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Prairie Chicken study under way in Gray County

by DAVID BOWSER
The Pampa News



In the breaks along the North Fork of the Red River south of Pampa, Doug Holt sits in his pickup as male prairie chickens begin their mating dance in the predawn glow of a cold, windy April morning.

Holt, a graduate student in the college of agricultural sciences and natural resources at Texas Tech University, is in the first stages of a three-year study of the lesser prairie chicken in the Texas Panhandle.

"The study started out this year," Holt says. "There's this study and a very similar study in Yoakum County."

Holt says they are studying the breeding season ecology of the lesser prairie chicken, a bird on the verge of

extinction. He says they think the problem is young birds not making it to breeding age.

He says they will catch some males and look at male habitat use, but the most important part of the project is to catch the hens and to look at where they're nesting and which habitats are successful for nesting.

They'll also count, track and tag the young chicks when they are hatched.

He says they'll study how the chicks are surviving between hatching and the first breeding period.

"That's the main thing," Holt says. "If you can get more birds in the breeding period, particularly female birds, then the population should come back."

The study's main goal is the figure

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Pampa News photos by David Bowser

Above - A female lesser prairie chicken will be colored with a small radio transmitter so she can be tracked. Right - Research assistant Hugh Metcalfe checks the band on a leg of a female prairie chicken that will be fitted with a radio collar and released on a ranch south of Pampa.



Junk yard policy on Commission agenda

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Gray County's burn ban and policy regarding junk yards and rural dumping are on the agenda once again for Tuesday morning's county commissioners' meeting, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The burn ban has been in effect since Jan. 15 due to environmental conditions continuing to prompt red flag warnings concerning the possibility of wildfires. Commissioners will revisit the subject at each of their meetings until the ban is lifted.

A draft of a policy concerning junk yards and rural dumping is scheduled to be presented to commissioners by Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby. The county currently does not have a policy regarding those topics.

Commissioners will consider the use of Perry LeFors Airport for the "Burnin' the Bricks" drag races, which are planned for June 15.

A resolution supporting expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas will be presented for commissioners' approval, as is renewal of the county's contract with Thomson West for an online law library service.

Road and bridge items on Tuesday's agenda are repairs and maintenance of County Road 12 1/2 and Texas Department of Transportation's off-road bridge system.

A request by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters to replace an employee will be heard, as will the county clerk's report.

Commissioners will also discuss prorating county employees' health insurance benefits when employees take time off without pay.

Eagle Scout's project will promote Crime Stoppers



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

From left, Dustin Neef, Robert Norris and Cody Hudson hope to help take a bite out of crime by spray painting the Crime Stoppers name and local telephone number on Pampa Dumpsters. All three are members of Boy Scout Troop 404. The spray painting is Neef's Eagle Scout project, and he is responsible for planning, organizing and supervising the work. All 47 new dumpsters at the city landfill, pictured above, as well as others at each end and some middles of alleys around the city, will be painted by Neef and his fellow Scouts.

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Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following inci-

dents for the period from 7 a.m. Friday through midnight Saturday.

Friday, April 11

Twenty-two traffic stops were made. Arrests were made during stops in the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 900 block of West Kentucky.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets, and the intersection of Lynn and

23rd streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Barnes and Campbell streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Duncan, the 1900 block of Duncan, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 400 block of Red Deer, the intersection of Powell and Brown streets, the 900 block of Barnard, the 600 block of Naida, the 1000 block of South Wells and the 700 block of North Dwight.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of South Ballard, twice in the 400 block of North Zimmers, once in the police department lobby and the 2600 block of Seminole.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions and resulted in at least one arrest.

Three attempts to serve papers were made.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of West Foster.

Found property was reported in the 1100 block of Coronado. Two bicycles were found at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

A runaway was reported in the 900 block of North Christine.

A missing person was reported at the intersection of Somerville and Cook streets.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Suspicious person calls were reported in the 1100 block of Coronado, the 400 block of North Dwight and

the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of North Christy, the 400 block of North Ballard and the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan, the intersection of Denver and Finley streets, the 1200 block of Darby, and the intersection of Lowry and Darby streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

Information was given in the 2100 block of Beech. The report concerned a letter requesting bank information from an individual.

Eight business checks were made.

One open door was checked.

Identity theft was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart. The incident concerned use of the victim's Social Security number by another person.

Forgery was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of West Brown. Two speakers, an amp, a CD player, a radar detector and 30 CDs were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,200. The console of the vehicle was damaged during the burglary.

Saturday, April 12

Twenty-eight traffic stops were made. Arrests were made as a result of stops in the 300 block of North Banks and the 600 block of Finley.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of Duncan, the 2800 block of Charles and the 500 block of Lowry.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of North Banks, the 100 block of South Faulkner, the 400 block of Carr, the 2100 block of Williston, the 1100 block of Bond, twice in the 1000 block of South Wells and

once in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Price Road and Alcock Street.

Welfare checks were made in the 1400 block of Williston, and the intersection of Cinderella and North Crest streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of West Wilks, the intersection of Cuyler and Atchison streets, the 900 block of South Faulkner, the 1500 block of Coffee and the 1100 block of Coronado.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 300 block of East Kentucky, the 2100 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of West Foster and the 1100 block of Alcock.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of West Foster, the 1600 block of Dogwood, the 800 block of Bradley Drive, the 300 block of North Hobart, three times in the 500 block of Lowry and once in the 100 block of East Craven.

Criminal mischief was reported on two occasions in the 500 block of North Warren. On one occasion, the windshield and mirror were damaged on a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$250.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Zimmers. A windshield valued at \$275 was damaged.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. Minor injuries were reported.

Two alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Brunow.

Theft was reported at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler. Taken was a crystal ball valued at \$1,000 which had been donated to the center.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$3.70 was taken.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, April 12

Erika Dawn Doyle, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Finley by Pampa Police Department for failure to identify/giving

first sergeant with the 388th Medical Logistics Battalion including a six-month tour of duty with Operation Enduring Freedom supporting the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia in 1996.

Coach Kuhn was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Michael Kuhn; and one sister, Roberta Marie Kuhn.

Survivors include his wife, Cyndi Kuhn, of the home; one son, Matthew Kuhn of Polk City, Iowa; one daughter, Amy Bryant of Hays; one stepson, Jake Danner of Hays; one step-daughter, Chelsie of Hays; four brothers, Leon Kuhn of Downs, Kan., Ron Kuhn of Ladera Ranch, Calif., Steve Kuhn of Pampa and Terry Kuhn of WaKeeney, Kan.; one sister, Mary Ann Randa of Liebenenthal, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Coach Bob Kuhn Memorial Scholarship Fund through Celebration Community Church.

Obituaries

Coach Bob Kuhn, 57

HAYS, Kan. — Coach Robert L. Kuhn, 57, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at his home in Hays. Funeral mass was held at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Hays and a celebration of life service conducted at Hays High School. Military honors were conducted by Fort Riley, Kan.

Arrangements were by Cline's Mortuary of Hays.

Mr. Kuhn was born May 22, 1950, in Great Bend, Kan., to Remigus C. and Roberta May (Barrett) Kuhn.

Coach Kuhn competed in football, wrestling and track for Hays High School and was a state discus champion in his senior year, 1968.

His athletic endeavors continued at Pratt Community College where he placed fifth and third nationally in discus.

Coach Kuhn concluded his undergraduate education at Fort Hays State University where he played football and track and became an NAIA discus champion. He still holds the FHSU school record.

He was a soldier, athlete, educator and coach and was

instrumental in the promotion of wrestling in western Kansas.

His teams earned Athletic Conference championships, individual state medalists and state champions. In 2007, the Prairie Senior Classic was renamed in his honor to the Bob Kuhn Senior Classic.

His wrestling coaching career included leading Hays High to five league championships, five regional championships, and a runner-up finish at State in 1985 along with two third place finishes in 1986 and 1994. He coached 24 state finalists, 14 state champions and 70 state medalists.

The Kansas Wrestling Officials Association twice awarded Coach Kuhn its Sportsmanship Award in 1995 and 2000 and Coach of the Year award; the Kansas Coaches Association 2000 Coach of the Year; and the 2000 NFCA District 5 Coach of the Year. In addition, Coach Kuhn was a fixture with the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association, serving as the Class 5-A Representative for 20 years.

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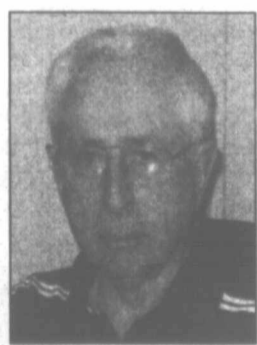
If you have any questions, you can contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

Chamber Letter

CCPC important asset to economic development, growth

Spring is finally here and so is the wind. Of course we are discovering that the wind may be a real blessing for the Panhandle. Harnessing the energy of wind with the huge windmills to produce electricity should develop into a big-time economic boost to all of Gray County. It is an extremely large project, requiring transmission lines, capital and manpower – and therefore it will take some time to implement and become operational. In visiting with President William Auvenshine and Dean Ray Jaramillo of Clarendon College and Clarendon College-Pampa Center, respectively, I discovered that Clarendon College is the only community college in Texas that has received approval to add Wind Technology courses to its curriculum.

This should be a big boost to Pampa's future in the wind energy industry – and also shows that our



Keith Pitner
Chamber

Clarendon College-Pampa Center Campus is an important asset in our economic development and growth.

Our monthly Chamber Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 15th. Please plan to attend and mark your calendar accordingly.

We are in the process of planning a BBQ cookoff to be held in conjunction with the Burnin' of the Bricks, June 14th. We are calling it "Cookin' on the

Bricks" and are including several levels – individuals (better known as "Backyard Chefs"); Non-profits; Business; and Professionals. Competitive spirit, being what it is, has already sprung, with ATMOS Energy issuing a challenge "to anyone thinking they can out cook us." I wonder what their secret is? Maybe cooking with gas or something?

If you want to enter or help (it should be delicious and fun), please call us at 669-3241 or e-mail the Chamber at har-

vest@pampachamber.com <mailto:harvest@pampachamber.com>.

Are you a newcomer to Pampa? If so, drop by the Chamber office at 200 N. Ballard for a "Newcomer Info Envelope." The envelope contains some helpful information and a little history about Pampa. We also have new Pampa city maps to help you find your way around.

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Viewpoints

Texas Tales: There is so much earth at Earth

Why on Earth would someone name a town Earth?

Just imagine the communication inconveniences plaguing those living in the Lamb County community of Earth:

"Where're you from?"

"I'm from Earth."

"Har, har! Me, too. Where are you really from?"

When you live in this High Plains town 70 miles northwest of Lubbock, every time you say goodbye to a visitor, you have to guard against a polite, "I'll look forward to seeing you the next time you come to Earth."

Or say you moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas, but occasionally like to go home to see family and friends.

"I'm going back to Earth for the holidays."

Even if you stayed behind, when you're ready to go someplace else, telling your

friends, "I'm leaving Earth for a few days," could net a few snickers.

Obviously, simply asking someone if they have ever visited Earth can cause misunderstanding.

Rancher William E. Halsell did not make the heavens above or the fishes in the sea, but he created Earth in 1924. He had been in the area since 1901, when he bought up a huge chunk of the old XIT ranch for \$2 an acre. In August 1924, he had a town site platted and began selling lots.

The Halsell Land Co. built a hotel, a cotton gin and the first house. Within a couple of years, Earth could boast of a cafe, a service station, a store or two and more residences. And that's about all the solid ground there is when it comes to the history of Earth.

Researchers have unearthed at least four versions of how a point in a

rural High Plains county became Earth:

The first settlers wanted to call the new town Tulsa, but the U.S. Post Office quickly took them back to Tulsa as a bad choice, since such a town already existed in Oklahoma.

Halsell supposedly called his town Fairlawn (some say Fairlene), but the frequent blowing dirt inspired someone to come up with Earth.

Another tale has R.C. "Daddy" Reeves, who operated the new town's hotel, declaring: "We've got more earth here than anything else, let's call it Earth."

A final version has Halsell, wanting to emphasize the fertile soil around his town, came up with Good Earth. Washington,

this tale holds, did away with "Good" and made the place plain old Earth.

While accounts vary as to how Earth, Texas, got its worldly name, you can take to the soil bank that Earth is the only place in the United States called Earth. (There's Black Earth, Wis., Blue Earth, Minn., White Earth, Minn., and Middle Earth, Md., but that's as close as it gets.) Neither does a global search reveal another Earth anywhere on Earth.

Someone seemingly with all the time on Earth has also discovered that in addition to Earth, the state of Texas has a small solar system of other towns named after the planets swirling around our sun. Beyond Earth, Texas' extra-

terrestrial town names include Mercury, Mars, Saturn and Pluto. Several states have Venus, Jupiter and Neptune as town names, though no state has chosen to honor Uranus.

But to get back to Earth, despite its all-encompassing name, it's a pretty down-to-Earth community, a rural agricultural center whose principle landmark is a shiny silver-colored water tower with the green (as in "God's green Earth") letters E-A-R-T-H painted on its tank.

Speaking of paint, several of the buildings along State Highway 70, the town's main thoroughfare, have been enhanced by someone handy with a brush.

The former movie theater, long since closed, has been dolled up as "The Tin Star," featuring Anthony Perkins perpetually playing in "The Blob" with showings at 6 and 10 p.m. daily and matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Down the street at Main and Cedar is the paint-enhanced office of the Earth News, an imaginary newspaper "Dedicated to the Development of the World's Richest Irrigation Area." On the side of another building, someone painted a giant green population sign reading "Earth Pop. 1019."

That population is not big enough to support its own school, so students go to class in nearby Springlake. Because of that, the football team is known as the Wolverines, not Earthmen.

Small but tough, Earth endured the Dust Bowl and the Depression but stayed in slow decline until the late 1970s. The high point of Earth's orbit came in 1980, when the town's population peaked at 1,512. But the number of those calling Earth home has dropped by nearly a third since then.

Even the Dairy Queen stands abandoned these days.

Mike Cox
Columnist



U.S. pols deftly spread strategic manure

Sen. John McCain is already spreading the old "strategic interests" fertilizer along the presidential campaign trail while pretending to be an expert.

Let's hope he really can explain what interests require us to maintain troops in Germany and Japan 63 years after the end of the war. What exactly is the purpose of those troops? Are we expecting the Mongols to descend on Japan? Does he expect the Cossacks will ride across the plains to attack Europe? Does he think that two of the greatest economic powers on Earth — Japan and Europe — are too poor to defend themselves? The old boy is living in the past.

When American politicians talk about strategic interests, they are talking about just what I called it, manure. We have no strategic interests in the Middle East whatsoever. We wish to buy oil there. Last time I checked, those countries that produce oil were selling it to any country willing to buy it, whether that country had troops in the area or not. Since oil isn't edible, there's not a heck of a lot you can do with it if you don't sell it.

What are all those Navy ships in the Persian Gulf doing? Do McCain and George Bush seriously believe that Iran would launch an invasion of Saudi Arabia? That's ridiculous. There might be some aspects of Iran's government we don't care for, and that's OK, because it is not our government, and we don't have to live under it. Nobody in his right mind, however, has ever accused Iran of being an expansionist nation. All McCain has to do is read up on his history and ask the CIA to explain to him Iran's order of battle. Their forces are not equipped for invasions.

As for the nuclear nonsense, both Iran and our own intelligence agencies say that the Iranians are not interested in developing nuclear weapons. But suppose they were. Who cares? I'm much more concerned about the nuclear weapons in Russia, China, India, Pakistan, France, Great Britain, the U.S. and Israel.

Iran is one of the oldest civilizations on Earth, and its people are smart. They are not crazy. They know that one day their oil will run out, and they want to develop nuclear

power. They signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. They have called repeatedly for a nuclear-free Middle East. To compete with the nuclear powers, they'd have to produce so many nuclear weapons and delivery systems, it would bankrupt them. They've decided that option would be foolish. Now if they can only convince our foolish politicians.

I sometimes think our older politicians fell in love with the British Empire. I think many of them secretly long to sit on a veranda somewhere and be served drinks by humble servants. They love the idea of empire. The admirals and generals like to fly around to our 702 overseas bases, play a little golf, have a few drinks and fly home again.

The reality is that we can no longer afford our overseas empire, no matter what

Charley Reese
Columnist



strategic interests McCain and Bush like to fantasize about. We're about to go busted. It's pretty hard to maintain an empire on credit when you have borrowed money from the people you claim to be lordling it over. The Philippines kicked us out of our bases there. I predict the Japanese will eventually do the same. Get a stable government in North Korea and the South Koreans will be showing us the door. We should leave on our own and devote those billions of dollars to

domestic priorities. Bush is mad to push the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It should be disbanded, not expanded. It has no enemy. By expanding it, however, Bush seems to be trying to convince Russia that NATO is its enemy. That's not a smart thing to do. It's dumb. Talk about something that is not in our strategic interests, it's restarting the Cold War with Russia.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 4
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Alphonso Jackson:

Alphonso Jackson, secretary of housing and urban development, has submitted his resignation, effective April 18.

Good. It was time for Jackson to leave. His lapses in ethical judgment had become a distraction for the administration he serves and for the \$32 billion agency he oversees — a department that for years has never received the care, respect or attention it deserves from the executive branch.

The longtime public servant leaves under a cloud: allegations of cronyism, a major lawsuit by the Philadelphia Housing Authority alleging retaliation and an FBI investigation of a HUD contract in New Orleans.

The timing of his resignation, and responses to it by some members of Congress and political pundits, would suggest that the nation's No. 1 man for "housing" had somehow failed the nation in this current financial and real estate debacle that sent the country's

economy into a tailspin. Jackson can't be blamed for all those failures. Many others, including the president, Congress and greedy corporate executives, must shoulder that responsibility.

No, Jackson's problem was himself. Some believe that he did care about providing quality public housing for the needy. While he was director of the Dallas Housing Authority, he fought hard to make sure that there was at least equality in the system.

For example, he oversaw the demolition of the overbuilt, overcrowded, underfunded and segregated west Dallas housing "project." He initiated plans and development of smaller, more attractive, better-built and integrated units.

At the same time, Jackson enjoyed being a political maverick, loyal to his Republican Party and those (including George W. Bush) who befriended and assisted him. He eagerly tangled with his detractors and often dared them to oppose what he thought was best for the community, public housing in general and the nation.

He was ambitious, which in itself is not a bad trait. But along with loyalty, he may have indulged that trait to a fault.

Anyone in his position, and especially in that politically charged agency, will have critics and supporters. But Jackson had a way of giving ammunition to his enemies.

During a speech to a minority real estate group in Dallas a couple of years ago, the secretary said that he had canceled a contract with a businessman who had said bad things about the president. When the statement was made public, Jackson said it wasn't true — he had just made it up.

Either way, it made the secretary look bad.

In his decades of public service, Jackson has done much good for poor people, public housing and our country. Sadly, it takes only a few missteps to blemish even a solidly great record, much less one that falls short of greatness.

In announcing his resignation, Jackson said what most public officials say when they are being forced out: It's because of "personal and family matters."

We can only hope that he attends to those matters with a little more care than he attended to the matters of HUD, and the people it serves, in the past four years. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old stepdaughter, "Nicki," is sweet, sensitive, shy and artistic. Through no fault of her own she is two grades behind in school. She's not anti-social but has few friends at school because of the age difference. The friends she does have take advantage of her. They spend time with her only when she has spending money. They also borrow her things and do not return the items in good condition. Nicki loves to talk about how many friends she has, but she'll also mention that they don't like her sometimes. She lives with her mother for the most part, but when she visits she seems starved for attention. I try to tell her to stand up for herself, but she thinks if she does she'll lose her "friends." Her mother also has low self-esteem, and I think she has passed this on to Nicki. Is there anything I can do to bolster my step-daughter's self-esteem? And what can I say about her friends without overstepping my boundaries? -- **LOST STEPMOM IN PALAU**

DEAR LOST STEPMOM: It is not unheard of for parents who are socially recessive to pass that trait on to their children. After all, children learn by example - and that's where you may be able to help your stepdaughter. The more time Nicki spends with you, the more she will see how you appropriately handle social situations and contemporaries. You should also share your thought process with her before and/or after you have done so. This will give her coping mechanisms in dealing with her own life. Although it may be tempting, do not put down her classmates. If you do, it could come across as a criticism of her. Instead, encourage your stepdaughter to get involved in activities out

side of school -- perhaps pursue her art, something that she enjoys. That way she can meet peers with whom she has something in common, and who won't have preconceived ideas about her status.

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor who honks her horn twice to say goodbye to her children -- at 7 a.m.! It's so annoying to wake up to the sound of a honking horn every morning. How do I ask this neighbor -- whom I am not friendly with -- to stop this daily ritual? -- **NO MORE HONKING IN PA.**

DEAR NO MORE HONKING: Write your neighbor a sweet note and explain that the honking is waking you up. She may be unaware that she is creating a problem. If that doesn't work, then check the noise ordinance in your city. She may be in violation of the law.

DEAR ABBY: I never married "Mark," the father of my 20-year-old son, "Joel," and Mark didn't appear in Joel's life until he was 12. Mark had a relationship with Joel for about two years, then moved to another state. I learned last night that Mark has died. Joel is a few hours away at college. Should I tell him on the phone or in person? -- **UNDECIDED IN STOCKBRIDGE, GA.**

DEAR UNDECIDED: If the situation were reversed, what would you prefer? While Mark and Joel have not been close, your son has still lost his father. To tell him in person would be the kind thing to do.

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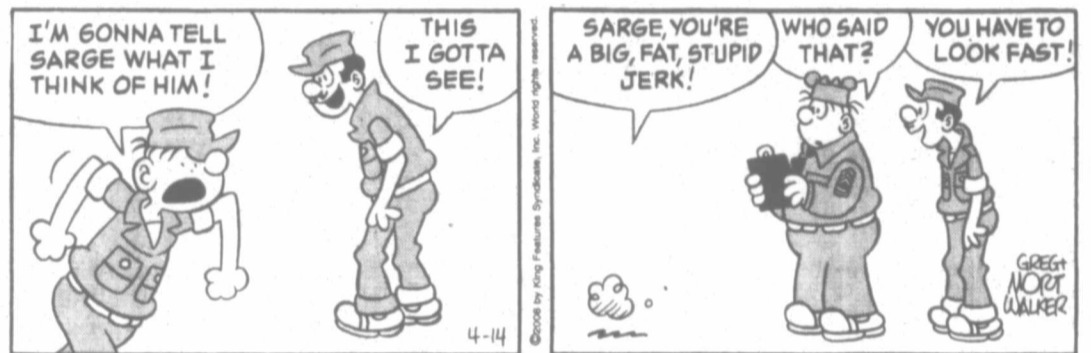
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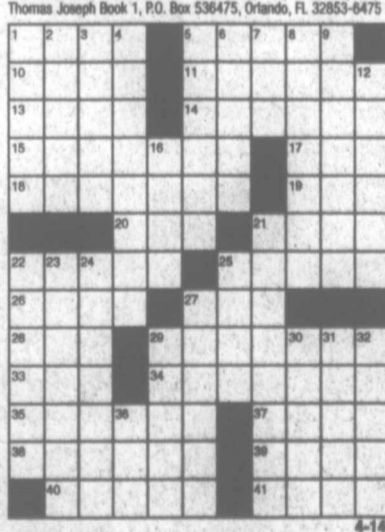
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Sports

Lady Harvesters continue perfect district season

By JULIE ANN THOMPSON
The Pampa News

The Lady Harvester varsity softball team took on Palo Duro Saturday, April 12 and came out on top with a score of 7-1. The win puts the team at 8-0 for district and 18-11-2 for the year.

"The game Saturday helped us clinch at least a part of the district title," Coach Bobbi Gill said.

Pitcher Ashley Facio picked up the win improving her record to 8-11-2 for the season. She gave up only one hit and had ten strikeouts.

Kelby Doughty had a stolen base and scored one run. Kambra Jimenez had a

stolen base and scored one run. Libby Dyson had one hit, two RBI's and scored one run. Carlyn Teichmann had one hit and one RBI. Ashley Facio had two doubles, one single and scored one run. Holly Winegeart had one hit and one RBI. Sammie Pearson had one single and Kamie Doughty had one single, one stolen base and scored two runs.

The team will travel to Hereford tomorrow evening to take on the Whitefaces at 4:30 and will then host Randall on Friday to finish up district play.

"The next two games are big for us," Coach Gill said. "We just have to stay focused and play our game."



The Lady Harvester varsity softball team celebrates its victory and show its school spirit as the school song plays. Pampa's win over Palo Duro puts the team at 8-0 for district.

Courtesy Photo

Harvester JV baseball defeats Dumas Demons

The Pampa Harvester JV baseball team traveled to Dumas on Friday, April 11 in search of their tenth victory and came away a winner. Pampa defeated the Demons 4-2.

"I feel that anytime you can beat Dumas in Dumas you have done something," Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "We made the routine plays when we needed to."

Pitching the entire game for the Harvesters was Freshman Garrett Ericson who scattered seven hits and two runs through seven com-

plete innings, while striking out ten Dumas hitters.

Offensive leaders for the Harvesters were Douglas Smith 2-3 and one double, Wes Hannah 1-3 and Chase Ferguson 1-2.

"It was a great team effort by all the boys," Coach Snelgrooes said. "I couldn't be more pleased with the way we played."

The win puts the JV's record at 10-7 for the season and 4-1 in district. Their next game will be at 5:00 today in Pampa against Caprock.

Sonics win potential Seattle finale over Mavs

SEATTLE (AP) — Jason Terry never really had a choice in whether or not he would become a Seattle SuperSonics fan.

"If your third grade P.E. teacher was (former Sonics player) Slick Watts, then you already know (the answer)," the Dallas Mavericks' guard said.

Terry, a Seattle native who grew up with the Sonics, a team that may have played their final game in Seattle on a night rife with emotion and appreciation.

With the crowd roaring with playoff fervor, the Sonics rallied late for a 99-95 win over the Mavericks on Sunday night. Rookie Kevin Durant scored twice in the final 45 seconds, and the Sonics rallied from a six-point deficit in the final 3

minutes. It was an impressive home finale for a Seattle team that might be playing in Oklahoma City next season and is putting the finishing touches on the worst record in franchise history.

But the doom of what may happen with the Sonics was secondary on this night. Instead, the Sonics outshutled and outworked the Mavericks, and the crowd rewarded their effort.

"From what I heard, NBA arenas are not supposed to be as intense as college. I beg to differ," Durant said. "This was the loudest it's ever been for me here."

While the near sellout crowd showed their appreciation for the Sonics' effort, they also didn't hold back from displaying their disdain

for Sonics owner Clay Bennett.

The crowd chanted "Save our Sonics!" and had a far less gracious chant for Bennett. They roared "GP!" when Gary Payton, the star point guard during Seattle's last heyday in the mid-1990s, took a seat near the Dallas Mavericks' bench early in the second quarter.

They carried signs. One read, "E-mail Clay: C.U. in court!" Another called Bennett, who intends to move the team to Oklahoma City, "a liar" and "a thief."

And they just kept roaring all the way to the end, when Durant stood at midcourt, waving his arms and asking for more.

"I was surprised, to be honest with you, because there hasn't been that much

of that here all year," Seattle's Nick Collison said. "It was an emotional night, especially for the guys who have been here a while."

Earl Watson led Seattle with 21 points and 10 assists. Durant finished with 19 and Collison had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

But many fans didn't see Sunday night as an end.

"No, it doesn't feel like the end. It really doesn't," said 23-year-old Eric Evers. "It's possible — but I just don't see us losing the court case."

Bennett unsuccessfully lobbied the state Legislature last year for a \$500 million arena in the suburbs funded primarily with public money. Now he is arguing that the team's lease permits him to write a check to fulfill the final two years of the deal.

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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)

*** Be practical, and you'll accomplish a lot. If your thoughts are too far-out, you could have a problem manifesting your ideas. A boss could be controlling but has a lot to offer. If you are tired, negativity could emerge. Tonight: Call it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Your imagination could bypass many problems. Just the same, remaining focused and not forgetting details could be more important than you realize. Don't allow someone's sour mood to impact you. Tonight: Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** If you can stay close to home,

please do. You easily could be overwhelmed. Know when you have had enough. Listen to feedback from someone who understands a situation differently from you. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You easily express your thoughts and ideas. You might feel as if you don't need to hold your thoughts back any longer. Someone could be very difficult; realize that words simply won't move this person. Play the waiting game. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You might feel the need to lighten up a situation or turn it around. Though caring, your efforts might not achieve the results you want. Change your thinking and approach. Update, as people might be changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You are able to respond in a far more dynamic manner than in the past. Though you might feel laden on some level, you communicate creativity and a zest for living. Tonight: Love the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Kick back and allow others to step forward. You often like attention, but sometimes it simply might not be appropriate to dominate — like today. A situation that might be private demands your attention. Tonight: Remember, you don't always need to explain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** While others express themselves in a light manner, you zero in on priorities. Knowing what you want will help achieve just that. Others admire your ability to reach a goal. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others look for answers, and when they do, they look to you. Responsibilities drop on you. Decide just how much of your resources you plan to use. You could be draining yourself without realizing it. Tonight: A force wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** The extent of your resourcefulness becomes evident to everyone. You might need to detach from those people who want to use you like a solution-finding machine. Just say no. Be sensitive to someone at a distance.

Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Work with one partner directly, and you'll get results you like. You might be encouraged to dig deep into your mind for answers. Let creativity flow. Don't worry so much about others agreeing. Tonight: Get together with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Study

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out what can be done to help the birds with their reproductive success, he says, and give the landowners in the area some management options.

Holt and his research assistants are covering three counties in the Texas Panhandle, Gray, Lipscomb and Hemphill.

They are watching four leks in Gray County, three in Lipscomb County, and he still scouting Hemphill County, but he's found two.

He says those aren't all the leks in the counties. Those are just the leks that they're working on.

Holt says that there seem to be fewer birds in the leks in this area of the northeastern panhandle than the leks in shin oak of Yoakum County along the New Mexico state line on the Texas South Plains.

The booming or mating ground appears to be bigger in this area than in Yoakum County, but the numbers of birds seem to be a little bit



Pampa News photo by David Bowser
Hugh Metcalfe, a research assistant, holds a male lesser prairie chicken, trying to calm him, before putting a radio collar on the bird so he can be tracked as part of a Texas Tech research project.

fewer, he says.

"It may be that there are more leks here than there are in Yoakum County," Holt says

He says habitat may be more available here because the area isn't as dominated by the shin oak.

Holt says he's averaging

about nine birds per lek in this area, while the Yoakum County study is averaging about twice as many.

"They're getting close to 20 birds per lek down there," he says.

Holt says there's been a lot of research in Kansas. One of those studies indicates the female birds don't like things sticking up above ground, such as windmills or pump-jacks or towers.

The males don't seem to care where they are, Holt says.

"We've seen leks under windmills," he says. "Windmills don't seem to bother them."

While there is literature that indicates farming may be a detriment to the small birds, Holt says he's gotten reports from landowners of up to 100 birds feeding on center pivot crop circles here each morning.

Holt says, however, that the rangeland is an absolute must for the birds. He says they can't live in cropland because they can't nest.

"They nest on rangeland,"

he says.

He says they are compatible with cattle.

All of Holt's study areas are on private land.

He says that when he started, he was told by his habitat diversity coordinator, Heather Whitlock at Tech, that they are out here working for the landowners.

"This research is for these land owners," Holt says.

"Everything Texas Parks and Wildlife does is for these landowners."

He praises the landowner with whom he's worked.

"We're fortunate to have some really good landowner cooperators with us on this project," Holt says. "They've been very accommodating and very helpful to us, and they seem excited about the project."

Researchers shed light on Spanish altarpiece displayed in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Some modern detective work has brought new insight into a collection of 15th century panels that once adorned a church altar in Spain.

Scientific analysis of the medieval panels painted between 1480 and 1500 for the cathedral of Ciudad Rodrigo has not only revealed underdrawings hidden for around 500 years, but has also elevated the status of an artist who worked on the panels.

Researchers found that a virtually unknown artist named Maestro Bartolome who had worked alongside the better-known Fernando Gallego was responsible for about half of the panels — and was an outstanding artist in his own right.

"We knew Bartolome worked with Gallego, we didn't know his technique and style and hand was such a quality," said Mark Roglan, director of Southern Methodist University's Meadows Museum in Dallas, where the panels are the centerpiece of an exhibit on display through July 27.

"He is a master on his own," Roglan said.

The exhibit features the cathedral's 26 remaining panels, which depict biblical events including Genesis, the life of Christ and the Last Judgment.

"It's been called one of the greatest altarpieces of the 15th century," said Claire Barry, chief conservator of paintings at Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum.

The exhibit gives viewers a peek into the past with illuminated copies of the underdrawings, which are the sketches the artists made of the scene before painting them. In a panel depicting Adam and Eve, for instance, the Bartolome originally had Eve kneeling next to Adam, but the finished panel shows Eve emerging from Adam's rib.

Those underdrawings, revealed with the help of an infrared camera, have given scholars some insight into the practices of artists' workshops at the time.

Barry, who did the technical analysis on the paintings, said that looking at the underdrawings helped them learn how two workshops came together to work on a piece, how work was divided, and what the differences and similarities were among the artists.

Barry found that the 23 larger "narrative" panels, measuring about 3 1/2 feet by 5 feet, were split about even-

ly between the two artists. But Gallego did all three smaller panels, measuring about 2 1/2 feet by 3 1/2 feet, that formed the bottom row of the altarpiece.

She also discovered distinct differences in the work of Gallego and Bartolome. While both were obviously inspired by print sources, Bartolome copied them directly, while Gallego used them more as inspiration. Gallego wrote notes on his sketches to indicate the color he wanted used for certain objects, Bartolome did not.

The workshops were filled with specialists, including people who prepared the wood panels and assistants who would paint scenes sketched in by the artists. There were even artists who specialized in background trees, Barry said.

"This is much more like a corporate activity than we think of today," Barry said.

On loan from the University of Arizona Museum of Art in Tucson, Barry has been examining the panels at the Kimbell for the last three years.

The idea for the investigation came when Roglan spotted the panels while in Tucson to meet with museum officials.

"I had to sit down and really absorb this enormous beauty that was emanated from these panels," Roglan said.

"They're really as good as they get."

Charles Guerin, executive director of the University of Arizona Museum of Art and

Visual Arts Archive, said that the collaboration has been a way for them to learn more about the panels they have had since the late-1950s.

"No one knew 100 percent which was done by which artist," said Guerin, who added that the exhibit currently at SMU will open at the University of Arizona Museum of Art in September, after the panels have been returned.

The panels, which Roglan says were a highlight of Gallego's illustrious career, remained in Ciudad Rodrigo, about 53 miles from the university town of Salamanca, for almost 400 years. But sometime before 1800, they were in such bad shape they were no longer displayed at the altar. One of the panels even has a shell hole from the Peninsula War of the early 1800s, said Barbara Anderson, head of exhibition and consulting curator for Spanish and Latin American materials at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles.

In 1879, they were sold through a dealer in Madrid to a British collector. They ended up a couple years later with a Francis Cook, and remained at his home outside London until after World War II, when they were eventually sold to the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, which gave them to the University of Arizona in the 1950s, Anderson said.

Barry said that the panels underwent a major restoration in the 1950s and that work has held up, so only minor treatment was done as

they researched the paintings recently.

"It's remarkable that they've held up for so much time. They surprise you when you see them," said Pilar Silva Maroto, chief curator of paintings before 1600 at the Prado museum in Spain.

Such panels played an important role in 15th century life, Roglan said. Since most people could not read or write, the prominent display of biblical events on the panels helped educate churchgo-

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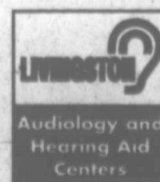
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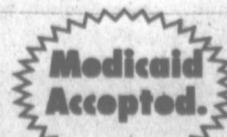
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