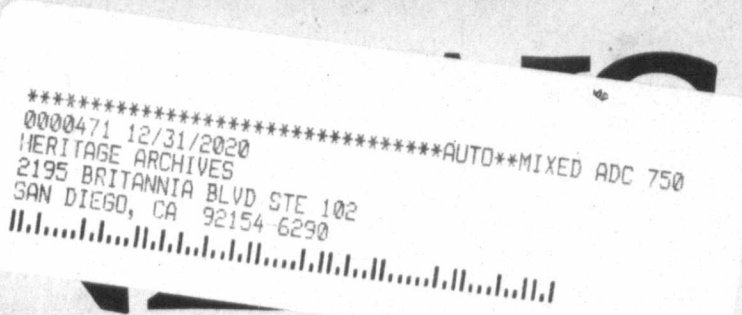


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## AMERICAN CLASSIC



Photos courtesy of Della Moyer  
**BATTING 1,000.** Pampa resident Lonnie Shelton unveiled on Tuesday the 1948 Lincoln Continental formerly owned by baseball legend Babe Ruth at the Amarillo National Bank Sox Stadium, home to the Amarillo Sox. Shelton recently purchased the Lincoln.

## The Babe's last car hits home run in Pampa

■ Car collector Lonnie Shelton will use Lincoln to raise money for charity

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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Local classic car aficionado Lonnie Shelton said normally he wouldn't give a Lincoln Continental from the 1940s a second look. I don't have an appetite for those cars," he said. "They were before my time."  
 The 61-year-old Pampa resident has an extensive collection of muscle cars from the 1960s and '70s. Those cars bring back memories of his youth. When asked how many hopped up classics he owns, he seems to lose count, then answers, "More than you count on your fingers and toes."  
 But there was something about a particular 1948 Lincoln Continental at a car museum in Dallas that caught his eye. At first, it wasn't the car itself, but the silhouette of

baseball legend Babe Ruth that was next to the car. Along with his love of cars, Shelton is a baseball fan. Upon closer examination, Shelton soon discovered the '48 Lincoln was the last car owned by The Babe and that it was donated to Ruth by the Ford Motor Co. The car manufacturer was an avid supporter of baseball through its sponsorship of thousands of Little League teams.

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## Skellytown Post Office slated for reduced hours

By **GAYDEN HAYS**  
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In September, the U.S. Postal Service sent 501 surveys to customers served by the Skellytown Post Office and who live in the 79080 zip code. The survey included four choices for the residents to choose. Three of those choices included closing of the post office as it exists today. The survey is in response to the fact that the volume of first class mail processed by the post office has fallen by 24 percent since 2007. The one choice that would keep the post office is cutting weekday hours from the eight to four hours a day. The post office received 138 of these surveys back and 125 chose realignment of its hours of operation.

Forty people showed up Thursday afternoon at the Skellytown Post Office to voice concerns to the U.S. Postal Service, mainly that a rural community like theirs needed a full-time post office to survive, not one that is open to the community four hours a day. "We will match hours of operation to the actual work load at the post office," said Postal Service spokesman Robert Schrock, who is based in the Pampa office. The local credit union representative

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## Fort Hood suspect's beard case in appeal

By **ANGELA K. BROWN**  
 Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An Army appeals court will hear arguments Thursday about an issue that has indefinitely postponed the murder trial for the suspect in the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military installation: his beard.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, charged in the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood in Texas, has appealed the trial judge's order that he will be forcibly shaved before his court-martial unless he shaves himself. The Army psychiatrist argues that the order violates his religious rights. The American-born Muslim has said he grew a beard because his faith requires it, and that he believes dying without a beard is a sin. Hasan, 42, faces the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted in the Nov. 5, 2009, attack that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others at the sprawling Army post, which is about 130 miles southwest of Dallas. His court-martial was set for August, but all court proceedings in the case have been put on hold as the beard issue goes through the appeals process. The U.S. Army Court of Criminal

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**Nidal Hasan**

## Pampa United Way progressing toward \$315,000 goal

■ Check-in luncheon at Salvation Army scheduled at noon on Tuesday

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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As of the Thursday morning, the Pampa United Way was within 12 percent of collecting its 2012 fundraising goal of \$315,000. Katrina Bigham, Pampa United Way director, said after opening her mail for the day \$37,439 had been collected. The amount collected is not the same as the amount pledged, and Bigham expects the numbers will jump up quickly when the corporate donations start coming in. "The majority of our firms are still out

and those are the ones that add really fast," she said. She said the four-week campaign, which began Sept. 25, is doing well as it approaches the midway point. On Tuesday, Oct. 16, there will be a check-in luncheon at noon at the Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler St. The sponsors for the free luncheon are: the Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Girl Scouts and Gray County Latch Key. Bigham said anyone who wants to attend the lunch is welcome. "If they are interested in United Way or want to donate, that's great," she said. Bigham said she likes to hold the check-in lunches at the agencies who receive funding from the United Way "because that helps people see what

they are giving the money for." Bob Marx is a United Way volunteer who helps out with the campaign updates. "He said the United Way is hoping to wrap up the campaign in four-week time frame, and that in the past campaigns have gone for six weeks. "We would like to be done in four weeks," he said, adding that people can pledge a donation this year and then pay it next year. Marx said the \$315,000 is about the same as last year's goal. For more information, call Bigham at 669-1001 or visit the United Way office at 200 N. Ballard St. next to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Texas, 79066-2076.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 74 Low 57	High 74 Low 44	High 74 Low 48

**Today:** Thunderstorms with high of 74. Chance of rain is 80 percent with winds south southeast at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

**Friday night:** Scattered thunderstorms with low of 57. Chance of rain is 50 percent. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunset at 7:12 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy with high of 74. Chance of rain is 10 percent. Winds west southwest at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Clear with a low of 44. Zero chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:10 p.m.

**Sunday:** Sunny with high of 74. Zero chance of rain. Winds south at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Clear with a low of 48. Zero chance of rain. Winds south at 8 mph. Sunset at 7:09 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Leanne Hall McPherson

Leanne Hall McPherson, 55, of Kingwood, Texas, went home to our Lord and Savior on Monday evening, Oct. 8, 2012. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 at Kingwood Funeral Home in Kingwood, Texas. A memorial service will be held in her honor at 9 am on Friday, Oct. 12. at Second Baptist Church North Campus in Kingwood, Texas. The burial and graveside service will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla. noon on Saturday, Oct. 13.

**Leanne McPherson**

Leanne was born on Oct. 3, 1957, in Pampa, Texas to Leymond and Jody Hall. She was a devoted and loving wife to her high school sweetheart and husband of 25 years, Garland McPherson, a compassionate and protective mother to her three children, Cameron, Casey, and Caitlin, and a caring sister to her

brothers Randy and Rick Hall. She was active in the preschool ministry at her home church, Second Baptist Church, teaching Sunday school for years as well as teaching weekday preschool for nearly a decade. Loved by everyone that met her, Leanne was known as the "taxi driver mom" always volunteering to shuttle kids from one activity to the next, no matter whose kids they were. Leanne never met a stranger, and she never missed an opportunity to serve others. She was truly an example of humility and graciousness.

Leanne's heavenly welcoming party will include her parents, Leymond and Jody Hall, her husband, Garland, and her son, Cameron, along with our Lord and His angels.

Leanne is survived by her son Casey, her daughter Caitlin, her brothers Rick and Randy Hall, her sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

The family requests memorials be sent to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in honor of Leanne McPherson.

## Events planned for 'Life in the Dust' at Pampa's White Deer Land Museum

Those who were there, though their numbers are dwindling, remember it with clarity - a black cloud rolling out of the north on Palm Sunday, 1935, turning the day darker than night.

They had seen dust storms before, but nothing like this. Some thought it was the end of the world. Singer/songwriter Woody Guthrie, who lived in Pampa at the time, put it this way:

"A dust storm hit, an' it hit like thunder;

It dusted us over, an' it covered us under;

Blocked out the traffic an' blocked out the sun,

Straight for home all the people did run.

Sayin,' "So long, it's been good to know ya..."

In November, The White Deer Land Museum of Pampa will present "Life in the Dust: A Historical Perspective of the Droughts of 1935 and 1953." The event will begin on Friday, Nov. 16, as the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center dedicates its weekly jam sessions to "Songs of the Great Depression."

The jam begins at 6:30. Players and listeners are welcome.

The museum's presentation will begin the next day, Saturday, Nov. 17. Starting at 10:30 a.m., Virginia Frantz will discuss her book 'Keepin' it Together, a novel describing the experience of families in the Dust Bowl. More information on the book can be found at [www.virginiafrantz.com](http://www.virginiafrantz.com).

At noon, a lunch of bris-

ket sandwiches will be available for a donation. During the meal, Guthrie Center's Corn Cob Coalition will present music suitable to the theme and the times.

At 1:30, the program will resume with a meteorologist, storytellers (including Delbert Trew), and survivors telling their own stories of the Dust Bowl and the drought of the 1950s.

The program has been organized to coordinate with the PBS broadcast of "The Dust Bowl" by Ken Burns, which will run on the following Sunday and Monday nights on KACV-Amarillo.

The program includes interviews with the aforementioned Virginia Frantz, as well as other residents of the region.

In addition to 'Keepin'

it Together, the museum board suggests "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan, and suggests that book clubs and reading groups select one or both works to read and discuss.

Frantz' book, written for school-age children, is available at the White Deer Land Museum. Egan's book can be purchased from Hastings in Las Pampas Square (formerly the Coronado Center).

"Life in the Dust" is a presentation of the Friends of the White Deer Land Museum and the Museum Foundation.

It is open to all interested parties and there is no charge, though donations will be accepted. If you wish to participate in a book discussion, call the museum at 669-8041.

## Police search continues for missing Colo. girl

**By P. SOLOMON BANDA**  
Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado police looking for a 10-year-old girl who disappeared on her walk to school have found a body in a park, but are not saying whether it is linked to the case and noted Thursday that officers are still searching for her.

The discovery of the body is the latest turn in the disappearance of Jessica Ridgeway that has seen police look for clues in a reported sighting in a car with Colorado plates in Maine and a Wyoming abduction. The FBI said Thursday that abduction was unrelated.

Police spokesman Trevor Materasso said the body "is not intact," and that has slowed the work of identification. Materasso said no other information would be released until Friday, and he left a brief midday news conference without answering any questions.

Police earlier declined to say whether the body was that of a child.

The body was found late Wednesday at Patridge Park in park in the Denver suburb of Arvada, about seven miles from where Jessica disappeared in the nearby suburb of Westminster on Oct. 5.

Materasso said investigators were processing

evidence from the park and that no additional information was available. He left without answering questions.

In tweets, Westminster police said investigators had worked overnight to identify the body. Officers searched more of the park Thursday as well as areas closer to Jessica's home. Police said photo radar vans — normally used to detect and photograph speeding vehicles — were being used to monitor some streets around the girl's house.

Police have ruled out her parents — Sarah Ridgeway, who lives Colorado, and Jeremiah Bryant, who lives in Missouri. Authorities believe Jessica was kidnapped by an "unknown suspect."

Jessica's mother last saw her daughter walking to school. The girl never arrived, setting off a frantic search by hundreds of law enforcement officials and residents.

Aurelio Florez, who has lived in Jessica's neighborhood for six years, said it was shocking that Jessica could have vanished during a two-block walk to a park where she usually met friends before continuing on to school.

"You can see the park from her front door," he said.

Fliers about the fifth-

grader were posted on nearly every house in her neighborhood of modest, two-story homes with single-car garages. Purple ribbons, a symbol of hope for her return, were tied around trees.

It was a lively area where children played outdoors, said another neighbor, Luis Pena, but since Jessica disappeared, parents are keeping their children inside and people look at each other with suspicion.

"Nobody trusts anybody anymore," he said.

The only real clue police have revealed in Jessica's disappearance is the discovery over the weekend of a backpack and water bottle that she had with her when she disappeared. Police won't discuss what was found in the bag or test results on it.

The items were found in the town of Superior, some six miles from her home. The spot where the possessions were found is about 7 miles from the park.

Police initially said the public didn't need to fear a kidnapper, then that they were investigating whether the case might be related to that of another girl who was abducted for several hours Monday in Wyoming.

In that case, a man lured the girl into a sport utility vehicle, saying he needed help finding his puppy.

The girl was discovered by hunters. The FBI said it does not believe the cases are related. Police are searching for a suspect.

Adding to the mystery was a reported sighting more than 2,000 miles away in Maine — one of hundreds of leads being investigating from at least five states.

Westminster police repeatedly have urged the public to study the details of Jessica's face in a photo — a small, gap-toothed grin, a slight bruise on her nose — and a short home video, hoping someone may have seen something.

Additional police were sent to Jessica's school, said Lynn Setzer, spokeswoman for Jeffco Public Schools. The district has its own security officers at other middle schools and high schools.

Steve Saunders, a spokesman for nearby Adams County schools, said the district is trying to strike a balance between reassuring students and their parents that they are safe, while encouraging them to be vigilant.

Saunders said the district has security officers at all middle schools, but not elementary or high schools.

He said the district will seek more help if authorities believe it is warranted.

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Christina McCown, center, officer in charge at the Skellytown Post Office, expresses concerns about cutbacks in service to the community during a public meeting held by the U.S. Postal Service. Skellytown is about 14 northwest of Pampa.

## Novelist to speak Saturday at First Baptist Church

Submitted  
Jodi Thomas, an award-winning author from Canyon, Texas, will be speaking in Pampa on Saturday morning at 10:30 in the parlor of First Baptist Church,



Jodi Thomas

203 N. West St. The public is invited to attend. Thomas, a fifth-generation Texan, chooses to set the majority of her novels in her home state.

A former teacher, Thomas traces the beginnings of her storytelling

career to the days when her twin sisters were young and impressionable. While continuing to work as a novelist, Thomas also functions as writer in residence at the West Texas A&M University campus, where she inspires students and alumni in their own writing pursuits.

Thomas visit is sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma, which is a group of teachers who promote education in our area.

Tickets for the book review are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds from the event will help provide a scholarship for a deserving graduating senior.

Books will be available for sale and can be autographed.

## Mail

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explained that even a delay in getting money to one of their 819 members could be devastating. Local businesses also noted that would force them to use UPS or FedEx, which would further hurt the local post office.

Despite the concerns by the residences, this is part of a nationwide cutback by the USPS and one of

four local communities that will be affected by the post office's decisions. The three other communities that will be affected will be Miami, Lefors and Mobeetie.

"The post office is expecting to lose another 27 percent of the revenue during the next year because of email, online bill pay and texting on phones," said Schrock. "We will give a 30-day notice of our decision, and we will either implement the plan on Nov. 17 or sometime in January 2013."

Officer in Charge Christina

McCown expressed her concerns with not only the fact of not being able to support her family anymore, but, "We were taught to serve the public, but now we can't serve."

"The big town politicians need to remember that rural towns fuel and feed this country, and our government treats the little towns like this, they need to consider the people, and not the bottom line," commented a Skellytown resident, adding, "They will probably send the money they save closing the small town post offices to another country."

## Mailing a letter to cost 1 cent more next year

By HOPE YEN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It'll cost another penny to mail a letter next year.

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service said Thursday that it will raise postage rates on Jan. 27, including a 1-cent increase in the cost of first-class mail to 46 cents.

It also will introduce a new global "forever" stamp, allowing customers to mail first-class letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. Currently, the prices vary depending on the international destination, with letters to Canada and Mexico costing 85 cents.

Under the law, the post office cannot raise stamp prices more than the rate of inflation, or 2.6 percent, unless it gets special permission. The post office, which expects to lose a record \$15 billion this year, has asked Congress to give it new authority to raise prices by 5 cents, but lawmakers have failed to act.

The mail agency also will increase rates on its shipping services, such as priority mail, by an average of 4 percent.

The post office, which is struggling with debt and low cash flow, said the rate hikes were partly aimed at bringing in new revenue while maintaining

its pricing advantage in the shipping business. Private companies such as UPS and FedEx, which offer similar shipping services, regularly adjust their prices.

The post office lost \$5.1 billion in fiscal 2011, mostly due to a 5.8 percent decline in revenue for first-class mail. Financial results are expected to be even worse when final figures for fiscal 2012 are released next month. Earlier this year, it was forced to default on two payments due to the Treasury totaling \$11.1 billion for future retiree health benefits because it lacked sufficient cash reserves.

While the Postal Service has said it will continue seeking ways to cut costs, Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe has made clear that the agency has little left it can do to bring in significant new revenue. After months of congressional delay, he said it's now up to lawmakers to pass a postal fix when they return to Washington after the November elections.

The latest rate increase, for instance, will make only a small dent in the Postal Service's losses, caused by the economic downturn, movement of mail to the Internet and a congressional requirement that the mail agency fund future retiree medical

benefits years in advance. Earlier this year, the mail agency floated a proposal to Congress aimed at increasing stamp prices to 50 cents as a way to generate \$1 billion in new revenue.

The Postal Service has also asked Congress to allow it reduce mail delivery from six to five days a week and reduce its annual \$5 billion payment for the future retiree health benefits.

The current 45-cent rate for first-class mail in the U.S. has been in effect since January. Since 2006, the Postal Service has now increased the price of the stamp five times, from 39 cents to 46 cents.

Because stamps are now being issued as forever stamps, they will remain good for first-class postage. But buying new forever stamps will cost more when the prices go up.

While the price for the first ounce of a first-class letter will rise to 46 cents, the cost for each additional ounce will remain at the current 20 cents.

Other price increases:  
—Postcards will go up one penny to 33 cents.

—Priority mail, small box, \$5.80; medium box, \$12.35; large box, \$16.85.

—Priority mail, regular envelope, \$5.60; legal envelope, \$5.75; padded envelope, \$5.95.

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mation will be free on packages, including priority mail and parcel post, rather than being an extra charge.

The Postal Service, an independent agency of government, does not receive tax money for its day-to-day operation but is subject to congressional control.

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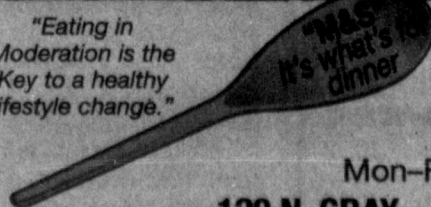


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## For the record

### Local men arrested for warrants

By GAYDEN HAYS  
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The following people were arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail between Wednesday and Thursday morning:

James Michael Hunnicutt, 54, Pampa, for no drivers license, failure to appear in court, and failure to identify.

Melvin Douglas Mitchell Jr., 30, Amarillo, for a bench warrant.



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## As cold returns, here's tips for saving on heating costs

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NEW YORK (AP) — This winter is expected to feel like more winter. That means you'll have to pay more to heat your home.

Last winter was the warmest on record and homeowners may have forgotten where the weather stripping and space heater are stashed. They'll come in handy for the 2012-2013 season, when temperatures are expected to be close to normal.

The price for heating oil, natural gas and other fuel will be relatively stable. But customers will have to use more energy to keep warm, according to the annual Winter Fuels Outlook from the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration.

There are a number of ways to try to make sure your bill doesn't rise quite so fast. If you're a heating oil user, you may want to try all of them.

Heating oil customers are expected to pay the highest prices ever. That will result in record heating bills, an average of \$2,494. That's nearly \$200 more than the previous high, set in the winter of 2010-2011.

Customers who use natural gas, electricity or propane won't pay as much as they have in typical winters because prices are relatively low. Natural gas users will spend an average of \$697 this winter, 13 percent less than the five-year average.

"It's two different worlds. For most families this is still going to be an affordable year, except for those who use oil heat," says Mark Wolfe, the Executive Director of the National Energy Assistance Director's Association. "For them, it's going to be very difficult."

At the same time, funding for low-income heating assistance is falling. Over the last two years, heating assistance funding has been cut to \$3.5 billion from \$5.1 billion in 2010. The number of households receiving assistance fell by 1.1 million over the period,

according to Wolfe.

One obvious way to lower your heating bill is to don some fluffy slippers and turn down the thermostat. The Energy Department estimates that a resident can save 1 percent on their heating bill for every degree a thermostat is set back. Here are a few other ways:

— Think of the sun as a heater, and your drapes as a blanket: Open drapes when you are getting direct sunlight, then close them at night to keep heat from escaping.

— Make sure the damper in your fireplace is closed when you aren't using it.

— Keep air vents clean and uncovered so heat can easily flow throughout your home.

— Shut off kitchen fans and bathroom fans as soon as they are no longer needed.

— Lower the temperature of your water heater. That can be done without your shower getting noticeably less steamy.

Many states and utilities offer incentives for home energy audits and home weatherization programs that include things like adding insulation, installing more efficient windows, and replacing an old boiler or furnace with a new one.

These investments can pay for themselves in heating savings in just a few years, especially when energy prices are high.

John Huber, President of the National Oilheat Research Alliance says that customers learned to drastically cut the amount of oil they burned during the 1970s oil crisis and again when prices began to rise sharply in 2007 and 2008.

"Americans really do respond to economic signals," he said.

Switching from oil heat to natural gas can be an expensive project — \$5,000 to \$10,000, according to Sobieski Services of Wilmington, Del. The price depends on how difficult it is to connect to public lines and remove the old furnace, and how much other infrastructure your house may need.

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## Keeping the faith

### Churches, ministries on the move in Pampa

It's rarely an easy task to predict what's going to be on the front page of the newspaper.

There are stories that are planned out ahead of time, like coverage of city and county commission meetings, football games and special events.

But then there are days when you start almost with a blank slate and then have to scramble a bit to come up with local stories.

Wednesday started out to be one of those days.

Out of the four front page stories, we had planned the one on the pastors at Cornerstone Baptist Church working with Gospel Outreach, an African mission based in Johannesburg.

Also, we had planned the story on the Friends of the Library book sale, which began Thursday and continues through Sunday.

That left us to come up with two more stories.

As it turned out, as the editor, Tim Howsare, was driving back to the office after he taking a picture of the library, he happened to drive by the construction that was going on across the street from the chamber of commerce.

#### Our View

This editorial reflects the views of The Pampa News' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

Being new to town, he didn't know what is was but stopped to shoot a few pictures anyway and figured somebody at the newspaper would know about it.

Our news and sports reporter, Gayden Hays, knew that is was the expansion of the First United Methodist Church and quickly got in contact with the pastor to get details.

Then, Hays found out the guest speaker at Wednesday's Pampa Rotary Club meeting was Dale West, who spoke about a prison ministry called Kairos.

Whether it was purely coincidence, fate or God's will, we had three stories on the front page about different things happening things happening in the community that were related to religion. What stands out, however, is this is an indicator of the strength of Pampa's faith community.

The expansion at FUMC will not only be a plus for the church, but for the community

at-large as the new construction will enhance the appearance of the downtown.

Though 99 percent of those who get sent to prison deserve to be there, the prison ministry will help give them a second chance through a relationship with God. Hopefully once back out, they will stay out of prison. That's definitely a good thing.

And pastors Micah Meuer and Brian Taylor at Cornerstone Baptist should be commended as well.

They are helping to bring Bibles to Malawi, where Bibles are so hard to come by that pastors there will often tear apart a single book and share it. Also, the mission is working to train pastors in the poverty-stricken nation and new churches are popping up as a result.

There are probably other faith-based projects going on in the city not mentioned in this article. If your church or organization is doing something for the betterment of the community, don't hesitate to contact us at 669-2525. You also can email the editor at thowsare@thepampanews.



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## Letter to the Editor

### Senior citizens center always on the go

Southside Senior Citizens Center is located at 438 W. Crawford St. in Pampa, Texas, and is managed by Claudette Cash Deason and Moreline Cash.

The hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily except on Wednesdays and Sundays. The center is closed on those Two days.

We have begun implementing some of the projects that were previously outlined in our newsletter.

Our first community project was the "Emancipation proclamation Celebration" known as Juneteenth which is typically held on June 19. However, the celebration was held on Saturday June 16, in order to allow as many as possible to attend. During the celebration, the first annual Juneteenth Cook-Off was held. The participating cooks were Rod Donnell, Keith Watie, Cornelius Landers and Keith Steward.

The judges had a difficult time naming a winner because all of

the food prepared was so good. However, the judges finally came to a unanimous decision and the winner was Rod Donnell and Keith Watie was a good close second. Donations were made by certain businesses and individuals who resulted in making the celebration a success and for your kindness and generosity, we thank you! It was a wonderful celebration and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our second community project was the Independence Day Celebration held on July 4, 2012. This is the day The Declaration of Independence was adopted by Continental Congress in 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Also, an auction was held on items that had been donated to the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

The auction generated a lot of interest and fun. The food was plentiful and very good. Our thanks to everyone espe-

cially the cooks and to others who were a part of the celebration. A good time was had by all.

Our third project was a crafts project. Flyers were sent out inviting all who were interested in making crafts to attend the demonstration. The flyers included a list of materials that were needed so that the project would be completed that same evening. The project consisted of how to make toilet tissue holders using gallon cans, towels and glue. Upon completion, it becomes a very useful and handy tool to be used in the bathroom for storing extra toilet tissue.

We are also making "chemo hats" and "chemo pillows" for cancer patients and have found this project to be a very useful, rewarding and gratifying.

The materials used for this project were furnished by the Southside Senior Citizens Center. We have also made blankets in the past for Chemo patients. Thanks to Ruth Brown for get-

ting us involved in these projects and thanks to Freida Henderson, Bertha McCampbell, Lanie Ingram and Connie Fulton for volunteering their time to help make these projects.

We would like to invite everyone (men, women and children) to come to Southside Senior Citizens Center if you are interested in volunteering to help sew, stuff pillows, cut patterns, deliver Meals on Wheels, play games, shoot pool or just have a good cup of coffee or to chat. We would be very happy to have you and you are always welcome. Also, if you have fabric, toys, games or anything that you would like to donate to the center, we would be most happy to accept your donations.

You bring them to the center or call us at 665-4765 and we will be happy to come and pick them up. We sincerely appreciate all donations.

We also prepare and deliver 'Meals On Wheels' to approximately **CENTER cont. on page 7**

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# NW Pa. man honored for perfect Rotary attendance

BRADFORD, Pa. (AP) — Robert Kirk has spent 52½ of his 85 years doing one thing exceptionally well: attending Rotary Club meetings.

The northwestern Pennsylvania man is being honored by the service organization's international magazine, The Rotarian, for never missing a monthly meeting in those 52-plus years.

Kirk lives in Bradford, about 130 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, but has taken advantage of a rule that allows members to attend meetings in other states and countries.

A world traveler who enjoyed free trips because of his son's

employment with a major airline, Kirk has attended Rotary meetings in all 50 states and 33 foreign countries. He estimates he's kept his perfect attendance streak alive by attending 400 to 500 meetings in other locations.

The Bradford Era reports Kirk also braved a blizzard in Denver, and checked out of a hospital to attend meetings.

## Maine drivers warned of zombie danger

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Drivers may have gotten a chuckle out of an electronic message board in Maine warn-

ing of zombies, but city officials were not amused.

The sign at a Portland road construction site was changed by a hacker to read "Warning Zombies Ahead!" on Wednesday morning. It originally read "Night work 8 pm-6 am. Expect delays."

City spokeswoman Nicole Clegg says the signs are a safety precaution and changing it could have led to driver distraction.

She tells The Portland Press Herald (<http://bit.ly/SSDZ51>) tampering with a safety device is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

She says it's not clear who changed the sign, but it's not the first time it has happened.

## Minn. man found passed out on Wis. Capitol roof

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police say a Minnesota man who broke into the Wisconsin Capitol through a first-floor window and was found unconscious on the roof is now facing criminal charges.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration says 21-year-old Andrew Bishop smashed a window Sunday to get into the Capitol. Authorities say

the Roseville, Minn., man then grabbed a fire extinguisher and threw it through another window.

Police found Bishop passed out on the fourth-floor rooftop just below the dome's observation deck. A criminal complaint says an officer described Bishop as very drunk and ultimately apologetic.

Bishop is charged in Dane County with felony criminal damage and entry into a locked building, a misdemeanor.

He was in jail on a \$1,000 bond Wednesday and doesn't yet have an attorney. He's due in court next week.

## Design home with attractive room entrances

Dear Pat: I am planning a new home. I like an open floor plan, but I hear that separating rooms and transition between them is important. What are some of my options for creating effective transitions? — Tina E.

Dear Tina: The transitions or entrances to rooms are an important design aspect of a home, but they are too often ignored. Without proper transition design, the interior of the home becomes just a group of large open areas with no distinction.

Think about some of the more interesting homes you have visited. I bet you will recall the rooms had an intriguing room entrance that enticed you to want to enter the room and explore further. You can probably also remember some large homes with just big open rooms in which one can become overwhelmed by their size.

To the contrary, a smaller square-footage house, as many are built today for lower cost and energy savings, with interesting entrances can make smaller rooms appear to be larger. A well-designed entrance will hide much of the room from view outside the door. When you enter this room, even a small one, you will have a sense it is larger than it actually is.

Frank Lloyd Wright used this concept to make many of his smaller homes seem larger. Also, in his most famous home, Falling Water, he purposely created small and deep entrances. Some are almost difficult to fit through when carrying anything, but this created a sense of openness when you finally enter the room.

Still another reason for distinctive room entrances is to create a sense of when one room stops and another starts. For example, even with an open floor plan, you would like a study or office area to be quieter, perhaps with different lighting levels. This also helps to distinguish between public areas, such as a living room, and private areas, such as a study or bedroom.

With your preference for an open floor plan, you can create an interesting entrance and boundary for each room or area by changing the flooring material or its pattern. If you plan to have the same flooring material, such as carpeting, throughout the open area, add a small section of decorative flooring between the two.

Lowering the ceiling over one of the areas or dropping the floor a step or two can also define them as

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different rooms. For more than two steps, codes often require a handrail, which may make it feel like an entirely different level. Building some bookcases or adding a ceiling beam can be an attractive method to define the transition between the areas.

For smaller individual rooms, including a small hallway into the room can create interest and the sense of more space. One common method is to build floor-to-ceiling bookshelves perpendicular to the

door opening to create the short hallway. A small closet can be built in behind the bookcase/hallway for storage in the room.

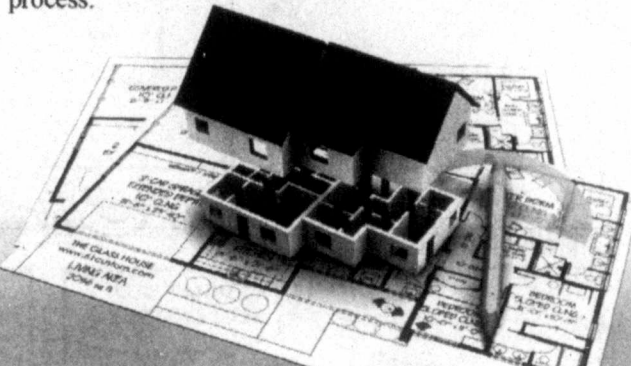
Installing recessed lighting at the transition to a room or area, particularly where you created an entrance hallway with a bookcase or closet, can be inviting. A half-height wall partition with a planter is effective for larger openings where you still desire the two areas to be somewhat connected. This is ideal for kitchen/dining or kitchen/family room areas because the high moisture content is good for plants.

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## HOME Do-it-Yourself

### House Design

Designing or remodeling a home should be a project that will give you years of fulfillment. The best way to make sure this happens successfully is to bring an architect into the actual design process.



#### Software

Consider using home design software — you'll probably find this easier than drawing. With software, you can create and share home design ideas for your dream kitchen, room addition or interior design project. Most packages come with templates so you can easily insert fixtures, appliances and furniture into your plan.

#### Design

Make a listing of design requirements: how many bedrooms, how large the rooms should be, window placement, a floor plan for the kitchen and so forth. Sketch out a rough floor plan to help you take your ideas from concept to construction.

Source: eHow/Money

Creators.com/Bob Kast

#### Ideas

Collecting pictures from magazines and the Internet of ideas that you like and dislike helps design professionals and builders understand what you're after. Nothing gives you more design ideas than seeing a lot of houses. Particularly useful are articles with color photos of the homes finished and furnished.

#### Design professional

Contact a design professional about your ideas so he or she can draw up building plans. The architect can also catch any problems or suggest changes and can validate your ideas or offer course-correction and suggest alternative ideas.

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"I sure hope this is one of those times we'll always remember."

### Non Sequitur



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### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012:

This year you are unusually free and relaxed. You feel rather centered, and your positive characteristics evolve. Others often gravitate toward you. If you are single, you really could get into the dating game, at least until you find someone who takes your breath away. If you are attached, your sweetie makes it clear how he or she feels about you. Bathe in the warmth of this bond. A fellow LIBRA understands you maybe too well.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Others dominate your day, your plans and much of your personal time. Though at first you might be upset or irritated by this, you will be grateful later for all the friends and loved ones who surround you. Do not try to squeeze too much into your schedule. Tonight: Follow the drumbeats.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Whatever you planned, make sure to squeeze in some R and R. You might decide to be a couch potato, unless you really do want to be busy. Read a great book or rent a few movies. Whatever you choose, consider doing it alone. You can change that scenario if someone wants to join you. Tonight: Play it steady.

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

Your playfulness intrigues a child, partner or potential new friend. You very rarely let your hair down in this manner. Others can't help but want to join in. Plans will be enhanced by your innate mischievous side. Many people have not met this side of the Twin. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Whereas many signs might not be happy staying at home, you are thrilled to do so. Invite friends over for a meal or throw a spontaneous get-together. You'll add that touch of originality, yet that homey quality still comes through. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You could be taken aback by a neighbor's gossip. You might wonder why this person is sharing this information with you. Most likely, it is an attempt to confirm his or her own reaction. Make calls to several friends you rarely have time to catch up with. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

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

★★★★ If there is a restriction other than time, it easily could be financial. You might be feeling overwhelmed. Understand your limits. You also could see a different path, or perhaps someone will make a suggestion that could work. Tonight: Fun does not need to cost money.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you have the world in your hands. Be careful, as you could develop a big ego or a sense of entitlement. Others might pull back if they get a sense of these character traits, yet those are the qualities that will help you manifest your desires. Respond to a key person. Tonight: Ever popular.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Know when to pull back and not get involved. You also have a project you need to work on. Unfortunately, only you can handle this matter. Take some time today to put a dent in or even finish up this venture. Tonight: Remember, mystery is appealing to some people.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Wherever you go, plan on being around friends and people in general. Your spirit is lifted when you relate. A conversation helps you zero in on what you most want. Remember, sometimes when you head down a new path, you close off an option. Tonight: Where the fun is.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You might want to vanish, but responsibilities call. Check in with an older friend or relative before heading in a new direction. Think of how much this person cares about you and all the time he or she spends alone. A little effort goes a long way. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ News finally comes in from someone at a distance. You demonstrate enormous caring and flexibility. You also gain a new perspective on what originally seemed hard. Your humor lightens you up, and it helps others as well. You see the path ahead in living color. Tonight: Only where there is music.

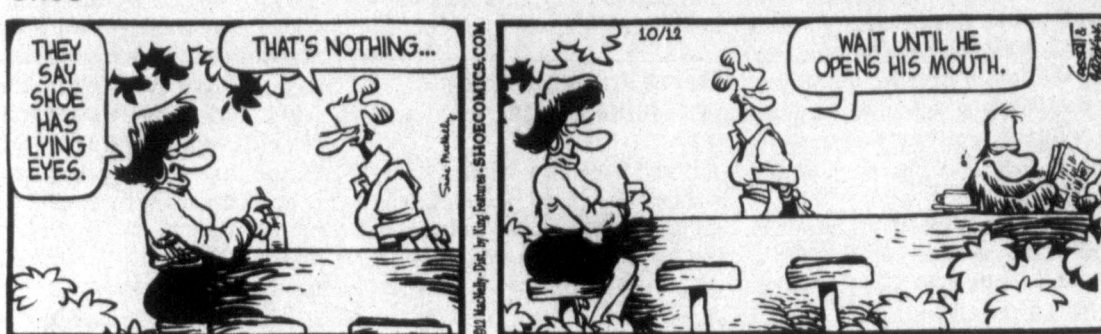
#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Resist getting angry, and accept a situation for what it is. You could feel pushed beyond your normal limits. Understand what the other party (or parties) might be experiencing. Once you can empathize and get off your position, the situation will dissolve. Tonight: How about a cozy dinner?

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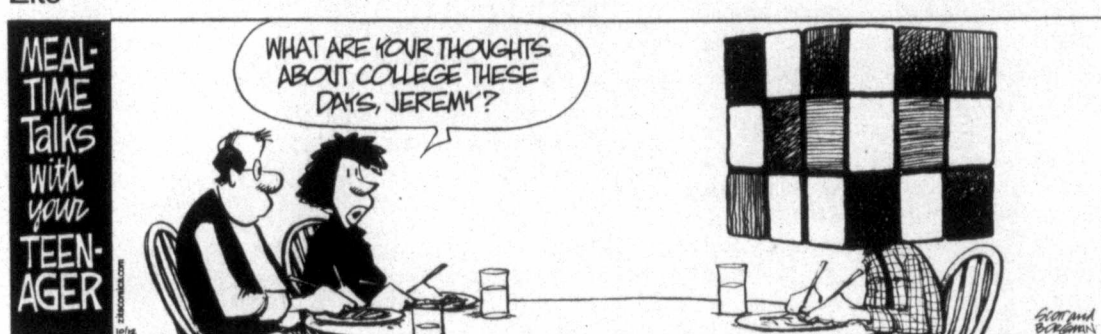
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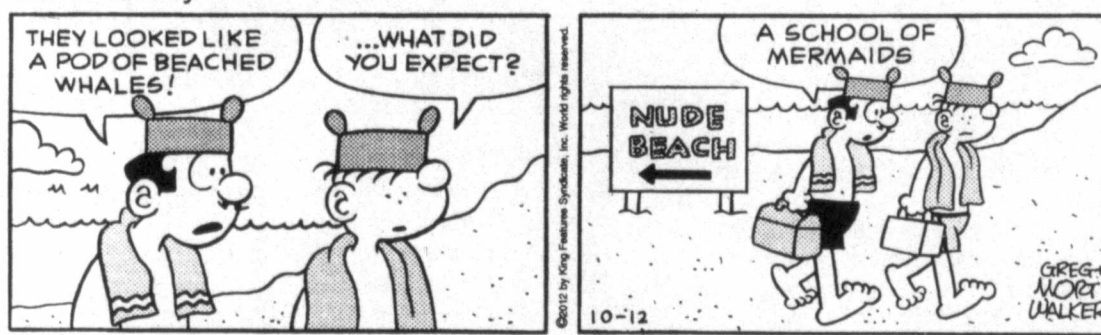
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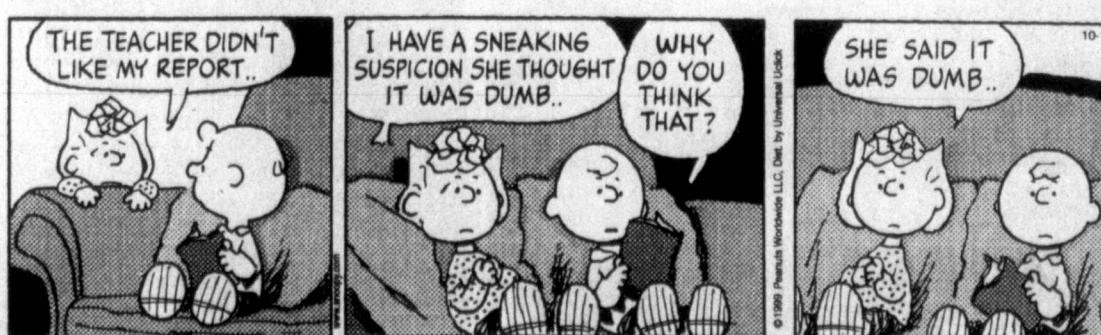
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# Gray County Relay for Life Hero of Hope for 2013

Submitted

Brittney Huseman is the 2013 Hero of Hope. Brittney began her newest life journey only 8 weeks after her second child, Abigail Marie, was born. Her official diagnosis of inflammatory breast cancer was made on June 13, 2012.

In the beginning, doctors treated her for mastitis, a common problem among nursing mothers, but when the treatment didn't affect the pain, she consulted her family physician. After a series of biopsies, exams and tests, Brittney said, "I was never really worried, but I knew something wasn't right, that's why I didn't settle for what the first doctor said."

As results began to show

is when she began to get nervous. Inflammatory breast cancer is very rare, doctors told Brittney. Only 1 percent of patients actually have this form and most of them find it just like she did. After the oncologist visit, she said "everything moved so fast and there wasn't a lot of time to think in the beginning."

Although her grandmother, Aloise Martin, is a breast cancer survivor and it runs in the family, Brittney said that according to DNA tests hers was not hereditary.

Brittney has finished the tough treatments and only has a few of the milder treatments left. The plan is to shrink the tumor, but she will ultimately have to have the tumor removed.

Her only worry was that it was not fair to her new baby and her 2 year old son, Franklin or that while she was away receiving and recovering for treatments she wouldn't be able to take care of them. But, she has handled it well.

When she is home and feeling well she spends her time with them playing and just enjoying her kids.

"I never felt mad or wondered why me," Brittney said. "Many people get that feeling and I don't know why I didn't, but I was never mad."

She has had a tremendous support system. Her sister, Amanda Clements, often watches the kids in Amarillo through her tougher treatments. Her

mom and dad, Melany and Kenny Martin help her out as well as the kids, her mother in law and sister in law have been a great help and of course her husband, Andy Huseman.

Brittney said she knew a ton of people have been praying and she knows that has helped so much. Her look at this through the past several months has been "You all are doing the hard part, I'm only carrying the sickness." Said, Brittney.

Early on she read a book called Praying through Cancer by Susan Sorenson and Laura Geist. In the book it mentions that the "Big C" will conquer the "Little C." Many people refer to cancer as being the Big C. But this points out that the Big C is in no

way cancer, bit it's Christ. Brittney has kept this in mind and has faith that her Big Christ will conquer her little cancer.

"Beating cancer is not an option, you can't ask what if everything is not ok and not fighting is not an option, this is what God wants us to do now, so this is what we'll do." Said Brittney.

October being Breast Cancer Awareness month brings reality home to a lot of us. In our local area with Pink Out celebrations we do not only acknowledge breast cancer, but all cancers.

At this particular time of year we have some extra help with the fight. Our awesome local area school students, football teams, cheerleaders,

faculty and parents lend an extra hand to support the need with fundraising for cancer research and awareness of pink out events.

This year the Relay for Life Gray County Committee ask a special request, as a supporter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, we ask that you all add to your prayer list, Dr. Gordon Klatt, the creator of the Relay for Life movement 28 years ago, as he has been diagnosed with his own battle of stomach cancer.

In the year 2013 the American Cancer Society will have its 100th birthday. Help us all celebrate with "Creating a World With More Birthdays."

## Appeal

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Appeals at Fort Belvoir in Virginia will hear oral arguments. The court also will hear from government attorneys who have said forcibly shaving Hasan would not violate his religious rights, and that the judge has the authority to enforce the Army rule prohibiting beards.

Hasan will not be at the hearing, Fort Hood officials said. It's unclear when the court will make a decision, which could be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

The Army has specific guidelines on forced shaving. A team of five military police officers restrains the inmate "with the reasonable force necessary," and a medical professional is on hand in case of injuries. The shaving must be done with electric clippers and must be videotaped, according to Army rules.

Hasan would not be the first military

defendant forcibly shaved. The Army has done it to five inmates since 2005, including one person who was forcibly shaved twice, according to the Army's Office of the Chief of Staff.

The U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals said it also will consider whether the trial judge should be removed from Hasan's case.

Defense attorneys claim that the judge, Col. Gregory Gross, exceeded his authority by issuing the shaving order. His attorneys also want the court to overturn the six contempt of court rulings issued against Hasan for having a beard at pretrial hearings this summer, when he first showed up in court with facial hair.

Gross has said Hasan's beard is a disruption and that defense attorneys have not proven that he is growing it for sincere religious reasons.

Army prosecutors claim that Hasan grew the beard just before the trial was to start, so that witnesses would not be able to identify him in court.

## Car

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Along with that, the car was in such beautiful condition, Shelton said.

Though Ruth was not known for living a Christian life style, Shelton said, he was devoted to baseball and devoted to getting kids involved with the sport. Ruth had a rough childhood himself growing up in an orphanage.

Ruth died from cancer in 1948, but even in the last year of his life traveled more than 40,000 miles to promote baseball to young people, Shelton said.

"They (Ford) gave the car to him to show their appreciation for his tireless devotion to baseball," he said.

But even though he admired the Lincoln at the Texas Museum of Automotive History, Shelton said he never intended to own it until one day this summer.

Shelton was talking on phone with a man in Dallas who had some Dodge Charger parts he was looking for.

During the conversation, Shelton found out the man was the president of the largest car club in Dallas and also the curator at the car museum.

Then they started talk-

ing about the Lincoln and the discussion about the Charger parts got sidetracked.

The Dallas man told Shelton that the owner, who lives in East Texas, needed to sell the car and asked the museum to do the leg work for him.

"Over the next two days my wife and I looked at car," he said. "Now it's home in Pampa."

Shelton said he has no plans to keep the car stashed away in private collection, as a former owner from Minnesota did.

Rather, Shelton wants the public to see the car and knows what it stands for - the legacy of Babe Ruth and his contributions to the great American sport.

"This car represents a piece of baseball history - Actually, American history," he said.

On Tuesday, Shelton unveiled the car to the

public and press at the Amarillo National Bank Sox Stadium.

"I took the car over to the stadium to let everybody see it and take pictures," he said.

Plans are being discussed to display the car at games to raise money for charities that help kids with childhood diabetes, cancer and leukemia, Shelton said.

"Any amount people pay over the admission to come to a game would go to charity," he said.

But the bigger plans won't happen until next spring when the new season starts, he said.

In the meantime, Shelton said he will be talking to the Texas Rangers about coming up with a similar plan.

"They need something good to happen after getting knocked out of the playoffs," he said.

## Cold

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Just 6 percent of the nation's households use heating oil, but they tend to be in some of the coldest parts of the country where heating needs are high, mainly in the Northeast. About half use natural gas for heat and 38 percent use electricity.

Five percent of households use propane and 2 percent use wood.

Natural gas prices will average \$10.32 per thousand cubic feet. That's 0.8 percent higher than last year but 13 percent lower than the five-year average. Electricity prices will fall 2.3 percent to 11.4 cents per kilowatt hour. Propane prices will fall 8 percent in the

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Heating oil will average a record high of \$3.80 per gallon because it is made from crude oil, which has averaged \$95.95 per barrel this year.

But most of this year's increase is because forecasters expect a more typical winter.

East of the Rockies, weather is expected to be about 2 percent warmer than normal but 20 percent to 27 percent colder than last year.

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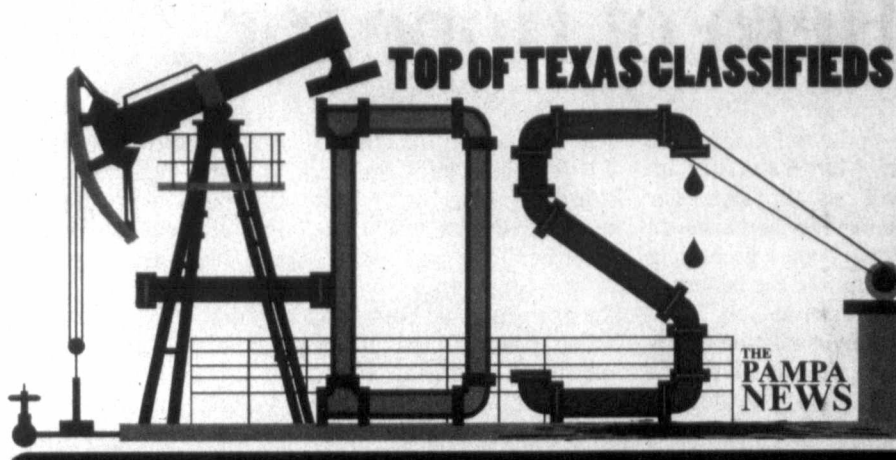
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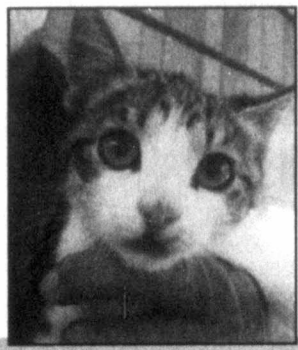




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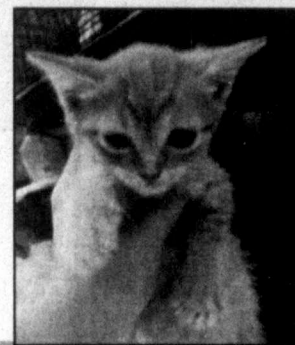
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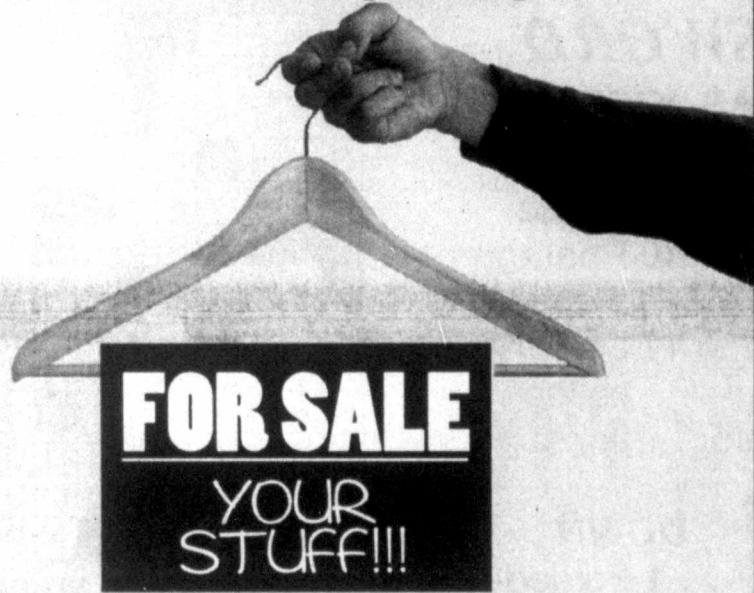


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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Two men have left their wives for me. The relationship I had with the first one ended very badly (his choice). The second started shortly thereafter, and I am still with him.

When the first man found out, he tried to resume seeing me and became verbally abusive and harassed me when I wouldn't. He hasn't returned to his wife and has tried twice to commit suicide.

Both of these men are now divorced, and their ex-wives and children are understandably bitter. Even though they made the decision to leave without me asking them to — or even being aware that they were going to — I feel guilty having a hand in ending two marriages.

I'm sure the last thing either the wives or the children would want from me is an apology or any contact at all. What else can I do to come to terms with and accept what happened? — THE OTHER WOMAN

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: You appear to be carrying a large burden of guilt. And that's a GOOD thing. There is nothing you can do to make amends to the families you have helped ruin because you can't change the past.

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DEAR ABBY: When I was 9, my mother knitted me a small blanket, about the size of a baby's. I lost her to cancer a year later, when I was 10. Since then, I have carried it with me everywhere.

I am 26 now and married. I still have the blanket and carry it with me in my purse. Recently, I mentioned it to my husband and some friends. They were not supportive like I thought they would be. They made fun of me and called me "immature."

I got defensive and told them it was a reminder of my mother. My husband said I should keep a picture of her instead and throw the blanket away.

Abby, now I feel insecure and childish. Is a security blanket normal for someone my age, or should I just listen to my friends? — MRS. LINUS IN TEXAS

DEAR MRS. LINUS: Your question is not as unusual as you may think. It has appeared in my column before.

Considering the story

behind the blanket, I understand why you are so attached to it. Lack of maturity has nothing to do with this. The connection to the mother you lost at such a tender age has everything to do with it.

Your husband and friends appear to have hides of "pure Corinthian leather." Do whatever makes you comfortable and do not apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law goes through my mail and any items on my desk at home. She used to do it in secret and would stop when she got caught. Now she does it in front of me, but never when my husband is around.

I don't care why she's doing it; I just want her to stop. How do I relay that to her without offending her? — FRUSTRATED SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Because you can't bring yourself to tell your mother-in-law plainly that what she's doing is rude and nosy, when you know she's coming over, put your papers out of sight.

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# PampaSports

## Cowboys doing a lot of giving, not taking

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys have done a lot of giving this season.

That is good in charity, not when you're a team trying to win in the NFL.

With his five interceptions in the last game, Romo has already been picked off eight times this season. That's seven more interceptions than opposing quarterbacks have thrown against the Cowboys (2-2), and it accounts for the team's minus-7 turnover margin.

While it would be easy to blame Romo for that, especially since he also has two lost fumbles, the Cowboys' defense isn't really forcing turnovers.

"You think about it consciously as a defender, trying to strip the ball out, getting your hands up trying to get interceptions

and that helps you win, so that's something that we're thinking about," defensive tackle Marcus Spears said. "Now, doing it and thinking about it is a different thing. So we've got to make plays like that to allow our offense to have a short field and give ourselves a chance to win the game on defense."

Linebacker Sean Lee has the Cowboys' only interception, a pick at Tampa Bay's 23 that set up their only touchdown drive in a 16-10 victory. Dallas has recovered three fumbles, but one of those was Orin Lemon falling on a muffed punt against the Buccaneers.

After their bye week, the Cowboys play four of their next five games on the road. They play Sunday at Baltimore (4-1), and know they need to start creating turnovers.

"It's a personal challenge that each one of us has to accept," said new cornerback Brandon

Carr, who had two interceptions in a preseason game. "You have to challenge yourself to put it upon yourself within the scheme of our defense to go out there and you be the one to make that play, you be the one to make the difference for the defense."

At the same time, Carr said defenders have to be careful not to be too aggressive, to anxious or too eager to make a play.

"That's when bad things happen, and the big play comes on top of you," Carr said.

The only team with a worst turnover margin is Kansas City at minus-15. The Chiefs had four turnovers last week in a 9-6 loss to Baltimore, which fumbled once and threw an interception of its own.

The Cowboys were in the middle of the pack with 25 takeaways last season, when they finished plus-4 in turnover margin.

Coach Jason Garrett said there

are a lot of different drills the team works on during the week in an effort to create turnovers. He considers ball security a "team thing," on both sides of the ball.

"It starts with the guys up front, the guys protecting, the guys blocking, certainly the guys who have the ball in their hands," Garrett said. "And similarly on defense, if you create havoc for the quarterback, and he has to do things quicker than he wants to do, typically those result in interceptions."

Romo has completed two-thirds of his passes and is on pace to throw for more than 4,500 yards, which would be a career high. But his eight interceptions so far are only two fewer than all of last season. And both of his lost fumbles came after being crushed between Tampa Bay defenders.

Asked Thursday what he could do to get better, and make

sure he's not making mistakes while trying to do too much, Romo refused to go into detail about "the things that I think are going to help us in this football game and going forward."

Notes: Rookie CB Morris Claiborne missed practice Thursday because of illness. ... Veteran punter Brian Moorman has a groin injury and may not be available this week. He punted in the last game after being signed following Chris Jones' sprained knee caused by a charging defender. There is a chance Jones could return this week.

Kicker Dan Bailey could handle the punting duties if needed, but said Thursday he hadn't punted yet in practice this week. ... If neither Moorman or Jones are available, Romo might have to hold for Bailey's kicks. Romo said Thursday that he has taken some snaps this week on special teams.

## Texas quarterback David Ash exceeding expectations

By **JIM VERTUNO**  
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas quarterback David Ash heard the talk in the offseason about being a game manager. The Longhorns didn't need a quarterback to win games, fans said. They just needed one who wouldn't lose them.

Ash said all the rights things, too. He said he would spend the entire season handing off to running backs as long as it meant winning.

But inside, Ash had to know he had more to offer. He could throw. He could move the chains. He could win.

The sophomore who was simply overwhelmed as a freshman in last season's 55-17 loss to Oklahoma returns to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas this week to face the No. 13 Sooners (4-1, 1-1 Big 12) as not just a game manager, but the best, most consistent offensive player for No. 15 Texas (4-1, 1-1).

"We're asking him to win the games now," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said, "and he's doing what we're asking."

Ash, who split time last season with Case McCoy, emerged from training camp as the starter. Brown insisted those two were battling for the job, but Ash's play so far this season suggests he had wrapped up all along.

Ash has gone from game manager to the third-rated passer in the country with 1,276 yards and 11 touchdowns with only one interception. He drove Texas to the winning touchdown on the road at Oklahoma State in the final two minutes, throwing a fourth-down pass into tight coverage on a play that would have all but ended the game with an incompletion.

That play more than any other showed how much he's grown up and taken control of the offense. Oozing confidence, Ash threw the ball in the only spot his receiver could catch it.

"If it gets picked off, who cares at that point? Gun it in there and hope the guy makes a play for you," Ash said. "You're either going to get it or you're not ... Sometimes it comes down to you've got to make a play."

Ash is a different quarterback than the raw freshman who was swamped by Oklahoma defenders last year. Ash didn't expect to play much last season but starter Garrett Gilbert was hurt in the second game and elected to transfer. Ash and McCoy split the starting role the rest of the way.

The rivalry with the Sooners, where emotions run high, can be tough even on experienced quarterbacks. Ash simply wasn't ready yet and had two of Texas' five turnovers. The Sooners had eight sacks.

"We laid an egg," Brown said. "We were out of the game before it started. It got out of hand fast."

Ash had never been to the game in person and admitted he was a bit overwhelmed.

"I don't think there's anything that can prepare you for it," Ash said, calling it his lowest point of the season and one he was determined to learn from. "Most people rebound from their lowest point. Everyone wants to get up."

Oklahoma players see a quarterback who picked

himself up and got better.

"They just look very confident in everything they do," Sooners cornerback Aaron Colvin said. "It seems like the coach puts a lot of trust in him and everything kind of revolves around him. I'm very pressed with what he's been doing this year."

One thing Texas coaches liked about Ash in the loss was seeing him throw a late touchdown pass. He still split time with McCoy the rest of season,

but gradually started taking over the position.

Ash has been so good this season that it made his one blunder — a big one — that much more surprising. Trailing by three late against West Virginia, Texas got the ball after a fumble at the Mountaineers 12 with a chance to take the lead with a touchdown or tie the game with a field goal.

But facing third-and-8, Ash let the play clock run down to 1, then turned his

head just as the shotgun snap sailed by and the play ended in a 16-yard loss. The Longhorns missed the field goal and ended up losing 48-45.

Some fans blamed center Dominic Espinosa for the miscue. Ash took the blame but said it's time to move on.

"That was my fault. It's in the past," Ash said. "It's time to move forward. If you haven't moved forward, I have. Hop on."

## Earhardt Jr. to miss two races after two concussions

JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. knew he had suffered a concussion in an August crash so jolting that other drivers tweeted about it immediately after the impact.

Earnhardt was too stubborn to see a doctor about it. He was too worried he would be yanked from his car, derailing his long-suffering Sprint Cup Championship hopes.

So he kept it a secret until a 25-car accident on the last lap Sunday at Talladega left him with a lingering headache.

NASCAR's most popular driver sought medical attention from a neurosurgeon, who found Earnhardt had indeed suffered two concussions in six weeks and could not be medically cleared to race. Earnhardt said Thursday he will sit out the next two weeks, at Charlotte and Kansas, ending his championship chances.

"I would love to race this weekend, and I feel perfectly normal and feel like I could compete if I were allowed to compete," Earnhardt said. "But I think that the basis of this whole deal is that I've had two concussions in the last (six) weeks, and you can't layer concussions. It gets extremely dangerous."

A decade ago, it was Earnhardt who helped spur changes in how NASCAR handled drivers showing signs of a concussion.

He self-diagnosed a concussion from

an accident at California, but didn't tell anyone about it until revealing in an interview weeks later that he'd been having difficulty focusing and communicating with his crew chief. Within days of his admission, NASCAR strengthened its commitment to keeping drivers with concussions off the track.

NASCAR ruled that drivers unable to drive their car back to the garage after an accident had to make a mandatory trip to the infield care center. The attending physician could then refer a driver to a neurosurgeon for a CT scan or MRI if they suspected a concussion.

Clearance to race after suffering a concussion is not given until after a driver obtains a medical release.

"I think we've got a pretty good history of sending drivers to the care center and then also to a neurologist if we think there may be any cause to do so," said NASCAR senior vice president Steve O'Donnell, who added that only nine drivers from NASCAR's three national series have suffered concussions in the last five years.

Earnhardt's first concussion this season came in an Aug. 29 wreck during a tire test at Kansas.

His crash into the wall when his right front tire failed was so hard that Brad Keselowski immediately tweeted about. Earnhardt was seen after the accident in the back of an ambulance, but was not treated in the infield care center and did not seek further examination elsewhere.

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# PampaSports

## Lady Harvesters spike Perryton, three matches to one

BY GAYDEN HAYS  
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The Lady Harvesters started the second half of district play with a bang Tuesday night beating the lady Rangers in four games.

"We got to play with confidence to put ourselves in playoff contention," commented Lady Harvester Head Volleyball Coach Brooke Sanford.

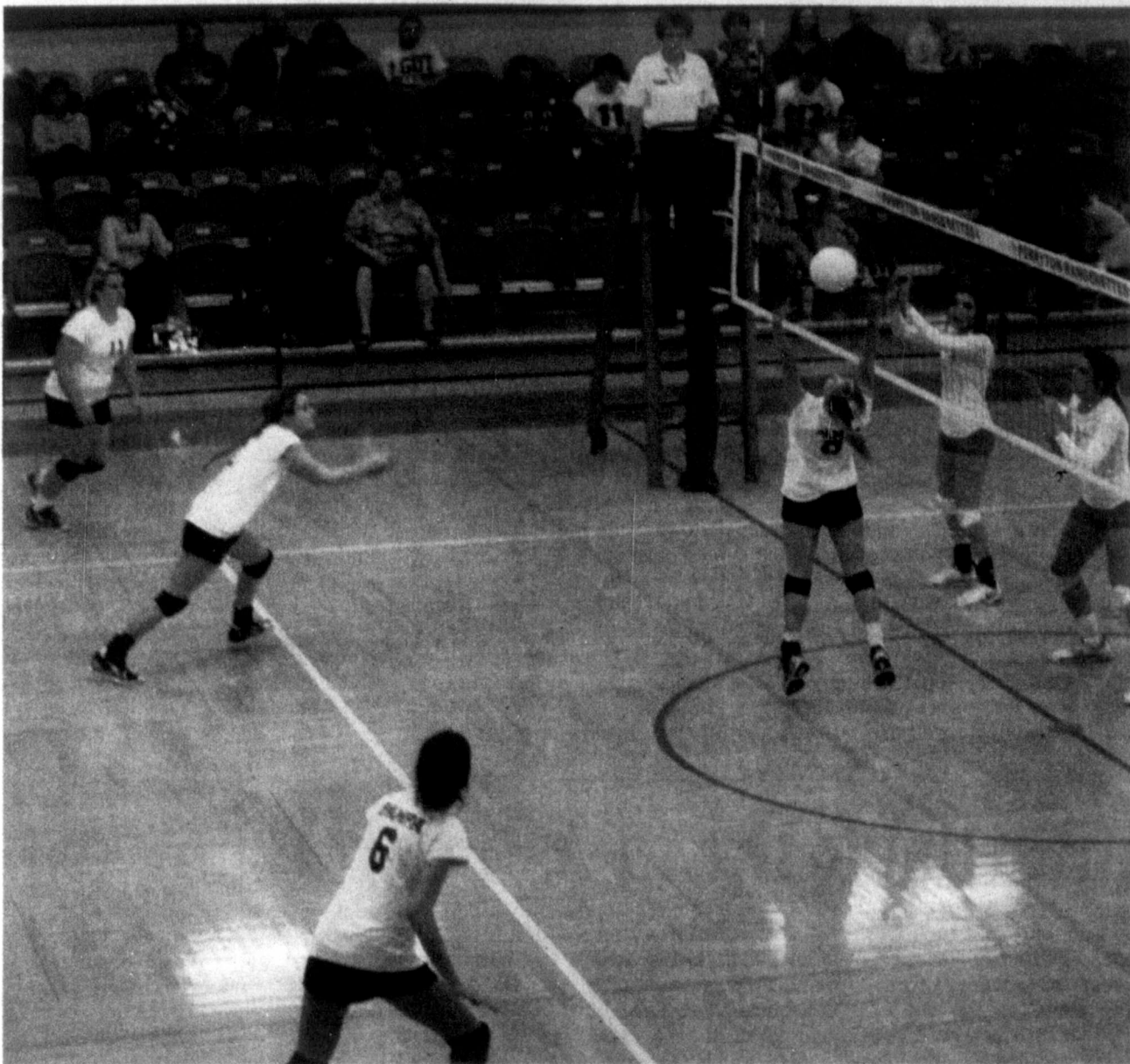
Pampa dropped the first game losing 25 to 21. Then swept the Rangerettes in the next three games 25-20, 25-20 and 27-25.

Their record is now 3-2 in district competition, before the victory the Lady harvesters were on game behind River Road and Dalhart.

Pampa's varsity got off to a slow start, playing sluggish and unable to put many hits away in the first game against Perryton.

In the second match, setters Maddie Fathree and Taylor Eubank got their team going and combined for 8 of the teams kills and had a combined 15 assists due to the solid play of defensive players Taylor Giles and Diamond Marrufo. Madison Joyce also had five kills in the match.

The third game was tight as well against the Lady Rangers, but the Varsity was able to rally off four hits by Calli



**WINNING SET.** Maddie Fathree back sets a ball to Taylor Eubanks in Perryton Tuesday night. The ladies were victorious in the first game of their second round in district play. The Lady Harvesters will host River Road and will wear special ordered pink jerseys for the game.

Photo by Gayden Hays

Brewer and three by Caragan Niccum. The team also had solid serving in the match with Fathree, Marrufo and

Eubank recording aces. Brewer and Watson also had blocks that aided in the win.

In game four, Pampa

continued to fight and came from behind to take the game 27-25 and seal the win 3 matches to 1.

Long rallies were

the par for this close match where Pampa's defensive performances from Giles, four digs, and Marrufo, three digs,

**Lady Harvester Team results vs Perryton**  
Girls Team Results:

- Caragan Niccum - Assists - 25  
Kills - 6  
Aces - 7  
Blocks - 1
- Dakota Watson - Digs - 2  
Kills - 4  
Aces - 2  
Blocks - 3
- Taylor Giles Assists - 16  
Digs - 11  
Kills - 12  
Blocks - 1
- Diamond Marrufo - Aces - 3  
Digs - 7
- Calli Brewer - Kills - 10  
Blocks - 4  
Aces - 2
- Madison Joyce - Kills - 9  
Blocks - 4

kept Pampa alive when they needed it most.

Brewer and Fathree also added blocks, 2 and 1 respectively, at critical moments in the game to help Pampa pull ahead for the win.

Saturday at Pampa the Lady Harvesters will host River Road during the "Pink Out" game, and they ask all attending wear their pink shirt in support of Breast care awareness.

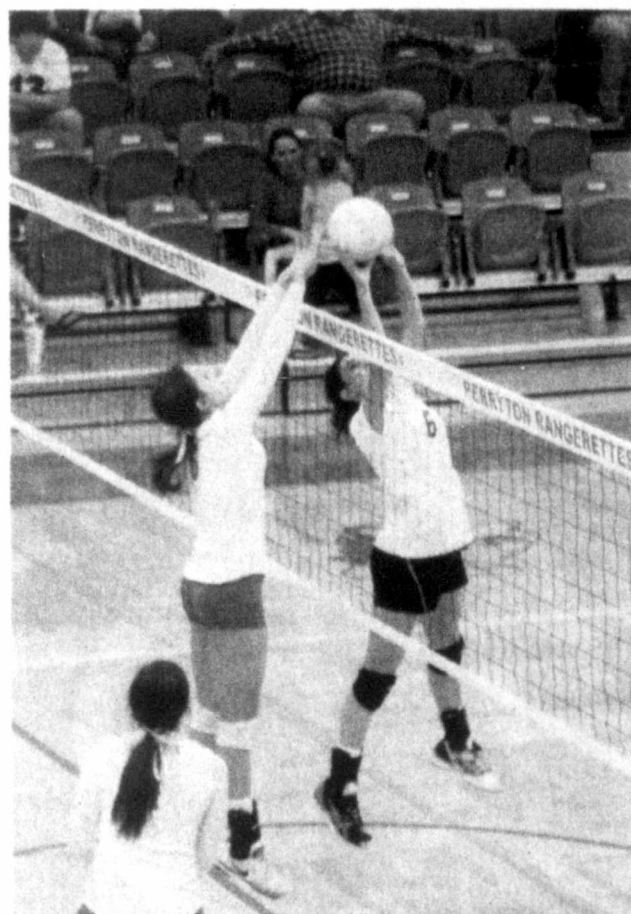


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**TAYLOR EUBANK.** jump sets a ball during the four match victory versus the Lady Perryton Rangerettes. Pampa plays its next game Saturday at 3 pm.

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