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**STEPS TO A CURE**





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**Callen Wyant** (from left), Michael Addington, Cayson Steward, and Isaih Sanchez walk for juvenile diabetes at Friday's Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation event at Austin Elementary. Friday's walk was followed by the larger Pampa Run/Walk for a Cure on Saturday at Central Park.

**FOR MOM**



staff photo by Redonn Woods

**Katlyn Magers** (left) prepares a Mother's Day flower for mom Melissa at First Baptist Church's Mother's Day Tea on Friday.

**Voter numbers in for first poll week**

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com

Early voting continues through tomorrow, with polls open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gray County has compiled the voter turnout numbers for the first week of early voting, according to Gray County Elections Administrator Linda Lewis.

There were 396 people who took advantage of early voting through the weekend, Lewis said. Many of those people showed up to vote early in the week, as the election office's numbers show that the Gray County Courthouse took in 160 voters through the close of the day on Tuesday.

"(Voting) usually picks up on the last day," Lewis said. "We're up and going, and we're hoping for a good week."

The polls have already seen their share of excitement this morning, Lewis said, when a power outage in Lefors left pollsters briefly scrambling.

"They had a transformer blow in part of their city hall down there, I think," Lewis said. "(Xcel Energy) got there pretty quick to fix it, and we're up and running again."

**Chisum, GOP frustrated over Democrats' tactics**

**APRIL CASTRO**  
 The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tension between Texas House members came to a head Saturday, when Republicans grew frustrated over Democrats' attempts to use House rules to halt contentious legislation, and Pampa's representative was right in the fray.

The bickering started when House Republicans attempted to put the chamber on lockdown over fears that Democrats may be planning a walkout. Democrats stayed, and

Republican leaders eventually abandoned the planned lockdown, but the dustup sparked simmering tensions over the procedural tactics.

Democrats have used the rules over the last few days to stall several bills important to the GOP, including legislation to place limits on lawsuits and a bill that would have loosened mandates on school districts.

But Saturday, Republican Rep. Brandon Creighton used House rules to bypass Democratic objections and force a vote without allowing

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**EARLY EXIT**



photo courtesy of Joe Murray

**Tyler Malone** and the Pampa Harvesters gave it a good shot, but the baseball team went down 14-4 at West Texas A&M over the weekend to get bounced from postseason play. For more on the PHS baseball and softball teams, turn to **SPORTS**, 5.

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### PAMPA FORECAST

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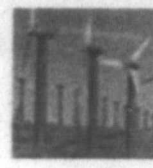
Thursday



High 91  
Low 55



High 81  
Low 48



High 78  
Low 50

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 58. Windy, with a south southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a west southwest wind 25 to 30 mph becoming north northwest 10 to 15-mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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## Mississippi River rising in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Mississippi rose toward the highest level ever in the river city, flooding pockets of low-lying neighborhoods and forcing more than 1,000 people from their homes, though the water was not threatening the music heartland's most recognizable landmarks, from Graceland to Beale Street.

As residents waited for the river to reach its peak as early as Monday night — several inches short of the record mark set in 1937 — those downstream in Mississippi and Louisiana evacuated prisoners and diverted water from the

river in an attempt to stave off catastrophic flooding that has a long history of hitting the area.

In Memphis, emergency officials were confident the levees would hold, but warned the river was still dangerous and unpredictable. However, there were no plans for more evacuations, and areas like Elvis Presley's home were safe.

"I want to say this: Graceland is safe. And we would charge hell with a water pistol to keep it that way and I'd be willing to lead the charge," said Bob Nations Jr., director of the Shelby County

Emergency Management Agency.

Authorities spent the weekend knocking on doors to tell a couple hundred more people that they should abandon their homes before they are swamped by waters. And officials said they had stepped up patrols in evacuated areas to prevent looting.

"We face a serious event, yes we do. We're not diminishing that," Nations said. "We're gonna live through this for another few weeks and it's gonna be a nasty one and there are gonna be some dangerous environments to deal with."

## Obituaries

### Brenda Gayle Tidwell Lee, 39

Brenda Gayle Tidwell Lee, 39, died May 7, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lee was born September 19, 1971 in Pampa where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Carl Zackery Lee in Pampa and she was a homemaker. Brenda was a member of Highland Baptist Church. She loved being with her family and her animals.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Zackery Lee of the home; son, Robert Tidwell of Pampa; daughter, Laci Tidwell of Pampa; mother, Dianna Tidwell of Pampa; father, Don Tidwell of Pampa; brother, Jeff Tidwell and

wife Junia of Pampa; grandparents, James and Jean Hammer of Bowie and Artie Tidwell of Wheeler; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Penny and Gary Lee of Pampa; sisters-in-law, Sonia Hulsey and husband Donny of Pampa, and Stephanie Waters and husband John of Ft. Leavenworth, Mo.; brother-in-law, Gatha Lee and wife Stacie of Oklahoma City; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, J. T. Tidwell.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423.

The family will receive friends at 1828 N. Zimmers in Pampa.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## House

amendments or deliberation on a bill that would make it tougher to bring a civil lawsuit. The legislation also would allow defendants to collect costs if they prevail in cases of breach of an oral or written contract.

Over angry protests from Democrats, the House passed it before adjourning for the day.

Creighton said the bill will make civil courts more efficient, while opponents say it will discourage people from bringing suits because of the fear of paying huge legal costs if they lose. Creighton said amendments could be considered during a final procedural vote on the bill.

"This is a House that

has 101-49 margin, so I think to rely on small, but within-the-rules points to gum up the system, the 101 [Republicans] are only willing to allow that to stand for so long," House Speaker Joe Straus said.

Rumors had swirled Saturday morning that Democrats would try to walk out, leaving the

House without the required two-thirds of its members present to conduct business. But most Democrats were present when Republican Rep. Warren Chisum asked Straus to "put a call" on the House, which meant that the doors would be locked and lawmakers would be prohibited from leaving the chamber.

After a House sergeant-at-arms locked the back door, a handful of Democrats became irate and demanded the doors be unlocked while Straus ruled on Chisum's request.

After several moments, Chisum revoked his request, but House business came to a halt as leaders discussed their next move.

Republican leaders eventually announced a plan to move some of the contentious priority bills to Monday's schedule. Rep. Todd Hunter said he would ask that "all necessary rules" be suspended on Monday, so Democrats could not use the rules to again deter the legislation.

"You're the chair, you're the officer of the rules," Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer yelled at Straus. "We threw out a chair because he didn't want to enforce the rules. If you don't want to enforce the rules, that's on you. That's not on me."

Without the support he needed, Hunter withdrew his proposal.

"The integrity of the House and the House rules should always be protected and a suspension of the rules is a major, major departure," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, a Houston Democrat. "I do believe that this is a significant departure from the way we have practiced in this House ... I do not agree with what is taking place here and I do think it is an abridgement of what this House stands for."

The chamber finally agreed to adjourn, leaving a lengthy list of legislation pending.

The legislative session comes to a close at the end of the month, and lawmakers are nearing deadlines to get their bills voted out of the House.

"Everyone gets emotional about legislation, their bills, what they're here for 140 days, what they campaigned on," Straus said. "So I hope that with some rest, reflection and a sense of collegiality that has been the hallmark of the last few years ... that that will be remembered on Monday and we can resolve our differences."

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bakery
  - 5 Beat at chess
  - 10 —
  - 11 Banished
  - 13 Act the nomad
  - 14 Jacket part
  - 15 Fragrant smoke
  - 17 Feel poorly
  - 18 Some sofas
  - 19 Fleet-related: Abbr.
  - 20 "— your loss!"
  - 21 Solitary
  - 22 Closes with a bang
  - 25 Hinds' mates
  - 26 Conceal
  - 27 Road goo
  - 28 Gardner of movies
  - 29 Neighbor of France
  - 33 Dem.'s foe
  - 34 Strongly concentrated
  - 35 Completely
  - 37 Louver piece
  - 38 Tributary
- DOWN**
- 39 Cooking mint
  - 40 Attire
  - 41 Flock females
  - 1 Eiffel Tower setting
  - 2 Hole — (golf feat)
  - 3 Make law
  - 4 Occasional
  - 5 Neatnik's banes
  - 6 Wheel connectors
  - 7 Tether
  - 8 Mrs. Roosevelt
  - 9 Oddball
  - 12 Re-searches
  - 16 New Jersey team
  - 21 Generosity
  - 22 "Doctor Zhivago" star
  - 23 Pepped up
  - 24 Travel kit plug
  - 25 Stop
  - 27 Bocelli and Caruso
  - 29 Vampire attacks
  - 30 Relative by marriage
  - 31 Custom
  - 32 Doles (out)
  - 36 Keats poem

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### Saturday's answer

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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.

5-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

FVUEU HIGL AHGUE  
HGSUIFKUGF ALE ZGQ  
PLKKCGHFQ FVZG JCFHGW  
K HMY HGFL OZOHUI

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: HOW FAR AWAY THE STARS SEEM, AND HOW FAR IS OUR FIRST KISS, AND AH, HOW OLD MY HEART. — WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

**BANANAGRAMS!**

For each word below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are each a type of animal. For example, FLOORING becomes FROG and LION.

LEVEL

SHOALING  
LOCKED  
REMOVAL

Yesterday's Answer: AMPLIFY, MISPLAY, IMPALES, REALISM, MIRAGES, REGIMES, MERGERS, RESURGE

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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7 8 6 5 1  
8 2 6

Level: Pinner

## AFTERNOONRUSH

### Another bad week for wildfires

DALLAS (AP) - The ongoing drought in Texas and neighboring Southwestern states is contributing to what weather officials say could be another bad week of wildfires.

The National Weather Service issued "red flag warnings" Monday for portions of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Dry, hot weather and strong winds already have fires burning in some states. A fire about 70 miles east of Lubbock in West Texas has burned about 65,000 acres, while one near Alpine forced the evacuations of several hundred homes Sunday. Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson says those families have since been allowed to return.

About 2.3 million acres have burned in Texas since wildfire season began in November. The gusty winds and low humidity helping fuel the fires are expected to last through Wednesday.

### Longtime mayor honored

SHADY SHORES (AP) - Olive Stephens is the only mayor that most residents of the North Texas lakefront town of Shady Shores have ever known. She won her first election to the town council in 1962, two years after the town was formed, and was elected mayor in 1972.

Now 94, she plans to retire later this month. Dozens of residents of the Denton County town of 2,700 residents on Lake Lewisville turned out this weekend to pay tribute to the woman who built both of the town halls that served Shady Shores. The town is about 30 miles northwest of Dallas.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reports the town council also designated every Aug. 20, Stephens' birthday, as Olive Stephens Day.

### Man charged with smuggling

MCALLEN (AP) - Four years ago, thieves ransacked a small Mexican town's cultural museum, taking about half of the artifacts of its pre-Columbian heritage.

Now, a McAllen man awaits trial on federal charges of smuggling cultural property authorities say was taken from the Casa de la Cultura in Cuatro Ciénegas in the border state of Coahuila, about 160 miles west of Laredo, Texas.

If Antonio Javier Reyes is convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison. Some of the stolen items belonged to Indians who lived in the area as long ago as the 13th century, museum curator Adriana Vaca said.

Federal agents learned that Reyes had scheduled a meeting with a prospective buyer in the remote West Texas town of Fort Stockton, about 220 miles southeast of El Paso. The agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement crashed that Aug. 4, 2009, meeting at a Fort Stockton steakhouse. A search of Reyes' car turned up some artifacts from the museum inventory.

## Don't believe everything you hear

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am 64 years old. I have worked all my life, but I was recently laid off. For a while, I was sure I'd find work again, but it's been a couple months and now I'm not so sure. I made an appointment at my local Social Security office to discuss my benefits. The lady I met tried to talk me into filing for Social Security. But I told her I just wasn't ready, so I left the office.

About a week later, I got a letter from Social Security telling me that I had six months to file for Social Security or I would lose my benefits! How can they pressure me like this? What if I want to wait until age 66 to file? Did I make a big mistake going to my Social Security office too early?

A: No, you didn't make a mistake. You are misinterpreting the letter. Although, I've got to admit many government letters are easy to misunderstand because they are written in legalese and not English!

What the letter is trying to tell you is that you have six months to change your mind about filing for benefits now. The Social Security representative suggested that you sign up for Social Security. You decided not to. That letter is protecting the agency if you change your mind later. In other words, you can't come back at age 66 and say, "I want retroactive benefits. I wanted to file for Social Security at age 64, but they wouldn't let me."

So, the letter doesn't say that if you don't sign up for Social Security in the next six months, you can never sign up again. You have every right to sign up for Social Security any time you want. But again, the letter is telling you that if you want benefits now, effective with the day you sat down and talked to the Social Security representative, you've got six months to make that decision.

### Social Security and you

Now the question obviously is this: should you sign up for Social Security now? Or should you wait? And the answer to that question depends entirely on whether or not you think you'll be going back to work anytime soon.

I suggest you file for Social Security benefits now. As long as you're not working, you are due a monthly Social Security check. Even if you end up going back to work, you can simply suspend your benefits. And if you do that, you won't be penalized later for early retirement benefits that you never received. That concept needs a bit of an explanation.

If you file for Social Security now at age 64, your benefits will be reduced about one-half of 1 percent for each month before age 66 -- your "full retirement age." That's about a 12 percent reduction, meaning you would get about 88 percent of your full benefit by taking Social Security at age 64. However, let's say you go back to work at age 64 1/2 and suspend your Social Security after receiving six monthly retirement checks.

When you turn age 66, two things will happen. First, your Social Security will kick in again because once you reach that magic "full retirement age," the earnings penalty rules go away and you receive Social Security no matter how much money you're making. Second, your retirement rate will be adjusted upward. That's because it was initially assumed you'd be getting 24 Social Security checks between age 64 and 66. But in our example, you received only six retirement checks before age 66. So, instead of a 12 percent reduction, your ongoing Social Security checks will have only a

3 percent reduction.

Q: I got a letter from Social Security telling me that I owe them \$5,000 for benefits they claim I wasn't due. It all has to do with my earnings last year. I told them how much money I was going to make and I thought they already made adjustments to my checks. What can I do about this?

A: Your email was a bit vague on details. But I can give you this general advice about dealing with alleged "overpayments" in Social Security benefits.

Your first step depends on your answer to this question: Do you agree with the facts as presented in the overpayment letter? In other words, do you agree that you were indeed paid too much from Social Security? If you don't agree with their allegation, then you should file an appeal. As part of that process, you must present evidence to rebut their arguments. For example, if they say you made \$20,000 last year, but you actually only made \$15,000, then file an appeal and present your W-2 form or tax return as evidence.

If you accept the fact that you were overpaid, but you can't afford to repay the amount, you can ask the agency for a "waiver." SSA will waive or write off the overpayment if you can prove that it wasn't your fault.

If the waiver process doesn't work, you'll have to repay the amount you owe. If you can't afford to pay it all at once, you can ask to pay it back in monthly installments.

A special note to my readers: I will be traveling and away from my home (and my email) for the entire month of May. So please hold off on sending your questions to me until after June 1. Thank you.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

## Fossil site to be monument?

WASHINGTON (AP) - Waco leaders are hoping that a small, brown arrowhead designating a site as a national monument will soon adorn one of Texas' paleontological treasures - and that the site will be like no other in the system.

For two consecutive congressional sessions, Texas representatives have proposed designating the Waco Mammoth Site as a national monument, and community leaders hope that this year the measure will clear legislative hurdles.

But unlike most legislation to create national monuments and parks, the bill includes no federal funding. Instead, the monument would receive financial support from the city of Waco, Baylor University and the Waco Mammoth Foundation, making it a rarity in the National Park System.

Rep. Bill Flores, the Bryan Republican who originated the House legislation, said the model could become the new standard for funding and developing national parks and monuments.

"It became a win-win opportunity to be careful with our scarce financial resources and give Waco the designation the site deserves," Flores said. "It's a remarkable opportunity for the Waco community to be on the map and encourage additional tourism."

Discovered in 1978 by two men hunting for arrowheads, the Waco Mammoth Site features the nation's only group of fossilized young Columbian mammoths - not to be confused with their woolly cousins.

The mammoths are believed to have drowned in rising floodwaters of the Bosque River. They were sealed in a tomb of sediment, only to be discovered 68,000 years later. So far, 24 of the beasts have been unearthed, and more discoveries are possible on the 109-acre site.

A 5-acre section opened to the public in 2009 and

has been under the cooperative supervision of city and university officials, who have worked to create a visitor center and an enclosure to protect the fossils. Once removed, the bones are transferred to Baylor's Mayborn Museum for storage and study.

"To me, it's like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," Ellie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum, said of the national monument designation. "If you're good enough to be part of that system, you've done it well and done it correctly."

But some say the idea of a national monument operated using private funds with limited government oversight runs contrary to the mission of the National Park Service.

"Part of the park service's obligation is to protect and preserve," said Kristen Brengel, director of legislation and policy for the National Parks Conservation Association. "In order to do that, they need to administer it on the ground with rangers and interpretative staff. In terms of regular administration, there is a lot that goes into these places."

The Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the 2009 legislation estimated that the site would require an initial \$8 million investment plus \$1 million a year for the first three years and about \$400,000 a year thereafter. The Waco Mammoth Foundation has about \$3.5 million, and Groth said the city would contribute \$100,000 annually.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, May 9, the 129th day of 2011. There are 236 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On May 9, 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland" of "game shows, formula comedies about totally unbelievable families, blood and thunder, mayhem, violence, sadism, murder, western bad men, western good men, private eyes, gangsters, more violence, and cartoons."

**On this date:**  
In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut in pieces, with each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."  
In 1945, U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammied the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

**Ten years ago:** China sought U.S. understanding for its refusal to allow a damaged U.S. Navy spy plane to fly home, saying its public would be outraged if the aircraft flew again over Chinese territory.

**Five years ago:** Freed by rescuers drilling round-the-clock by hand, two men walked out of an Australian mine where they had been trapped for two weeks by an earthquake. (The joy over the survival of Brant Webb and Todd Russell was tempered by the loss of Larry Knight, who died in the same rock collapse.)

**One year ago:** Lena Horne, 92, the enchanting jazz singer known for her signature song, "Stormy Weather," and for her triumph over bigotry that allowed her to entertain white audiences but not socialize with them, died in New York.

**Today's Birthdays:** CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace is 93. Actress Geraldine McEwan is 79. Rock musician Nokie Edwards (The Ventures) is 76. Actor Albert Finney is 75. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 75. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 74. Singer Tommy Roe is 69. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 67. Actress Candice Bergen is 65. Singer Billy Joel is 62. Rock singer-musician Tom Peterson (Cheap Trick) is 61. Actress Alley Mills is 60. Actress Amy Hill is 58. Actor John Corbett is 50. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 49. Actress Sonja Sohn is 47. Actress Rosario Dawson is 32.

**Thought for Today:** "Television has changed the American child from an irresistible force into an immovable object." — Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator (1919-1990)



## A compass in an otherwise dark...world

Born in the Bronx, New York, Liz Murray's life started on a sour note. She was born to HIV-infected, drug addicted, poor parents who were unable to really provide for her. Throughout her life Liz knew only poverty and filth.

In fact, she can remember as a young child understanding why she had no friends in school. "After all," she remembers saying to herself, "why would they want to be with anyone as dirty and smelly as me?" With little direction or supervision, Liz's school attendance became spotty.

When she was sixteen years old her world, as poor as it was, changed for the worse. Her mother died of tuberculosis, and her father abandoned her and her little sister. She was barely a teenager with sole responsibility for a child. What would she do?

While little more than surviving, Liz and her sister lived in the subways of New York and slept on park benches. With determination and luck, she was able to support herself and her sister.

Eventually, Liz met a young lady who became her friend. The friend had a story that was remarkably similar to hers. Liz was fascinated with the friend's tale of survival and decisions that she had made to better herself.

Depending upon the friend for support, Liz enrolled in one of the

## County Class



**BARRY HAENISCH**

Of this time in her life, Liz said, "My teachers became my compass in an otherwise dark and disturbing world."

One of her teachers encouraged her to apply for a New York Times scholarship for needy students. Over three thousand young people applied for the six scholarships to be awarded. Liz was not surprised when she won one of the grants because "... the application had written itself."

With the support and encouragement of her teachers, Liz applied for admission to Harvard University, and to her relief and amazement, she was selected for admission as a student! Liz Murray graduated with her undergraduate degree from

Harvard University in June of 2009.

Isn't this an awesome story? You may have read it or may have seen Liz Murray interviewed on television. Her life story has been made into a movie titled, From Homeless to Harvard.

You may think that this is an inspiring but "once in a lifetime" story. In the Pampa ISD School Board meeting last week we learned from Suzanne Pingel, who works with homeless students, that there are opportunities to repeat Liz Murray's story many times over, right here in Pampa, Texas.

Suzanne told those who attended the meeting that homeless students are those whose families find themselves living in shelters, cars or other vehicles, abandoned buildings, or "doubled up" with another family in a single family residence.

Mrs. Pingel has identified almost 195 homeless students attending the public schools of Pampa today!

So, Liz Murray's story is inspiring, but it is not that unique. There 195 students in the Pampa ISD who are looking for that person to "... become my compass in an otherwise dark and disturbing world?" Could you be that special person? To find out, give Suzanne Pingel a call at Pampa High School.

Barry Haenisch is the Superintendent of Pampa Independent School District.

## What the GOP can learn from Canada's conservatives

Some years ago, the columnist and editor Michael Kinsley sponsored a contest to come up with the most boring headline. The winner was, "Worthwhile Canadian Initiative."

Well, Canada held an election last Monday, and the result was anything but boring. It amounts to something like a revolution in Canadian politics and has lessons, I think, for those of us south of the border.

The headline story is that the Conservative Party of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has headed minority governments since 2006, won an absolute majority of seats, 167 of 308, in the House of Commons. It was a result practically no Canadian pundit or psephologist predicted.

Going into this election, center-right parties in the four major Anglosphere democracies were at the brink of but not quite fully in power. The British Conservatives formed a government with the leftish Liberal Democrats in May 2010, the Australian Liberals are in opposition by virtue of the votes of a couple of Outback independents, and American Republicans won the House of Representatives in November 2010 and are now forcing significant cuts in public spending.

In Canada, Harper's Conservatives have already cut taxes and modified spending programs, but always with the tacit consent of the separatist Bloc Quebecois, or the left-wing New Democrats, or the long-dominant Liberal Party. Now they're on their own, and we'll see the results.

But the installation of a majority government by itself is not a political revolution. The biggest changes in Canada were indicated by the devastating defeats of two of the opposition parties.

The Bloc Quebecois was reduced

from 50 seats to only four. Formerly it represented most of Canada's second largest province. Now it represents a tiny rump.

French Canadian separatism has been a major force in Canada since Charles de Gaulle came to Montreal in 1967 and spoke the deliberately provocative words, "Vive le Quebec libre!" There have been two referenda in which the voters of Quebec rejected separatism by only narrow majorities.

Now it looks like separatism is as dead as de Gaulle. The vast majority of Quebec's ridings (the Canadian word for districts) elected New Democrats, some of whom didn't campaign and don't speak much French.

Quebec's Francophone voters seem to have decided to vote for a party that favors a European-style welfare state rather than one that favors a separate Quebec. The New Democrats won 58 seats in Quebec, enough to give them 102 seats in Parliament, enough to make them the official opposition party.

The third huge development is the humiliating third-place finish of the Liberal Party, the pre-eminent party in Canada since its first election in 1867. Liberals headed governments for 70 years in the 20th century and have provided most of Canada's well known prime ministers — Wilfrid Laurier, William Lyon Mackenzie King, Lester Pearson and Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

They have been more of a nationalist, opportunistic party than a left-wing one. Public spending ballooned during



**MICHAEL BARONE**

Trudeau's nearly 20 years in power, but the Liberals cut back spending sharply in the 1990s, when Canada faced a fiscal crisis very much like the one the United States faces today.

Liberals long boasted that they were the only party with backing in both English- and French-speaking Canada. Now they have little backing in either one.

They elected only 34 members of Parliament, and their leader, Michael Ignatieff, lost his own seat. Liberals hold sway now only in central Toronto, where Canadian media are concentrated, in Anglophone Montreal and in the economically lagging Atlantic provinces.

The Conservatives' triumph offers a couple of lessons that may be relevant to U.S. Republicans. One is that smaller government policies, far from being political poison, are actually vote-winners.

The second is that a center-right party can win immigrant votes. Conservatives won 35 of 54 seats in metro Toronto, many heavy with immigrants. One tactic that seems to have worked was to circulate videos of Indian- and Chinese-Canadian Conservative candidates appealing for votes in their native tongues.

The simple message is that this is a party that likes and respects you. Republicans could do something similar, with Sen. Marco Rubio, Govs. Susana Martinez and Brian Sandoval, and Reps. Allen West, Tim Scott and Quico Canseco, all elected in 2010.

So Canada has moved from a four-party politics rooted in its own special history to a two-party politics more similar to ours. Nothing boring about that.

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# Sports

## Errors, lack of hitting send Lady Harvesters home

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For the first time in a while, Pampa head softball coach Bobbi Gill isn't getting prepared for another opponent. The Lady Harvesters weren't able to regroup and ended their season with an 8-2 loss to the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes in the area round Saturday at Lubbock Coronado High School.

This was the first time since 2004 that the Lady Harvesters didn't advance past the area round. Gill said Greenwood deserves credit because they were ready. "They did some good research," Gill said. "They knew how to pitch to our hitters. They knew our strengths and weaknesses."

Pampa got off to a shaky start, as they committed

three fielding errors allowing Midland Greenwood to take a 3-0 lead. The Lady Harvesters got a run back in the bottom of the inning. In the bottom of the second, Pampa got the bases loaded with no outs and failed to score.

Gill said that was uncharacteristic of her team. "We couldn't get in a groove," Gill said. "It is what it is." The Lady Harvesters (26-9, 9-0) cut the lead to one in the bottom of the third, but that's as close as they would get. The Rangerettes scored two runs in the fourth and three in the sixth. Pampa got six hits and had four errors. Midland Greenwood got 11 hits and only one error.

Senior Jordan Mayhew doubled to lead the Lady Harvesters. Kendall Maddox, Ambrey Stone and Kandace Hillis doubled for the Rangerettes. Cassie

Kraft hit a home run.

Sophomore Tiffany Britton (9-3) started for the Lady Harvesters and took the loss in six innings pitched. Freshman Alexa O'Brien pitched the seventh. Maddox earned the win for the Rangerettes.

Midland Greenwood (14-18) advances to the regional quarterfinals and face Pecos.

Pampa loses seniors Mayhew, Madi Shults and Shanna Keown. Gill said hopefully her returning players can learn from this.

"Six of our starters haven't seen a playoff game," Gill said. "We told them Friday that you can't wait to make plays, otherwise it's going to be over. Yesterday I think that dawned on them."

## The Canyon Curse still alive and well: My look at the last game of the season

After Game 1, it looked like the Curse of Canyon was still alive and well for the Harvesters. Still, that didn't mean I wasn't hopefully optimistic that we could lift the curse with two victories Saturday.

I decided to change some things hoping to change the mojo. I wore my green golf shirt instead of gold. I went with a Coke to relieve me of the heat instead of a Dr. Pepper.

Shortly after the game started, I got the tragic news that the Lady Harvesters were eliminated. Now the Harvesters had to beat Lubbock Cooper; otherwise, who knows what's going on the sports page after Wednesday. A version of Princess Leia's quote from "Star Wars: A New Hope" was ringing in my head but pertinent to the situation, "Help me, Harvesters. You're my only hope."

At the beginning it was looking good. The Harvesters were hitting the ball well and doing a great job of battling with two strikes. In the third inning, it looked like we were in for an exciting game as Pampa scored three runs. At that point, it seemed the game got slower. The innings



ANDREW GLOVER

was really hoping we would get those runs back. It didn't happen that way, as Lusk was the only baserunner. Now, I was thinking we need to have a scoreless inning like the first and second.

At the beginning of the inning, it was looking good as the first batter struck out but in a moment of time it would change. Friday's fourth inning was the start of a Harvester rally. Saturday's fourth inning though, would mark the end of the Harvesters. The next nine Lubbock Cooper batters reached base and scored eight runs to take a 10-4 lead. That's when I started facing the real-

ity that my second season covering sports was about to come to a close soon.

The Pirates poked holes in the Harvesters' advantage in the bottom of the third, but the Harvesters still held a 4-2 lead. At that point, I was still optimistic we could pull it off but

it would change the course of the game. It didn't happen that way, as the Pirates guaranteed that my summer coverage would start soon as they ended the game in the bottom of the fifth. The Curse of Canyon still reigns.

So I spent two more dollars and bought a Sprite, desperately hoping it would change the course of the game. The Curse of Canyon still reigns.

So I close the column with a suggestion to the coaches: Never go back to that place again. In fact, wipe the dust of that city off your shoes. Heck, next year, tell our opponents we'll go to their place.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Derek," confessed to me that while he was out with friends on a work-related trip, he drank too much and danced with and kissed another woman. He didn't tell me right away. He planned to tell me sometime in the future, but his conscience bothered him, so he told me five days later.

I'm at a loss as to what to do. We have a small child. Derek is a good man, but he has violated my trust. I can't forget and I don't know if I can forgive. We've had our ups and downs, and the past year has been particularly stressful.

When he returned from the trip, he was the perfect husband — loving, attentive, devoted — exactly what I had been missing. To find out that what was behind this change in his behavior was guilt is devastating. I'm not sure I want to be with him anymore. Am I overreacting? — **THROWN IN MARYLAND**

DEAR THROWN: Yes — but that doesn't mean you should ignore what happened. Before you throw away what could be a perfectly good marriage, it's important you and Derek work through what caused those "ups and

downs" that led to what was missing in your relationship. A marriage counselor could be very helpful right now. If Derek didn't love you and want to make things right, he wouldn't have told you about what he did. For that, I respect him, and so should you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are recently retired. We've happily settled into a morning routine of breakfast, reading the paper and exercising. Some days we don't bother to shower and dress until late morning.

A friend, "Herb," who is also retired, frequently drops by unannounced between 8 a.m. and noon. You'd think that after catching me still in my robe and my husband in sweaty workout clothes, Herb would get the message that it's not convenient to visit, but he continues. I see no way of stopping this short of being blunt, but I don't want to hurt his feelings. We see him and his wife at many social events.

My question is, what's the etiquette regarding calling ahead to let someone know you would like to stop by? Maybe if you answer this in the newspaper, Herb will see it and recognize himself. We need help!

— FRUSTRATED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: And what if Herb doesn't see the column today? It has been known to happen with even the most devoted Dear Abby readers. There is nothing hurtful or rude about telling someone who drops by when you're not presentable that you're "caught" that way, and to please call before coming over to ask if it's convenient. If necessary, say YOU read it in my column.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Celia" is 32 and single. She's beautiful, intelligent, hard-working and a great cook — but she can't keep a boyfriend! Celia has dated a lot of men and has no problem attracting them, but she does have a problem keeping them. After a few dates, they don't want to go out with her anymore. I don't know why. Have you any ideas? — **CONCERNED ABOUT MY GIRL IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR CONCERNED: Is Celia as anxious about her single status as you are? If so, few things chase a man off faster than a woman who's looking for a commitment too quickly. However, hav-

ing never met or spoken with your daughter, I can't say what may be causing the men in her life to head for the door. Perhaps she should ask some of her friends for some honest feedback.

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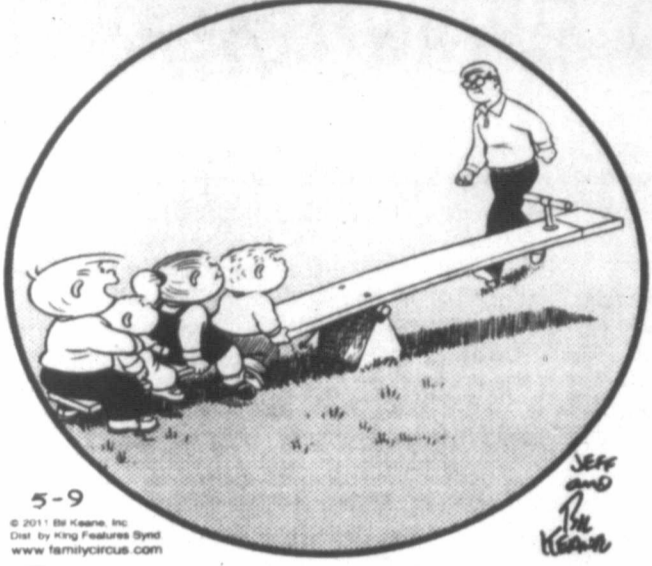
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"Excuse me, sir, would you happen to be looking for a place to sit?"

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, May 10, 2011:

This year, you have get-up-and-go. You are entering a new cycle, where the first year is very lucky. Note a difference between what you project and what you want on a deeper level. Avoid mixed signals. If you are single, this schism could also affect your choices. Who and what you want could be very different from what you need. If you are attached, you will tend to emphasize your family life more. Your positive energy will make a difference. LEO serves as an anchor.

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)

★★★★ You have the resources to come up with a solution, but so do others. Perhaps stopping and looking at the similarities in each idea could put you on the path toward mutual success. Tonight: Use creativity in your evening plans.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You hit a brick wall. Just jump over it. Eliminate the hassles. The untested thought could work. Think outside the box. Visualize and manifest what you want. Tonight: Happily mosey on home.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Avoid getting stuck in a quagmire of issues. Knowing what is and what isn't important is instrumental to your success. Bypass the frivolous if you're aiming for a clean desk at the end of the day. Not everyone communicates effectively. Help someone verbalize his or her issues. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A fundamental disagreement might stem from a very different perspective and background. Though at the moment it might seem futile to try to come to an agreement, space will illuminate the path. Return calls and stay in contact with key loved ones. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Realize what you are asking. If you hit a brick wall or a lack of understanding, the request itself might be a little off. News coming in from afar colors plans. Ask needed questions. Learn more about an option that appears on the horizon. Tonight: Where you can relax.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Relate to individuals. Your instinct right now might be to cloister. Though you certainly have a lot on your plate and a lot to digest, different people want to access your ability to see a problem from all sides. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be looking at a changeable issue. A meeting sheds light on the fact that some people are more stuck than others. Try to open up your thought process. A discussion with a close partner can only help. Don't nix any possibilities. Tonight: Brainstorm with a resourceful friend.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Stay on top of a matter and understand what is happening behind the scenes. You might not always have the right idea or answer. Listen to someone who is in charge or who has displayed more wisdom in the past. Your creativity emerges as you get a better grasp on what is happening. Tonight: A must appearance.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Keep searching for more information and feedback. You might wonder exactly what is best for you. Detach, and answers will appear. A child's or loved one's gesture could be quite touching. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. Group interactions won't have the same impact as one-on-one relating. Your sense of humor comes forward. You are on top of your game. You know what to do but you seem to need to have agreement. Tonight: Share news.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Go with others' ideas, knowing they might be different from yours but probably are right-on. You cannot always come up with the right idea or response. Let others run with the ball. Discussions are animated and full of information and kindness. Tonight: Wherever you go, you seem to visit with a friend.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Realize what it takes to get a job done or even just run errands. Either way, you enjoy communicating with a friend at the same time. Perhaps you can squeeze it all in. An expenditure, though more than you originally thought, will pay off. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket on your way home.

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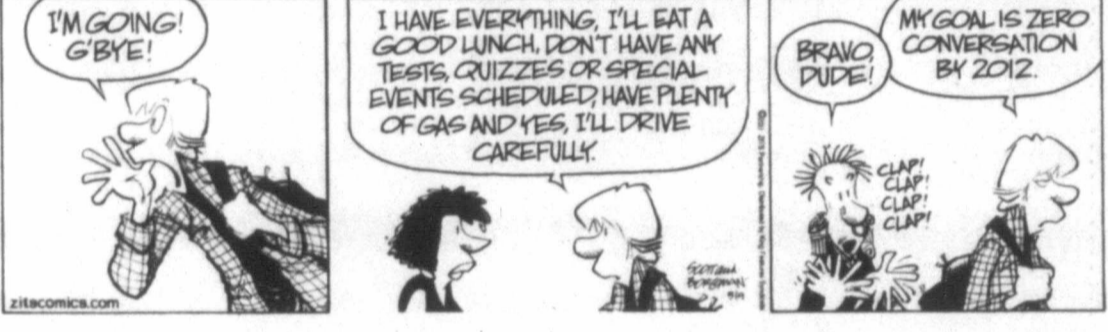
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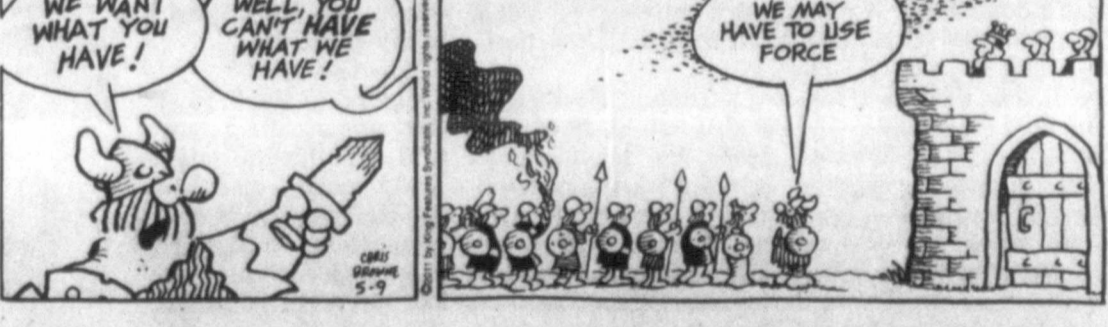
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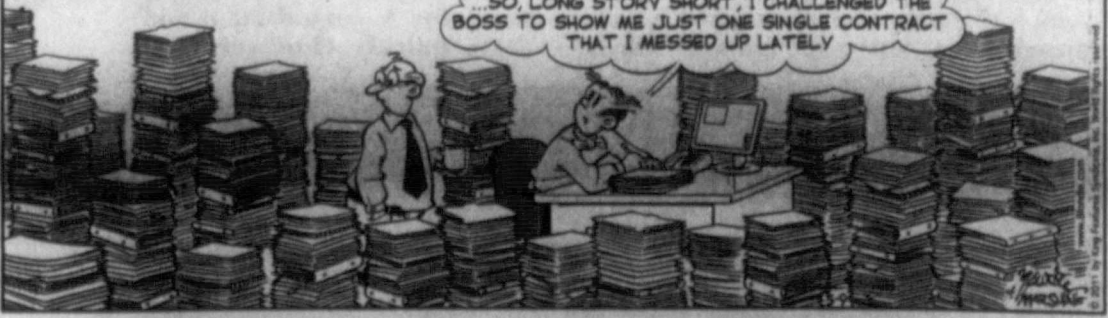
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# Sports

## No. 9 Pirates' fourth inning surge finishes Harvesters

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CANYON — In the fourth inning of Friday's game, the Harvesters started off really. Saturday's fourth inning was exactly the opposite as the No. 9 Lubbock Cooper Pirates put the game and the Harvesters away in a 14-4 victory at West Texas A&M's Wilder Park.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"That's a very good team and we knew that," Snelgrooves said. "Our boys could have not showed up and said 'These guys are going to win,' and not play hard. We didn't do that. We played hard but just ran out of gas."

The Harvesters took the lead in the top of the second. Senior Tyler Malone led off with a triple. Sophomore Jordan Engle followed with a walk then stole second. Malone scored on the throw. Engle was stranded at second as sophomore Jason Thompson and Tyler Powell struck out. Junior Zach Murray struck out. Snelgrooves expanded their lead the next inning. Junior Cole Engle led off with a walk. Junior Jared Lusk walked in one out. Both scored on a double play by senior Collin Killgo. Senior Nick Sargent ran for Killgo scoring when he got to the second triple. Lubbock Cooper pitched their starter, Scotland, out of the game. Malone's hit, Jon Chandler pitched on the mound and kept his lead. Junior Powell struck out and Engle was stranded into a fielder's choice. The Harvesters led 4-0 after the third.

Engle and Malone played great in the fourth.

"Tyler Malone did a great job on the bases and got the ball," Snelgrooves said. "He hit two triples and for a senior he did a great job. You can't get out of the fourth."

Engle and the team hit the ball well in the fourth. "If we had them at the beginning of the game," Lusk said. "They were 128-5, 8-0, 20-1, so they were on a roll the rest of the way."

Engle doubled with one out and Lusk drove him in with a two-out double. Then Lusk made an errant throw to first allowing Patterson to score. Malone got out of the inning with a groundout.

In the fourth inning, Malone struck out Hunter Spear but that was the last out he got. Tyler Parr walked then Ryan Hixon reached on an error. Keane helped his cause driving in Parr and Hixon to tie the game at four. Malone hit the next two batters and was pulled for Killgo. Things didn't turn around as Killgo hit Patterson with the bases loaded. Three more runs scored before Killgo got an out. Thompson closed out the inning.

Senior catcher Brent Green said Lubbock Cooper just started hitting the ball.

"Our pitchers threw a great game," Green said. "Not one pitcher had bad things going for him. They all were hitting their spots exactly where I called. You just couldn't get anything by them they were hitting the ball like crazy."

Lubbock Cooper scored 11 runs on eight hits and two errors. Pampa pitchers hit four batters and walked two. 17 Pirates hit and scored. The Harvesters lead turned into a 14-4 Lubbock Cooper advantage.

In the top of the fifth, the Harvesters only reached base when Jason Thompson walked. In the bottom of the inning the first three Pirates reached base and Hixon doubled them off. Engle followed with a single.

The Pirates scored 10 runs at Presidio in the previous game, 13 and 14. The Harvesters' 2011 season ended their season streak of 10 consecutive first time series.

Lusk said it was a good group retirement and a good season as motivation.

"More than anything, we are going to go next year. I'm going to go. The year is going to motivate me to go and the year after that."

Snelgrooves said it was a good season and he was proud of the Harvesters' players.

"We built the foundation and had some young kids that had a lot of experience," Snelgrooves said. "They can build something and that's a good foundation in the program."

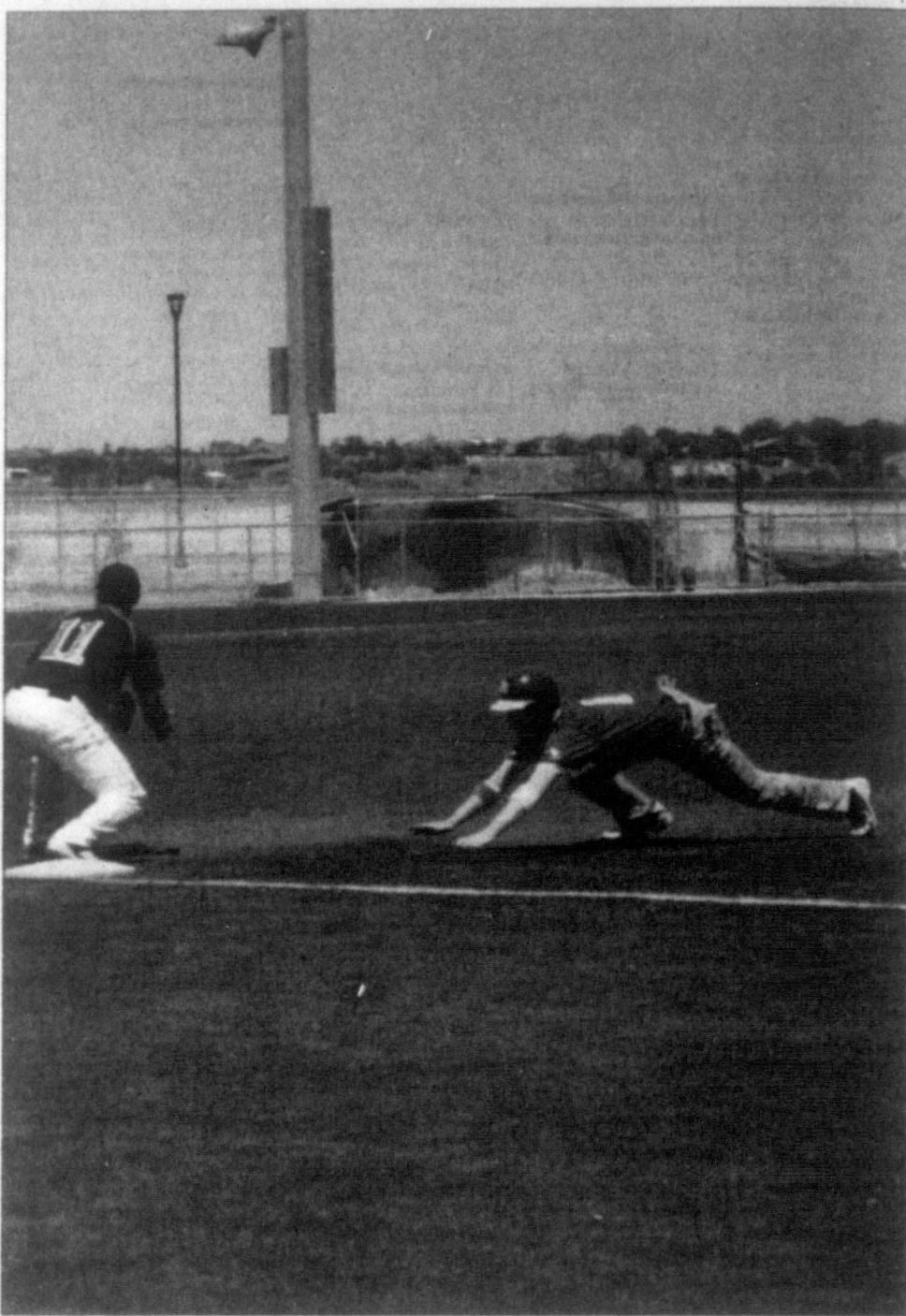


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Junior Cole Engle slides back to first on a pick off attempt Saturday against Lubbock Cooper. Engle doubled and scored a run but his efforts weren't enough as the Harvesters lost 14-4 to end their season.

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