

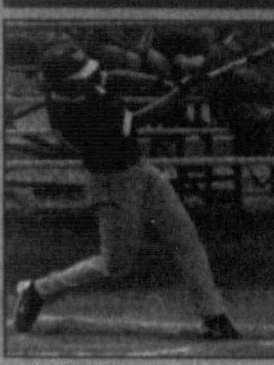
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## 2011 Best of Gray County PEOPLE'S CHOICE



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**Judson Eddins** of Texas Furniture holds up the "Best of Gray County" award for "Best Place to Buy Furniture" for 2011. It is the second straight year Texas Furniture has won the award.

### 2011 'Best of' winners announced Texas Furniture takes award for second year

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**Editor's Note:** We've selected some winners of this year's Best of Gray County voting to spotlight over the next few days. Thank you for voting, and congratulations to all of this year's winners.

Judson Eddins, who owns and operates Texas Furniture with his father, Jack, was quick

to deflect praise after accepting Texas Furniture's award for "Best Place to Buy Furniture" for 2011, the second consecutive year the store has been recognized.

"It's not just us," said Eddins. "It's the customers. We're here for them. Pampa's been good to us all this time."

It has been a long time, indeed. The original Texas Furniture was founded in 1932, and Eddins' family took over

its operations in the 1970s.

Throughout its existence, Eddins said that Texas Furniture has always had a handful of signature aspects to its trade.

"Good product selection, good pricing, good service," Eddins said. "That's what makes us a well-established business."

As for winning the award for a second straight year, Eddins said that it was special to be

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### Pampa FD's Day: North Texas wildfires 'something else'

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Capt. Mike Day of the Pampa Fire Department has fought grass fires here in the Texas Panhandle, but he said fighting them in the rocky terrain of north Texas is a whole different experience.

"It was my first time ever to do something like that," Day said. "That was something else."

While Day is used to fighting structure fires and grass fires in the Panhandle, fighting grass fires in the rough terrain south of Wichita Falls presents a whole different set of problems, particularly with the terrain they faced in a different area of the state.

"It wasn't flat with rolling hills like we have here," he said.

He said the undergrowth was really dense.

"There's no way you could drive a truck into it unless a bulldozer made a



road for you," Day said. "We had some farm ground, but it was basically all rocks and trees."

Day, John Evans and Bryan Johnson of the Pampa Fire Department took the department's four-wheel drive Ford F550 grass rig that carries 400 gallons of water and headed south the weekend before Easter.

The trio from Pampa was dispatched to the deadly wildfires south of Wichita Falls the weekend before Easter along with units from other fire departments in the panhandle.

"We got the call Friday evening at six o'clock," Day said. "We left out of town at 7:08 to head to Wichita Falls."

They were supposed to meet up with

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**Mike Day** of the Pampa Fire Department recently ventured down towards Wichita Falls to help fight the deadly wildfires plaguing that area.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH

## Hail damages Abilene vehicles

ABILENE (AP) - Tornadoes have been confirmed near several West Texas towns but nobody was hurt in the storms that also pounded Abilene with hail the size of softballs.

National Weather Service forecaster Joel Dunn said Monday that 60 to 80 vehicles outside the Mall of Abilene had their windshields broken Sunday afternoon by the large hail.

A mall spokesman didn't immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

Dunn says a tornado was confirmed Sunday afternoon in Callahan County, near Baird. Another tornado was reported about 3 miles north of Potosi. Dunn says fire department personnel reported a third tornado north of Moran, in Shackelford County. No damage was immediately reported. Onco reported nearly 8,000 storm-related electric outages Monday, mainly in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

## Funeral today for injured fireman

DUMAS (AP) - A firefighter fatally burned while fighting a Panhandle wildfire will be laid to rest.

Funeral is scheduled for today in Dumas for 49-year-old Elias Macias Jaquez of Cactus, who died Wednesday in a Lubbock hospital 11 days after suffering third-degree burns over 60 percent of his body. Funeral will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with burial in Northlawn Memorial Gardens, both in Dumas.

The Mexican-born meat-packing plant worker had been a Cactus volunteer firefighter for two years and was fatally burned while fighting a fire near Dumas, about 40 miles north of Amarillo.

## State to amend marriage law?

AUSTIN (AP) — Two years after Texas became one of the last states to allow transgendered people to use proof of their sex change to get a marriage license, Republican lawmakers are trying to roll back the clock.

Advocates for the transgendered say a proposal to bar transgendered people from getting married smacks of discrimination and would put their legally granted marriages in danger of being nullified if challenged in court.

One of the Republican sponsors of the legislation said he's simply trying to clean up the 2009 law in a state that bans same-sex marriage under the constitution.

"The Texas Constitution," Sen. Tommy Williams said, "clearly defines marriage between one man and one woman."

## Texas murder suspect in hospital

DALLAS (AP) - A man charged in Texas with killing his ex-girlfriend remains hospitalized in Arizona after jumping over an edge and falling 25 feet at Grand Canyon National Park.

Plano police on Monday said Terrence Deering Black of Frisco was in custody while hospitalized in Flagstaff, Ariz., facing extradition on a capital murder charge. No details on his condition were released. Black had to be rescued Friday from the park fall.

Fitness instructor Susan Loper of Frisco was reported missing April 19 from a Plano country club where she worked. Investigators say there were signs of a struggle in the Gleneagles Country Club fitness room.

Loper's body was found the next day in a wooded area near the Dallas North Tollway. Police have not said how she died.

## Senators won't support cuts

AUSTIN (AP) - State senators say they will try to find more money for family planning services that were drained in a House budget earlier this month.

Members of the upper chamber seem unwilling to leave family planning underfunded, but they will likely have to fight with conservative House members to preserve the funds. The Senate budget approved by the Finance Committee spends \$11 billion more than the House version.

The funds help needy women get physical exams, birth control pills and tests for sexually transmitted infections. Advocates warn that gutting these services will result in skyrocketing Medicaid costs.

Some see the cuts as part of a nationwide attack on Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood says the House cuts could deny more than 300,000 women access to basic health care.

## Hagman, Gray greet fans

DALLAS (AP) - A character who made plotting deals in the oil industry his passion has returned to the city where it began.

Actor Larry Hagman was joined by co-star Linda Gray on Sunday night to greet fans of the CBS television show "Dallas," which ran from 1978-1991.

Hagman portrayed J.R. Ewing. Gray was his wife, Sue Ellen.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that shooting of a pilot episode, for a possible updated version of the hit show, begins this week in and around Dallas for potential pickup by a network.

Hagman and Gray spent time with fans of the show who gather weekly to watch episodes at the Texas Theatre. Gray told fans that she loved them and "You're what kept us on the air."

## Celanese boosting dividend

DALLAS (AP) - Celanese Corp. is raising its quarterly dividend by 20 percent to 6 cents from 5 cents.

The technology and specialty materials company said Monday that the new dividend rate will start with dividends payable beginning in August.

Celanese also announced that it is increasing its existing buyback program to \$200 million of its common stock. The Dallas company had \$71 million left under its previously announced plan that allowed for the repurchase of up to \$500 million shares.

Earlier this month Celanese said it would raise selling prices for two key chemicals - MIBC and MIBK - on May 1, or as contracts allow.

Shares of Celanese closed last week at \$48.45, a 52-week high. They have traded as low as \$23.47 over the past year.

# Disability benefits may not last a lifetime

TOM MARGENAU  
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## Social Security and you



**Q:** Something has been bothering me about a column that you wrote a couple months ago. You answered some questions about Social Security disability benefits that cleared up some misconceptions I had about the program. For example, I always thought disability was a welfare program, but you pointed out it is just like any other Social Security benefit. You also explained how difficult it is to qualify for Social Security disability.

But here is what's still bothering me. I've been told that once you start getting disability checks, you've got them for the rest of your life. It's like a free ticket on the government's gravy train. Is this true?

**A:** No, it's not true. When a disability claim is approved, it is automatically set up for recurring reviews. How often those reviews occur depends on the severity of the disability.

For example, if someone has an impairment that's has a high likelihood of recovery, that person will probably be scheduled for a medical examination and a case review within a year or two of the date the claim was approved. Other claims are scheduled for a review every three years. Even cases involving the most severe disabilities — those with little or no chance for improvement or recovery — are reviewed every seven years.

**Q:** My husband took his Social Security retirement at age 62. He just turned 63 and recently had a heart attack. I think he should file for disability benefits, but he doesn't want to. He says he doesn't think he would be allowed to make the switch. And even if he could, he claims it wouldn't be worth the effort. He also says he doesn't want to give up his regular Social Security for disability. What should we do?

**A:** I think your husband should

file for Social Security disability benefits. And I'll help your husband make that decision by responding to the three concerns that he expressed.

First, your husband would be allowed to make the switch. As long as he's under age 66, he has every right in the world to file for Social Security disability benefits.

Second, if your husband qualified for disability benefits, he wouldn't be giving up "regular" Social Security for some kind of irregular Social Security. Social Security disability benefits are just as "regular" as Social Security retirement benefits. And for some reason, a lot of people have it in their head that Social Security disability benefits are some form of welfare. That's nonsense. I tell people to think of disability as an early retirement program -- but one that comes with a financial bonus. And that leads to your husband's third concern.

Switching from retirement benefits to disability benefits would definitely be "worth the effort." Your husband took early retirement at age 62. Those benefits came with a reduction of about 25 percent. But the Social Security disability rate equals the age 66 "full retirement" benefit amount. However, in your husband's case, there would still be a bit of a reduction. His disability rate would have to be adjusted for the retirement benefits he's already received. The reduction is about one-half of 1 percent for each retirement check. For example, let's say he will have gotten 14 Social Security retirement checks by the time his disability claim is approved. In that case, his ongoing disability rate would be about 93 percent (100

percent minus 7 percent equals 93 percent).

One final note: If your husband is approved for disability payments, he'd continue to receive those benefits until age 66. At that point, he would be switched back to the retirement program. But that would essentially be a paper transaction. His payment rate would remain the same, but on Social Security's books, he'd be moved from the disability ledgers to the retirement program.

**Q:** I am 75 years old and have been diagnosed with cancer. Can I get SSI disability benefits to augment my retirement income?

**A:** Like many people, I think you are confusing the Social Security disability program with SSI, or Supplemental Security Income. So, let me first point out that you cannot file for disability. Once you reach your "full retirement age," Social Security disability benefits are no longer available to you. Or to put that another way, once you are 66 or older, you are already getting the highest benefit rate you will ever be due from Social Security.

You might be due additional benefits through the Supplemental Security Income program. But your eligibility would have nothing to do with your cancer. SSI is a welfare program managed by the Social Security Administration (but not paid for out of Social Security taxes) that makes monthly payments to poor people who are under 65 and disabled or to poor elderly folks over age 65. So if your income and assets are low enough, you might get some SSI payments — not because you have cancer, but because you are poor and over age 65.

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



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother and stepfather, "Rick," are being divorced after 12 years of marriage. Mom had an affair, and I understand that Rick is angry, but he is being vindictive. My sisters and I have tried hard to maintain a relationship with him, but he doesn't understand this is HIS divorce. It shouldn't involve us or the rest of the family, but Rick has involved everyone.

He says we have to choose sides, and if we're on his side, we must cut off contact with our mother. When we said we weren't about to take sides, he got angry. He has told his side of the family that we're horrible people, and they're not allowed to have contact with us any longer.

Abby, these are people we have known for 12 years. They want a relationship with us and we with them, but after the terrible things Rick has said about us, we don't know if we can face them. Please tell us what to do. Any advice would be helpful. — NEEDS AN OPINION IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR NEEDS AN OPINION:** Your almost-former stepfather is upset. He wants to punish your mother. For him to demand you "divorce" her in order to maintain a relationship with him is childish and unrealistic. The only person he's really isolating is himself, which is sad.

Rick's family has had 12 years to get to know you and your sisters. I'm sure they recognize that he is being irrational. Please don't allow yourselves to be intimidated by whatever he might have said about you. Talk to them. Burn no bridges.

The divorce will end and life will go on. If the relationship you have had with these people was built on a solid foundation, it will endure.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am an average-looking, middle-aged woman. I have many friends and a career I love. What I do not have is a partner. It breaks my heart. I feel excluded from an important part of life — romantic love.

I have had relationships with men. All of them were disasters. At the age I am now, there seems to be little or no hope of finding anyone.

Most of my friends are married or in committed relationships, and I feel like an outsider. I am involved in my church and my career, and to all outward appearances, I look happy and successful.

But, Abby, inside I am terrified that I'll be alone forever. Sometimes I wonder how I will survive this life. How do I cope with my sadness and my fear of being alone forever? I hope for some good advice. — SINGLE IN DIXIE

**DEAR SINGLE:** There are worse things than being alone. Chief among them is being stuck in a relationship (formal or otherwise) with someone who isn't right for you. If you are

spending most of your time with couples, perhaps you should arrange to spend more time with other singles. Expand your circle. Travel, if you can afford it. It will make you a less depressed, more interesting person to be around.

If you need help for your depression, talk to a therapist. But never tell yourself you will NEVER meet someone. It's self-defeating. People of every age meet and fall in love every day, and they are being married at later ages, too.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, April 25, the 115th day of 2011. There are 250 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1507, German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller produced a world map containing the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

### On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (Although Hubble was hailed as a scientific triumph, it was discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

**Ten years ago:** In unusually blunt terms, President George W. Bush warned China an attack on Taiwan could provoke a U.S. military response.

**Five years ago:** In a rare video posted on the Internet, al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi swore allegiance to Osama bin Laden and said any government formed in Iraq would be merely a "stooge."

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama made a pilgrimage to Billy Graham's mountainside home, concluding his North Carolina vacation with his first meeting with the ailing evangelist who had counseled commanders in chief since Dwight Eisenhower.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 81. Actor Al Pacino is 71. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 66. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 66. Actress Laila Shire is 65. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 64. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 61. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 57. Actor Hank Azaria is 47. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 47. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 46. TV personality Jane Clayson is 44. Actress Renee Zellweger is 42. Actress Gina Torres is 42. Actor Jason Lee is 41. Actor Jason Wiles is 41. Actress Emily Bergl is 36. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 34. Singer Jacob Underwood is 31. Actress Sara Paxton is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "I think that the glorious thing about the human race is that it does change the world - constantly. The world or 'life' may seem to more often overwhelm the human being, but it is the human being's capacity for struggling against being overwhelmed which is remarkable and exhilarating." — Lorraine Hansberry, *American author/dramatist (1930-1965)*



## PLC: Students marching to a different drummer

"Home is the place where you feel happy." — Salman Rushdie

This is how we feel at Pampa Learning Center. Students and staff alike feel like we are home. Each day that comes brings new excitement and a better understanding of how we move forward through the education process.

PLC is fortunate to be able to offer an alternative to the traditional school setting.

Traditional school relies on schedules and bells. Pampa Learning Center relies on the organizational skills of the students to attend each period and keep up with what is expected of them.

The American philosopher Henry David Thoreau wrote: "If a man loses pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured, or far away."

Pampa Learning Center students may just be marching to a different drummer. It does not mean that a traditional setting is perfect, nor does it mean that an alternative school is better or worse. It only means that people can learn in different ways and still be successful.

PLC is a shining example of a place that can offer security, non-judgmental staff and students, and someone to talk to if needed. We do not tolerate gossip, bullying, or hurtful comments about others. We are a place that staff and students both have made application to, and truly WANT to be here.

This is precisely why we have no

## County Class



SARA WHEELLEY

fights, no discipline referrals, no bullying, etc. We don't want to be asked to leave!

The academics are the same requirements of traditional schools other than needing 22 credits for a minimum program plan for graduation as opposed to 26 credits for a recommended plan of study.

Students at traditional schools may be on minimum plans just as we have students who have graduated on the recommended plan.

In our most recent TAKS results, numerous PLC students received commended status, proving that PLC is held to the same standards as the traditional school.

We work hard to help our students' transition from school into college or other chosen fields. We teach etiquette, table manners, interview skills, and expose them to career opportunities.

We consistently have students that come back to PLC after graduating to renew old acquaintances and let us know how they are doing.

One student returned in full military dress uniform as a security

military policewoman in charge of guarding the American ambassador in Turkey. She was also charged with protecting US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during her travels.

At this very moment, as I am writing this article, a former student came walking through the door. She was a teen parent, a wonderful mother, and a super student. She just shared with me that she is finishing up at West Texas A & M University and will be doing her student teaching next year. She has chosen special education for her area of expertise, and she is bilingual. What a wonderful future she has ahead of her! These are success stories that make us proud.

Students apply to PLC for many different reasons. Some are pregnant or parenting, some have work schedule conflicts, some may need credit recovery, others have to consider family difficulties, and still others have stated they have experienced bullying. Whatever the reasons may be, we are proud and happy to get to know our students.

I have never failed to get up each morning and thank God that I have a job I love. It means everything to love your co-workers, the students you teach, and what you do. The very best part of all is feeling like you are making a difference in the world, and knowing that the world is a better place because of it!

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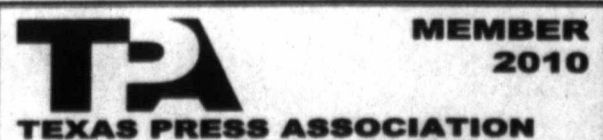
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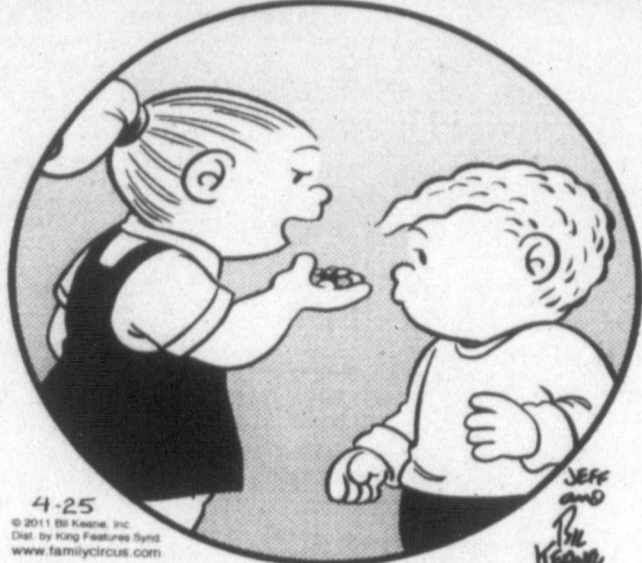
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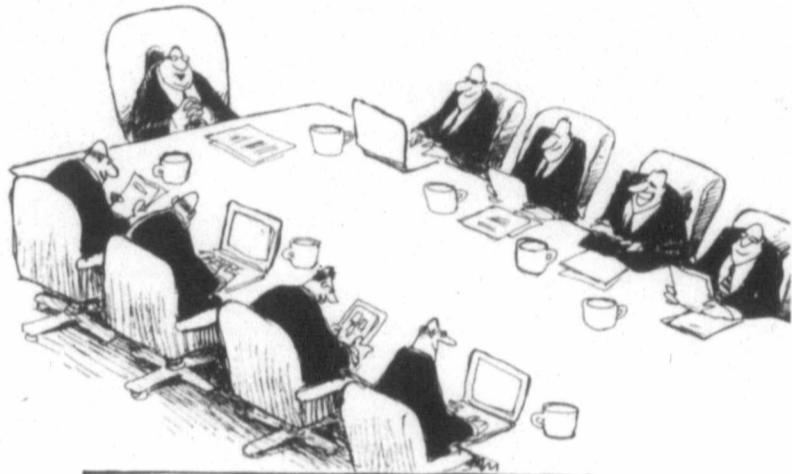
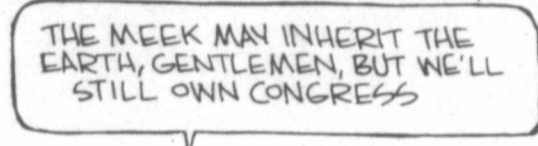
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, April 26, 2011:

This year, you make waves, as you are able to lead and manifest. This combo of talent might be a far bigger asset than you realize, especially within your community and business circle. Others respect your organization and drive more and more. Networking becomes unusually successful, especially during the summer. You also will enter a new luck and life cycle. Others who don't know you sense an innate power. Your charisma emerges. If you are single, after May you will have many choices to make. Don't lose sight of the ultimate goal. If you are attached, you and your sweetie need to use spring 2011 for more private time together. Summer could mark a period of great happiness in your relationship, if you so choose. **PISCES** likes you and makes an excellent friend.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★ Use today to forge ahead on a key plan or idea. You know when enough is enough. Say so instead of thinking those thoughts. The other people involved are not mind readers and need to know. Tonight: Make it a point to get extra rest.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to what is being shared within your immediate circle before deciding which way to go. An adviser who might not be evident to many people gives you important feedback. Tonight: A must happening, which could become a fun event.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
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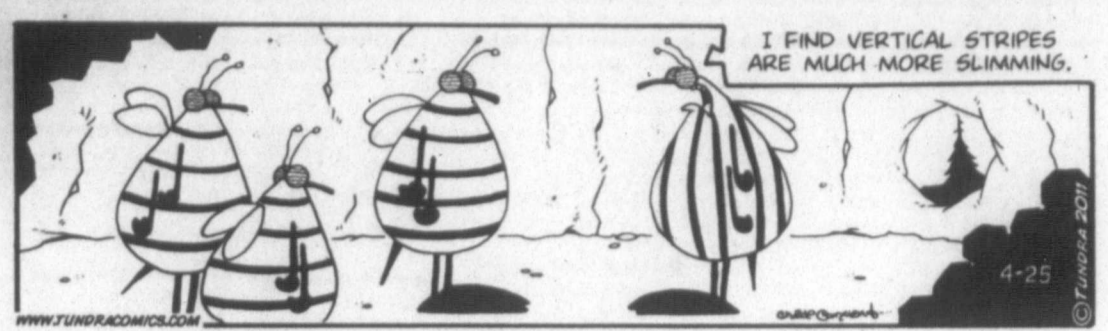
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# Sports

## Harvesters pound Wolves, district still on the line

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In the first three games against the Dalhart Wolves, the Pampa Harvesters run-ruled them. Saturday in Dalhart was no different as Pampa won 15-0 with the run-rule invoked after five innings Tuesday at Earl Smith Field.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said he was proud of how his team played.

"It's hard to beat a team three times, much less four," Snelgrooves said. "To run-rule them four times says a lot. They came out and played well."

Junior Cole Engle said everyone was hitting.

"Hitting is contagious," Engle said. "Everyone started hitting the ball and we put 15 runs on them."

The first inning was scoreless but that would be the only inning the Harvesters didn't score. Senior Tyler Malone and sophomore James Thompson reached base with walks. Sophomore Tyler Powell hit a two-RBI double to left chasing Dalhart starter Kaleb Grant out of the game. Antonio Ottavani relieved him. Senior Zach Murray welcomed the new pitcher with a home run to left field.

The home run was Murray's first, and the senior outfielder was excited.

"At first I didn't know it was out after I hit it," Murray said. "I was sprinting to first and I was on my way to second and looked up and saw the umpire signaling home run."

Snelgrooves said he was happy for Murray.

"With that wind I didn't think it was going to get out," Snelgrooves said. "He cut through that wind and muscled it out for his first home run. I couldn't be more tickled for him."

The Harvesters led 4-0 after the second and broke the game open in the third. Pampa was the beneficiary of five Wolf errors and scored seven runs on just two hits. Engle hit a single and

Junior Collin Killgo grounded into a fielder's choice to record the only RBI of the inning. Killgo, Malone, sophomore Jordan Lemons, Powell and senior Brent Green all reached base on errors. Pampa sent 12 batters to the plate an increased their lead to 11-0.

Malone started for the Harvesters and earned the win in four innings pitched. The senior only gave up six hits, all of them singles. Malone had the bases loaded in the first with only one out and got out of it with two strikeouts. In the second inning, Malone had runners at first and second but retired the next three batters. In the fourth, Malone had runners at first and second but struck out the last two batters to get out of the inning. Malone struck out seven while only walking one and hit one batter.

Snelgrooves said Malone had a solid outing.

"Our pitching kept us in the game," Snelgrooves said. "We throw strikes, got ground balls and turned three double plays. Anytime you do that you are going to give yourself a good chance to win."

The junior varsity (9-5, 4-3) won 9-6. The game was tied at six going into the seventh inning. The Harvesters scored three runs. Freshman Ethan Hunt scored the winning run and was the winning pitcher. Sheldon Reeve stole home and Trey Wiggins drove in a run with a single. Coach Dustin Miller said it was a good game.

"Ethan (Hunt) leading off had a big bat finding a way to get on base," Miller said. "Riley (Douglas) hit a good bunt, it was good."

The varsity (13-13, 5-3) is still in position to clinch a district title, thanks to Perryton beating Borger. Pampa faces Borger (15-11-1, 6-2) 4:30 p.m. Friday. If the Harvesters win and Perryton beats Dalhart, they will be tied with Borger for the district lead and all three teams will play it off Saturday.

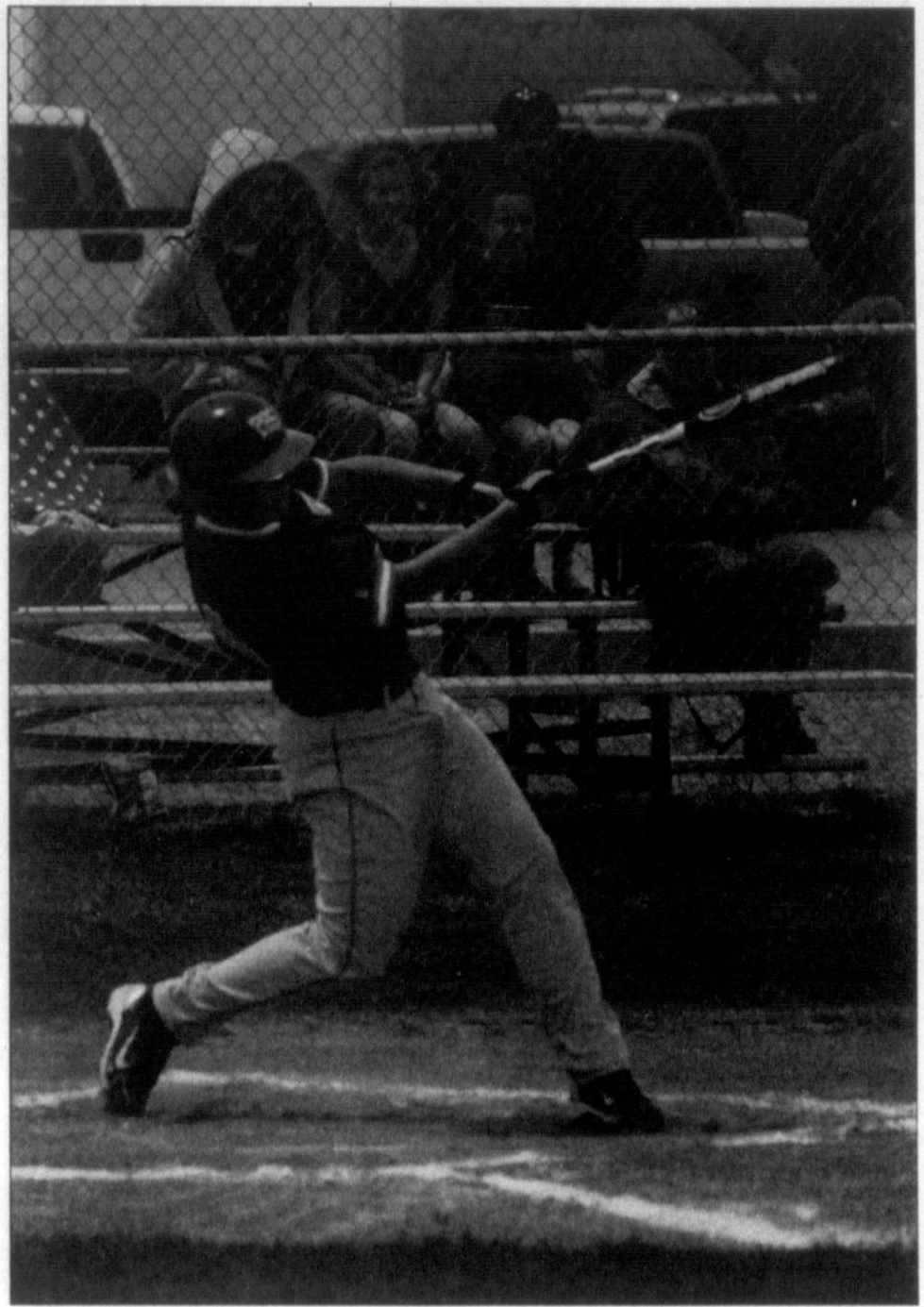


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Senior Zach Murray connects for a two-run home run in the top of the second. Murray hit his first home run and the Harvesters won 15-0.

### Quick Summary

Pampa 15, Dalhart 0

Winning and losing pitchers: WP Tyler Malone (4-4) LP Kaleb Grant  
It was over when: The Harvesters realized they were playing Dalhart and had to win for Joe DiMaggio (Win #5)

Game ball go to: Zach Murray Sr. Pampa. Murray hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the second and reached base in all four at bats and scored two runs.

For the Record: Pampa outscored Dalhart 52-7 in four games

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Pampa	0	4	7	1	3	15	10	0
Dalhart	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6

2B-Pampa: Tyler Powell; Jared Lusk; Jordan Lemons HR-Zach Murray RBIs-Cole Engle 3, Powell 3, Murray 2, Collin Killgo 1, Tyler Malone 1

#### Pampa Pitching

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	HP	K
Malone	4	6	0	0	1	1	7
Killgo	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

#### Dalhart Pitching

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	HP	K
Grant	1 1/3	2	3	3	2	0	0
Ottavani	1 2/3	3	8	4	2	0	2
Watson	1	2	1	1	1	0	1
Morales	1	3	3	2	1	0	2

## Pampa's Reagan finishes 21st

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ished 21st out of 95 golfers at the regional invitational in Lubbock.

Pampa High School junior Logan Reagan finished 21st out of 95 golfers at the regional invitational in Lubbock. Head coach Alan Segura said Reagan didn't play

well and was disappointed with the result.

"If he would have played like he played during the regular season and district play, he would have qualified for the state meet," Segura said.

This was Reagan's first trip to regionals and has another year left. Segura said he was pleased with how all of his golfers competed and is looking forward to the future.

"The upcoming years look promising as we have a lot of younger golfers playing and getting better," Segura said.

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

4-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: EACH OF US FEELS THAT WE ARE JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN, BUT THE OCEAN WOULD BE LESS WITHOUT THAT MISSING DROP. — MOTHER TERESA

## Lady Harvesters finish up regular season with victory

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters faced a former district foe, the Canyon Lady Eagles to warm up for the playoffs. Saturday at Lady Harvester Field, Pampa looked prepared in an 11-8 victory.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she was pleased with how her team played.

"I threw all of my pitchers," Gill said. "We played well, hit well and took advantage of their errors. We were able

to hold off a late charge where they tried to come back. I am really pleased with how these girls are playing right now."

The Lady Harvesters (26-7, 9-0) have won 12 straight. Gill said she likes where her team stands heading into playoffs.

"It's definitely a great place to be at this time of year," Gill said. "I think we are ready heading into the playoffs."

Pampa will start play in the area round May 6 and 7. Opponent and location are to be determined.

## Epic failure leaves Mavs frustrated

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki was a free agent last summer, unshackled from the Dallas Mavericks for the first time in his career. It was his chance to escape a franchise with a long track record of winning big in the regular season and losing painfully in the postseason.

The former MVP signed up for four more years because he wanted to turn around that reputation.

Just a week into the playoffs, the Mavs are in jeopardy of adding to it.

Dallas went to Portland with the chance to pull off a sweep, but returned home licking its wounds following one of the most humiliating losses of the NBA's shot-clock era. The Mavericks spit up a 23-point lead with 13 minutes left to lose Game 4 and knot the series at 2-2.

Game 5 is in Dallas on Monday night. A return trip to Portland is already set for Game 6 on Thursday night.

"Frustration is definitely at a high level," Nowitzki said. "There is a huge dif-

ference from being up 3-1 and 2-2. This is definitely up there with the most frustrating losses."

In Nowitzki's collection of most frustrating losses, nothing can top blowing a 13-point, fourth-quarter lead while up 2-0 in the 2006 NBA finals against the Miami Heat. This one is in the ballpark, though.

Up 2-0 for the first time since that infamous series, the Mavericks were halfway to only their second series win since then. They had the chance to sweep the Trail Blazers, or to return home with a chance to knock 'em out. By losing both games, this title-starved collection of veterans in their 30s guaranteed themselves at least two more games in a series that keeps getting more physical, plus another round-trip flight to the Pacific Northwest.

And, of course, the immediate concern is getting over what Jason Kidd called "one of the toughest losses I've ever been involved in."

"But we can still win the

series, and that's where our focus has to be," Kidd said. "We have to stay together and get home and come out Monday with the same focus and intensity as we did today. Then we just have to finish."

The Mavs flew home after Game 4 on Saturday. They didn't practice Sunday.

The biggest thing going for them is that Game 5 is in Dallas, and so would a Game 7. The home team has won all four games this series — just like the home team won all four games during the regular-season series.

"Game 5 is the pivotal game," Blazers forward Gerald Wallace said. "The advantage is tilted their way because they're at home. But we've got the momentum on the court."

Portland's momentum includes a rejuvenated Brandon Roy.

Roy left Dallas wondering about his career and his role on the Blazers. He hardly played in Game 2 and didn't score. He was so low in the rotation that he said he was nearly in tears on the bench. He picked things up in Game 3, then was the star of Game 4, scoring 18 points in the series-shifting fourth quarter, including the winning basket in the final minute.

### Baseball Schedule Change

The Harvesters play their final game against Borger 4:30 p.m. Friday with the junior varsity to follow.

# Sports

## Memphis trying to keep focused up 2-1 on Spurs

MEMPHIS (AP) — Win a playoff game? Check. Win a playoff game at home? Done.

Next? Well, the Memphis Grizzlies are nowhere near satisfied just yet.

The Grizzlies are up 2-1 in their opening series with the San Antonio Spurs after a 91-88 win Saturday night, and they can take a big step toward becoming only the fourth No. 8 seed to knock off a No. 1 seed Monday night when they play Game 4 in the FedExForum.

Zach Randolph says the key is staying humble and focused after a big victory that set off a big celebration in Memphis after the franchise won its first home playoff game in its 10th season in town.

"It's not just about winning a game or two," Randolph said. "It's about winning the series and not let our heads get too big with this win and stay humble."

Grizzlies forward Shane Battier, brought back this season in a trade, is the only person to play in all of Memphis' playoff games. He cautioned patience Sunday both for a team and fans suddenly starting to dream ahead if the Grizzlies can clinch this series.

"Well, the C word is a long ways away, two games out. There's a lot of games and a lot of basketball," Battier said.

"But I think ... the tone was different. From the first time I was here, we came back to the Forum 0-2 every time. After winning the first game, I think people were like 'Hey, ya know Maybe. Maybe.' And that hope is pretty inspiring. It's pretty cool. It's a new feeling here."

The Spurs are busy trying to regroup with center Antonio McDyess expecting to play Monday night after hurting his neck late Saturday night, an injury that forced him to the locker room. He practiced Sunday, but guard Manu Ginobili and his right elbow is still ailing a bit.

They are fighting a bit of their own history. With Tim Duncan, the Spurs have never won a series when they started with the home-court advantage only to lose

two of the first three games. Duncan said the approach doesn't change trailing 2-1.

"We've got to get a lot better at executing our game plan and being more consistent," Duncan said. "We've made a lot of mental mistakes. A lot of the things we saw on the film are easily fixable if we go out there with a little better focus."

San Antonio also needs to communicate a bit better after failing to take a timeout late, which had Ginobili desperately trying to find someone to pass to when Marc Gasol and Mike Conley kept him from attempting a tying 3-pointer. The NBA's best 3-point shooting team during the regular season also needs to find its shooting stroke after going 2 of 15 Saturday night.

Ginobili credited the Grizzlies with making it tough for the Spurs to get open looks from the corner, and he said he and guard Tony Parker made mistakes not finding teammates open in the paint.

"We've been one of the best 3-point shooting teams in the league for 82 games. They're not falling now," Ginobili said. "We either have to find a way to get our teammates or guys more open, or we've got to attack more or do something else."

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said six of nine Spurs are shooting under 40 percent. The Spurs have been out-rebounding the Grizzlies, a stat Popovich thought would be a big key coming into this series.

"I'm thrilled with and surprised with, but it was our goal. But we didn't expect to be shooting this poorly," Popovich said. "And they deserve some credit for that. Their closeouts have been great. They've packed it in and done a really good job defensively."

Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said the Grizzlies have to keep defending the 3-point line, while watching for the Spurs attacking the basket.

"So we've got a two-edged sword that we're dealing with, and it's going to be a battle throughout the series," Hollins said.

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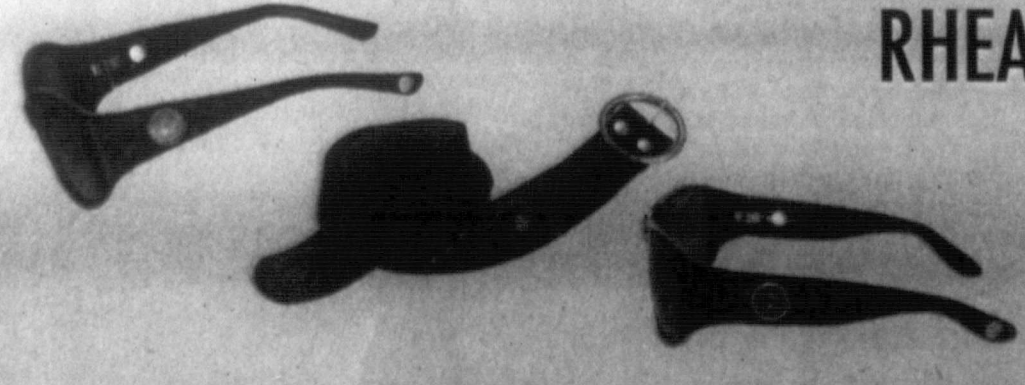
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