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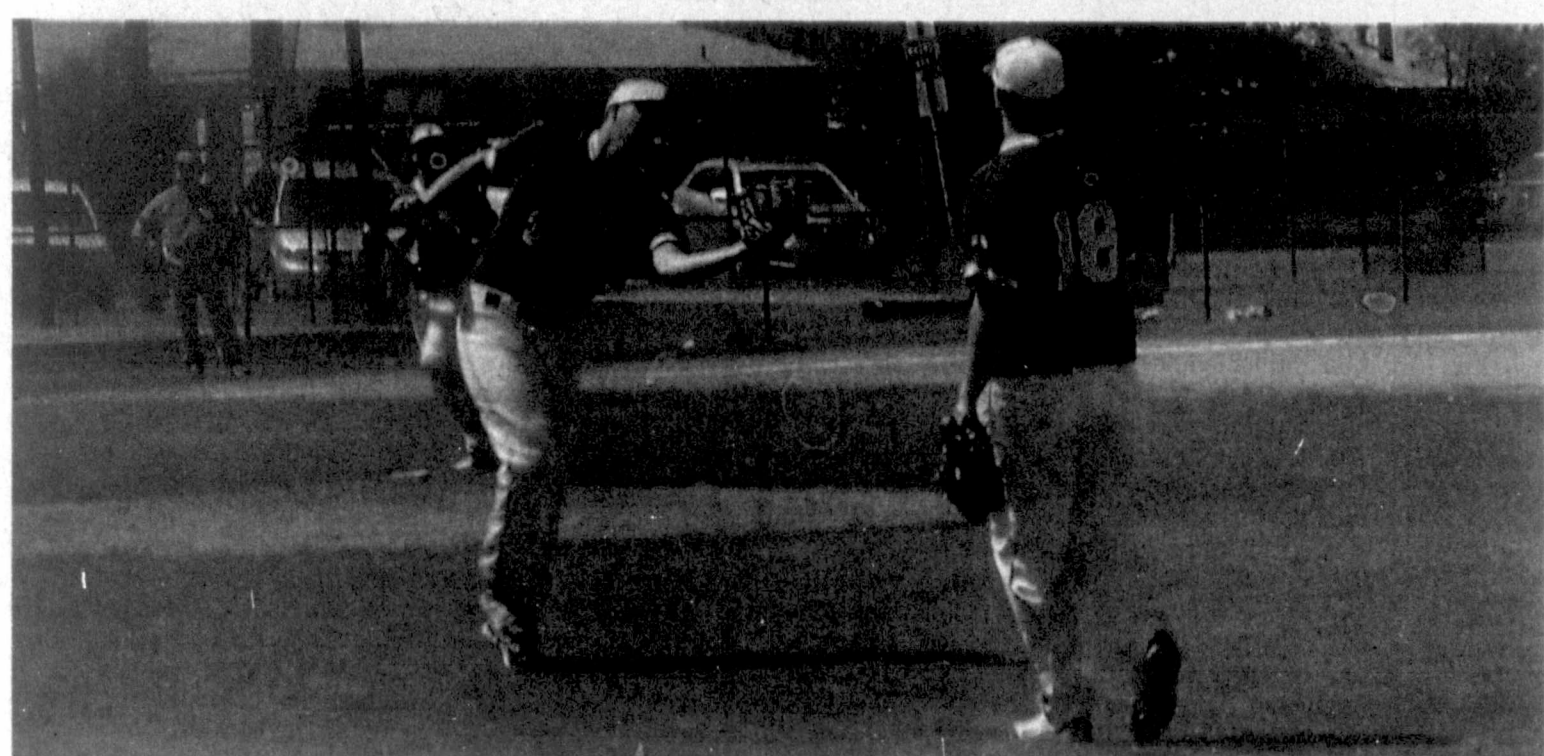


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## BASEBALL FALLS TO BORGER



Senior Collin Killgo makes a catch in the infield against Borger Saturday, but it wasn't enough. Killgo started at pitcher and took the loss in a 9-7 Borger victory. Full Story in **SPORTS**, page 6.

## Officials warn voters of bogus election info

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There's another bogus election email in circulation, and officials are warning Pampa voters of the false information. Recently, an email has been spreading word about a statewide constitutional amendment involving the homestead property tax exemption on the May 12 Uniform Election ballot. That amendment, according to Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade, does not exist. "Texans need the facts when they go to the polls, and the fact is there is no constitutional amendment on the May 12 ballot," Andrade said. "If **ELECTION** cont. on page 10

## Democratic Party to hold convention

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At 7:30 p.m. on April 21, a convention of the Gray County Democratic Party will be held at 2101 Chestnut. Open to any voter who is registered to vote at least 30 days before the convention and affiliated with the Texas Democratic Party, the purpose of the convention is to elect delegates to attend the state Democratic convention in June. Delegates elected at the state convention will attend the national Democratic convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. "As one of the largest and most diverse delegations in the country, the Texas Democratic Party will make certain that all voices of our broad constituency are heard at our National Convention," said Boyd Richie, state chair of the Texas Democratic Party. Janie Street, chair of the Gray County Democratic **CONVENTION** cont. on page 3

## SHINE THE LIGHT



Pampa High School senior Kirsten Kuhn (from left) mans a coin game as Emma Padilla, 4, plays and Jordan Padilla, 15, and Luis Brooks, 19, look on during Shine the Light on Thursday evening at PHS. The event, sponsored by CASA, SADD and National Honor Society, raised child abuse awareness among area students.

## SPOT THE MAYOR



Pampa's Mayor Brad Pingel (center) was joined by bikers from the Bandidos, Cuchillos, Iron Riders, Boozefighters and Christian Motorcyclist Association as he signed a proclamation for motorcycle safety awareness.

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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 50. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 86. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Cruz brings Tea Party flavor to Senate race

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Many Republicans view Ted Cruz as the Texas version of Marco Rubio, the Hispanic U.S. senator from Florida whose conservative philosophy and strong oratory skills helped make him a national tea party force seemingly overnight.

But unlike Rubio, who served several years in the Florida Statehouse before winning his Senate seat, Cruz has never appeared on a ballot. The son of a Cuban immigrant got most of his seasoning for next month's Senate primary by arguing in front of the state Supreme Court as the longest-serving Texas solicitor general.

Cruz systematically argues his case to voters as if standing in front of a jury. He jokes about politicians being "blood-sucking parasites" and proof that "invertebrates can walk upright."

"I confess, I'm a TV yeller," Cruz says, laughing about how he reacts to television news. But the joke reinforces his self-image as a conservative fighter, which happens to be what polls say Texas Republicans want.

To tea party leaders, and he has been endorsed by several in his race against Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Cruz has the conservative background to match the rhetoric. The self-professed child of the Reagan revolution made college money in the 1980s by reciting the Constitution from memory to Houston-area Rotary Clubs and giving speeches advocating free-market economics.

Cruz brags about how his Cuban father fought with rebels supporting Fidel Castro against dictator Fulgenio Batista in the 1950s, before Castro announced that he was a communist. Rafael Cruz fled the country and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, then moved to Canada to work in the oil fields near Alberta, where Ted Cruz was born. The family eventually moved to Houston, and his father became a U.S. citizen in 2005.

Ted Cruz won national debate championships at Princeton Univer-

sity. At Harvard Law School, he was the primary editor of the Law Review and founding editor of the Latino Law Review. It was there that he fell in love with his wife while both were working on George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign. When Bush took office, he made Cruz an associate deputy attorney general.

Republican U.S. Sens. Jim DeMint of South Carolina, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Toomey of Pennsylvania are urging activists to pump money into Cruz's campaign against Dewhurst, a multi-millionaire and 14-year veteran of Texas politics.

"Ted Cruz has a deep appreciation for the U.S. Constitution and he's someone conservatives can count on to fight for the principles of freedom that make America great," DeMint said.

DeMint's Senate Conservative's Fund has given Cruz nearly \$1 million, and former Texas U.S. Rep. Dick Armey's FreedomWorks, a national activist group, has trained dozens of volunteers. Cruz also counts the Eagle Forum's Phyllis Schlafly and Focus on the Family founder James Dobson as supporters.

While his campaign against Dewhurst has been heated at times, Cruz saves most of his criticism for Barack Obama, who he calls the most radical president in U.S. history.

"Never has our liberty been more threatened from Washington," Cruz said in almost a conspiratorial whisper to 35 elderly voters in Georgetown, 30 miles north of Austin. "Texans want a fighter, not a timid career politician."

Cruz's challengers complain that he zealously spins quotes and facts and sometimes misleads his audience. He frequently attributes to his father a saying about preserving liberty in America, when the quotation was commonplace and repeated on national television by Ronald Reagan in 1964. Cruz often quotes Dewhurst from an Associated Press article saying that he supports an income tax, which is currently illegal

in Texas. But Dewhurst was talking about reforming the state's business tax, which is not based on income and forces companies to pay taxes even when they are losing money.

Dewhurst never supported a personal income tax. Dewhurst also complains that Cruz takes too much credit for fulfilling assignments given by his boss while serving as solicitor general.

"Like Barack Obama, Ted Cruz is a Harvard-educated trial lawyer who gets paid to talk a good game," said Matt Hirsch, Dewhurst's spokesman. "Cruz's sole record revolves around co-opting Attorney General Greg Abbott's accomplishments."

Cruz said that if Dewhurst disagrees with these depictions, he should participate in more debates. Both men appeared in a debate televised statewide Friday along with former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, a business executive also in the race, who questioned Cruz's experience.

"You've been a terrific staffer in the attorney general's office, but the reality of it is you haven't led businesses," Leppert told Cruz. "To you it is an academic exercise. To me it's a career."

Even though Cruz is thankful for national endorsements, his campaign is grass-roots. He attends every small town event he can, introducing himself to voters, most of whom have never heard of him. He admits he has little hope of winning the nine-candidate May 29 primary outright, but he hopes to join Dewhurst in a run-off on July 31, when experts say turn-out will be extremely low and activist voters will likely choose the winner.

Cruz also promises to fight Republicans as well as Democrats. He complains that some Republicans have been "complicit with the Democrats in growing the size, power and spending of the federal government."

"The big reason that Barack Obama got elected is because Republicans weren't standing for principle," Cruz said. "We had lost our way."

## Texas eatery serves up \$12K Titanic meal

HOUSTON (AP) — Crystal tinkles as women clad in dinner best bow their heads over champagne glasses, listening attentively to the captain's evening address. The Armagnac they sip is circa 1900. The dishes, crystal and silverware also hark back to a bygone era — one when the Titanic sailed the high seas, destined for disaster.

On this evening, though, the captain is Ryan Roberts, executive director of Cullen's restaurant in Houston.

"We're here to remember the people who perished on that fateful night, so if we could just bow our heads in a moment of silence," Roberts said, his white-gloved hands reminiscent of the opulence of the Edwardian era that birthed the lush first-class cabins and dining rooms of what was then the world's largest ship.

It's the 100th anniversary of the maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic, which hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic on a frigid, dark night, killing 1,514 people. And to mark the occasion, 12 people in Houston enjoyed a replica of the lavish 10-course dinner the wealthiest people aboard the ship enjoyed just before the crash.

The dinner was one of many served from New York to Memphis, Tenn., and across the oceans to Hong Kong, as chefs attempted to transport diners to a time when waiters in starched coats and napkins hanging from their arms served an upper class that was far removed from the common man, who filled the lower portions of the Titanic and went largely unnoticed by the wealthy until they perished together in the cold sea.

At Cullen's, Roberts and Chef Paul Lewis spent months researching the menu, the waiters' attire, the china, silverware, crystal, wines, cognacs and Burgundies, hoping to offer their guests an experience as close to the actual event as possible. Pairing up with the Museum of Natural Science to include a tour of its Titanic exhibit, they came up with a \$12,000 feast for each party of 12 that will be offered through September, when the ship's relics will move on to a new destination.

After viewing the exhibit, diners are driven by limousine to the upscale restaurant about 20 miles south of downtown Houston, where they are seated in an exclusive dining area suspended over the main hall. There,

they are treated to an array of foods from around the world prepared by cooks who have for months practiced and discussed how to interpret a menu too lavish for today's palette.

The truffles are from France, the oysters from neighboring Louisiana, the salmon from Scotland. The portions, however, have been scaled down, and some — such as the Consommé Olga, a Russian-style meat broth — were given a more modern twist.

"We wanted to make sure there's enough there to give you the flavor or the substance but nothing to make you hugely uncomfortable sitting there, dreading the next course," Lewis said.

"Dinner back then was a little bit different as well. If you didn't want a course, you just waved it off and the waiter would just skip you and go onto the next person," Lewis said. "Of course, we don't want that. We want to make sure that everyone gets a little bit of everything."

Finding the menus from the Titanic — first, second and third class — was fairly easy. They are among the artifacts that were recovered from the wreckage. Rather, it was making sense of the scant descriptions, such as "roast duckling, apple sauce," that was more complex, Lewis said. He cross-referenced the menu with other research, then came up with his interpretation of the meal.

But what did the waiters wear? To answer this question, Roberts went to the movie and finally dressed his waiters in white tuxedo jackets, making sure all, including himself, donned white gloves.

Unable to find a complete set of china, silverware and flatware for a 10-course meal or confirm the authenticity of HMS Titanic sets offered online, Roberts finally turned to those who have some memory of the era.

"We begged, borrowed and pleaded with a lot of grandmas to find that china," he said, noting that diners will eat off of sets from the 1900s "that none of us have even touched and weren't allowed to eat on," Roberts said.

Tracking down some of the food was also a challenge, Lewis said. Truffles, for example, are between seasons and the chef was reluctant to use a canned variety. So he

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## Obituaries

### Gary Gene Herr, 73

Gary Gene Herr, 73, died Friday, April 13, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Gary was born July 23, 1938 in Lawton, Oklahoma. He moved to Pampa in 1989 to co-found Progressive Sales. He formed Hi Plains Measurement Co. in 2001. He married Ruth Robinson in 1957 and she preceded him in death in 2005. He was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church as well as the Moose Lodge #1385. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his wife Marlene with all of his heart.

He is survived by his wife: Marlene Herr of the home; two sons: Patrick Herr and Lance Herr of Pampa; four grandchildren; Josh Herr and wife Kandice, Hannah Ball and Leslie Ball all of Pampa, and Kris Madrid of Austin; one sister: Donna Winborn of Midland. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and 2-sons: Steven Herr and Michael Herr.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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### Arthur Rudolph Hernandez, 75

Arthur Rudolph Hernandez, 75, died Friday, April 13, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hernandez was born November 29, 1936 in Higgins and has been a lifelong resident of Pampa. Arthur was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Mary Carman Luna on November 7, 1956 in Pampa. Arthur retired on May 31, 2001 from the City of Pampa as a Sanitation Supervisor.

He is survived by his wife Mary Hernandez of the home; two sons: Eddie Hernandez of Amarillo and Mark Hernandez of Pampa; one daughter Debbie Hernandez of Amarillo; One brother: Manuel Hernandez of Guymon, Okla.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents.

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# MORNINGRUSH

## Yellowfin tuna linked to salmonella

WASHINGTON (AP) — A yellowfin tuna product used to make dishes like sushi and sashimi sold at restaurants and grocery stores has been linked with an outbreak of salmonella that has sickened more than 100 people in 20 states and the District of Columbia, federal health authorities said Friday.

The Food and Drug Administration said 116 illnesses have been reported, including 12 people who have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Moon Marine USA Corp. of Cupertino, Calif., also known as MMI, is voluntarily recalling 58,828 pounds of frozen raw yellowfin tuna. It was labeled as Nakauchi Scrape AA or AAA when it was sold to grocery stores and restaurants and is scraped off the fish bones and looks like a ground product.

The product is not available for sale to individual consumers but may have been used to make sushi, sashimi, ceviche and similar dishes available in restaurants and grocery stores. Many of the people who became ill reported eating raw tuna in sushi as "spicy tuna," the FDA said.

Reports of the foodborne illness caused by salmonella have mainly come from the Eastern Seaboard and South, though cases have been reported as far west as Missouri and Texas.

## Dolphin dies at Corpus aquarium

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — One of the three popular bottlenose dolphins at the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi has died.

An aquarium statement says the dolphin named D.J. was found dead at the bottom of a dolphin tank early Saturday. He was age 15.

Aquarium officials say D.J. had begun behaving unusually Friday and was due for testing when he died. Aquarium Executive Director Tom Schmid tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times the dolphin was swimming but not eating, which might have suggested a toothache.

Schmid says D.J. was born in November 1996 at the Minnesota Zoo in suburban Minneapolis, was considered middle-aged for a dolphin and had appeared to be in good health.

D.J. is the second dolphin to die at the 22-year-old aquarium. Cobie died of pneumonia in 2007 at 15.

## Baggage inspector accused of theft

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Transportation Security Administration baggage inspector at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has been accused of stealing iPads from luggage during an eight-month period.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that 36-year-old Clayton Keith Dovel of Bedford has been indefinitely suspended from his job.

Authorities say an investigation by airport police led to the recovery of eight stolen iPads.

Dovel was arrested in February and indicted this week on a charge of theft by a public servant of items valued at up to \$20,000. If convicted, he could face two to 10 years in prison.

His attorney Greg Westfall did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press left on his cell phone Saturday.

## Ex-firefighter gets arson probation

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Johnson County volunteer firefighter will have to spend six months in county jail as part of his probation for setting grass fires last year.

Twenty-two-year-old Patrick David Pantuso pleaded guilty to two counts of arson in the fires. A prosecutor said the fires "could have been disastrous" in the state's drought conditions.

A jury sentenced Pantuso to 10 years' probation on each count and fined him \$10,000. A judge, at prosecutors' request, gave Pantuso 180 days in jail as part of his probation.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that Pantuso can't work at or visit any fire department and must wear an ankle GPS monitor during the peak months for grass fires.

## UT spokesman charged with assault

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A spokesman for the University of Texas at San Antonio has been charged with aggravated sexual assault of a 15-year-old boy.

Forty-seven-year-old David Lee Gabler, the school's associate vice president for communications, posted \$75,000 bond and was released late Friday. The university placed him on leave.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that Alamo Heights police discovered Gabler with the boy in a parked vehicle at 2:15 a.m. Friday and found evidence in the car that they had engaged in sexual activity. Police say he met the boy in an online chat room.

Gabler's attorney, Clint M. Glenn II, wrote in a statement that "we are confident that after all the facts become known that he will be exonerated."

Gabler has been employed by the school 17 years.

## Rain hoped to limit wildfire risk

LUFKIN (AP) — State foresters are hoping that recent rains will limit the 2012 wildfire risk in East Texas, where drought factored in several disastrous fires last year.

Mark Stanford is associate director of forest resource protection for the Texas Forest Service. He tells The Lufkin Daily News that the region is "actually in pretty good shape," unlike South and West Texas.

The National Weather Service in Shreveport, La., had forecast severe drought to continue in East Texas through early summer. However, more than 17 inches of rain has fallen in the Lufkin area in the first quarter of 2012, the most seen in a decade.

Much of the damage from the 2011 fires remains. Stanford says another \$137 million will be needed to reforest the region, leaving many forest-related businesses idle.

# When to take your Social Security

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

Well, dear readers: do you want the good news ... or the bad news? Let me get the bad news out of the way first. I've been working on a new fact sheet for my readers (that's actually the good news - but more about that in a minute); and as part of my research, I've discovered that I haven't been completely clear in some past columns when explaining the coordination between taking reduced benefits on your own Social Security record and any possible benefits you might be due on your spouse's Social Security record.

A question I'm frequently asked goes something like this: "Can I take reduced benefits on my husband's record at age 62 and then at 66, switch to full benefits on my own account?"

The answer to that question is "no." But sometimes I've overstated that negative response by following up with a comment similar to this: "If you take reduced benefits on one Social Security record, you cannot later switch to full benefits on another record." As a politician who's caught bending the truth might say: "That statement is no longer operational."

Before I can clarify that, I have to explain a technical part of Social Security rules called the "unrestricted application policy." That means that an application, for any kind of reduced Social Security benefit is automatically an application for all other Social Security benefits a person might be due. Because most people are usually due benefits from only two accounts — their own and a spouse's — in practical day-to-day use, the policy is saying that if you apply for your own Social Security benefit before age 66, you are automatically applying for spousal benefits at the same time. Or the reverse is also true: if you are applying for reduced benefits on a spouse's Social Security record, you are simultaneously applying for your own Social Security. But here is something I didn't make clear in

my prior columns. If your spouse is not yet getting Social Security when you apply for benefits, then you can claim spousal benefits later when your husband or wife signs up for Social Security. And you will get whatever spousal rate you are due based on your age at the time (e.g., 50 percent at age 66; about 40 percent at age 64, etc.). But the reduction you took on your own Social Security record will still impact your overall benefits.

Here is a simple example of how that works. Becky files for her own retirement benefits at 62. Her full (age 66) rate is \$1,000, but she is getting \$750 per month in reduced retirement benefits. Her husband, Tom, is also 62, but he does not plan to file for Social Security until age 66. When he turns 66, he starts getting \$2,400 in full retirement payments. At that point, Becky can file for wife's benefits. To figure her rate, the Social Security Administration will take her full age 66 benefit, or \$1,000, and subtract that from one-half of Tom's full benefit, or \$1,200. So, \$1,200 minus \$1,000 leaves \$200. That \$200 would be added to Becky's reduced retirement benefit of \$750, giving her total benefits of \$950 per month.

And please note: the "unrestricted application rule" does NOT apply to widows and widowers. For example, a woman can take reduced widow's benefits as early as age 60, and then at age 66, switch to full retirement benefits on her own Social Security account. Or, she can wait until age 70 and get full benefits plus a 32 percent "delayed retirement bonus."

Also, the "unrestricted application rule" does not apply if you wait until 66 or later to file for Social Security. For example, if you are 66, you could apply for spousal benefits on your husband or wife's account, and then at age 70, file for your own retirement benefits and get your full rate plus that 32 percent bonus mentioned above.

So now: back to my new fact sheet. There is no question I am asked more often than this one: "When should I start my Social



Security?" Another version of that question goes like this: "Should I take my Social Security at 62 ... or wait until age 66 or even age 70?" As I've pointed out so many times in this column, that is almost an impossible question to answer because there are so many potential variables. And the biggest variable of all is your life expectancy. I could give you a very good answer to that question if you could give me an answer to this question: "Exactly when are you going to die?" And because no one really knows the answer to that question, no one really knows when it would be the best time to start one's Social Security benefits.

And some of the many other variables include your anticipated earnings (if you are under age 66, an earnings penalty can reduce your Social Security benefit payments) and, as discussed in the first half of this column, your potential eligibility for benefits on a spouse's Social Security record.

To help readers decide when to take their Social Security benefits, I've written this new fact sheet. It discusses all the variables. It explains the earnings penalty rules; it clarifies benefits you might be due as a spouse; and it offers several strategies for "maximizing" your Social Security benefits.

As always, I make these fact sheets available free of charge to my readers. If you want a copy, simply send an email to me at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net). Because I've written so many fact sheets, please specify that you want the new one titled, "When to take your Social Security benefits."

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

# Plant owner defends horse slaughter plan

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — The owner of a New Mexico slaughterhouse is defending his plan to become the first plant in the nation since 2007 to handle horses after an outcry from politicians and animal activists.

In interviews with the Roswell Daily Record and the Albuquerque Journal on Friday, Valley Meat Co. owner Rick De Los Santos said he's trying to revive his failing business and that what he's proposing is legal.

The horses he plans to process are being slaughtered anyway in Mexico and his operation would be overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture

and meet much higher standards, he said.

The company's application for federal inspections at the plant just outside Roswell triggered an outcry when it became public Friday, with New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez calling on the USDA to deny his application.

If his application to the USDA is approved, De Los Santos said horse meat will be exported to Mexico and be for Mexican consumption. He said the exportation of horse carcasses might be a better option than exporting live horses to Mexico, which involves holding the horses at the border. De Los Santos also said horse slaughter meth-

ods in Mexico may be less humane than in the U.S.

"There's no regulation as to how they (slaughter horses) in Mexico," De Los Santos told the Daily Record. "It's nowhere close to the USDA standards."

Horse slaughter has effectively been blocked since Congress withheld funds for USDA inspections of horse meat plants in 2006. But a recently passed agriculture bill provides the money.

De Los Santos said the official number for live American horses exported to other countries for slaughter is 100,000; but the figure may be closer to 130,000.

"All I'm saying is we can take some of those and slaughter them here," De Los Santos told the Journal.

The company, which has a 7,290 square-foot plant on a 10-acre site, has been slaughtering cattle for about 20 years, but has recently been unable to continue doing business because the cost of cattle has risen dramatically with the recession.

## Convention

Party, encourages all Democrats in the area to attend the convention to make their voices heard. "Individuals who want

to represent our area as delegates to the Texas Democratic Party state convention should attend," she said.

## Meal

called in a favor from a friend who works at a restaurant in New York and the earthy mushrooms arrived barely 48 hours before the big dinner.

And then, there was the hunt for the drinks. Roberts found no wine or drink list from the Titanic. So instead, he hunted down some wines and ports he believes the people on the ship may have enjoyed with their meal, and a couple of bottles of Armagnac from that era, one at a cost of \$400 per ounce, or nearly \$4,000 for the bottle. "To have something from that era, from that age, is quite amazing, a lot of history there," Lewis said. "That bottle's got a huge story to tell."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, April 16, the 107th day of 2012. There are 259 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to France in 59 minutes, an accomplishment that was overshadowed by the Titanic disaster the day before.

### On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1879, St. Bernadette, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers (neh-VEHR'), France.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1910, Boston Arena (now Matthews Arena) first opened.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the Second World War.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people). Financier Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse, "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, Bob Dylan debuted his song "Blowin' in the Wind" at Gerde's Folk City in New York; New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Rummel excommunicated three local Roman Catholics for fighting racial integration of parochial schools; Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of divorcing.

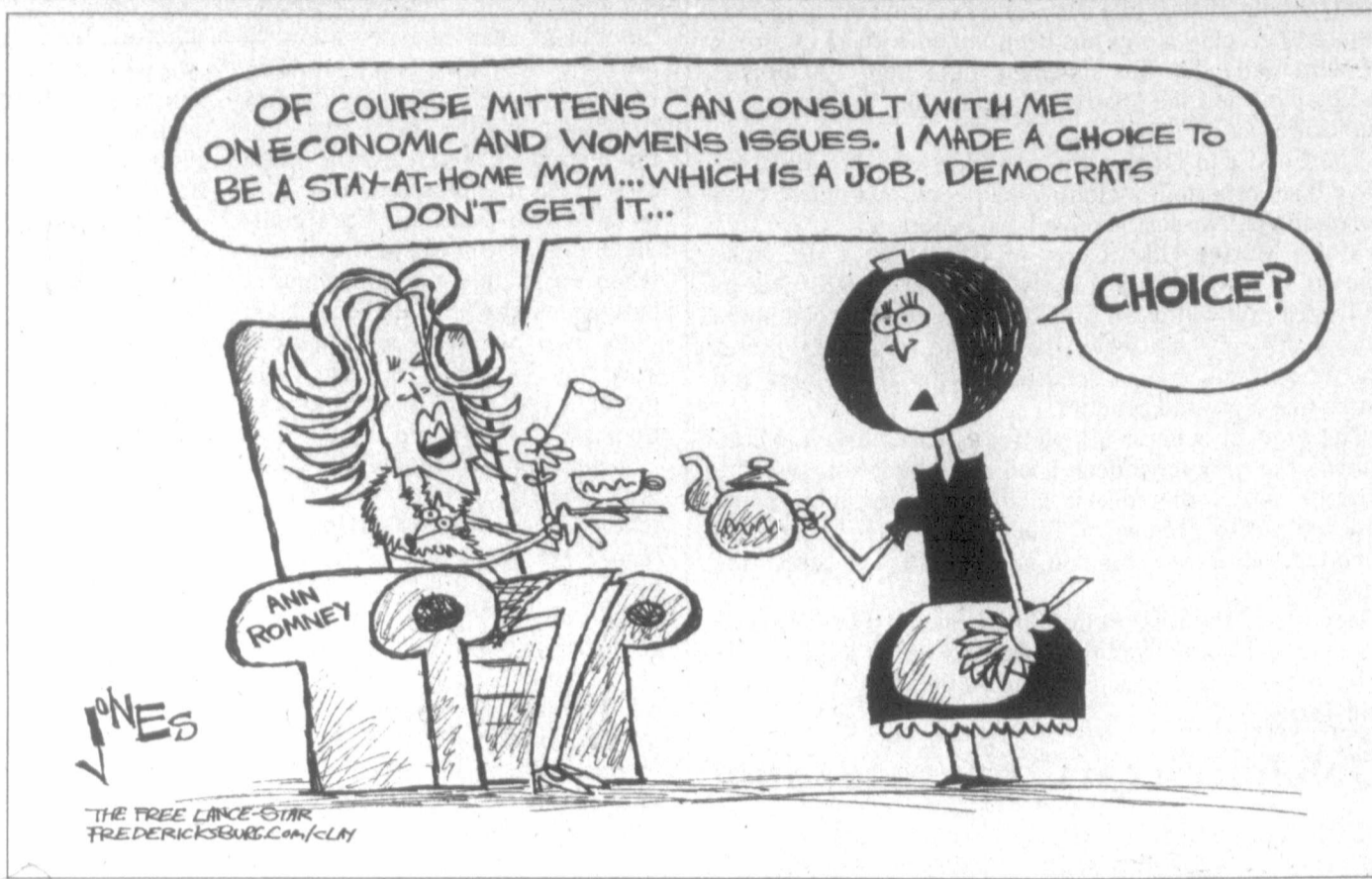
**Ten years ago:** The U.S. Supreme Court overturned two major provisions of the Child Pornography Prevention Act, saying the government had gone too far in trying to ban "virtual" child pornography. Actor Robert Ulrich died in Thousand Oaks, Calif., at age 55.

**Five years ago:** In the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life. Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya won the Boston Marathon for the third time in 2 hours, 14 minutes, 13 seconds; Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva captured the women's race in 2 hours, 29 minutes and 18 seconds. Carrie Underwood's dark hit "Before He Cheats" won video of the year, female video and best video director at the fan-voted CMT Music Awards.

**One year ago:** A Taliban sleeper agent walked into a meeting of NATO trainers and Afghan troops at Forward Operating Base Gamberi in the eastern Afghan province of Laghman and detonated a vest of explosives hidden underneath his uniform; six American troops, four Afghan soldiers and an interpreter were killed. President Raul Castro drew a line in the Caribbean sand across which Cuba's economic reforms must never go, telling a Communist party summit that he had rejected dozens of suggested changes that would have allowed the concentration of property in private hands.

**Today's Birthdays:** Pope Benedict XVI is 85. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 85. Singer Bobby Vinton is 77. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 72. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 65. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 60. Rock singer-turned-politician Peter Garrett is 59. Actress Ellen Barkin is 58. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 50. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 49. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 48. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 47. Actor Jon Cryer is 47. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 46. Actor Peter Billingsley is 41. Actor Lukas Haas is 36.

**Thought for Today:** "We think too much and feel too little." — Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977).



## Could another VT massacre happen?

**BOB LEWIS**  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Five years ago, Virginia Tech student Seung-Hui Cho had begun his mission of indiscriminate mass murder after leaving numerous vivid signs of his madness.

In the reckoning afterward, investigations identified many points along Cho's psychological disintegration where intervention might have averted the wide-awake nightmare of April 16, 2007 — the worst mass-shooting in U.S. history.

Today, with the benefit of hindsight and substantial legislative reforms, could someone else commit the same atrocity that Cho did when he shot 32 people dead and then killed himself as police closed in?

Two of Virginia's most experienced law enforcement experts say it's extremely unlikely, but impossible to rule out in a free society.

It's a question that haunts the unguarded corners of Col. Steve Flaherty's mind every day. The carnage he saw in Norris Hall — cell phones ringing in the pockets of slain students and faculty who would never answer them — is still unsettling and unshakable.

"It's the most horrific sight of my life," Flaherty, a career lawman and superintendent of the Virginia State Police since 2003, said barely above a whisper in a Friday telephone interview.

Everyone in Virginia changed a little that day, not just Flaherty. Not only do people remember where they were, what they were doing and whom they were with when they heard of the attack, it rocked basic assumptions about when and where they're really secure, said Flaherty's retired predecessor as head of the State Police, W. Gerald Massengill.

"It's like America before 9/11 and America after 9/11. Virginia since April 17, 2007, is different from Virginia on the morning of April 16, 2007, and before," said Massengill, who headed a blue-ribbon panel appointed to review the killings and recommend reforms.

Some of the holes in the sys-

tem through which Cho passed have been patched.

Cho morphed from a quiet, bashful Tech freshman in 2003 into a seething madman by 2007, alarming fellow students and professors alike with dark and violent writings. Mental health professionals evaluated Cho overnight in December 2005 and deemed him imminently dangerous to himself and others. Police ordered Cho not to contact a female Tech student who had received disturbing emails, text messages and even a personal visit from him.

"Back then, nobody was able to connect the dots," Massengill said.

Now, Virginia's publicly supported colleges and universities are required by law to have teams that investigate the academic, medical and criminal records of troubled students such as Cho and establish rules and regimens for dealing with them.

Cho never should have been able to buy the two handguns he used to carry out his execution-style killings from licensed gun dealers. Because a court had ordered him to undergo mental health testing, his name should have appeared in a database licensed gun dealers use to vet the backgrounds of firearms purchasers. His name was not there.

Then-Gov. Tim Kaine ordered an administrative fix to that problem, and the General Assembly quickly wrote it into state law in 2008.

Yet there's nothing to prevent the mentally unstable, felons or anyone else from obtaining firearms at Virginia's gun shows — bazaars where gun enthusiasts can sell, swap and barter weapons with no questions asked. Virginia's pro-gun legislature has repeatedly defeated efforts to close the "gun show loophole."

"I continue to be very worried about that," said Kaine, who left office in 2010 and, after two years as Democratic National Committee chairman, is running for an open U.S. Senate seat.

"Cho didn't buy guns at a gun show, but people who have adjudicated histories of dangerous mental illness, people who are felons, it is illegal for them to get weapons in

the absence of a simple and easy records check," Kaine said.

Other work also remains.

Kaine says it's important not to underfund community mental health services — the first lines of defense against a future killer like Cho.

Massengill said privacy laws still impede information sharing between classrooms, courtrooms, police departments and mental health professionals in cooperatively — and confidentially — dealing with troubled students.

Virginia Tech's deaths, to be mourned at a campus candlelight vigil Monday, were not in vain, Flaherty said.

Campuses across the nation learned to immediately alert their students via emails, text messages or broadcasts to trouble on or near campus. Two fateful hours lapsed at Virginia Tech after Cho killed his first two victims in a dormitory until he entered Norris Hall, chained and locked its doors and began shooting.

Maybe things are better. Certainly, it would be improbable that someone like Cho could amass so high a toll again on a Blacksburg campus — or anywhere else — now much more on guard.

It's cold comfort to Beth Hilscher. Her daughter, Emily Jane, a 19-year-old freshman, was among Cho's first victims, shot dead in her dormitory early that morning alongside Ryan Clark, a fellow Hokie who rushed to her aid.

"Could it happen again? Sure it could. It just happened last week in California," she said Friday.

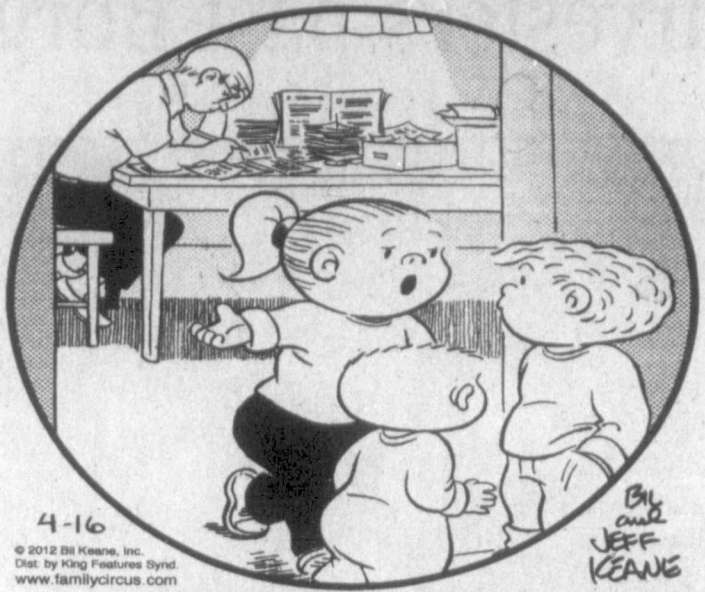
One Goh, a 43-year-old student at Oikos University, is charged with murder in the shooting deaths of seven people on the Oakland campus April 2. Police say Goh was angry with a school administrator over a financial dispute and began shooting others when he learned she was not there.

"Even if everything else had gone right at Virginia Tech the rest of the day on April 16, 2007, it would have been a bad day for Emily and Ryan," Beth Hilscher said. "But there are still students who have mental illness and who are still being ignored."



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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, April 17, 2012:  
You act and feel lucky this year. As a result, you'll attract all sorts of experiences — some of which you will like more than others. You'll also take more risks. Your finances could be the first area of your life to be affected by this new expansiveness. If you are single, you are the apple of many people's eyes. You can afford to take your time getting to know someone. If you are attached, you will indulge each other more. In a sense, you are like a new couple. TAURUS tends to make you more fiscally aware.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Your intuition lets you know that much is going on behind the scenes. If you tune in, making the right decision is easy. Others rejoice once they understand where you are coming from. Take a walk, center and reorient your thinking. Tonight: Indulge a little more than usual.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★★ A meeting sets the stage for you to find out more information. You might want to get the opinions of key friends and associates. When the day is done, you'll realize that others are with you on the right side of the tracks. Tonight: Express your happiness.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ You often wonder about someone you regularly deal with, and now you will get answers. The decision remains: How much do you want to be involved with this person? Do you need or want more responsibility? No one says you must decide immediately. Tonight: Deal with an older relative.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★★ Some people are just lucky. Whether you usually fit into this category or not, you do today if you detach and don't get triggered. Taking risks is emotional for you, yet you are likely to be on the winning side. News that comes in seems too good to be true. Tonight: In the whirlwind of your imagination.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★★ Someone wants to share some uncomfortably intimate details about a situation. Your attitude says "no," so don't worry; this person probably will catch on and get a case of lockjaw. Mobilize others' energy toward a key cause or commitment. Focus on a project, but count on some healthy distractions. Tonight: Respond to a request.

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

★★★★ You might be taken aback by someone's behavior. Take the high road; rather than judge, be understanding. Detach from triggering situations, and you will be far more content. Your ability to visualize emerges and allows you to complete some details. Tonight: Go along with a friend's idea.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★ You plunge into whatever you are doing, but be aware that this activity is not a solo venture. Let a partner or associate let you know exactly what is going on with him or her. Incorporate this person more frequently into your activities. Tonight: You need some relaxation. Choose a favorite activity.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★★ You have your own way of saying "yes" or "no." Sometimes this comes across through your willingness to listen. You delight others when you decide to toss your energy into their activities. The quality of your relationships will get better as a result. Tonight: Don't try to tell anyone that you are networking as you party away.

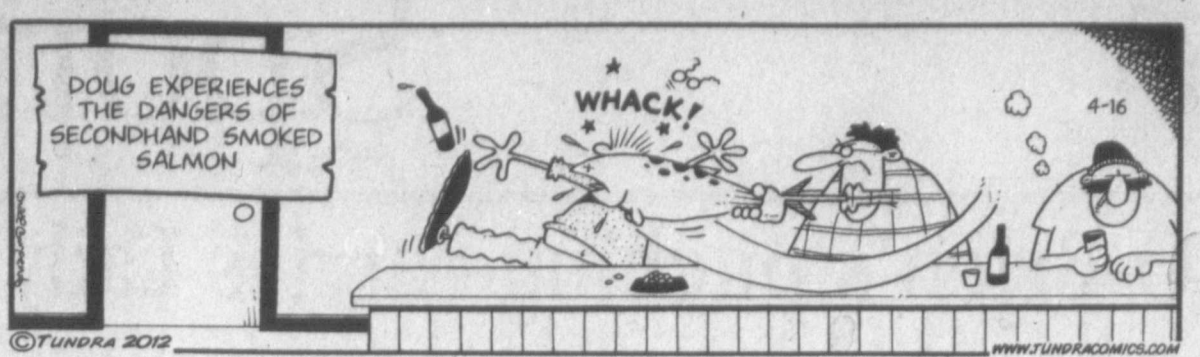
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation in broader terms. Listen to a friend or associate who is dealing with a comparable situation. You might choose to revise your stance. Schedule time with a family member, whether at lunch or later tonight. Tonight: Have a reflective chat.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You might start a conversation, but ending it could be a little more difficult. Apparently, you caught this person on a ranting day, where he or she needs to talk and clear his or her chest. Realize what is happening between you and this person. Tonight: Return calls and emails, then decide.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ How you handle your finances will have implications on others. Even if you are alone, you will see the impact of your actions. A lifestyle change could make you smart. Be smart in a negotiation. Tonight: Decide to involve others over.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Your ability to say what you mean while also lightening up the moment is a tremendous asset. You might note that someone is observing and trying to replicate your style. Pitch in, and help this person learn to be more diplomatic. Tonight: Reach out for a favorite person.

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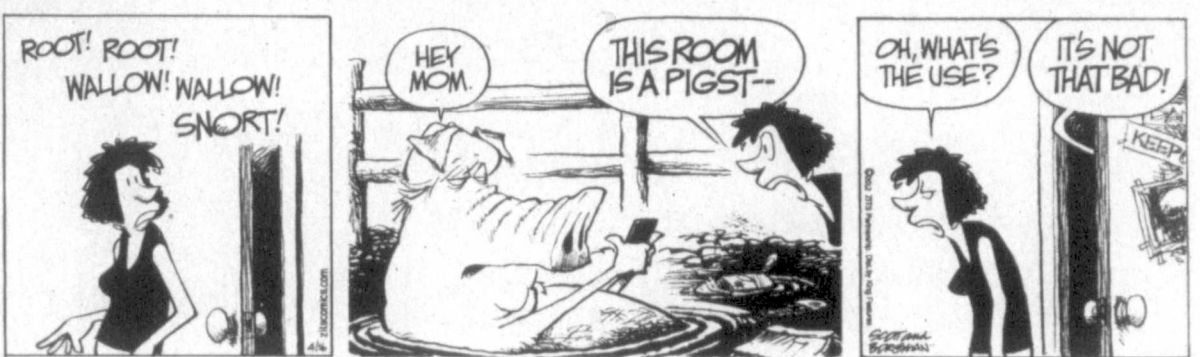
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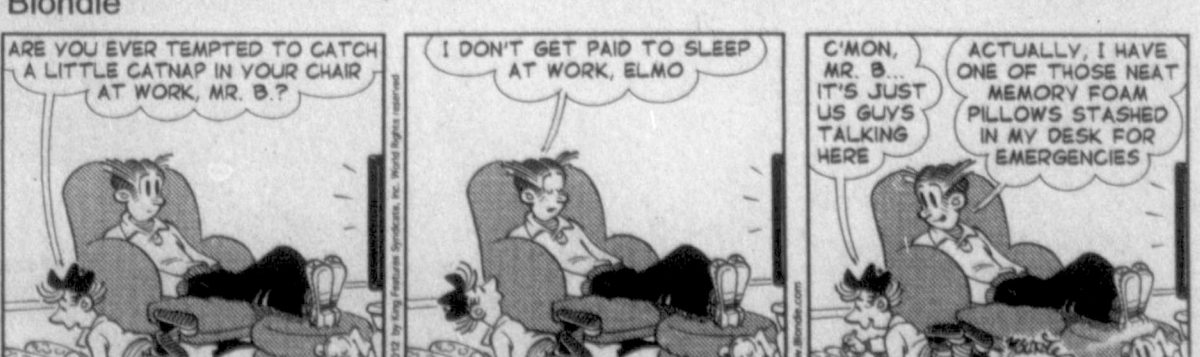
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# Sports

## O'Brien's pitching carries Lady Harvesters past Borger

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Saturday at Lady Harvester Field, hits were few and far in between for the Pampa Lady Harvesters and The Borger Lady Bulldogs. Pampa was able to make the most of its hits and pulled out a 4-1 victory.

"Alexa (O'Brien) had a great performance," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "We did what we needed to do to scratch out a win."

O'Brien (10-3), who threw a no-hitter against Borger on April 3, held the Lady Bulldogs to one unearned run on two hits, walked one and struck out 13.

Despite taking a loss, Borger's Taylor Hickman also had a strong outing, allow-



Gill



O'Brien

ing four runs on six hits, walked three and struck out six.

Neither team got a hit until Senior Alanna Stephens led off the bottom of the fourth with a double. Borger didn't get a hit until the top of the sixth and scored its only run on an error by junior Tiffany Britton.

The Lady Harvesters (19-7, 7-0) broke the game open in the fourth inning. O'Brien helped her cause and hit an RBI single to score junior Francheska Bridwell, who courtesy ran for Stephens. Junior Claire Hopkins followed with a two-RBI single scoring sophomore Mattie Eldridge and sophomore Bailey Wichert. Pampa got an insurance run in the sixth, with Wichert scoring on a Hopkins' ground out.

Pampa visits Perryton at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters had to hold off a rally by Perryton in a 11-7 April 6 victory.



Hopkins

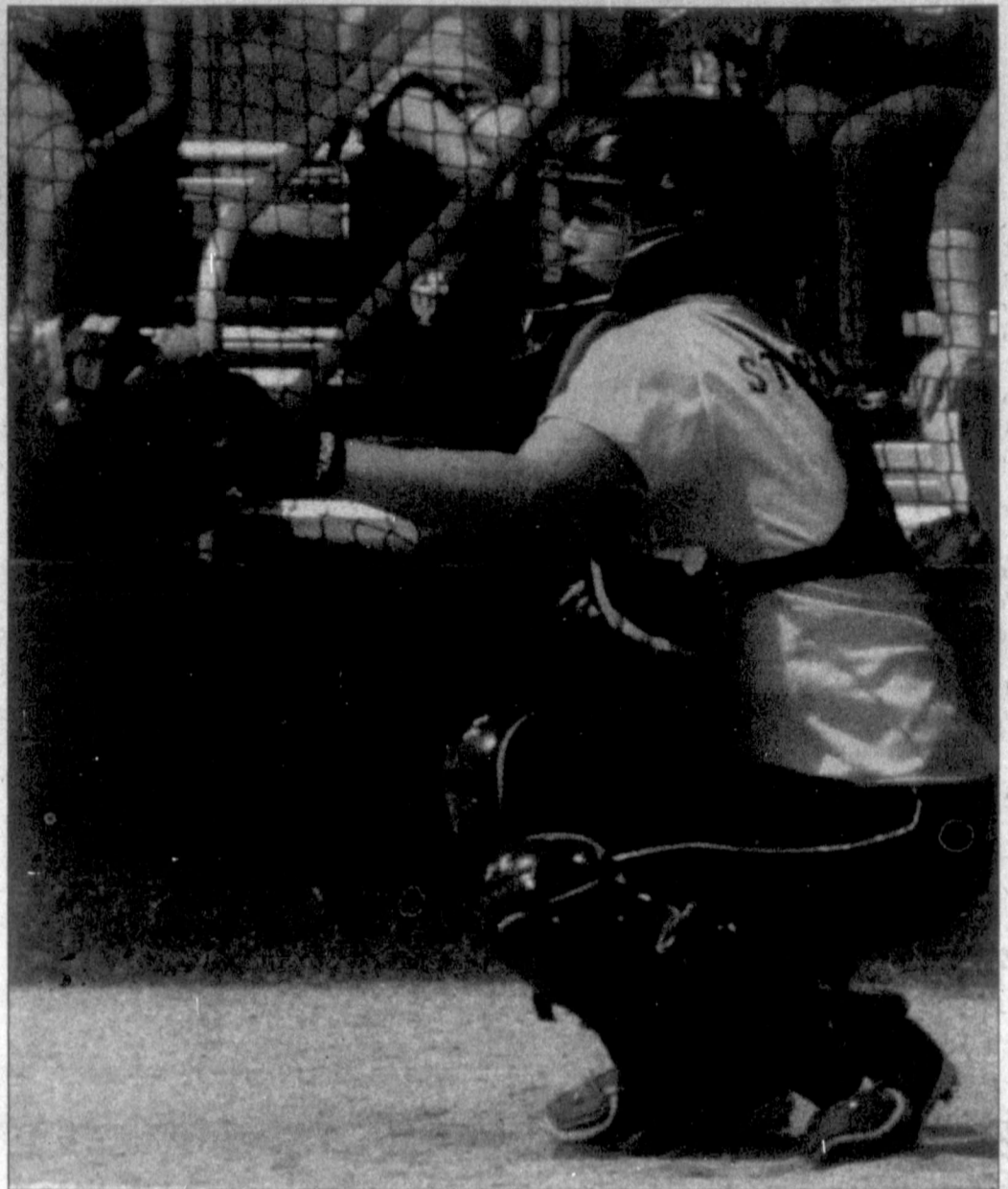


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Senior Alanna Stephens catches an Alexa O'Brien pitch Saturday against Borger. The Lady Harvesters won 4-1 and remain unbeaten in district.

### Upcoming Lady Harvester Schedule

- Tuesday at Perryton 4:30 p.m.
- Friday vs. Dalhart 4:30 p.m. (Senior Day)
- Saturday vs. Canyon and Randall at Randall 1 p.m.

## Bulldogs' sixth downs Harvesters; three-team tie for first

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The Pampa Harvesters and Borger Bulldogs entered the sixth inning tied in a game with district implications. At the end of Saturday's game, it was Borger that helped its cause, as it scored five runs in the sixth in a 9-7 victory at Harvester Field.

"We just had mental errors," senior Jared Lusk said. "We tried to come back in the last inning but didn't work out as planned."

The Harvesters (8-12, 4-2) held a 4-3 lead until the fifth inning. Grant Boren led off with a triple and scored the tying run on an infield single. The Bulldogs loaded the bases on a single, hit by a pitch and a walk. Hunter hit a two-RBI single to left to give Borger a 6-4 lead. Pampa's Collin Killgo hit the next batter and loaded the bases.

Killgo was pulled and throw his glove against the dugout wall and then sat down at first until sophomore Ethan Hunt finished warming up.

Borger (6-10, 4-2) broke the game open with a two-RBI single. The Bulldogs led 9-4 after the sixth. Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said the Bulldogs hit the ball well.

"(Borger) had bases loaded and a ball that fell," Snelgrooves said. "They kept the momentum going. We tried to work out of it and just had plays not go our way.

Credit Borger they put the ball in play and did its job."

Pampa rallied in the seventh. Killgo hit a two-RBI double to center, scoring seniors Cole Engle and Jared Lusk. Junior Jordan Lemons hit a RBI single to score Killgo, but was thrown out at second while trying for a double. Senior Zach Graves represented the tying run but struck out swinging.

Killgo (1-5) started and took the loss. The senior struggled with control as he walked three and hit five batters in 5.1 innings pitched. Garth Payton earned the win for Borger, allowing four runs on six hits. All four runs Payton allowed were in the first inning.

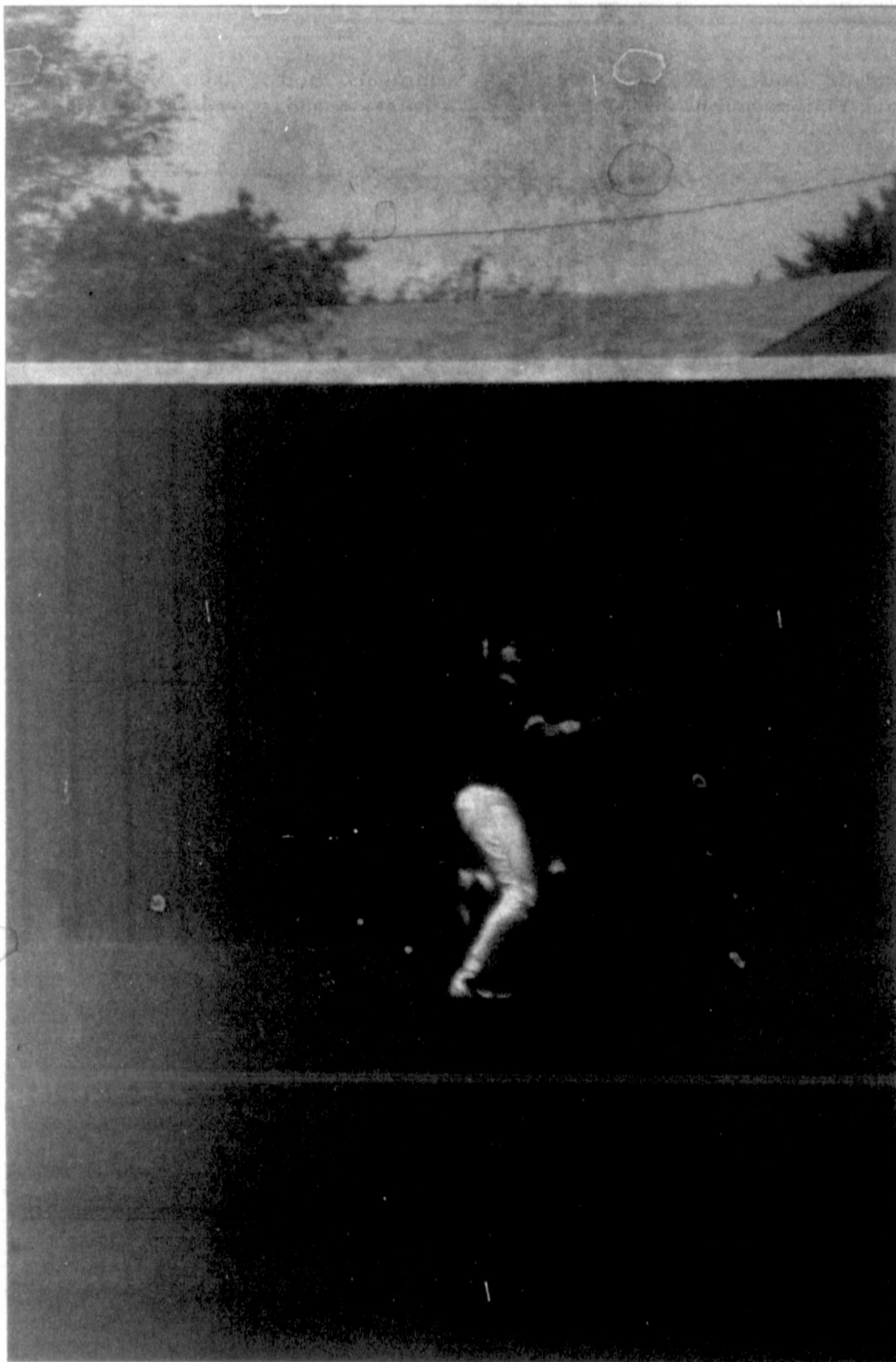
The loss puts Pampa in a three-way tie for first with Borger and Perryton. All three teams have split with each other.

"We've put ourselves back into the pack," Snelgrooves said. "It's hard playing people three times. It's hard beating people two times much less three times. We split with every one so these last three games are pivotal."

The loss was Pampa's second consecutive at home and six in the last seven home games. Lusk said the team still has its goals in front of them.

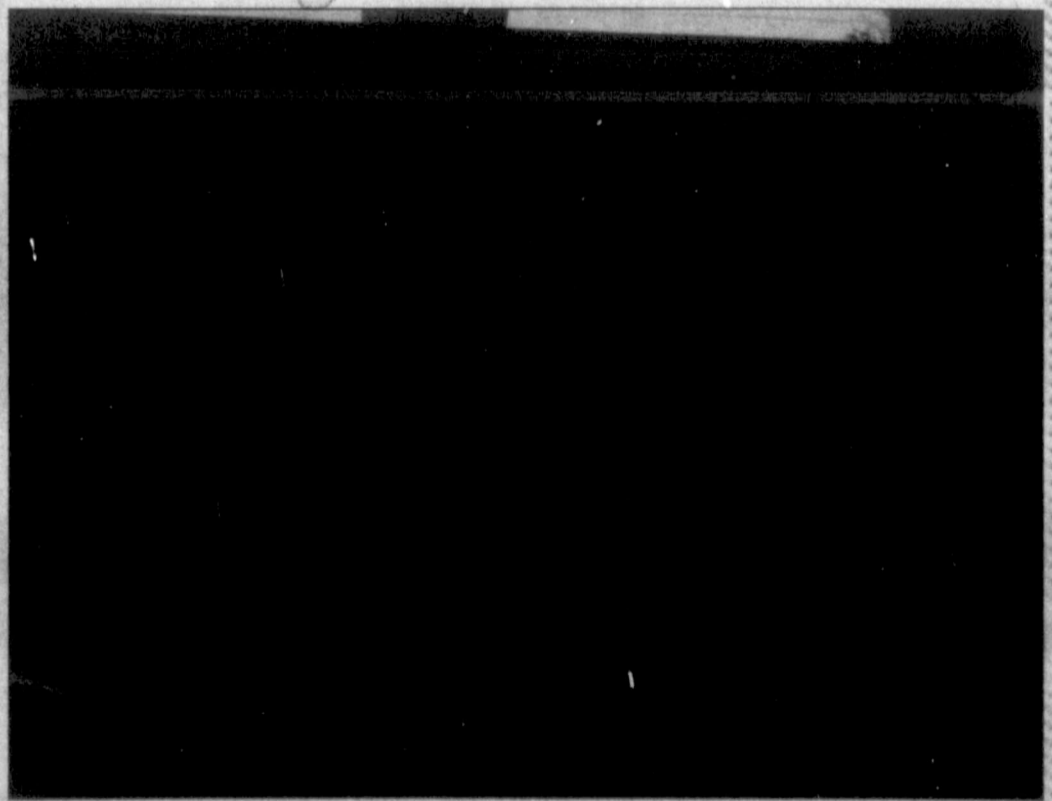
"I'm pretty sure we can pull it off and be the district champion," Lusk said. "That's what we are hoping for."

Pampa visits Perryton at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for its final road game.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Cole Engle follows a ball in center field Saturday against Borger. Unfortunately the ball sailed to the wall for a triple setting up the tying run.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Junior Taylor Woods scores in the first. Woods' run gave Pampa a 4-3 lead but the Harvesters couldn't hang on in a 9-7 loss.

# Sports

## PHS grad Teichmann signs with UTPB for softball

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Pampa graduate Carlyn Teichmann, now a sophomore softball player at Howard Junior College, was playing against UTPB (University of Texas Permian Basin) and caught the eye of their coach, Annalyn Burch.

"Soon after the game, the coach called my Howard coach and wanted me to come for a visit," Teichmann said. "I loved the coach and her coaching style."

Wednesday, Teichmann signed with UTPB for her last two college seasons.

"I feel very excited about the opportunity to continue to play at the next level," Teichmann said. "I have loved every minute of playing for Howard."

Teichmann has played first base for Howard and helped lead them to the National Tournament last summer.

### catching up with

PHS grad Carlyn Teichmann



Howard is ranked sixth in the latest poll. At the end of last season, Teichmann earned WJAC All-Conference honors. Currently, Teichmann is batting .321 with 25 RBI. Teichmann said UTPB is rebuilding.

"I hope to go into the UTPB program and help the team in whatever way they need me," Teichmann said.

Teichmann was recruited to play first. At Pampa High School, Teichmann was a pitcher and first baseman helping the Lady Harvesters to the regional quarterfinals in her senior season.

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Carlyn Teichmann (left) signs to play softball for UTPB. Joining her is Faith Koria, who signed with Lubbock Christian, and Kara Isbel with UTPB. Behind them is Howard head coach Kelly Raines and assistant coach Nicole Dickson. Teichmann graduated from Pampa in 2005.



## McLean pair signs with Frank Phillips for basketball

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After leading the McLean Lady Tigers in scoring last season, seniors Rudy Rodriguez and Saber Bohlar hope to do the same thing at Frank Phillips College where they signed to play basketball.

"I'm pretty excited," Rodriguez said.

"I love basketball and I'm very thankful that I didn't have to give it up yet. I know it's going to be a lot different than high school but I'm ready for it."

Head coach Mike Prescott said the Frank Phillips coach saw them play.

"He liked the way they played," Prescott said. "He thought they could add to his program over

there."

Rodriguez said her cousin, Nancy Castillo, influenced her to play at Frank Phillips.

"My cousin Nancy Castillo played there for the past two years and really liked it," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said Bohlar she's happy to continue to play with Bohlar.

"She's a great player," Rodriguez said. "It's been an honor to be her teammate and best friend."

Last season, Rodriguez and Bohlar helped lead McLean to the regional semifinals. Both players were named All-Region and played in the Golden Spread All-Star game Thursday and Saturday.

Bohlar's comments were unavailable as of press time.



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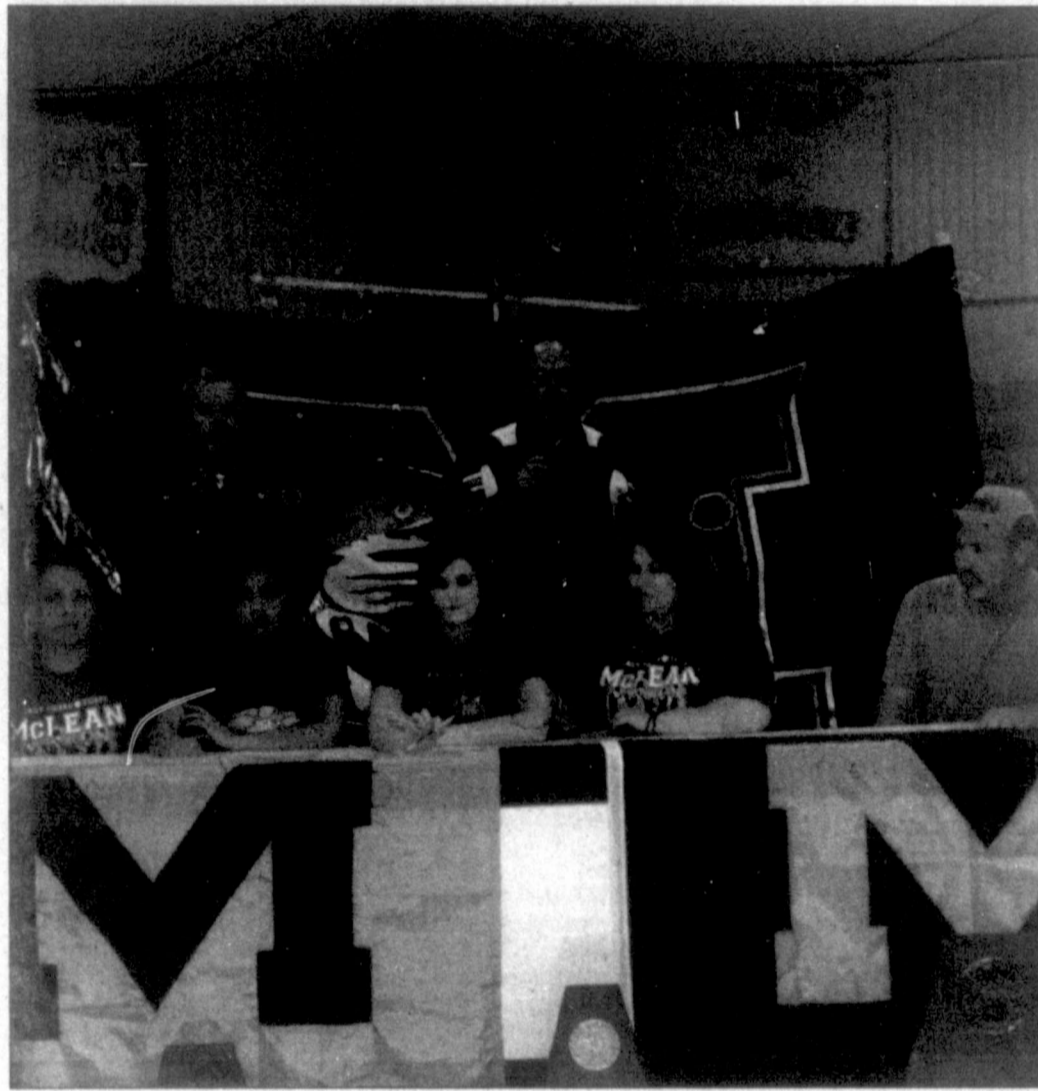


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Senior Rudy Rodriguez (second form left front) and Senior Saber Bohlar sign with Frank Phillips College. Seated with them are Rose Montoya, Sally and Chet Bohlar. Behind are McLean's athletic director and girls basketball coach Mike Prescott and Frank Phillips head coach Eric Rodenewald.

## NEW HEIGHTS



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Senior Robert Radke jumps over the bar in the high jump Thursday. Radke won the event with a 5'8" jump to advance to regionals.

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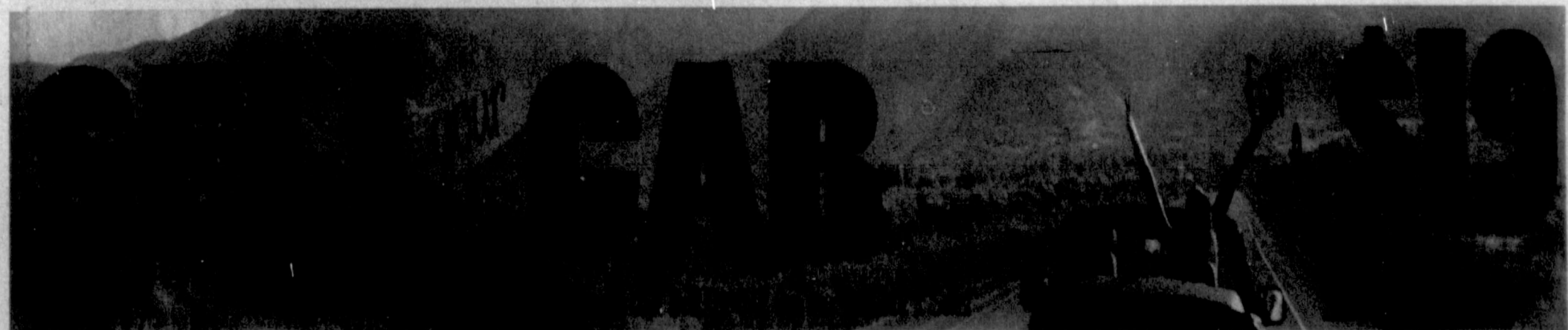
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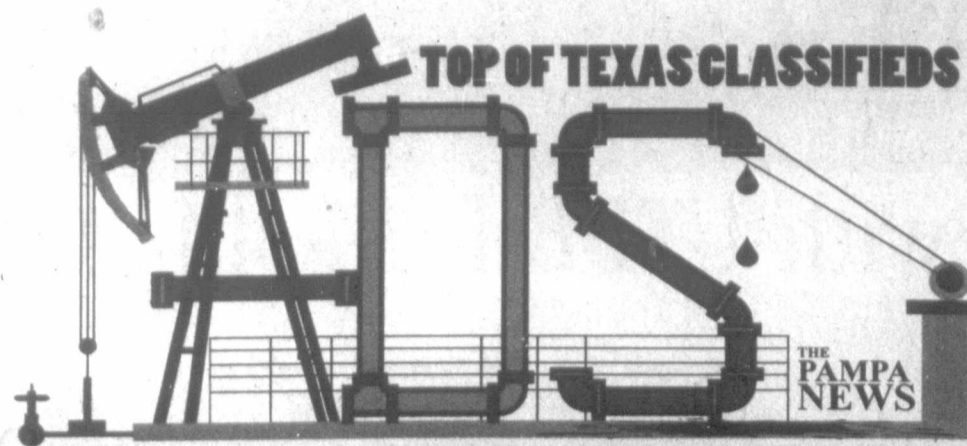
**Bailey Beck**  
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Pampa High School junior softball player **Claire Hopkins** is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. Hopkins had two hits and scored three runs Tuesday in the Lady Harvesters' victory over Dalhart. On Saturday, Hopkins was one of six Lady Harvesters to get a hit. This is Hopkins first athlete of the week honor in 2012.

Pampa High School senior tennis player **David Moore** is The Pampa News Male Athlete of the Week. Moore won the boys singles tournament at district on Tuesday. Moore will join nine other Harvesters at regionals.





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1130 Williston St.....	\$147,900	4/2/2	2711 SF/GCAD
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1114 S Faulkner St.....	\$49,000	3/1/0	1440 SF/GCAD
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8463 Western St. + 6.33 acres.....	\$225,000	2/1/2	1225 SF/GCAD
919 Sierra Dr.....	\$149,000	4/2/2	1761 SF/GCAD
1424-1426 Dwight.....	\$149,000	2/704	SF/GCAD Duplex
2104 Lea St.....	\$149,000	4/2/2	2613 SF/GCAD
1532 Christy St.....	\$130,000	3/1.75/2	1450 SF/GCAD
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612 Ware Av, Groom.....	\$130,000	3/1.75/4	1637 SF/CCAD
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804-806 W. Jackson Ave, WD.....	\$120,000	4/2/2	2536 SF/CCAD duplex
708 Daffodil, WD.....	\$115,000	3/2/2	1772 SF/CCAD
820 S Steele, WD.....	\$80,000	3/1/2	1534 SF/CCAD
107 Main St., Skellytown.....	\$68,500	3/2/0	1462 SF/CCAD
400 S. Popham, WD.....	\$67,900	3/1/0	1494 SF/CCAD
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11756 Hwy 152.....	\$2,500,000	12 acres, 2 bldgs 25,000 SF each
30th & Charles St.....	\$1,400,000	45.9 acres of land N of Walmart
FM 14 Rd, Lefors.....	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
30th & Charles.....	\$435,600	5 acres in city limits
220 N Ballard.....	\$395,000	Lt. Comm. 4 bath 6,782 SF/GCAD
500 W Harvester Av.....	\$350,000	Lots south of United
748 S Price Rd.....	\$350,000	3 Ac. + 14,400 warehouse offices
302-308 W Foster.....	\$309,900	4 Retail Outlets 10,874 SF/GCAD
117 - 121 Ballard.....	\$230,000	Quonset & 6+/- acres
1435 Alcock St.....	\$135,000	2 Bldg. 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
1421 Hobart St.....	\$105,000	Smoke House 1816 SF/GCAD
523 W Foster Av.....	\$85,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
301 & 305 W Foster Av.....	\$75,000	3,500 SF/GCAD each
23rd & Crescent Dr.....	\$65,000	Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
220 E Francis.....	\$57,500	1/1 745 SF/GCAD Comm.
401 W Foster Av.....	\$47,000	2,500 SF/GCAD w/basement & overhead doors
Chaumont Addition.....	\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
Dogwood Ln.....	\$22,000	Lots 15-17 & 40' of 18
Wall St.....	\$15,000	1/2 Block
Fraser Annex #3 28th.....	\$10,000	Lot 8, W45' Blk 71
Holly Lot 10.....	\$10,000	Residential Lot 85' x 120'
Dogwood Ln.....	\$9,000	Lot 2 & 40.35' of Lot 1
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4-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

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# Residents dig out after tornadoes hammer Middle America

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) — The television was tuned to forecasters' dire warnings of an impending storm when Greg Tomlyanovich heard a short burst from a tornado siren blare after midnight Sunday. Then silence. Then rumbling.

The 52-year-old quickly grabbed his wife and grandson, hurrying them into the emergency cellar as debris whirled around their heads at their mobile home park in northwest Oklahoma. They huddled inside with about 20 other people before the tornado — among dozens that swept across the nation's midsection during the weekend — roared across the ground above, ripping homes from their foundations.

"It scared the hell out of me," Tomlyanovich said.

The storm killed five people, including three children, and injured more than two dozen in Woodward, a town about 140 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. But it was the only tornado that caused fatalities. Many of the touchdowns raked harmlessly across isolated stretches of rural Kansas, and though communities there and in Iowa were hit, residents and officials credited days of urgent warnings from forecasters for saving lives.

When Tomlyanovich emerged from the underground shelter after the storm subsided, he saw a scattered trail of destruction: home insulation, siding and splintered wood where homes once stood; trees stripped of leaves, clothing and metal precariously hanging from limbs.

"It just makes you sick to your stomach. Just look at that mangled steel," he said Sunday, pointing to what appeared to be a giant twisted steel frame that had landed in the middle of the mobile home park, which is surrounded by rural land dotted with oil field equipment.

The storms were part of an exceptionally strong system tracked by the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., which specializes in tornado forecasting. The center took the unusual step of warning people more than 24 hours in advance of a possible "high-end, life-threatening event."

Center spokesman Chris Vaccaro said the weather service received at least 120 reports of tornadoes by dawn Sunday and was working to confirm how many actually touched down.

The storm system was weakening as it crawled east and additional tornadoes were unlikely, though forecasters warned that strong thunderstorms could be expected as far east as Michigan.

Woodward suffered the worst of the destruction from the storms, which also struck in Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. Woodward City Manager Alan Riffel said 89 homes and 13 businesses were destroyed, and bloodied survivors in the 12,000-resident town emerged to find flipped cars and smashed trailers.

Retired firefighter Marty Logan said he spotted the tornado when it knocked

down power lines, causing flashes of light, and saw a radio tower's blinking lights go black. He later saw a man emerge from a twisted, wrecked sport utility vehicle that had been tossed along the side of the road.

"The guy had blood coming down his face," Logan said. "It was scary, because I knew it was after midnight and a lot of people were in bed."

The state medical examiner's office identified the victims as Frank Hobbie and his 5-year-old and 7-year-old daughters, who died when the tornado hit the mobile home park, and Darren Juul and a 10-year-old girl who died when the home they were in a few miles away was hit. Office spokeswoman Amy Elliot said no other details were available, but she said a critically hurt child was air lifted to a Texas hospital.

Authorities said a signal tower for Woodward's tornado sirens was struck by lightning and hit by a tornado early Sunday morning. Police Chief Harvey Rutherford said the tower that was supposed to send a repeating signal to the town's tornado siren system was knocked out.

Considering the tornado struck at night and the sirens were damaged, it was remarkable that there wasn't a greater loss of life, Rutherford said. "We had the hand of God take care of us," he said.

Frank and Treva Owens knew dangerous storms were moving toward Woodward, and although they didn't hear sirens, the elderly couple was watching TV weather reports all day.

"I heard them say we had nine minutes and that's when I hit the cellar," Frank Owens said, noting that the 12-foot by 12-foot shelter was prepped with their medications, food and clothing.

In the tiny western Iowa town of Thurman, piles of toppled trees lined the streets in front of homes where missing walls and roofs exposed soaked living rooms. Longtime resident Ted Stafford recalled feeling his home shake, then hearing three windows shatter as the storm hit. He was amazed that no one in town was seriously injured.

"We're all OK, fortunately. Nobody's hurt. We can fuel this recovery with beans and coffee," the 54-year-old said while standing on the broken concrete of what had been his home's new basement foundation.

In Kansas, a reported tornado damaged McConnell Air Force Base and the Spirit AeroSystems and Boeing plants in Wichita late Saturday. Preliminary estimates suggest damages could be as high as \$283 million in the area, where the storm also toppled a 65-foot Ferris wheel at a local amusement park.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback acknowledged that the damage could have been far worse, noting in an interview with CNN that residents appeared to have heeded safety warnings. "God was merci-

ful," he said.

Yvonne Tucker rushed to a shelter with about 60 of her neighbors at Pinaire Mobile Home Park in Wichita. She said people were crying and screaming, and the shelter's lights went out when the twister hit. When they went back outside, they found several homes destroyed, including Tucker's.

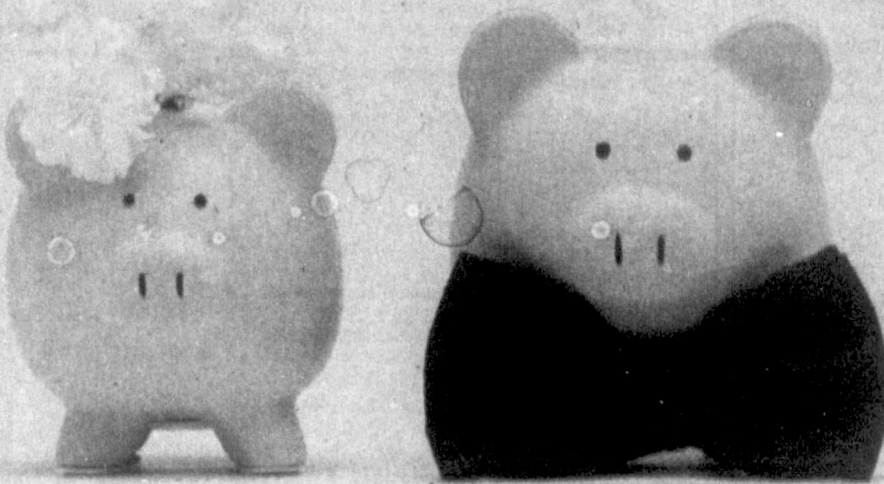
"I didn't think it was that bad until I walked down my street and everything is gone," Tucker said. "I don't know what

to do."

Fellow mobile home resident Kristin Dean, who was pushed out of her home in a wheelchair, grabbed some possessions before going into the shelter, and she later learned that was all she had left. Her home was gone.

"It got still," she said. "Then we heard a 'wham,' things flying. Everybody screamed, huddling together. It is devastating, but you know, we are alive."

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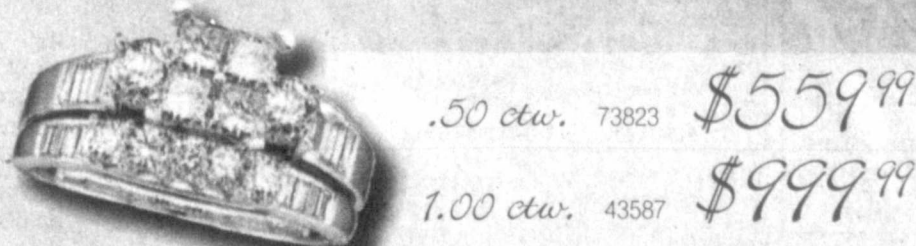
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"Every election, they put that out again," echoed Linda Lewis, Gray County election administrator. "We can't figure out who does it, but anyway, it's going around once again."

"It is not true. Whatever bogus email is going around is definitely not something we need to pay attention to or worry about."

Lewis also provided an update on the long-delayed voter registration card mailout.

"Those will actually be out within the next two weeks," Lewis said. "We're just waiting. We've already proofed them. They're at the printer's (office). We outsource ours because we get a lower postal rate through the ones who do it for the whole state. They are promising us those within the next two weeks. Of course, the deadline is the 26th of April, but I feel like they'll be coming out within the week."

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