations, CASA of the High Plains and The Bridge Child Advocacy Center, are continuing what was started a century and a half ago in New York by provid-

ing services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their families, and by educating the public on the presence of child abuse and neglect.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and CASA and The Bridge have planned events throughout the month. A traveling exhibit with 131 blue T-shirt cutouts representing the number of current cases of confirmed child abuse and neglect in Gray County and neighboring counties, along with the slogan "No Excuse for Child Abuse" on a sign, will be at a different location each week.

An informational fair will be from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 13 at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. "Shine the Light for Youth" will be at 8:30 p.m. April 21 at City Hall, 200 W. Foster. Blue Sunday will be observed on April 25, with a balloon release scheduled for 2 p.m. at Recreation Park.

The Bridge coordinates the investigation, prosecution and intervention efforts involved in child physical and sexual abuse. CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, provides trained, court-appointed volunteers who investigate, monitor and serve as advocates in court to help abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services, a government agency. Both The Bridge and CASA are non-profit, United-Way agencies.

Marilyn Powers is a former reporter with The Pampa News. She is currently working with CASA and The Bridge to help promote Child Abuse Awareness Month.

## Wary of Washington? You can join the beavers

Ah, springtime has arrived in Washington, D.C.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is under way. The cherry trees, 3,700 of them given to America by the Japanese in 1912, are in full bloom.

It reminds me why Americans are so wary of Washington.

In the spring of 1999, you see, some culprits had been chopping down cherry trees.

The National Park Service, in a state of high alert for days, finally identified the tree fellers: three beavers, who decided to construct a dam in the Tidal Basin.

In a normal city, this situation would have been dealt with swiftly. The beavers would have been trapped, transported to another location and released.

In fact, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), not known for common sense solutions, suggested exactly that.

But Washington is no normal city.

No sooner was PETA's idea floated than experts began crawling out of the woodwork. One said it would be tragic to separate the three beavers, since they're likely from the same family.

Another said you can't move beavers to a new colony because the new colony - beavers are Republicans? - would reject the freeloaders. Besides, what's the point of being a beaver if you don't have any buddies to plug up storm sew-



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Their cuddly television presence clouded the public's ability to address the problem rationally.

The fact is that if beavers looked more like their pointy-nosed cousins, rats, even PETA would have lined the banks of the Tidal Basin with rifles and shotguns to take out the varmints before they felled more beloved trees.

By that point, PETA returned to form. It demanded the beavers be allowed to continue damming the Tidal Basin - to hell with the cherry trees and the fact that "Tidal Basin" would need to be renamed "Tidal Wave."

The hullabaloo went on for some time before the Park Service finally hired a professional trapper. The trapper caught the beavers and they were carted off.

You'd think that would have been the end of it. But not in Washington.

Activists, suspicious of what the Park Service really did with the beavers - Guantanamo Bay? - demanded their location be divulged.

That prompted the Park Service to issue a statement. It said that, due to the publicity surrounding the case, the beavers were moved to a "safe house," which, apparently, is some kind of beaver witness protection program.

The beaver incident illustrates how convoluted and confusing things can get in Washington - simple ideas and solutions that work everywhere else are twisted and contorted and made unrecognizable there.

That's why the fellows who founded this country had the right idea when they sought to keep most of the decision-making out of Washington - keep it among the people and within the states.

But the birds running the government right now don't see it that way. They have Washington butting into every aspect of our lives.

Alas, springtime has arrived in Washington. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and the cherry trees are in full bloom.

And all I can do is worry about what that nutty town is going to meddle with next.

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# Maintain mental health during tax season

As the April 15 deadline for filing your federal income tax return approaches, financial stressors may be rearing their ugly little heads — in your head. Financial stress, especially exacerbated at tax time, can cause a host of mental health concerns that include anxiety and depression.

Mentally speaking, finances are a hot-button issue because they affect everyone. Add to that a seemingly mysterious, arbitrary, uncompromising, even threatening tax system, and people can feel powerless and without control.

"Financial worry affects all people at a very basic level," says David M. Dranetz, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. "Not having enough money can threaten



the ability to obtain basic essentials for life such as food, clothing, shelter and heat."

When those essentials are threatened, the mind can cause the body some serious mental heartburn. For instance, Dr. Dranetz explains that financial stress has been linked not only to mental health concerns like depression but also to physical ailments including insomnia and unhealthy coping behaviors like

drinking, smoking and overeating.

And, financial stress affects everyone, Dr. Dranetz says, regardless of gender or if living single or with a family.

"The best way to deal with financial stress and maintain mental health is through adequate preparation," Dr. Dranetz says. "Prepare by learning as much as you can about the tax process as early as you can to have a better idea of what to expect. Having a general idea of how much you may owe and having money saved away early to cover the unexpected can also help reduce the worry and maximize mental health."

*The Texas A&M Health Science Center compiles and distributes articles to address the health of Texas residents statewide.*



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother is 9 and still walks around naked. I have asked "Josh" repeatedly to put on some clothes, but he blows me off and flaunts himself around the house.

My mother is no help. When I ask her to talk to him, she laughs and says, "Boys will be boys." Abby, I'm 13 and it is starting to freak me out. Am I being paranoid, or am I right to want him to put on a pair of boxers or something? -- **OLDER SISTER IN MCALLEN, TEXAS**

**DEAR OLDER SISTER:** Your mother is right about one thing: Boys WILL be boys. Your brother is acting like an immature child who's enjoying teasing his sister.

On the other hand, she's wrong to laugh off your discomfort. One reason children have parents is so someone can teach them respect for the feelings of others. At 9, Josh is too big to ignore, and at 13, you are no longer a little girl. If he wants to be naked in his bedroom, fine and dandy. But when he's in the rooms shared by everyone, he should cover up. And if he doesn't, there should be consequences.

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-mother-in-law died unexpectedly three weeks ago. We were very close, and I handled most of the arrangements. She left no will, so my ex-husband and I did our best to provide what we thought she would have wanted.

We chose to have Mom cremated, but decided to have a short open viewing at the funeral home for her grandchildren's benefit. We wanted them to realize Grandma was no longer in her body.

This morning I was shocked to receive a phone call from the funeral parlor saying they have received a letter from one of Mom's co-workers, expressing that she felt the viewing was disrespectful and in bad taste. Abby, we chose

to display her body on a table with blankets. We didn't think spending hundreds of dollars for a coffin for the four-hour viewing was justified, nor did we think Mom would have wanted us to do that. Was it inappropriate? -- **SLAPPED IN THE FACE IN MONTANA**

**DEAR SLAPPED IN THE FACE:** There was nothing disrespectful or inappropriate about the way your ex-mother-in-law's body was displayed. And you were wise not to spend a lot of money on a casket that was to be used only for a viewing.

I applaud your courage to do things differently. Please let that presumptuous woman's criticism roll off your backs.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work for a nonprofit organization, and once a month we convene early in the morning for a staff meeting. To make up for the fact that we are meeting earlier than usual, departments take turns providing breakfast. This has turned into a contest to see who can bring the most elaborate breakfast.

Frankly, it's all I can do to get breakfast on the table for my own family without the added pressure of having to provide something for my "work family." The one-upmanship and backstabbing is bad enough without having to become Martha Stewart in the process. Please comment. -- **EGGS-ASPERATED IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR EGGS-ASPERATED:** I can see how something like that could get out of hand. Someone must break the cycle -- so why not you? When your department's turn rolls around, either order something you can pick up the night before or the morning of the meeting, or bring in fruit, granola and yogurt so your colleagues can have a healthy breakfast. And don't apologize for it.

# Shuttle Discovery arrives at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery successfully docked at the International Space Station early Wednesday, its astronauts overcoming a rare antenna breakdown that knocked out radar tracking.

Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter and his crew relied on other navigation devices to approach the orbiting outpost.

"You guys are looking beautiful," Japanese space station resident Soichi Noguchi radioed as the shuttle drew within 660 feet, loaded down with supplies.

The two spacecraft came together 215 miles above the Caribbean, precisely on time.

It was only the second time that a shuttle had to dock with the space station without any radar; the first was 10 years ago.

Poindexter trained for just such an event two weeks ago. As he closed in on the final 150 feet, he radioed, "It's a lot of fun."

Flight director Richard Jones said the flying was flawless. "The crew made it look easy," he told reporters.

One of the first matters of business for the 13 space fliers — once the hatches swung open — was transmitting detailed laser images of Discovery to Mission Control in Houston.

Astronaut Stephanie Wilson pocketed the computer hard-drive holding all the wing and nose images that

were collected Tuesday, and handed it over as soon as she crossed the station's threshold. The station crew quickly started sending down the files, a lengthy process expected to take all morning. The antenna breakdown prevented their immediate relay to experts on the ground for analysis.

NASA needs to scrutinize the data to make sure Discovery suffered no launch damage that could jeopardize its re-entry on April 18.

On a lighter note, Discovery's arrival also meant that the world finally got to see the seven shuttle astronauts in space.

The failure of Discovery's dish antenna shortly after Monday's liftoff prevented the astronauts from sending and receiving big packages of information during their first two days in orbit. Video shots also fell by the wayside.

The orbiting crowd includes a record-setting four women, three of whom arrived on Discovery. There are eight Americans, three Russians and, for the first time ever together in space, two Japanese.

The two crews embraced and shook hands as they greeted one another.

The space station is nearly completed; only three shuttle missions remain after this one to wrap up its outfitting.

# Perry: Texas should use online textbooks

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is proposing that Texas move away from using textbooks in public schools in the next four years.

Perry asked a computer gaming education conference Wednesday in Austin why Texas should still go through the textbook adoption process. He said textbooks get out of date quickly, and that computer software and technology can take their place.

He said school officials can help students get access to computer technology because costs are coming down. He said he didn't have a cost comparison between books and online educational materials.

Perry, a Republican battling Democrat Bill White for the governorship this year, said the idea is something he wants to consider in the 2011 Legislature.

## IN BRIEF: Budget cuts for DWI programs?

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Criminal Justice Committee chairman John Whitmire raised concerns Tuesday that prison treatment programs could be cut as Texas faces a projected budget shortfall as high as \$15 billion.

Gov. Rick Perry had ordered state agencies to identify possible 5 percent budget cuts. The prison system is seeking an exemption for treatment programs.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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"I think it'd be better just to let him bury his bones in the yard again."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Yep, me too! Egg salad again!"

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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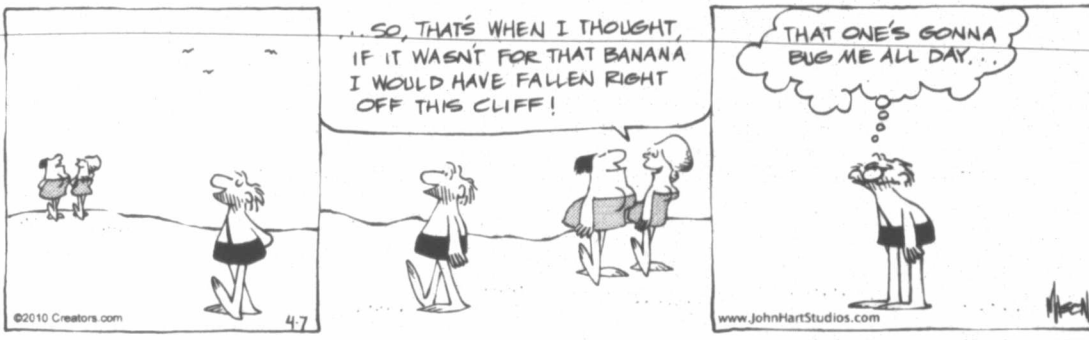
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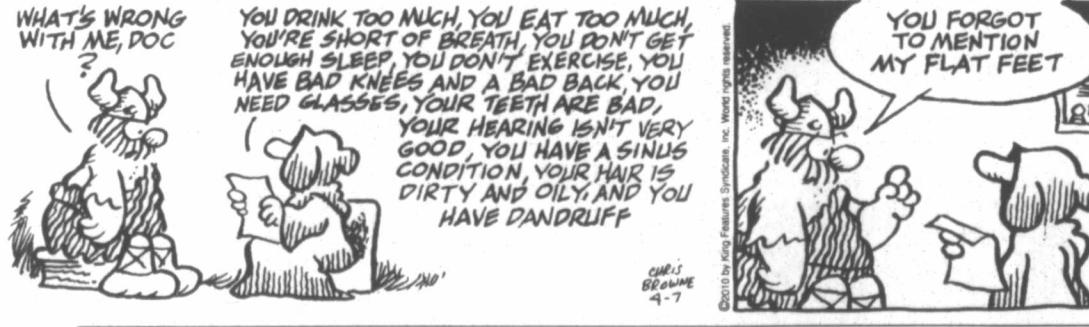
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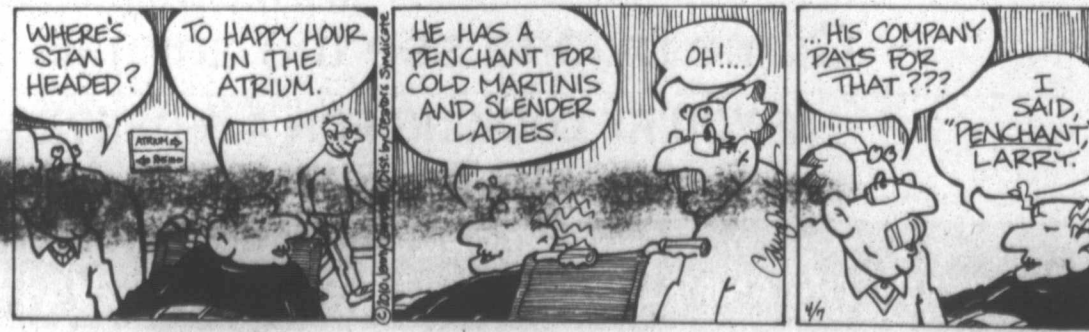
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The open-house style public meeting in this area will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation Conference Center, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Tx.** Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: [TPP\\_xtranplan@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:TPP_xtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027

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## Daily Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 8, 2010:  
This year, often you will choose to be with your friends. You also could become far more civic-minded, and get involved in an important cause. Be careful not to spread yourself too thin. On some level, you revitalize through letting go and being with your friends. Learn to be more frugal than in the past, especially as you will need to counteract a tendency to overspend. If you are single, a new relationship could come through a friend. If you are attached, the two of you need to have a solid friendship as well. Treat each other as your best friend more often. You can count on AQUARIUS.

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)  
\*\*\*\* Aries generally is directed, but today you will tend to linger and over-indulge. You wonder what is going on. Perhaps you need to take a break. Do something just for you, even if it is just getting a haircut. Help yourself recycle. Tonight: Where the action is.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Be aware of your efforts to court the boss's or someone else's favor. Is it worth it? Your instincts tell you which way to go, and experience tells you to follow them. Be willing to nix a new project, or at least your involvement in it. Tonight: Out late.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Seek out new perspectives and knowledge. Your instincts tell you one thing, and reality tells you something dif-

ferent. Zero in on what is important, especially in a meeting. Share your thoughts. Tonight: Where you can relax most.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* A partner goes out of his or her way to help you, especially with a public or community matter. You could be on overload with all the feelings that come up. Be happy for the support and caring. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* You could be overwhelmed by a boss and his or her efforts. Accept the compliments. Know that you are being observed with care. A key friend, family member or loved one cannot do enough. He or she brings you important information. Tonight: Just don't be alone.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Tension builds wherever you are. The only way to dissipate some of this energy is to detach. Focus on what you must do, and you will get it done. A co-worker or associate pitches in. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Partners, associates and friends all want command of the ship. Let them have it, while you go off and do something you really enjoy. Creativity, humor and friendship could merge. Enjoy every moment. Tonight: Go with the flow.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* If you can continue working from home, please do. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. Your efforts to clear out work, errands and all that might be weighing you down help. Tonight: Order in.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* You have to field more than

your share of calls and requests, and a meeting could be exhausting. Your creativity helps cut through the fat and get down to brass tacks. Recognize that you have limited energy. Try not to put in overtime. Tonight: Catch up on another person's news.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might be shooting yourself in the foot if you continue to go for a risk. Use your funds to build greater stability, or plug some money into your home. Find another way of letting off steam. Try more people time. Tonight: Be a wild thing.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* You could feel drained by a family member or domestic situation. Know when you can do nothing more, and go about your day. Many people appreciate your efforts and time. Stay where you do make a difference. Tonight: As you like it.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* How you handle a close friend and the choices you make come from within. Treat people as you would like to be treated, and see how easy it can be. A call could cause you to withdraw, think and maybe daydream. Tonight: Lie low.  
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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters rally past Randall, tied for first

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters overcame a five-run deficit and beat the Randall Lady Raiders 7-6, Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field.

Head Coach Bobbi Gill said her team fought hard throughout the game and kept their team goals alive.

"Part of their goal is to win a district title," Gill said. "We took care of our destiny. Now it's in our hands to take care of the business the rest of the way."

The Lady Raiders struck early in the game. Loni Johnson led off with a single and Vanessa Devive was hit by a pitch. Saybra Hahmern walked to load the bases. Johnson scored on a wild pitch. Devive scored on a single by Lexi Palocious. Pampa's starter Ashley Facio struck out the next three batters to end the inning with Randall leading 2-0.

Jessica Moore was the Lady Raiders' starter and only allowed a double to Facio. Claire Hopkins led off with a ground out. Moore struck out Shelbie Watson and Carlyn Teichmann to end the inning.

The Lady Raiders expanded their lead in the second. Johnson walked with one out and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Right after that, Johnson stole third and would score

on another wild pitch to expand Randall's lead to three. Devive fled out and Hahmern was caught leaving early to end the inning.

The Lady Harvesters cut into the deficit in the bottom of the second. Samantha Pearson led off with a double. Jordan Mayhew drove her in with a one-out double, cutting the Lady Raiders' lead to 3-1. Moore would get the next two batters out to end the inning.

Randall broke the game open in the top of the third, scoring three runs on two hits, two walks and an error. Palocious, Moore and Breanna Delbro each scored a run to expand the Lady Raiders' lead to 6-1. Kelby Allen and Johnson each hit a double. This inning ended Facio's outing on the mound as Teichmann took over in the fourth. Pampa's starting pitcher would finish the game at first where Teichmann started.

The Lady Harvesters made Randall's five-run lead short lived. Hopkins led off with a single and reached second when Facio fled out to left. Watson walked and Hopkins would score when Teichmann fled out to short. Pearson followed with a single that scored Watson to cut Randall's lead in half. Alanna Stephens doubled to score Mikaela Flores, who courtesy ran for Pearson. Mayhew reached

on an error by the shortstop which scored Stephens. Brooklyn Barker tied the game with a double, scoring Mayhew. The inning would finally end for Randall when they tagged McKinlee Stokes out.

With Teichmann pitching, Randall was unable to muster anything as they were set down in order. Teichmann got two strikeouts and a ground out. Moore didn't allow Pampa anything in the bottom of the fourth. The Lady Harvesters reached base on a walk, but grounded out twice before that and struck out to end the inning.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning. For the second straight inning, Randall failed to reach base. The Lady Harvesters reached base on a single and error but couldn't take the lead. In the top of the sixth the scoreboard read 6-6-6, but Teichmann wouldn't be phased as she only allowed a single. However, the Lady Harvesters couldn't take the lead as they only reached base with a single by Hopkins. Randall would catch her stealing second.

In the top of the seventh, Teichmann continued her domination of Lady Raider hitters as they only reached base on a walk. In the bottom of the seventh, Teichmann was facing two strikes and Moore thought she had strike three but it was ruled a ball. The Lady Harvesters clean up



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Brooklyn Barker belts a two-out RBI double to tie the game at six in the third inning against Randall Tuesday. Barker hit a walk-off single that scored Carlyn Teichmann, in the bottom of the seventh to win the game 7-6.

hitter took full advantage ball in play hard and seems to be doing it at the right time. That's what we want to happen."

Teichmann earned the win pitching four innings in relief. Randall only reached base twice with a single and a walk when Teichmann was on the mound. Teichmann struck out eight including three in the seventh. Facio pitched the first three innings and allowed six runs on four hits, walked four, hit one and struck out five.

Leading the team in hitting was Barker, who was two-for-four with a double and two RBIs. Mayhew was two-for-three, scored one run, hit one double and drove in two. Pearson was two-for-four, hit one double and one RBI. Flores scored two runs as a courtesy runner for Pearson. With the win, the Lady Harvesters (16-9-1, 6-1) tied Randall for first in the district. Pampa visits Palo Duro 5 p.m. Friday.

## Harvesters fall behind early, drop to 1-5 in district

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The Pampa Harvesters allowed the first eight runs of the game and lost their fourth straight 17-6 to the Canyon Eagles Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Head Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said his team fell behind early and wasn't able to come back.

"I challenged them to not give up runs in the first inning and we did that," Snelgrooves said. "But you give up four in the second and that's how games get away. It's the errors that aren't showing up on the scoreboard that are hurting us right now."

Both teams were held scoreless in the first inning. Pampa's starter Garrett Ericson only allowed a single and Canyon's starter retired the Harvesters in order.

The Eagles broke the game open in the second inning. Coby Roming led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by the centerfielder. A fielder's choice scored Roming and gave the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Dillion Riley reached base on an error by the shortstop. Landon Townsley doubled and scored Riley to make it a 2-0. Gregg Veneklasen singled to score Townsley. Duffy Watson, who was hit by a pitch scored on a passed ball to increase Canyon's lead to 4-0 after the top of the second.

The Harvesters only reached base on a walk and an error by the shortstop. King struck out Braden Hunt looking, got Mitch Simon to ground out and struck out Tyler Malone looking.

Both teams were held scoreless in the third. Ericson got two strikeouts and a ground out. The Eagles' starter allowed a walk but got a ground out and two strikeouts.

In the fourth, Canyon doubled their lead. With one out, Connor Moore reached on an error by the first baseman and advanced to second on a ground out.

Derek Odell scored Moore with a single. An error by the shortstop allowed Odell to advance to third and then scored on a passed ball. Roming hit a RBI single to score Kendall Neill. After Roming stole second, Riley singled to expand Canyon's lead to 8-0.

Pampa got on the board in the bottom of the fourth. Hunt led off with a double and Anthony Allen followed with a single to score Hunt. Canyon's starter got a fly out and an inning-ending double play to keep Canyon's lead at 8-1.

From the fifth inning on, the Eagles would get close to having the ten-run rule invoked. Watson singled with one out in the fifth. An error by the pitcher advanced Watson to second. Watson stole third and scored when Pampa overthrew the catcher. Veneklasen reached with an error by the first baseman. Odell drove him in with a RBI double to make it 10-1, one run short of a 10-run lead.

Pampa would score a run in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs, Cole Engle doubled and scored on an error by the shortstop to cut the Eagles lead to eight. In the top of the sixth Canyon would score two runs. Riley reached on an error by the first baseman and scored on error by the shortstop. Pampa added another run in the bottom of the sixth. Hunt doubled again, and scored on an error by the second baseman.

In the seventh, the Eagles scored six runs, with four coming off a grand slam by Moore. Riley, Townsley and Watson also scored on the home run. Roming and Townsley both hit RBI singles, providing Canyon a 17-3 lead going into the bottom of the seventh.

The Harvesters would put up three runs in their last at bat. Doug Smith reached with a walk and scored when Mitchell Killgo doubled. Reid Miller reached on a dropped strikeout. Mitchell Killgo and Miller

scored on an error by the third baseman.

Ericson (2-3) took the loss with four innings pitched, allowed eight runs on seven hits, walked one, hit one and struck out four. Collin Killgo came in the fifth and Allen finished the game on the mound. Hunt led the team in hitting, with two doubles and two runs scored. Engle was one-for-four, with a double and a run scored. Mitchell Killgo was one-for-four, with a double, scored one run and one RBI. Allen was one-for-three with an RBI single.

Things don't get easier for the Harvesters as they host fifth ranked Randall (20-3-1, 6-0) 5 p.m. Friday. Snelgrooves said his team can't feel sorry for themselves.

"We've had a rough last week, losing three games in a row to teams we needed to beat" Snelgrooves said. "Then you turn around host Canyon and Randall and it doesn't get any easier. No one is going to feel sorry for us at all."



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Braden Hunt hits a double in the fourth inning against Canyon Tuesday. Pampa lost 17-6.

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