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## County Commission lays out airport cost concerns

### Airport Advisory Board requested to make court aware of future expenses

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Commissioners with Gray County discussed concerns regarding costs for the county's Perry Lefors Airport terminal

building project at its meeting Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the county courthouse.

The county, which has received \$600,000 in grants to build a new terminal, but is absorbing all costs leading up

to the building's construction. Several purchases, including a \$10,000 concrete building and a temporary plumbing hookup to a trailer, which cost \$4,200, were made without informing the court.

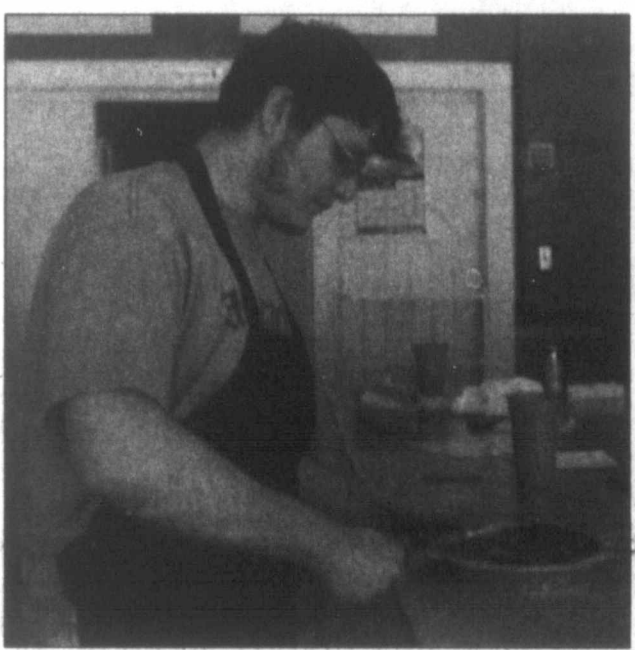
"That (plumbing hookup) possibly could have been done in house, as opposed to bringing in Larry Baker, because that was pretty expensive," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

He added that he didn't want the cost of the project to "balloon continuously,"

and requested that Paul Loyd, president of the Airport Advisory Board, make the court aware of any future expenses. Peet also discussed the importance of maintaining the building after it is completed.

"When we have this new terminal, we want that terminal to be maintained in such a way that it is an attractive facility for people flying in here and the gentlemen flying out of here," he said. "In the past, I think that the facility started to

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staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

**Andrew Dunn slices** a pie at Mimi's Cafe, which opened in downtown Pampa a few weeks ago. The restaurant serves sandwiches, burgers, herbal tea, salad, and, of course, pies.

### Mimi's Cafe is new Pampa dining option

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Mimi's Cafe, a restaurant on 300 North Foster, opened up for business a few weeks ago. Owner Vickie McClelland, who previously worked as cook and pie maker at Coney Island Cafe, said the idea for the business started out as a gift and craft shop.

"(My kids) thought if we had a sandwich shop, it would draw people in to see my gifts, and see the crafts, and it just escalated to this is what it is now," she said.

The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

"It's almost all sandwiches," said McClelland. "I think the favorite is probably the club and the BAT grilled cheese, (with) bacon, avocado and tomato."

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## SKATE WEATHER



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Carl Whinery, 17 (left), and Colton Collins, 13, take advantage of Thursday's nice weather and take to the skate ramps at Central Park.

## Revised loan rates, base quality ranges for cotton producers

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announced this month through the Gray County Farm Service Agency that it has revised loan rate ranges and base-quality ranges for upland cotton strength and length uniformity, and changes to the staple lengths for which distinct color and leaf loan rate differentials are provided.

CCC uses measures of strength and length uniformity in determining the price support value of a bale of upland cotton. The base-quality ranges for these factors are those for which loan rate premiums and discounts do not apply.

Effective with the loan schedule for 2012 crop

upland cotton, the value ranges for strength and length uniformity loan rate adjustments will be denoted in whole units, consistent with the price reporting of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). For example, the 2011-crop loan adjustments were provided for ranges such as 25.5 - 26.4 grams per tex for strength and 79.5 - 82.4 percent for length uniformity. Effective for the 2012 crop, whole-unit ranges are established such as 25.0 - 25.9 grams per tex for strength and 80.0 - 80.9 percent for length uniformity.

Effective with the 2012 crop loan schedule, the base quality range for strength is established at 26.0 - 28.9 grams per tex and for length uniformity at 80.0 - 81.9 percent. These new ranges are consistent with AMS price reporting and the objectives of the marketing

assistance loan program.

CCC is also revising the upland cotton staple lengths for which distinct differentials are provided. All upland cotton having staple lengths of 31/32-inch and shorter will be subject to one distinct schedule of color grade and leaf differentials. Additionally, upland cotton of staple length 37/32-inch will be subject to color grade and leaf differentials separate from those applicable to all upland cotton of staple lengths of 38/32-inch and longer.

To inquire about these revisions to loan rate base-quality ranges, contact Gene Rosera, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff at (202) 720-8837 or by e-mail at Gene.Rosera@wdc.usda.gov.

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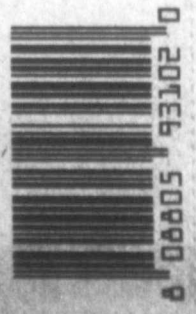
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
20%		20%
High 81 Low 53	High 80 Low 53	High 75 Low 54

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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## Women's Health Program funding to cease

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government on Thursday began making good on its promise to cut off all funding for the Texas Medicare Women's Health Program amid an escalating fight over the state's ban on funding for clinics affiliated with abortion providers.

In a letter to state officials, Cindy Mann, director of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said her agency regretted the move.

"We had hoped not to be at this point. But, unfortunately, as we've made clear to the state at all points in this process, we don't have a choice," Mann said on a conference call with reporters after sending the letter.

"Medicaid law is clear," she said. "Patients, not state government officials, are able to choose the doctor and health care providers that are best for them and their family."

The standoff stems from a law passed by the Legislature last summer and took effect Wednesday. It bars state funding for clinics affiliated with abortion providers.

The Obama administration had pledged to stop funding the Women's Health Program because federal law requires women to be able to choose any qualified clinic.

Gov. Rick Perry counters that states have the right, under federal law, to determine qualified providers in the program.

The program provides care to about 130,000 women between the ages of 18 and 44 earning less than \$20,000 a year or less than \$41,000 for a family of four — with federal funds paying 90 percent of its cost and Texas covering the rest.

Mann said that last year it cost about \$41 million, and about \$34 million of that came from Washington.

About 29 other states have programs similar to the one in Texas, and all of them except Texas are continuing to participate in their programs with federal support, Mann said.

Perry, who slammed the federal government constantly during his short-lived bid for the Republican presidential nomination, has directed state health officials to find the funding to keep the program going from other parts of the budget, but he has promised not to raise revenues to cover the costs.

Planned Parenthood issued a statement criticizing the actions taken by Perry and the Texas Legislature.

"Perry's comments to the right-wing political group Empower Texans that he would take the funding from the already devastated Health and Human Services budget show just how insincere his claims are that he will continue to protect this program for the women and families in our state that rely on it," the statement said.

The law is part of a long-running campaign by conservatives in the Texas Legislature to shut down abortion providers by imposing strenuous regulations and cutting off state and federal funds for their non-abortion services. Perry and Republican state lawmakers specifically don't want Planned Parenthood clinics, which treat 40 percent of the program's patients, to get any state funding, even when that money is not spent on abortions.

"It is the height of political posturing for the Obama administration to put the interests of abortion providers and their affiliates, like Planned Parenthood, over the well-being of more than 100,000 low-income Texas women," Perry said in a statement Thursday. "I

will not stand by and let this administration abandon these Texas women to advance its political agenda; Texas will fund these services with or without the federal government."

Perry had indicated that state officials were discussing the possibility of losing federal funding for the Women's Health Program for weeks. But asked if state leaders and their federal counterparts had been discussing a compromise prior to Thursday's letter, Mann said, "there hasn't been any negotiations on that, nor could there be."

Mann said the phase-out of federal funding will be gradual so women do not suddenly find themselves without health care.

Texas will continue to receive funding for three more months, and if it assumes control of the program during that time, all federal funding would cease.

If not, federal support would continue to be decreased over the next six months.

She said an entirely Texas-run program would not be subject to federal guidelines, but that Texas must present a plan to assume control of — or entirely phase-out — the Women's Health Program by April 16, and that the plan must be approved by federal authorities. Until then, Mann said, the state should continue enrolling women into the program to ensure those eligible aren't left without health care coverage.

Perry's spokeswoman Catherine Frazier challenged Mann's contention the state was to blame for ending the standoff.

"It is hypocrisy for CMS to say the state needs to ensure women are not left without health care coverage when they are ones responsible for attempting to end this coverage," she said.

### Obituaries

#### Tommy Wynn West, 54

LUBBOCK—Tommy Wynn West, 54, died March 13, 2012, in Lubbock.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Sam Line, minister of the Church of Christ of Groom, officiating.

Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. West was born November 2, 1957, in Snyder. He had been a resident of Lubbock for nine years, moving

from White Deer. He was a superintendent of Atterbury Grain Elevator in White Deer for over 25 years.

Survivors include a son, Tony West of Virginia Beach, Va.; daughter, April West of Lovington, N.M.; father, Robert West of Groom; three brothers, Allen West of Amarillo, Russell West of Lubbock, and Eric West of Shreveport, La.; two sisters, Barbara Schulte of Nazareth and Vicki Strater of Dallas; four grandchildren, Mala Suchil, Austin West and Dylan West, all of Virginia Beach, Va., and Cole Slaughter of Lovington, N.M. Tommy was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn West.

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### For the record

#### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, March 14 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 17 traffic related incidents. Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Le-fors Volunteer Fire Department responded to four medical calls.

#### Tuesday, March 13

A burglary occurred at the 1000 block of South Huff.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1100 block of South Christy.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of Miami.

A theft occurred at the 800 block of West Francis.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Francis.

A suspicious person was reported at 19th and Lynn.

A burglary occurred at the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Terrace.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Terrace.

A burglary occurred at the 1800 block of North Nelson.

A prowler was reported

at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of Neel.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen.

A prowler was reported at the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1900 block of North Hamilton.

A prowler was reported at the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen.

#### Wednesday, March 14

A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of North Sumner.

A prowler was reported at the 800 block of East Locust.

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## Business tax amnesty offered

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas has scheduled a limited amnesty period to help businesses pay some tax bills without penalty.

Comptroller Susan Combs on Thursday announced the Fresh Start amnesty period will run June 12 through Aug. 17.

Businesses can use the time to set their records straight, without penalty and interest, on tax reports they failed to file. The amnesty covers taxes and fees originally due before April 1, 2012.

Amnesty does not apply to taxes that were reported but not paid or filing periods that businesses have in audit.

Fresh Start applies to sales tax, franchise tax and other state or local taxes or fees administered by the comptroller's office, except Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessments.

A similar 2007 tax amnesty generated about \$100 million for the state.

## Kidnapped boy in foster care

HOUSTON (AP) - Child-welfare officials say a boy who was allegedly kidnapped by his babysitter eight years ago is healthy physically and emotionally.

Miguel Morin is in foster care in Texas after police arrested a family friend accused of running off with the boy back in late 2004.

Lisa Rose, an investigator for child-protective services, testified Thursday that the boy is a normal height and weight and that he's well-mannered. But he cannot read or name the school he attends.

Miguel's parents agreed to provide DNA to confirm that the boy is theirs. It's not clear when the three might be reunited.

## Low water level closes hatchery

WICHITA FALLS (AP) - Texas wildlife officials have closed one of the state's five fish hatcheries because of lack of water from the ongoing drought.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fish hatcheries director Todd Engeling said Thursday in a news release that two lakes that feed Dundee State Fish Hatchery southwest of Wichita Falls have not gotten the good rains enjoyed recently in other parts of the state.

The release says Lake Kemp is 1 foot above the level at which the hatchery loses authorization to use water from the lake.

The 97 ponds at Dundee, where striped bass and hybrid striped bass are primarily produced, represent 34 percent of Texas' available capacity for freshwater fish production.

Production of the fish will shift to other facilities. Wichita Falls is about 140 northwest of Dallas.

## Gallagher suffers heart attack

LEWISVILLE (AP) - The comedian Gallagher is hospitalized in stable condition after suffering a heart attack at a North Dallas bar before going on stage for a show.

Gallagher's promotional manager, Christine Scherrer, says the 65-year-old is sedated and "slowly recovering" after collapsing Wednesday night.

Marc Cummins, the manager of Coach Joe's Hat Tricks in Lewisville, says the comedian collapsed in his office about 20 minutes before a show that was due to start at 9 p.m.

Cummins says the club's promotions director performed CPR on Gallagher before paramedics arrived.

Last March, the comedian best known for smashing watermelons with a sledgehammer suffered a minor heart attack after collapsing during a performance in Minnesota. His full name is Leo Anthony Gallagher.

## Wheelchair schemes nets prison

BEAUMONT (AP) - A Texas woman has been sentenced to nearly four years in federal prison for falsifying Medicare and Medicaid claims for wheelchairs.

Lula Thurman of Humble received the 46-month sentence Wednesday as a result of pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

The 61-year-old Thurman filed claims for wheelchairs supposedly damaged by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita that the government says didn't exist.

The scheme netted nearly \$484,000, and Thurman was ordered to pay restitution in that amount.

She entered the plea last October after being indicted five months earlier.

## Monster truck serves as taxi

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A big-wheeled taxi inspired by monster-style trucks has been making the sandy rounds at a Southeast Texas beach.

Dan Steifel with Green-N-Go Cab in Corpus Christi says he spent about \$50,000 to upgrade the taxi to maneuver in sand.

Steifel said Wednesday that it took about four months to complete the taxi, which debuted this week during spring break. The vehicle has a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria body atop what had been a 1983 Ford pickup.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the body of the vehicle is nearly 3 feet off the ground. Oversized tires help with maneuvering.

Steifel says passengers summoning cabs previously had to meet the taxis on the nearest paved road. His new monster cab plows through sand and goes directly to customers.

## Springsteen gives music lesson

AUSTIN (AP) - Bruce Springsteen took a rapt audience on a music history journey and gave young rockers insightful advice in an often hilarious tour-de-force keynote speech at the South By Southwest Music Conference.

On Thursday, The Boss takes over Austin with the speech and an exclusive show later in the evening. He got off to an often riotous start as he name-checked all the musicians that have inspired him over the years from Elvis to Johnny Rotten and James Brown. He also marveled at the unfathomable diversity at SXSW and led a sing-a-long of "This Land is Your Land."

Springsteen is the focus of extreme attention at the moment with a new album, "Wrecking Ball," that debuted at No. 1 in 14 countries after its release last week and a tour scheduled.

# Paver bricks create attractive driveway

## HOME HOW-TO

Dear Pat: I just converted my old one-car garage into a study and built a new two-car garage. I would like to install some type of decorative or unique driveway to it. What options do I have? — Carla M.

Dear Carla: A two-car-width driveway is a wide area, and it can make a difference in the overall appearance of your home. After all, 95 percent of the people visiting your house will come by car. The first thing they will see and walk on is the driveway, so make it a distinctive entrance.

Laying a brick driveway can create unique color and patterns, and it certainly is a project most homeowners can handle themselves. Bricks are readily available in most areas at a very reasonable price.

They are also durable enough to handle the weight of a car. The gaps between the bricks allow water to quickly drain to eliminate puddles. In cold or rainy climates, the surface texture of the bricks and the many edges create a nonslip surface for tires and for foot traffic.

For a distinctive appearance, check with some local demolition companies to locate used bricks. These often are available in a variety of colors that you can mix for your driveway. If you find some which were inside a chimney, these black ones can add a unique antique appearance to your driveway. Laying the bricks on angles in a herringbone pattern is particularly attractive.

Lay a bed of crushed gravel covered by a smooth bed of sand. Place the bricks on this bed and then fill in the gaps with more sand. If a brick does break in the future, it is easy to replace it with a new one. When you buy your bricks, purchase a couple dozen extra for future repairs.

Pavers are another do-it-yourself driveway option to consider. They look somewhat similar to bricks, but they interlock creating a more stable driveway. They are designed specifically for this application, but are quite a bit more expensive than bricks. You should create the same type of gravel and sand bed for pavers as you do for bricks.



over them. Plan on doing some restoning every year to keep it looking nice.

Another option is concrete, but it will have to be professionally installed. Concrete is the most durable of all driveway surfaces. It also creates a smooth, hard surface that is easy to keep clean of leaves, dirt and snow.

To create a unique appearance, consider making a curved driveway. With concrete, you can make any shape you wish. Forms are also available to create various textures in the surface to simulate stone or brick patterns. The form is just pressed down into the concrete before it totally sets up.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com).

## HOME HOW-TO

### Brick Pavers

Bricks and pavers can be used to make an attractive patio, walkway or driveway. The basic principles for building a brick paver project are given below, but be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions.

1. The sod and all organic material are removed deep enough to allow for the depth of the pavers, sand and gravel.
2. A 4-inch layer of gravel is tamped by hand or with a mechanical tamper.
3. Perforated gardening plastic is placed over the gravel as a weed barrier.
4. 2-inches of sand is put down over the plastic.
5. The finished surface is laid over the smooth sand.
6. Installation is completed by sweeping fine, dry mortar sand into the cracks.

**FILLING GAPS**  
Pour dry sand into the joints, water it down to allow for settling, and let it dry. Fill in any empty joints, and repeat as needed.

Timber border

4 inches of crushed gravel

Perforated gardening plastic

Soil

**SAND PREPARATION**  
A 2-inch layer of sand is tamped by hand or with a mechanical tamper. Sand is then leveled by dragging a 2x4 across the surface.

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## Accused shooter held on \$4M bond

BEAUMONT (AP) - A man charged in the fatal shooting of a bystander outside a Texas courthouse, sparking a shootout with law enforcement and a brief hostage situation, was ordered held on \$4 million bond Thursday.

Bartholomew Granger, 41, was also accused of wounding three other people in the incident Wednesday, including his daughter whom authorities said he ran over with a pickup truck as he tried to flee the scene.

Granger, who was on trial at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Beaumont in a separate criminal case, is now charged with one count of murder. Beaumont lies about 80 miles east of Houston.

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Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45  
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, March 16, the 76th day of 2012. There are 290 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1912, future first lady Pat Nixon was born Thelma Catherine Ryan in Ely, Nev.

### On this date:

In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504.

In 1972, in a nationally broadcast address, President Richard M. Nixon called for a moratorium on court-ordered school busing to achieve racial desegregation.

In 1982, Claus Von Bulow was found guilty in Newport, R.I., of trying to kill his comatose wife, Martha, with insulin. (Von Bulow was acquitted in a retrial; his former wife, who was also known as "Sunny," died in December 2008.)

In 2003, American activist Rachel Corrie, 23, was crushed to death by an Israeli military bulldozer while trying to block the demolition of a Palestinian home in the Gaza Strip.

**Ten years ago:** Gunmen killed Archbishop Isaias Duarte Cancino, a prominent critic of Colombia's leftist guerrillas, in Cali. Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Cecil was struck by a flying hockey puck during a game between the hometown Columbus Blue Jackets and the Calgary Flames; she died two days later.

**Five years ago:** Former CIA operative Valerie Plame told a House committee that White House and State Department officials had "carelessly and recklessly" blown her cover in a politically motivated smear of her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, for publicly disputing President George W. Bush's assertion that Saddam Hussein was on the brink of acquiring a nuclear bomb. Menu Foods, a major manufacturer of dog and cat food sold under Wal-Mart, Safeway, Kroger and other store brands, recalled 60 million containers of wet pet food after reports of kidney failure and deaths.

**One year ago:** Pakistan abruptly freed CIA contractor Raymond Allen Davis, who had shot and killed two men in a gunfight in Lahore, after a deal was sealed to pay \$2.34 million to the men's families.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 86. Country singer Ray Walker (The Jordanaires) is 78. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 71. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 71. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 70. Country singer Robin Williams is 65. Actor Erik Estrada is 63. Actor Victor Garber is 63. Actress Kate Nelligan is 61. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 61. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 58. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 58. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 57. Actor Clifton Powell is 56. Rapper-actor Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 53. Rock musician Jimmy DeGrasso is 49. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 48. Country singer Tracy Bonham is 45. Actress Lauren Graham is 45. Actor Judah Friedlander is 43. Actor Alan Tudyk is 41. Actor Tim Kang is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Blu Cantrell is 36. Actress Brooke Burns is 34. Rock musician Wolfgang Van Halen is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true." - From "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, American author (1804-1864).



## The most important skill in politics

Watching Capitol Hill these days, I'm often struck by how issues that were present at the dawn of our Republic continue to reverberate. In the very first session of Congress, when members had to grapple with how to make the new government work, they also had to come to grips with how they themselves could work together. This wasn't easy.

They came from different regions, with different concerns and sensibilities. They had their own, deeply rooted personal beliefs. And even at such an early moment in our history, they were divided by their political agendas. Yet, wrote historian Robert Remini a few years ago, "The members disagreed at times, and even quarreled, but never to the point of creating irreconcilable factions within the House. This cooperation and harmony...was essential in the beginning. The members knew it, and therefore worked together to provide a proper start to this 'new experiment in freedom.'" Politicians who knew how to compromise, in other words, were vital to the survival of our young democracy.

They're no less important today, though you wouldn't guess this if you've been paying attention to this year's campaigns. Politicians running for office don't talk about compromise much — except to sneer at it. They know that voters like decisive statements about principle. And, ever the optimists, they spend their time on the stump hoping that the election will bring an overwhelming victory to their point of view, so that compromise won't be necessary once they're in office.

You already know where this is headed. That doesn't happen much; decisive elections are rare. It's much more common to find houses divided

or — especially in the Senate — majorities that aren't nearly big enough to avoid the need for one side to deal with the other. Indeed, even should one side get a comfortable majority, our complex system of checks and balances, the Constitution's dispersal of power, and procedural obstacles to protect the minority would come into play, making it difficult in most cases to avoid the necessity of compromise.

Even more important, there is a vast difference between campaigning and actually governing. While they're campaigning, politicians tend to concentrate on those who agree with them ideologically — they want to "fire up the base" and present as stark a difference as possible with their opponents. But this requires a different mindset from the one required once you're in office: when you're campaigning, you have no interest in compromise; when you have to legislate, scorched-earth tactics just alienate the people you have to work with. Yet it's often hard for politicians to change mindsets.

This is not to say that standing on principle is wrong. Sometimes it is the appropriate and proper stance for a politician to take. But let's be clear: taking that position has consequences. We've seen what happens when the two parties in Congress back themselves into their respective corners and refuse to allow their members to find common ground: governing well and effectively becomes next to impossible. Our problems don't get resolved. If all politicians were to take the position that they're going to stick to their views no matter what and not compromise,

it would create gridlock. The status quo would never change.

Congress's historically low standing in the polls these days stems from the widespread perception that it's unable to act, even in the face of immense challenges at home and abroad. That is why the most important political skill in the country today is the ability to seek and find a consensus about ways to remedy the problems facing us — and to convince both one's political opponents and one's allies that it's the proper way to move forward. This is a skill that's in short supply today, yet we cannot govern this country unless politicians compromise.

There's one other group of people who also need convincing: ordinary citizens. Our country seems to be growing ever more divided at a time when, more than anything else, we need to give our politicians room to be politicians, not standard-bearers. The men and women we elect to office need to be able to govern without worrying that if they make concessions or even enter into negotiations with the other side, they'll be voted out of office in their party's primary.

This requires a more sophisticated understanding of the role of compromise than the partisan commentators and activists who help shape our political debate would like to see. But without it, our government won't work. It's as simple as that.



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# Paul hesitant to back Romney if he wins nomination

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Republican candidate Ron Paul refused Thursday to commit to backing Mitt Romney if the former Massachusetts governor becomes the party's nominee for president.

An anti-war candidate, Paul said he'd need more information about Romney's international agenda to make that decision.

"I'd talk to him and see what kind of a foreign policy he is going to have," Paul, a congressman from Texas, told reporters at a rally two days before most of Missouri's counties hold their Republican caucuses. "Mitt's a friend and we talk a lot. We just disagree on the issues."

Paul has pursued a strategy focused on caucus states, but he trails Romney, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich in the presidential race and has yet to win any of the states that have already voted.

Missouri's caucuses Saturday are the first step in a lengthy process of awarding the state's 52 delegates to the Republican National Convention. Paul so far has earned just 48 delegates, the least of the contenders,

compared to Romney's 495 delegates, according to the latest count by The Associated Press.

Paul hit strongly on his anti-war theme while speaking to about 1,000 people at the University of Missouri's flagship campus. Romney and Santorum also campaigned in Missouri this week.

Paul shied away from naming any of his rivals but suggested they all want to plunge the U.S. deeper into military conflicts in the Middle East.

"They're just itching, the other candidates are saying, 'When are we going to go get Syria? Why don't we start dropping bombs on Syria? When are we going to hit Iran?'" Paul said. "The Republicans are going to be in trouble unless they come our way and decide they want a president who's more for peace than for war."

He later added: "If you keep voting for warmongers, yes, this is going to be very negative."

Romney said last week that he was not prepared to support military action against Syria, where the government has cracked down on political dissent. Gingrich also has opposed sending U.S. troops or equipment to Syria.

Santorum has said he favors providing military equipment to the Syrian people but stopped short of backing airstrikes. Santorum has said he would order Iran's nuclear facilities be bombed unless they were opened for international arms inspectors. Romney has said he would combine diplomacy with "a military option" to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, including returning U.S. aircraft carrier groups to the nearby seas.

Paul told reporters Thursday that sanctions against Iran wouldn't work because they don't hurt the government.

"It hurts the people who are trying to change their government," he said.

## Shooter

The woman killed, Minnie Ray Seabolt, 79, of Deweyville, Texas, appeared to be an innocent bystander, Jefferson County Sheriff Mitch Woods said. Granger's daughter was still in critical condition Thursday, authorities said. His daughter's mother and the third person injured were treated at the hospital and released.

Authorities said Granger was outside the courthouse awaiting the continuation of his criminal trial Wednesday when he grabbed a gun from his truck and opened fire. Seabolt was shot as

she tried to run to the courthouse, while others dropped to the ground and law enforcement officers returned fire.

"It was crazy," said Beaumont Police Chief Jimmy Singletary. "He was shooting. Our guys were shooting."

Judge Larry Gist, whose office is across the street from the main courthouse building, said there was "pandemonium" as law enforcement flooded the scene.

Police said Granger fired more shots from his truck then ran over his daughter as he drove away. He abandoned the

truck in the middle of the street about three blocks away and took several people hostage at a construction business.

Granger told police by phone that he was wounded. He eventually surrendered and was taken to the hospital. Authorities said some of the hostages were able to help disarm Granger and let SWAT team officers into the building, the Beaumont Enterprise reported.

Rife Kimler, Granger's attorney, said his client's 20-year-old daughter had testified against Granger on Tuesday in what was an emotional

family dispute, but that he had thought the trial was going reasonably well.

"I didn't have him on my list of dangerous ones," Kimler said of Granger.

In a separate civil case related to the criminal trial this week, Granger sued the cities of Beaumont and Houston, their police departments and the two surrounding counties complaining of an "unprovoked brutal attack" against his family.

A federal judge dismissed the civil suit in December.

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look kind of ragged inside. Strewn papers, strewn cups, old donuts and things like that do not look good, and if we're going to get this top rate facility, we want it to remain that way."

The court appointed Commissioner Gary Willoughby to serve as a liaison during the project's construction.

Also on a financial note, the court deferred action on the approval of expenditures from the asset forfeiture fund for the 31st District Attorney, Lynn Switzer. Use of the fund, which comes from money or property that has been involved in criminal activities and confiscated, is typically up to the D.A., but because Switzer is not running for election, expenditures from the fund must all be approved by the commissioners courts in her district until the completion of her term.

The court cited concerns regarding its authority in the situation and a need for legal clarification as reasons to not approve the spending.

Switzer said the fund has a current balance of about \$300,000. The expenditures at hand, which total about \$20,000, include reim-

bursement to the Shamrock Police Department for a K-9 narcotics, protection and tracking dog, as well as equipment and training for DPS troopers.

"I just hate to see two different agencies have to finance our DPS, seeing as how they are state employees of Texas," said Peet. "We have no connection to them."

Switzer, on the other hand, said that the state does not give the region's DPS sufficient funding.

"DPS Austin usually keeps the money for DPS Austin," she said. "It's hard to get money sent out here to our local troops."

According to Switzer, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler Counties have already approved the expenditures, with Gray County the only one in the 31st District that chose to not approve them.

"Do (the other counties) just fold under pressure, just fold and just lay out their risks, and say, 'Let's just do whatever?'" said Commissioner Gary Willoughby. "Is that what I'm understanding?"

The choice resembles a previous move of the court last November to avoid approval of an audit report for

the fund, which was approved at the commission's following meeting. Commissioner Wheeley expressed concerns on the fund at the time.

"I questioned some of the prior use of (the fund), as far as trips and everything, but these (expenditures) are all legitimate," he said.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved an engagement letter with Ken Fields;
- amended a lease agreement with Frack Land and Title Company regarding Gray County School Lands in Gaines County. The lease, which amounts to \$735,125.25, will now include lots four and five and exclude 287;
- approved closure of the bridge on Johnson Ranch Road, because it had been rerouted and was determined to be unsafe;
- approved a proposal from Atmos Energy to provide gas to the terminal and hangar facilities at Perry Lefors Airport. The project has an estimated cost of \$30,000, which Atmos will cover in exchange for an easement from the county;
- approved a contract between the District Clerk and Xerox for a new copier for her office.

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Mimi's serves over a dozen different sandwiches and burgers, which come with chips or fries.

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The cafe offers 19 herbal tea choices, a salad bar and a dessert bar that includes a variety of pies.

"They're homemade," said McClelland. "I mainly like to make cream pies, simply because that's my husband's favorite, so I make cream pies all the time, but we also make different kinds of cakes and cookies."



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# Puppy helping blinded Texas third grader find his way

LEWISVILLE (AP) — The new companion in Zach Thibodeaux's life is young and blond, with a moist nose that snuggles in close whenever opportunity allows.

Natura, a 20-month-old Labrador retriever, is the Lewisville boy's latest bid for independence as he moves toward a life of blindness.

It's been more than a year since Zach, a 9-year-old third-grader, was diagnosed with cone-rod dystrophy, an incurable disease quickly stealing away his eyesight. With just slivers of his vision remaining, Zach sees Natura mostly as a shadow, a vaguely golden shape at his side.

Natura became a part of Zach's life three months ago as part of the K9 Buddy program run by California-based Guide Dogs for the Blind. By providing visually impaired kids and adults with canine companions, K9 Buddy aims to foster independence and the prospect, should they choose, of having an actual guide dog someday.

"Basically, it's to teach them the responsibility of having a dog, so when it's time to receive their own guide dog they know how to live with a dog as well as work with one," said Sandi Alsworth, who oversees Guide Dogs for the Blind's puppy-training efforts in Texas and Arizona.

Zach is learning to be fully in charge of Natura's behavior and well-being, meaning he could qualify for a guide dog as early as age 14. Typically, recipients must be 16.

"We'll be watching him grow into a natural guide-dog user as he ages," Alsworth said.

As Zach is proud to point out, he's just one of seven kids in the U.S. to have a dog like Natura. "And the only one in Texas," he said.

For Zach, having a dog not only spurs maturity, it's improving his cane skills and providing companionship during what is increasingly an isolating disability.

Zach knows the situation is a trial run of sorts. He and Natura are constantly together; they play fetch and tug-of-war.

"It's just more fun to have a dog and not be alone," Zach said.

Zach has long been fond of animals, and last year, Johanna Uek, his mother, got him a pair of dogs — a small terrier and a Chihuahua mix — to help ease the stress of dealing with his worsen-

ing condition.

Those dogs moved on to a relative's house with Natura's arrival. Despite her larger size, she's a typical puppy, bounding up and down stairs, tongue lapping, tail whipping side to side.

Zach called her over one morning at his father's Addison townhouse and slid a red muzzle over her snout as she obediently waited, all business.

"When that leash is on, it's work time," Adam Thibodeaux said. "Her personality changes."

They stepped outside and toward the small park abutting the complex. It was cold and wet, but Zach knew this was something he had to do.

He sensed the damp air, the soggy soil. "It rained again last night?" he asked as Natura wandered onto a patch of grass and circled, sniffing the ground.

"Give her a longer leash, Zach," his father said. "She's got a real short leash right now."

They began their stroll, a morning-chat routine for Zach and his dad. Natura, docile and content, knew the route now, a winding path barely an eighth of a mile long.

"Natura is different," Zach said. "My other dogs, they scream. They blow up: RAAR RAAR RAAR RAAR!"

The two actually met last summer. But only by chance did they reunite.

After Zach applied for a companion dog through the K9 Buddy program, Guide Dogs for the Blind called on Beth Allen, co-founder of newly launched Lone Star Puppy Raisers in Garland, whose members train puppies to become full-fledged guide dogs.

Natura had been among the new group's first six puppies, and when Allen stopped by Zach's home to assess his readiness for a dog, she brought Natura with her.

"It was just a fluke that they were able to meet," Allen said. "They got to walk down the street a little bit together."

The two obviously clicked. But Natura was already on her way toward becoming a guide dog. By Labor Day weekend, she was headed to California to be matched with a visually impaired person in the Bay Area.

But during the transition, she showed signs of stress — first on the plane, then during the loud mechanized noise of a ramp being lowered on a van for the disabled.

"That's a huge part of

what guide dogs do," said Guide Dogs for the Blind's Alsworth. "It was asking too much of her. That's trauma they didn't want to put her through on a daily basis."

Natura had a change of careers.

"Only 60 percent of dogs who go through the training end up working as guides," Allen said. Some instead become companion dogs for diabetics, search-and-rescue dogs or therapy dogs.

Natura was placed in the K9 Buddy program, and though Alsworth recalled the dog's affinity for Zach, the two flights she'd have to take from Northern California to Dallas would be terrifying for her.

Response came quickly after she explained the situation in an email. Within minutes, someone had volunteered to drive Natura from Los Angeles to Palm Springs.

More emails and phone calls followed as a relay system fell into place. "I had three MapQuest screens up," Alsworth said. "I had no clue where these people lived."

Ultimately, Natura's four-day trek to Dallas unfolded in six legs. Alsworth herself was part of so-called Team Natura, driving the last leg from Phoenix with another volunteer and arriving in time to meet Zach on New Year's Day.

"He was quite surprised," Alsworth said. "It was a touching moment for all of us."

Don't pull the leash till you've asked her to come to you. Hold the kibble to your waist so she'll come to your side. Don't pet Natura before she's finished a task or she'll think she's done.

The instructions fly as Alsworth helps Zach with his dog-handling skills on a frigid February morning.

"See what happened there?" she said after Zach called Natura over, noting that the dog actually came to him before the order. "Why? Because you did this."

She yanked the leash. "So she had the option of either having her head pulled off or coming with you," Alsworth said. "Wait until you say 'come' to pull."

Alsworth said having a dog will provide Zach with what she called "a bridge to society," sparking interaction.

"When you have a cane, people move out of the way," she said. "When

you have a dog, people come toward you."

In coming years, Zach will attend Lone Star Puppy Raisers meetings to continue Natura's training and hone his own dog-handling skills.

"She has totally bonded with Zach," his father said. "They're really a pair now."

And Zach's parents, who are divorced, agree the experience is teaching their son to empathize with the duties of parenthood.

"It's building his confidence," Uek said. "He's


learning to take care of something other than himself."

Thibodeaux said Zach had to learn to put off playing his video games after

school until he feeds Natura and takes her for a walk.

"That's been the best thing about this," he said. "I've seen Zach grow into responsibility."

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, March 17, 2012:

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★★★★ Join friends, whether it be at a ballgame or participating in an Irish pastime. Your innate spontaneity comes out. Before you know it, you are off on an adventure. Others listen to a suggestion. Tonight: Where people are painting the town green.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Your instincts are to honor an older friend or relative. You might make choices with this person in mind. Invite him or her out for a movie or lunch. Listen to this person's perspective. Tonight: Be spontaneous and Irish.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★★ Decide to take a friend up on an invitation. Whether you are exploring a new area or going to visit this person, you will have a great time. The relationship has an unpredictability that only adds to the excitement. Tonight: Listen to what is not being shared.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ A partner is very sure of him- or herself. You see a situation differently. You might suddenly change the conversation to avoid a problem. Imagine where this person is coming from without bringing in your personal prejudices. Tonight: Chat with a loved one, even if you are at a St. Patty's Day happening.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Hopefully you left a window open for the unexpected. People suddenly seek you out. A key person involved with your plans surprises you with a quirky decision or idea. Who says you must follow your schedule to a "T"? To-

night: Drop in on several St. Patty's Day gatherings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Let's talk about the project you have on the back burner. Give some thought to completing it, and it could bring you satisfaction. A loved one or dear friend has a strong sense of what he or she wants, and lets you know it. Tonight: Remember, you are a nurturing sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You think you know what is on someone's mind. Surprise! Even if you are dealing with a child or loved one, this person might manifest a spunky, spontaneous side. Get into being Irish. Talk about the best way to celebrate St. Patty's Day. Tonight: Only what pleases you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★ Honor a need for some solitude. You might want to read a good book, watch a certain movie or just daydream. Remember that everyone needs time off from the world. By late afternoon, a friend or loved one could toss your solitude out the door. Tonight: Be open to a friend or loved one, even if you decide not to go out.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ No one would ever question whether you are a people person. Communication flourishes, despite someone who likes to rain on your parade. Unexpected behavior only adds to the excitement. Demonstrate your ability to flex. Tonight: Off being Irish.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★★ Realize what is happening in your domestic life or at home. You might be focused on making these areas of your life more rewarding. Expect the unexpected, and you will not be disappointed. Tonight: Entertain at your pad.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You beam onto the scene, a force to be dealt with. Your personality and ability to accept the unexpected bloom. At the same time, others seek you out. Planning to have a good time seems only natural, especially today. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Use good sense. You are on a financial roller-coaster ride and could be up or down. Your intuition will guide you as to when to back out of an agreement. Someone clearly is drawn to you. Tonight: Quietly take a little private time.

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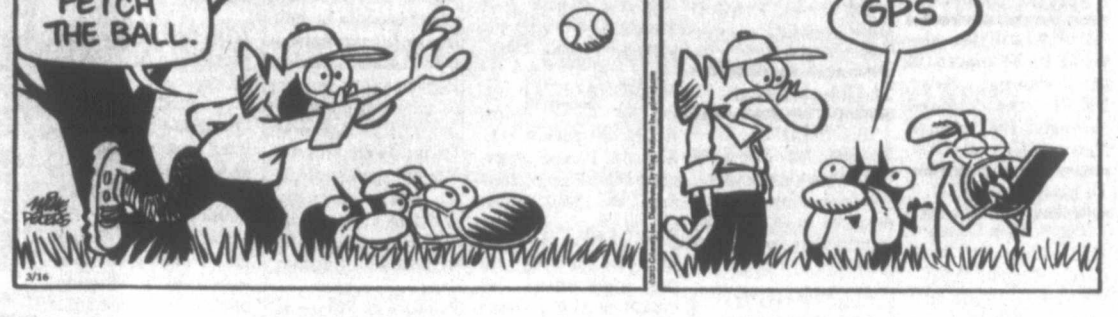
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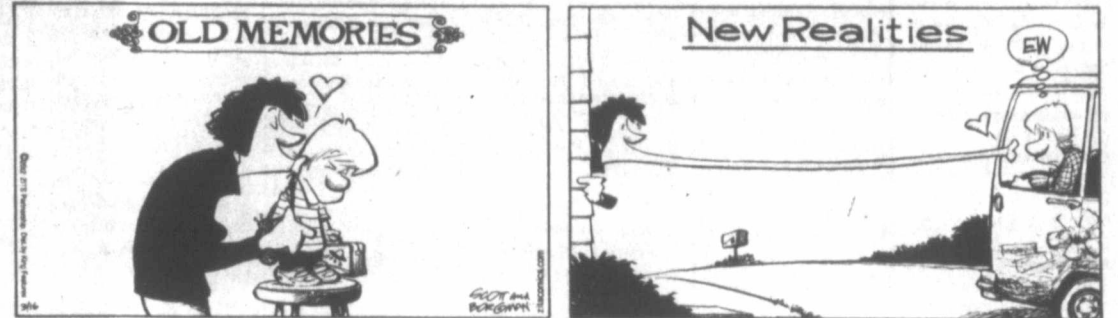


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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and clues. Answer to yesterday's puzzle: 7 4 5 9 8 2 1 6 3, 8 9 3 1 6 4 2 7 5, 1 2 6 7 3 5 9 4 8, 5 8 4 2 7 6 3 1 9, 2 7 9 3 5 1 4 8 6, 3 6 1 8 4 9 7 5 2, 9 3 7 5 1 8 6 2 4, 6 5 2 4 9 7 8 3 1, 4 1 8 6 2 3 5 9 7.



Dear Abby... By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently began going to a new doctor after the one I had been using retired. I like her. She shows a genuine interest in my well-being, seems to diagnose well and I get good results from her treatments. She doesn't keep me waiting and has a charming, warm personality.

slob. I have given up trying to keep a clean house while caring for him, my mother and myself. I just don't have the strength to do it all, and my husband does nothing except lie around on his bed watching TV or sleeping all day. I know when my mother passes, people will want to come here to visit or bring food. My house is so dirty and deplorable I don't want anyone to come here. What should I do? I have thought about hiring a service, but I'm not sure I can afford it. Any other suggestions? — OVERWHELMED AND TIRED IN TEXAS

your mother's church — or your own — might be kind enough to help you get your house in order to receive guests after the funeral. The other would be to request that guests meet afterward at the church reception hall or funeral home for refreshments. DEAR ABBY: I find it hard to deal with my P.E. teacher. She is rude, mean and she always calls me out. When you need to make a correction on your test, she throws the quiz at you and then you have to pick it up. She is very impatient also. Do you have any advice on how to deal with such a person? — DONE WITH HER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR FREAKED OUT: Find another doctor. (I was tempted to say, "Run for your life!") As warm, charming, caring and attentive as your doctor may be, her poor hygiene is a danger to your health. That she would present herself to patients in the condition you have described and practice such poor hygiene makes me wonder how qualified she is to practice medicine. One other thing you should consider doing — because you like her — is to write her a letter explaining why you won't be seeing her anymore. She obviously needs a wake-up call. DEAR ABBY: My mother is dying of old age and heart failure. It's not unexpected and we are preparing for the end to come soon. The problem is I'm not a good housekeeper, and I am in marginal health. My husband is disabled and is, frankly, a

BANANAGRAMS! In each puzzle, use four of the tiles from the bunch to fill in the blanks and make an eight-letter word that connects the grid. LEVEL 1. A G P L E A T, C L M, S T, D I M E, T I C K, S N O W, P A R T Y, A C T O R, F A N G, G R O W L, A E, B H I, M O. Yesterday's Answer: HOUSE, PALACE, STABLE, PRISON

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH ACROSS: 1 Thurman's "Gattaca" co-star, 6 Informal greeting, 11 Longed, 12 Square, 13 Laundry problem, 14 Throw with effort, 15 Golf bunker, 17 Ollie's pal, 18 "Lohen-grin" lady, 20 Without repairs, 22 Nogoodnik, 23 Short solo, 26 Phoenix birthplace, 28 "Non-sense!" experts, 31 Look over, 32 Lip, 33 Storage spot, 34 Gangsters' guns, 36 Enterprise crewman, 38 Love affair, 40 Deserve, 43 Hero with a sword, 44 Hostess Mesta, 45 To date, 46 Panache. DOWN: 1 Holds "Gattaca" division, 3 Question to a suspect, 4 Knightley of "Atonement", 5 Writer Ferber, 6 "I didn't catch that", 7 Tot garments, 8 Question to a speeder, 9 Singing star, 10 Start the bidding, 16 Course goal, 18 Important times, 19 Whip weather, 21 Tries the wine, 23 Pharaoh symbols, 24 Diggs of "Chicago", 25 Blown away, 27 Sign of error, 30 Cart puller, 33 Winter weather, 34 Strip in the Mideast, 35 Novelist Oz, 37 Strike callers, 39 Go bad, 41 Suffering, 42 Kickoff aid. YESTERDAY'S ANSWER: HOUSE, PALACE, STABLE, PRISON.

# Sports

## Harvesters look to finish non-district slate strong

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The Pampa Harvesters hope to reverse their fortunes as they close non-district with the Levelland Lobos, Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots and the River Road Wildcats Friday through Tuesday.

Pampa enters Thursday's game in Canyon on a five-game losing streak. Sophomore pitcher Ethan Hunt said the team needs to focus more.

"We need to work on playing harder and smarter," Hunt said. "Make plays and throws and play as a team."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said Levelland is ranked in the top 30 of 3A and will be a good match up for his team.

"They are probably one of the best 3A teams that we will face all year," Snelgrooes said. "I scheduled them because it's a team we may face in bi-district. We need to see those kind of guys."

Hunt said it should be a good game and is confident that senior Collin Killgo will pitch well.

"It's going to be tough," Hunt said.

"We got Collin and I think he can shut them down."

Pampa re-matches with Amarillo San Jacinto 2 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Field. The Harvesters blew a 6-0 lead in a 7-6 loss on February 24. Snelgrooes said he is looking forward to that game.

"It's another close game that we lost," Snelgrooes said. "We want some revenge. They are a good team."

The Harvesters (3-8) close non-district hosting River Road at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The Wildcats will join Pampa's district next season.

Senior Zach Graves said he feels good about where the team is at but feels it needs to make improvements.

"We are doing pretty good," Graves said. "We just need to hit the ball better and not make so many errors."

The Harvesters open district with the Perryton Rangers in Perryton March 24.



Snelgrooes



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Sophomore Ethan Hunt pitches against Childress Wednesday. Hunt said the team needs a better focus for its last three non-district games.

## McLean's Bohlar, Rodriguez earn TABC All-Region honors

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After advancing to the regional semi-finals in the basketball playoffs, the McLean Lady Tigers earned several honors.

Senior Rudy Rodriguez and Saber Bohlar were selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-State and All-Region teams. Rodriguez made the Six-man Coaches Association first team All-Region and Bohlar made second. Rodriguez made the Six-man Coaches Association second team All-State. Rodriguez and Bohlar were McLean's leading scorers.

"They were a big part of our basketball team," head coach Mike Prescott said. "By all means they weren't the whole team. We got a lot of points and other things out of those two girls."

The Lady Tigers earned many selections on the Class 1A Division II District 4 All-District selections. Rodriguez and Bohlar were co-MVPs. Senior Ashley Russell earned a spot on

the all-district team. Juniors Miranda McMordie and Kendra Richardson and sophomore Jacie Ketcherside earned honorable mentions. Prescott earned Coach of the Year.

McLean finished 16-8 and won the district title. Prescott said it was a team effort.

"Not all the time (Bohlar and Rodriguez) led us," Prescott said. "They had to have some supporting team. Those girls stepped up and contributed when Rudy and Saber were being defended a certain way. It was a team effort and an honor to get to go (to regionals). It's not something that happens every year."



Rodriguez



Bohlar

## Harvesters' Collins named to All-Region for second year

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For the second straight season, senior Latigo Collins led the Pampa Harvesters in scoring. At season's end, he earned his second Texas Basketball Coaches Association All-Region honors.

"I'm just honored," Collins said. "I thank my teammates, coaches and God. It's an individual selection, but I didn't do it by myself."

Collins helped lead Pampa to a second place finish in District 1-3A and a second consecutive playoff berth. The Harvesters finished 19-9. The senior also was named District MVP for a second

straight season. Collins said it means more to him getting it a second time.

"It would just be a disappointment if I didn't," Collins said. "I expected to get it and more. I set pretty high goals for myself."

Head coach Dustin Miller said it's not a surprise Collins was honored.

"He wins these accolades out of season," Miller said. "Haven't had many kids who put in more time out of season. It's spring break, and I can assure you he has been in the gym four to five times."

Collins will continue his basketball career at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



Miller



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