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It's official: GOP's Munisteri to speak in Pampa

■ *State's party chairman to appear at TOTRW's meeting on Wednesday, April 18*

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 It's official: The Top of Texas Republican Women will host Texas Republican Party chairman Steve

Munisteri at its April meeting. Munisteri will appear at the TOTRW's regular April meeting, scheduled for noon on Wednesday, April 18 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The news was confirmed by Jana

Vinson, president of the Top Of Texas Republican Women. "(The Senior Citizens Center is) going to let us have that bigger room at the front when you come through the doors on the right," Vinson said. "There's more room there rather than in the cor-



Munisteri



Vinson

ner where we usually meet." The meeting, Vinson said, will be free to attend and the public is encouraged to hear Munisteri speak. "He is the chairman of the Republican Party of

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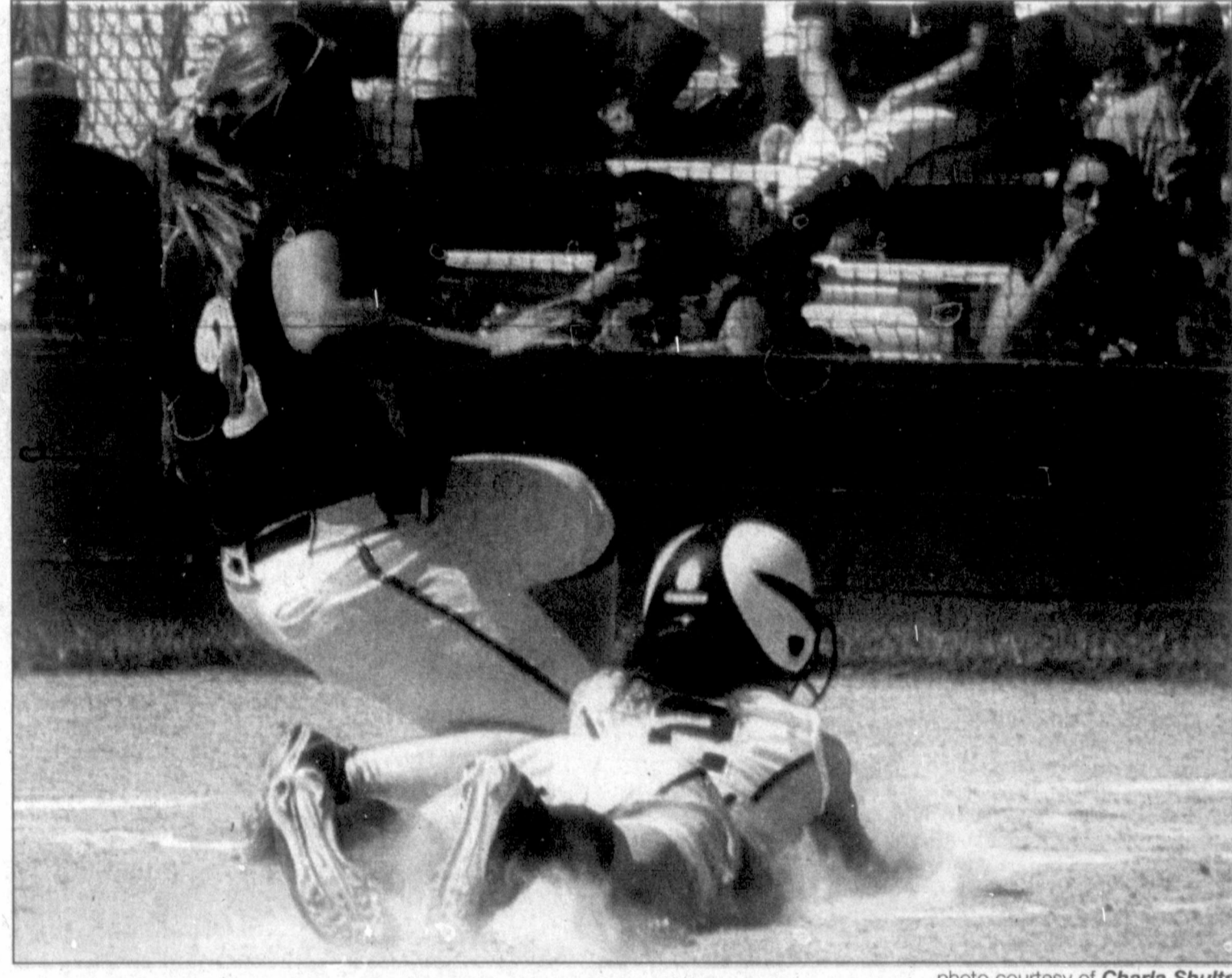


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Pampa junior Martecia Alexander slides into home on a passed ball for the go-ahead run against Dalhart on Saturday. Alexander hit a two-RBI triple to tie the game in the bottom of third; the Lady Harvesters won 10-2. Full Story in **SPORTS**, page 8.

Embry named new hoops coach at PHS

■ *Ex-assistant will succeed Miller as boys' skipper*

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Coach Matt Embry took a job in Pampa in 2009 because he was drawn by the Harvesters' tradition in basketball.



Embry

"I came down here and watched the 1995-1996 (state championship) team play with Rayford (Young), (Devin) Lemons and those guys," Embry said.

When then-head coach Dustin Miller resigned last February, Embry knew what position he wanted. Last week, Stuart Smith, Pampa ISD athletic director, and the school board agreed and promoted Embry to head boys basketball coach.

"I'm honored and humbled to have **EMBRY** cont. on page 3

Pampa ISD seeks public input in superintendent search

■ *Consultant will hold profile meetings Tuesday, Wednesday*

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As part of the Pampa Independent School District's (PISD) search for a superintendent, Bob E. Griggs and Associates, a superintendent search consulting firm, will host meetings tomorrow and Wednesday to develop a characteristic profile of the person who the community believes should fill the position. The meetings, each of which are open to the public, will give the community a chance to offer their thoughts to consultants Bob E. Griggs and Hoyt Watson.

According to Lee Porter, president of the PISD Board of Trustees, the district has been fortunate in that it's only had three superintendents in the past 25 years. On the other hand, the board has limited experience in these kinds of searches.

"To make sure we get the superintendent that's in the best interest of people in the district, we chose Bob E. Griggs and Associates to assist in that search," said Porter.

"Individual board members have received input from different individuals, and although we appreciate the input, it's hard to make a decision from," he added. "This gives us a chance for someone to come from outside of the community and get an idea of what's best for the area."

Griggs and Watson will speak with the community during six different meetings this week, and because **PISD** cont. on page 2

PISD Superintendent Search Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, April 3**
 10 a.m., Pampa Retired Teachers, Carver Center Board Room
 1:30 p.m., Ministers and CASA Board, Chamber of Commerce
 1:30 p.m., Booster Club Representatives, Carver Center Board Room
Wednesday, April 4
 8 a.m., Pampa Young Professionals, Chamber of Commerce
 2 p.m., Pampa Business Owners/Reps, Chamber of Commerce
 5:30 p.m., Town meeting, Chamber of Commerce

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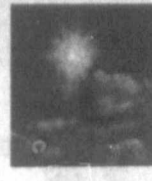
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
 20%	 40%	
High 82 Low 44	High 58 Low 43	High 68 Low 44

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Man denied entry to U.S. to bury son

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A Mexican national said he has been barred from entering the United States to bury his 10-year-old son, a U.S. citizen who died Tuesday in a house fire in northeastern Pennsylvania that killed three other people.

Attorneys for Fidelmar "Fidel" Merlos-Lopez are trying to win humanitarian parole so he can attend the funeral, but say U.S. Customs and Border Protection has rebuffed their efforts.

Damien Lopez died in a Shenandoah row house along with his cousin, aunt and 7-month-old half-brother. The funeral is set for Monday, with burial the next day.

"I told the customs officer that all I want is a permit to see my boy for one last time. They treat me as if I am a criminal," Lopez, 34, a bus driver, said in an interview Saturday. "Right now, I need their support, and they are refusing to help me."

Lopez has been waiting at the U.S.-Mexico border near Laredo, Texas, since the fire.

"He's out of his mind. Can you imagine? Your son is dead in a fire and you can't even get across. It's clear they

are giving us the runaround," said Elizabeth Surin, his Philadelphia-based immigration lawyer.

A spokeswoman for the border agency did not return a phone message left at her office Saturday.

Lopez was a teenager when he entered the United States illegally in 1995 and wound up in Shenandoah, a blue-collar town with a large Hispanic population. He married a U.S. citizen who gave birth to Damien in 2002. He later divorced Damien's mother and married his current wife, Danielle Lopez, who's also a U.S. citizen.

In 2007, police in nearby Frackville stopped Lopez for running a red light and turned him over to immigration authorities. He agreed to leave the U.S. voluntarily and began the process of applying for legal permanent residence.

Surin, his immigration lawyer, said he was well on his way to getting his green card and rejoining his family in Shenandoah when tragedy struck.

"He's trying to comply, trying to follow the rules of U.S. immigration law, but they are using that against him now. This whole thing is really heart-wrenching," she said.

Humanitarian parole is granted to immigrants who have a compelling emergency that requires temporary entry into the United States. It is used sparingly: The government approves only about 25 percent of the 1,200 applications it gets each year.

Surin said Lopez qualifies. In fact, the Mexican husband of Tiffany Sanchez, the 29-year-old woman who died in the fire, was granted humanitarian parole to attend the funeral, she said.

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Texas," she said. "We just thought there would be a lot of public interest in hearing him speak. He is an excellent speaker, and we just wanted to make the public aware of it and have an opportunity to visit with him if they wanted to, because he does not get to come up to this part of the state very much."

Munisteri's visit has been on the TOTRW's schedule as early as the beginning of March, but according to Vinson, the group did not want to make an official announcement until a venue for the public was secured. Now that that's taken care of, the TOTRW are tremendously excited to have Munisteri come to Pampa, Vinson said.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Pampa to visit with him and hear from him," she said. "He's really turned around the Republican Party of Texas as far as the financial part when he took office. He has many good ideas for the Republicans of Texas to help change the way things are going."

Munisteri's appearance will continue a wave of spring momentum for the TOTRW, which saw an excellent turnout for its primary candidate forum on March 6.

"It's pretty exciting and fun," Vinson said. "We've just had a lot of good input from the community. They have been thankful and grateful that we've been willing to put forth the effort to do this. We are very committed to making a difference in our state, but especially in our community and our part of the state."

PISD

they are open to the public, Porter encourages anyone who is interested in attending to stop by, even if they aren't a part of the designated organization.

"During the meetings, Griggs will talk with community members and staff in the district, and develop a profile for what they think will best suit the community of Pampa," he said.


Porter described Pampa and West Texas as being unique from the rest of the state in its perspective and rural values, and the board hopes to choose a candidate that shares the same goals for the district.

"The board wants Pampa ISD to be the best at what we do, and successful academically, athletically and extracurricularly," he said. "The board feels we need to be competitive in all aspects, and the best district that we can become. We're open to any candidate with a set of qualities and qualifications that would fit with our values."

The consulting firm will present its selections for the board to interview at its May 17 meeting. Porter said interviews will begin

the following Monday, with a decision expected on May 24.

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May you all be blessed for all of your contributions and prayers.

Sincerely,
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Obituary

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Cruise ship briefly seized in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. marshals briefly seized a cruise ship in coastal Texas on Saturday under a judge's order in a \$10 million lawsuit filed on behalf of a woman who died in the Italian cruise ship disaster.

The Carnival Triumph was seized for several hours at its port in Galveston, where it was scheduled to leave with 2,700 passengers. Both sides said they reached a confidential deal late Saturday afternoon that released the ship for its five-day cruise to Mexico.

A Texas judge had ordered the seizure to secure the plaintiff's claims against Carnival Corp., the Miami-based parent company of the Italian cruise line whose ship hit a reef and sank off an Italian island in January. The lawsuit was filed Thursday on behalf of a German woman who died in the wreck, which killed 32 people.

Carnival released a statement noting that the lawsuit was related to a European-based sister cruise line. The company said "the matter involving the Carnival Triumph" was resolved and the ship departed early Saturday evening.

Body of missing boy found

CLEVELAND (AP) — Authorities say a missing toddler whose disappearance launched a four-day search in the woods and dangerous bayous near Houston has been found dead.

Liberty County spokesman Rex Evans says the death of 2-year-old Devon Davis appears accidental. The boy's body was found Saturday in an algae-covered pond about 300 yards from the home where the Davis family moved just two weeks ago.

Investigators say April Davis told them she put her son down for nap Tuesday before going to sleep herself. She awoke to find the front door open and Devon gone.

Evans told the Houston Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/HJhLh>) the family had just driven from Virginia and was probably exhausted.

The search for the toddler included about 100 people and sharpshooters to protect them from alligators and snakes prowling the area.

TAPPS leader dismisses criticism

SALADO (AP) — The director of a Texas private school association that came under fire for refusing to reschedule a game that conflicted with the Sabbath says an Orthodox Jewish school should have never been a member in the first place.

Edd Bursleson says his Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools should have never let the Beren Academy join them last year. TAPPS ultimately rescheduled the Beren playoff basketball game in March under the pressure of a lawsuit and public backlash.

Bursleson told The Dallas Morning News (<http://dallasnews.com/H6UmA4>) that he doesn't have the time for "politically correct gobbledegook." He says TAPPS would have ultimately prevailed if there had been more time to fight in court.

TAPPS represents more than 200 private schools with almost 40,000 students statewide.

Rally held in support of 'pink slime'

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — The main producer of the lean beef trimmings that critics call "pink slime" continues to have the support of the community where the company is based.

Several thousand people attended a picnic in Sioux City Saturday to support Beef Products Inc. and dine on hamburgers made with its beef.

BPI's beef has drawn extra scrutiny because of concerns about the ammonium hydroxide it treats meat with to slightly change the acidity of the beef and kill bacteria.

The company defends its product as safe, and says it has been used in ground beef for years.

Sioux City resident Jose Lopez says he did his own Internet research after hearing concerns about BPI's products. Lopez says he decided the meat is safe, so he brought his family to the picnic.

Citrus disease found in Calif.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A citrus disease that has killed millions of citrus trees and cost growers billions of dollars across Florida and Brazil has been detected in California, despite the industry's best efforts to keep it at bay.

After a week of testing the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed at noon Friday that citrus greening was detected in a lemon-grapefruit hybrid tree in a residential neighborhood of Los Angeles County.

The disease stands to threaten not only California's nearly \$2 billion citrus industry, but treasured backyard trees scattered throughout the state.

The bacterial disease, also known as huanglongbing, is carried by the Asian citrus psyllid and attacks a tree's vascular system, producing bitter fruit and eventually killing the tree. Sap-sucking psyllids that feed on an infected tree become carriers of the disease.

It is not a threat to humans.

The pest and the disease also are present in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and South Carolina. The states of Arizona, Mississippi and Alabama have detected the pest but not the disease.

the opportunity to continue that tradition," Embry said.

Embry was promoted after coaching the junior varsity for the last three seasons. Smith said that was one of Embry's upsides.

"He knows the kids," Smith said. "He knows the district."

Junior Tyler Powell, who is one of four players returning, said Embry is a great fit for the program.

"I think he will coach us to where we need to be," Powell said. "He won't let us go down. If anything he will bring us up more."

Miller said he couldn't be happier for Embry and his family.

"Matt has poured his soul into this profession and is going to have a great career," Miller said. "I'm excited it's starting for him here in Pampa."

Junior Derrek Pollard played on Embry's first

junior varsity team in his freshman year and said it's neat that he gets to finish his career with Embry.

"Not many kids get to do that unless they are on varsity in their freshman year," Pollard said. "You never see that happening: Having a kid on JV during his freshman year and have one coach. Move up to varsity and his varsity coach resigns, and then his JV coach moves up and finishes with him."

Embry said it's a big advantage for him to already know the players.

"If something isn't broke, you don't want to fix it," Embry said. "Coach Miller had a good thing going there. We just need to keep building it up."

Smith said he is looking at candidates for Embry's top assistant.

"One of the difficulties we have is getting someone to fill (Miller's) teaching position," Smith said. Miller taught broadcasting during his tenure as a teacher at Pampa High.

Embry said he hopes to get someone that has a different coaching style than he does.

"Dustin and I worked that way," Embry said. "Every time we watched film, we did it separately so we could meet and talk about what we saw instead of watch it together and agree on everything."

Embry said one of his challenges is finding a couple more games for the 2012-13 schedule.

"Starting this late is hard to do," Embry said. "Most coaches do their scheduling right at realignment. I'm obviously a few weeks behind. All the games we

played last year I've kept. I'm looking for two extra." Powell said he expects things to be pretty much the same.

"He's talked about putting in some different offenses during athletics in the morning," Powell said. "We are still going to stick with our zone. If we have to we will change. With the people we have coming back, we will be pretty solid."

Embry is married to his wife, Allyson. They have an eight-month-old daughter, Maycee.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2012. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1800, Ludwig van Beethoven premiered his Symphony No. 1 in C major, Op. 21, in Vienna.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in The Bronx, N.Y., where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "American Patrol" at the RCA Victor studios in Hollywood.

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS television.

In 1968, the science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 1974, French President Georges Pompidou died in Paris.

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

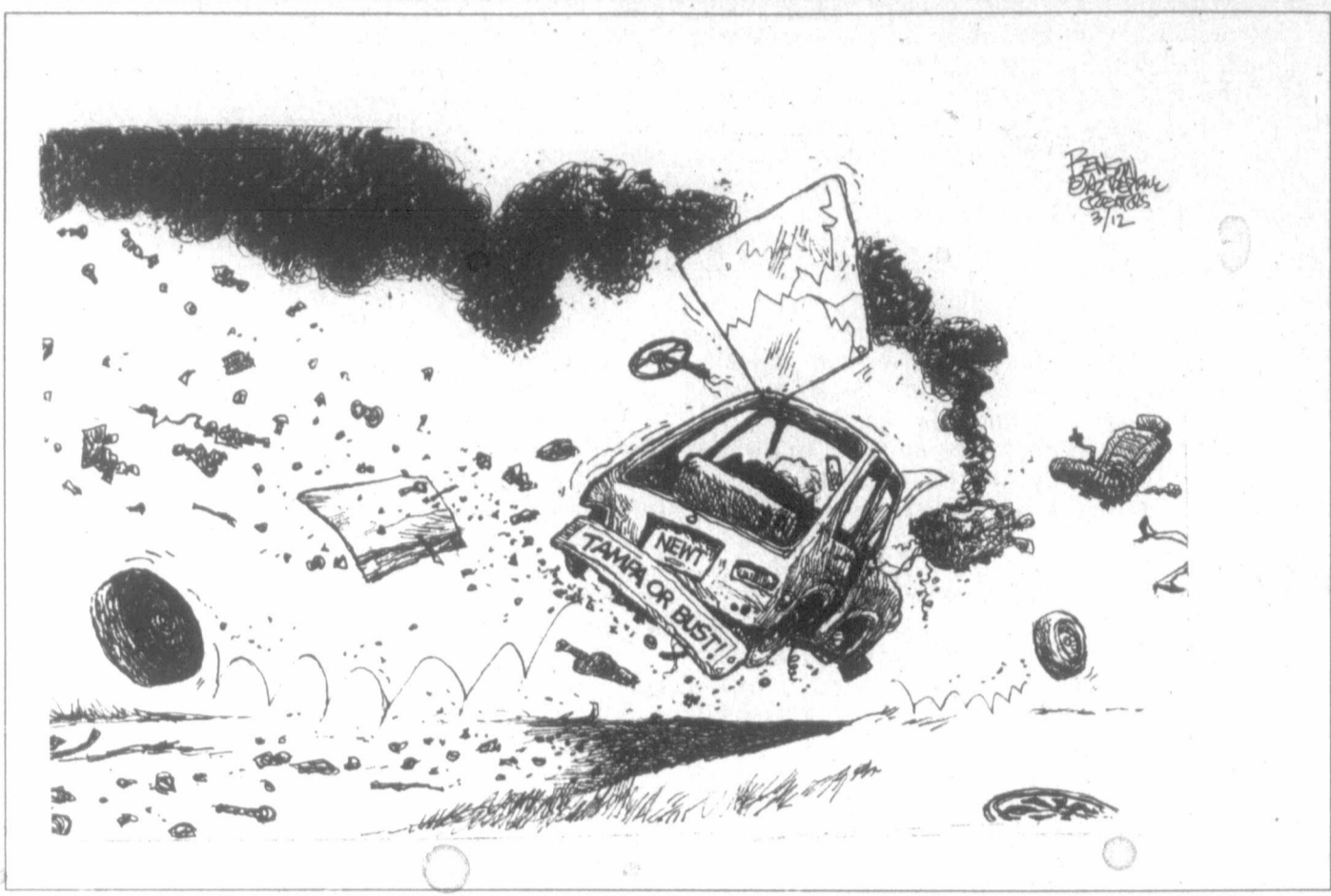
Ten years ago: Israel seized control of Bethlehem; Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, where they began a 39-day standoff.

Five years ago: In its first case on climate change, the Supreme Court declared in a 5-4 ruling that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases were air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. A tsunami in the Solomon Islands killed at least 50 people. Florida won its second consecutive college basketball championship, beating Ohio State 84-75; the Gators became the first team to repeat since Duke in 1991-92. Coaches Phil Jackson and Roy Williams were among those named to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

One year ago: Highly radioactive water leaked into the sea from a crack at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant; meanwhile, earthquake-tsunami survivors complained that the government was not paying enough heed to victims. Connecticut's Geno Auriemma, Miami's Katie Meier and Stanford's Tara VanDerveer were named co-recipients of The Associated Press' coach of the year award. Maya Moore was named player of the year for the second time in three seasons after leading Connecticut to another spectacular year.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rita Gam is 84. Actress Sharon Acker is 77. Singer Leon Russell is 70. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 69. Actress Linda Hunt is 67. Singer Emmylou Harris is 65. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 65. Actor Ron Palillo is 63. Actress Pamela Reed is 63. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 59. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 51. Actor Christopher Meloni is 51. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 51. Country singer Billy Dean is 50. Actor Clark Gregg is 50. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 48. Rock musician Greg Camp is 45. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 43. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 39. Country singer Jill King is 37. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 37. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 36. Actor Michael Fassbender is 35. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 33. Actress Bethany Joy Lenz is 31. Singer Lee Dewyze is 26. Actor Jesse Plemons is 24. Singer Aaron Kelly is 19.

Thought for Today: "Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little."
- Agnes de Mille, American dancer-choreographer (1905-1993).



Political humor: It's a serious matter

Every presidential campaign expends enormous amounts of effort and energy to convince a skeptical press and, more importantly, interested voters that its candidate possesses a genuine sense of humor. To be without a sense of humor is probably un-American, as well as evidence of terminal pomposity and self-importance -- not traits voters prize in their public officials.

There is some logic here. In a presidential candidate, a real sense of humor can reassure Americans, whose vote for president is the most personal one they cast. A vote for Congress or state senator is far more likely to be based on the candidate's party affiliation or position on issues such as same-sex marriage or Social Security. In a president, we voters look for -- and are confident we can recognize -- those special qualities of character and personality we so value in our national leader.

Self-deprecatory humor, where a candidate publicly kides his own perceived weaknesses and mistakes, can communicate to voters that candidate's emotional security. At this, nobody was better than President Ronald Reagan, whose abbreviated workdays enabled critics to question the aging chief executive's energy level. To a dinner hosted by the press, a smiling Gipper cracked, "It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure, why take the chance?"

At Washington's annual Gridiron

dinner, where there are three guest speakers -- a Democrat, a Republican and the president or his designated substitute -- Texas Gov. Rick Perry brilliantly kidded himself about his factual gaffes and failed campaign. Noting President Obama's absence, he added: "I read that he is in Korea, at the DMZ. Would somebody tell me, why do you have to go all the way to Korea to get a driver's license? Must be something to do with that birth certificate thing."

Of the 2012 candidates to whom he lost: "The weakest Republican field in history -- and they kicked my butt!" Then, wistfully: "I don't know why I didn't do better. I'm governor of a big state. A former military pilot. I graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in animal husbandry. Maybe that was the problem. Animal husbandry sounds like what Rick Santorum thinks gay marriage will lead to."

Of course, even well-crafted, self-deprecatory humor of the caliber Rick Perry delivered so well could not compensate for his factual missteps and his own weak debate performances. Still, in most instances, before people vote for you, they first have to like you. And the candidate who can comfort-

ably laugh at his own shortcomings makes it difficult for the press -- or that candidate's opponents -- to try to recirculate those identical defects. Such critics can come across as common scolds.

After President Reagan's tax cuts had failed to generate the cascading new federal revenues that he had promised and led instead to then-record peacetime budget deficits, he kidded: "I'm not going to worry about the deficit. It's big enough to take care of itself."

President Barack Obama, who appears to be a total stranger to self-doubt, insisted that he really was accessible to the press: "I even sat for an interview with Bill O'Reilly. ... That was a change of pace. I don't often get a chance to be in a room with an ego that's bigger than mine."

Gov. Mitch Daniels showed a daring streak when he told the 2011 Gridiron dinner, "I bring greetings from my beloved Indiana -- a land of surprises, where, as we say, South Bend is in the north, North Vernon is in the south, and French Lick is not what you hoped it was."

Political candidates with the inability to laugh at themselves just make me nervous. A sense of humor is no guarantee of good judgment. But don't trust with power anyone who lacks a sense of humor.

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MARK SHIELDS

Worrying about the Constitution again

"I don't worry about the Constitution," said Rep. Phil Hare, Democrat of Illinois, at a town hall meeting where voters questioned his support of the legislation that became Obamacare. You can find the clip on youtube.com, where it has 462,084 hits.

That was before the 2010 election, in which Hare, running for a third term in a district designed by Democrats to elect a Democrat, was defeated 53 to 43 percent by Bobby Schilling, proprietor of a pizza parlor in East Moline.

A lot of politicians are worrying about the Constitution these days. Liberal commentators were shocked this past week when in three days of oral argument in the lawsuits challenging Obamacare, five Supreme Court justices -- a majority -- asked questions strongly suggesting they think the legislation is unconstitutional.

And so the Constitution -- and the limits it places on Congress' powers -- is once again part of our politics. And will continue to be, whichever way the Court rules.

For 70 years, since the court in 1942 said the government could limit the amount of wheat farmer Roscoe Filburn could grow on his own land to feed his own animals, it has been generally assumed that the federal government's power to regulate the economy had no limits.

That assumption survived in liberal precincts even though the court in 1995 overturned a law banning guns in schools and in 2000 ruled unconstitutional parts of the Violence Against Women Act.

But the arguments, developed by Georgetown Law professor Randy Barnett and others, that it is beyond the powers conferred by the Constitution for Congress to mandate the purchase of a commercial product -- health insurance in Obamacare -- were certainly taken seriously by a majority

of Supreme Court justices last week.

And the government's lawyers were unable to answer the questions of both liberal and conservative justices: If Congress can do this, what can't it do?

That question is likely to linger even if the court upholds Obamacare.

For the justices are not the only federal officials who take an oath to uphold the Constitution. So do the president and vice president, Cabinet members and other appointees, and every member of Congress. Phil Hare may not have been worried about the Constitution, but his constituents evidently thought he should be.

That means that every federal official has an obligation to act in line with the Constitution as he or she understands it. And that doesn't necessarily mean obeying Supreme Court decisions.

Many constitutional issues never come before the Supreme Court, which only rules on lawsuits. The Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel issues rulings based on the Constitution, which are generally regarded as binding precedents by administrations of different parties, even though cases never go to court.

Presidents of different parties regularly issue signing statements, saying that they will not carry out provisions of laws they sign that they regard as unconstitutional. Barack Obama decried signing statements when he was campaigning, but as president he has issued them himself.

Members of Congress may reasonably regard themselves as bound to vote against measures they conscien-

tiously believe unconstitutional. Barry Goldwater did this when he voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964, even though he had integrated his own business many years before, on constitutional grounds.

Goldwater's constitutional argument, predictably, wasn't accepted by the Supreme Court. And his vote gave the Republican Party an unfair reputation for being anti-civil rights. But I think he was entitled to think his oath required him to vote that way.

Clearly the two parties are divided on the constitutionality of the Obamacare mandate. Polls have shown large majorities of voters think the provision is unconstitutional, though one can wonder whether many have given the matter much thought.

But they're certainly giving it more thought after this week and will likely give it more when the decision comes down.

Voters can reasonably ask candidates for Congress their views on this and other constitutional issues and call on them to vote against measures they consider beyond Congress' constitutional powers.

If the Court overturns Obamacare, Obama may be tempted to attack the court. He should beware. In 1937, Franklin Roosevelt, a few months after landslide re-election, proposed to pack the Supreme Court with new appointees.

Gallup polls showed majorities opposed, and in the next election, proponents of FDR's New Deal lost their congressional majorities. Lesson: Most American voters worry about the Constitution.

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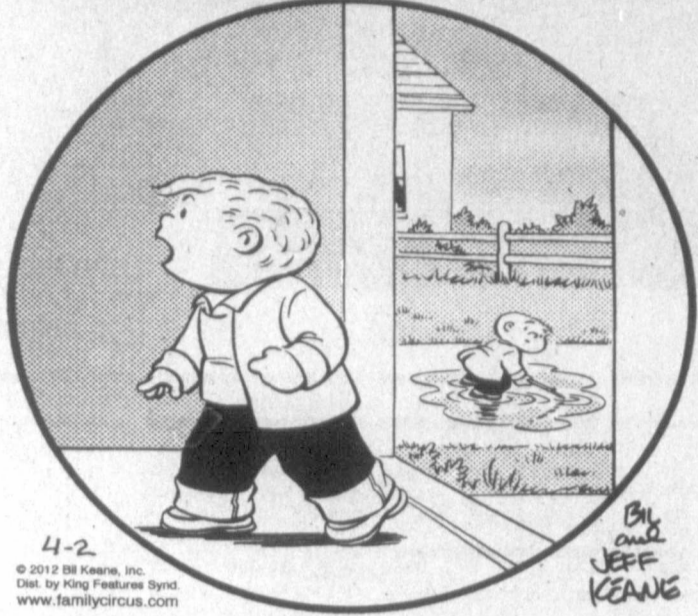
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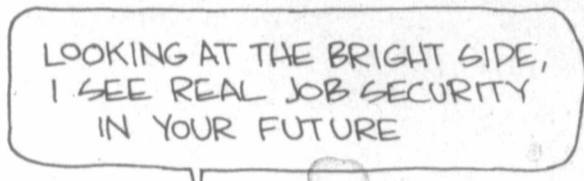
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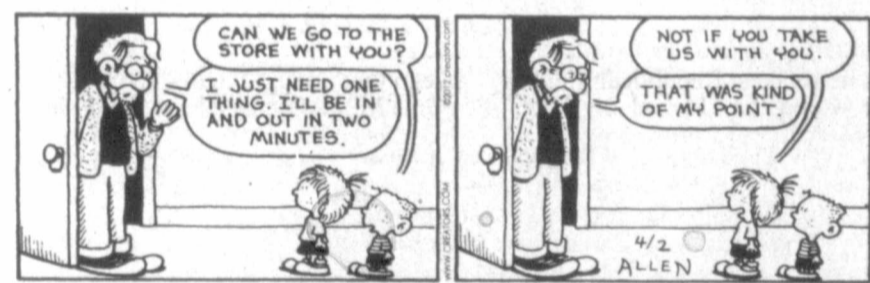
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 3, 2012:

CURB a tendency to focus on petty issues and to get caught up in them. Use your ability of critical discernment to improve the quality of your work, writing, projects and interactions. Know that perfection is not a goal to be desired, and accept your humanness. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease after spring. You might choose someone different in a few years, so don't commit too fast. If you are attached, do not criticize your sweetie. You simply are in an overly critical phase. **VIRGO** can work well with your creative needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Curb your desire to prove yourself through finances and concrete results. Once in a while, with certain interpersonal relationships, this aspiration can only help. In the outside world, it could start a competitiveness that might become very uncomfortable for everyone involved. Rethink your approach. Tonight: Reveal your fiery side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might have difficulty understanding some of the basics surrounding an important issue. If you detach, you will grasp the implications of a potential decision. Make a judgment from a solid base. You still might opt to head in that direction, but with more knowledge. Tonight: Brainstorm with a friend over munchies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Venus moves into your sign and graces you with gentleness and a newfound glow. These traits will stay with you for a little while. Keep your eye on a very important project. If this idea really is heartfelt, follow through. Prioritize, and you will not go wrong. Be careful with a fiery family member or roommate. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Express yourself clearly. You might notice that someone can be hurtful. It is more likely that you are oversensitive to this type of behavior. Keep communication flowing. Return calls, and do not isolate yourself. Tonight: Be a little more skeptical when meeting someone new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A friend is a source of good news. Do not allow yourself to take a risk, even if this person believes it is a sure bet. Confusion surrounds finances and joint partnerships. Slow down, and

you'll make better decisions. Ask questions and investigate everything you need to. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You become revitalized. A boss or parent will notice your vibrancy. When asked if you want to join a common cause or project, don't hesitate, but discuss where you might be reticent. Those you must respect or impress like what they see. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You wake up with a strong game plan, only to see it quickly dissolve. This encourages you to demonstrate flexibility and consideration for others. The choices you make now will reflect who you are, more so than with most other situations. Tonight: Take some much-needed downtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have been very aware of the politics of a decision. At this point, you decide which way to go — the winning side. A partner chimes in with agreement. Do not react to a pushy friend. Let it be. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

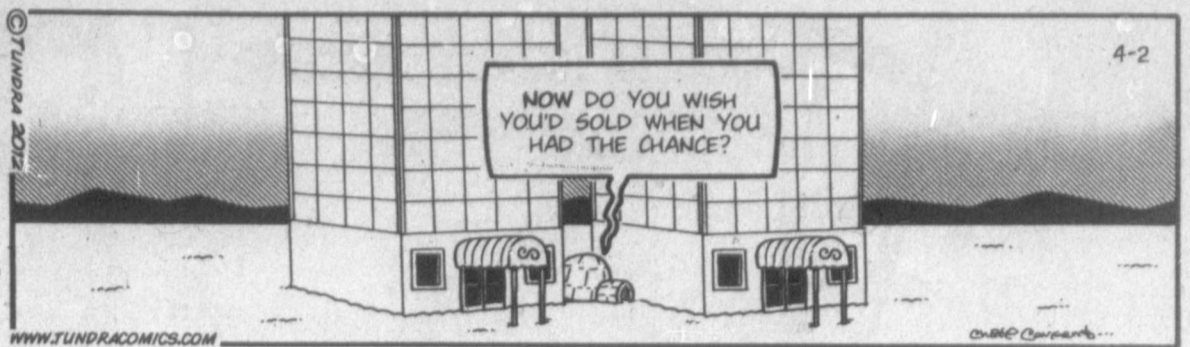
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might try to understand what someone is really saying, or the reasoning behind his or her statements. Think positively, yet be aware of a tendency to fall for deception at this time in your life. Tonight: Stay detached.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Think much and say little. You might be making too big a deal about a situation or conversation. Pull back some and see what evolves. Stay as neutral as possible; your words easily could be misinterpreted. Confirm what you are hearing. Tonight: Indulge a little. Meet a friend after work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal directly with someone regarding an issue that involves you. You could see many issues arise that you thought were settled. Use caution if money is involved. Mistakes easily could occur. Tonight: Chat with a friend over a favorite meal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others seem to need you, whether it is your feedback, moral support or simply an offer to pitch in. When you feel overwhelmed by everything you need to accomplish, say "no." A loved one or special friend could be vitriolic. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

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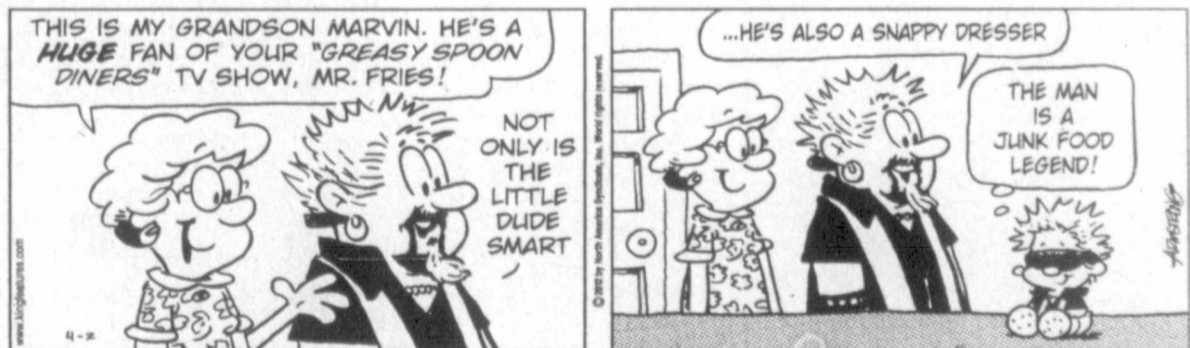
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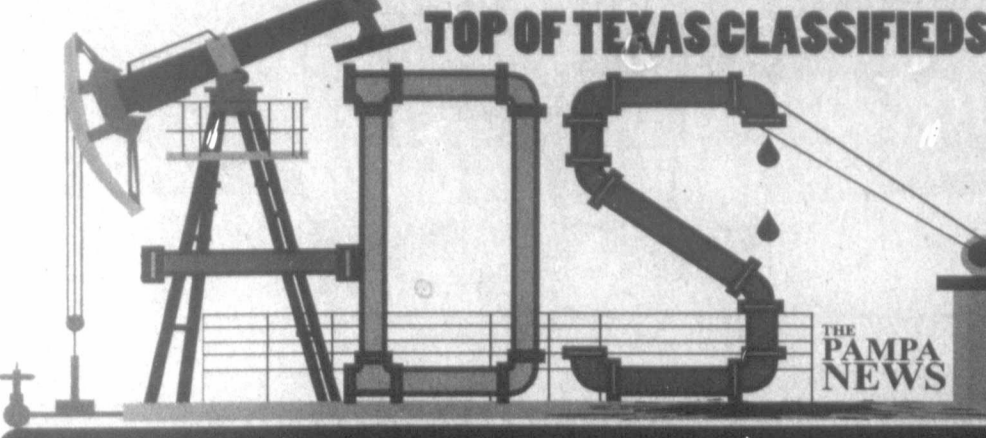
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my early 30s. When I was a teenager, boys never looked my way, but since my early 20s nearly every guy I've had friendly contact with has fallen in love with me. I have been proposed to six times.

I was married twice and hated it both times. I have been single for a few years and love it. I have mostly avoided men during this time because I didn't know if any man would want to just casually date me.

I started dating again about six months ago and have been seeing a man who is fantastic. He's the kind of man I have been looking for — kind, even-tempered, well-spoken, etc. He has hinted at marriage, and I'm terrified because I'm afraid that I will "lose" myself. I enjoy my life the way it is, but I'm worried that eventually I will want a partnership, and this would be the man for me.

The idea of going to the next level makes me want to end the relationship. I'm afraid if I can't commit to this man, certainly no other man would have a chance. How do I know if I'm better off single where things are good, or take a chance on another marriage where things may not turn out so well? Is marriage for everyone? — HAPPILY SINGLE ... FOR NOW

DEAR HAPPILY SINGLE ... FOR NOW: Because of the number of Americans who are divorced or living together without marriage, I would have to say no, marriage isn't for everyone. But when you get it right and have built a strong, loving, mutually respectful partnership, nothing can beat it.

Have you learned from the failure of your two marriages? If so, then you have matured from the experience. If you're planning to have children, it is to their advantage to live in a two-parent household.

That said, if you truly feel you are happier being single, then single you should remain because there are no guarantees that a marriage will be successful. Marriage can only be as strong and lasting as the couple entering into it are determined it will be. And that takes love, understanding, empathy and willingness to compromise.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Gabi," is 15 — almost 16. She's active and healthy, but for the past few years she has been putting on weight. She's 5-6, weighs more than 160 pounds and has a curvy, feminine body. Despite the fact that my wife and I are both thin, my wife will not encourage her to watch her weight. Actually, she's supportive of our daughter's increasing size. She told me, "Gabi can gain up to 25 more pounds and, combined with her height, be a pretty plus-size."

My wife has always been thin. As a teen she was late to develop her figure. She keeps buying Gabi new clothes as her weight goes up. The styles are too tight, overly revealing and draw attention to the rolls of fat.

I'm not trying to force my daughter into a model's size, but I am concerned about her health. This problem would be easier to manage now than attempting to lose the weight in the future. Please help me present the importance of being proactive with Gabi in this difficult time of maturity. — CARING, SUPPORTIVE DAD

DEAR DAD: The most qualified person to do that would be your family physician, or Gabi's pediatrician if she has one. It's common knowledge that there is an obesity epidemic in this country, and if your daughter continues to pack on the pounds, she could be at risk for serious health problems. Your wife may be going to the opposite extreme in trying not to make your daughter self-conscious about her weight. I agree with you that this is a subject that is better addressed now than later, so schedule a consultation.

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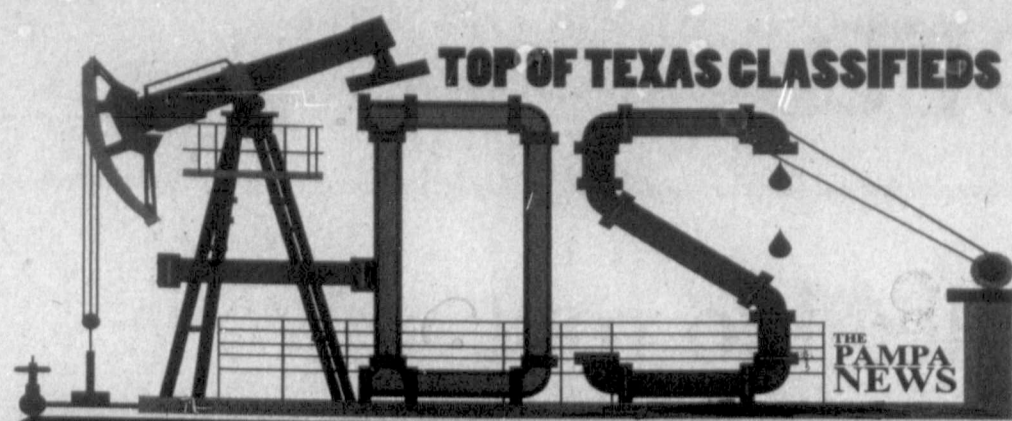
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Sports

Harvesters' extra base hits lead to rout of Wolves

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When the Pampa Harvesters played Dalhart in the season opener last February, they hit the ball well and didn't allow a hit. Saturday at Harvester Field, Pampa won in similar fashion as six extra base hits carried it to a 17-1 victory over the Wolves.

"We came out focused and did our job," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "We played very well. Anytime you win a district game it's important, no matter who you are playing. We are 2-0 in district and I couldn't be more pleased with our kids right now."

Seniors Cole Engle and Jared Lusk each hit a double, junior James Thompson hit two and junior Jordan Lemons hit one. Lusk also added a three-run home run, his fourth of the season. The Harvesters scored at least three runs in every inning. The game was called after the fifth because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Thompson and Lusk proved to be difficult outs for Dalhart, combining for five hits and seven runs in seven at-bats and driving in nine of Pampa's 17 runs.

"James puts the ball in play like crazy," Snelgrooves said. "Jared hits a home run for us. Earlier in the game I asked him to put a bunt down. We are well-rounded."

Lusk said he gained confidence each at-bat.

"First, I came out with that bunt-single," Lusk said. "Then I turned around and got that double, two singles and the home run. It was a blast. I enjoyed every at-bat today."

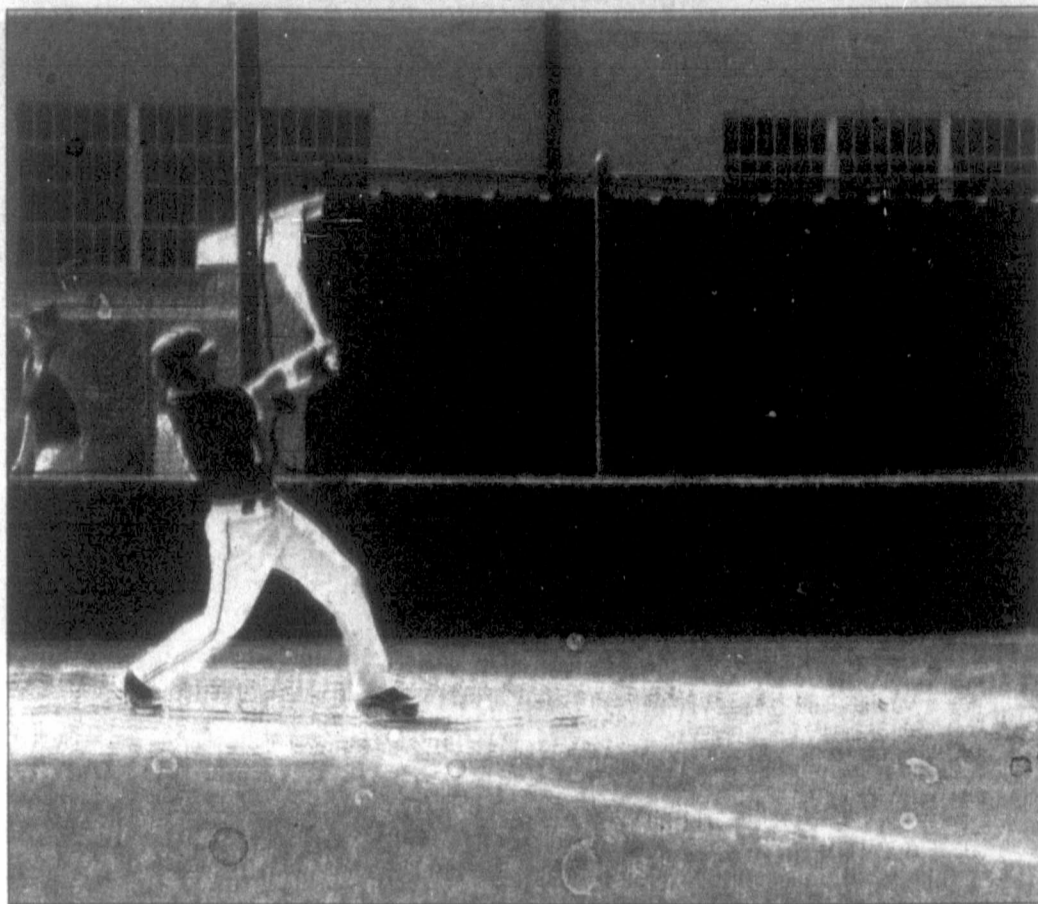
Thompson said it was a good day at the plate.

"It feels great," Thompson said. "I do everything I can to help the team. I've been hitting the ball well this season. Hopefully I can keep it going through district."

Sophomore Ethan Hunt struggled with control as he walked seven and hit one, but pitched 4 and 1/3 innings of no-hit baseball. Skylar Witt broke up the no-hitter when he hit a fly ball to center and Engle's dive came up just short of the ball. Hunt also struck out eight.

"Ethan was throwing the ball well," Thompson said. "We were making plays. One through nine we were hitting the ball well. You are going to win games when you hit the ball one through nine."

The victory moves Pampa (6-10, 2-0) to 2-0 in district and increases its winning streak to three. The Harvesters visit Borger at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Borger beat Perryton 13-1 on Saturday. The winner of Tuesday's game will hold the district lead entering the second round.



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Senior Cole Engle hits a double to lead off the game. The Harvesters had six extra base hits in a 17-1 victory over the Dalhart Wolves on Saturday.

Lady Harvesters take lead in third to down Dalhart



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Senior McKinlee Stokes runs home. Stokes hit a two-run inside-the-park home run to left field for her first in her career.

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Saturday at Lady Harvester Field, the Dalhart Lady Wolves were keeping the Pampa Lady Harvesters in check as they didn't allow a hit in the first two innings. In the third inning, though, Pampa's bats came to life, scoring four runs as Pampa won 10-2.

Senior Heather Coffee said the team focused more after the first two innings.

"We just needed to settle in and just settle down with what the umpires were doing," Coffee said. "We needed to play our game. That's what we did when we started scoring."

Junior Martecia Alexander started the Lady Harvesters' third inning rally with a two-RBI triple, scoring junior Tiffany Britton and sophomore Alexa O'Brien to tie the game at two. Alexander gave Pampa the lead scoring on a passed ball.

"Martecia Alexander had a great defensive day and performed well at the plate," head coach Bobbi Gill said.

Britton hit a two-

RBI double in the bottom of the fifth expanding Pampa's lead to 7-2. Senior McKinlee Stokes came up with the biggest hit, hitting a two-run inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the sixth, the first in her career.

"I was proud of how our girls came out and responded to a Dalhart team that was intense and ready to play," Gill said.

Defensively, Pampa made the plays it needed to, committing only one error. Coffee said the team has worked a lot on that.

"We are being made aware of how much errors

can cost you and trying not to make them."

O'Brien (6-3) had great command of the strike zone as she struck out 12 and only walked two to earn the win.

The Lady Harvesters (14-7, 3-0) start the second round of district Tuesday, when it visits Borger at 4:30 p.m. Coffee said the team has to remain focused.

"We just have to set a lot of goals for ourselves to stay on top," Coffee said. "It's always easier to think down to the opponents' level instead of up at your own."



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