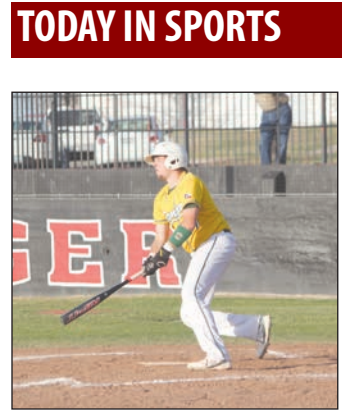


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## County Commission updates road crossing policy

Road crossing fee now deemed 'on-site inspection fee,' for boring under county roads.

**By SASHA HELLER**  
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The Gray County Commissioners Court on Wednesday made a slight change to the county's road crossing policy regarding projects that involve boring, or drilling, under county roads.

Spurred by an attorney general's opinion, the county has changed its road crossing fee to an on-site inspection fee. County officials will physically inspect project sites, as per the adopted change.

"We basically made one change to it,"

Judge Richard Peet said.

In other business, the Commission:

- Discussed installing a zero landscaping concept at the heliport, using caliche base and rocks to create a Southwestern design. The county would benefit from the zero landscaping design as it would require little to no maintenance and no watering.
- Peet reported that all of the furniture has been delivered to the new hangar at Perry Lefors Field Airport.
- Commissioner Gary Willoughby noted that the planned physical improve-

ments to the county's new records storage facility have been completed. Willoughby said Atmos technicians will be at the site today to install a gas meter; a gas line installation is planned for next week.

"It looks real nice. It's air-tight," Willoughby said of the facility.

Further plans for the records storage building also include installation of a light on the outside pole.

- Willoughby reported that he has recently encountered RV owners who have been digging pits in various parts of his precinct and illegally dumping sewage



**Gary Willoughby**

waste from their RV's into the pits. Willoughby has informed officials with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality who will provide assistance with going after the illegal sewage dumpers. Willoughby reported that illegal dumping of sewage waste is a violation of Section 366 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The Pampa News is planning to pursue an in-depth, follow-up story on this issue to appear in an upcoming edition.

## Pampa man arrested for meth incident

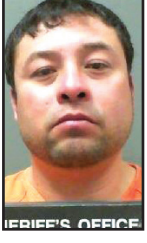
Suspect linked to arrests made at Western Motel two weeks ago.

**By SASHA HELLER**  
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Deputies with the Gray County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday arrested Ricky Joe Diaz, 38, of Pampa, on a warrant for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance — greater than 4 grams and less than 200 grams.

Authorities linked Diaz back to an incident that occurred on April 17 at the Western Motel in which three individuals from Pampa — Johnny Dominguez, 27; Amanda Jenkins, 31; and Vickey Pendleton, 43 — were arrested for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance — greater than 4 grams and less than 200 grams.

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**Ricky Joe Diaz**

## Pastors with combined 105 years of ministry to retire



Darlene and Leland Lewis singing during a Community Fifth Sunday Sing.

**By ZACHARY GREEN**  
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Leland Lewis is the pastor at the First Assembly of God Church at 500 S. Cuyler St. in Pampa. His wife, Darlene, has pastored other churches and helped the church here in many ways. After serving the church for the past 12 years, the Lewis' have decided to retire in Lubbock. This Sunday will be their last in Pampa. Although the couple will retire as full-time pastors, they said they would still fill in for churches on Sundays as needed in the Lubbock area.

The story of how the couple met and eventually came to Pampa could be called "divine." In 2001, when First Assembly was looking for a new pastor, they did not read through a stack of resumes. Darlene had previous experi-

ence with the church in Pampa and a member decided to call her up and ask her to come back.

"It was a divine experience. The lady said the church wanted her to call me and ask me to come back. She said that she put it off for a month. The church knew they wanted us," Darlene said. "We initially did not want to come but we came up and met with the church and knew it was meant to be."

Darlene said they both love Pampa, and wouldn't leave if they had owned a home here.

"It is the friendliest town I have ever lived in," she said. "I am involved in the community and have friends from all the churches in town. It is a wonderful place to live. It is amazing how much the people in this town work together and support each other, no matter the church they

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## Charter bill brings new players to education policy

**By MORGAN SMITH**  
 The Texas Tribune

As lawmakers hammer out the terms of charter school legislation, political operatives better known for their activities in other venues have popped up among the usual cast of characters in education committee meetings.

Most notable among those new faces has been Texans for Lawsuit Reform co-founder Dick Trabulsi, who is now lobbying for Texans For Education Reform, a newly formed advocacy organization headed by former Senate Education Chairwoman Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and whose priorities aside from charter school policy also include teacher quality and virtual education initiatives. The group also keeps several other prominent Republican consultants — Anthony Holm, Mike Toomey and Jordan Berry —

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**Friday:** Sunny with a high of 61. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:50 a.m.

**Friday night:** Clear skies with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Wind west at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:32 p.m.

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# For the record

## Amarillo man arrested for driving with expired license

• Anthony David Rodriguez, 42, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving with license expired with previous conviction and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• Luis Ubaldo Baca, 27, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department on two counts of bond surrender, possession of controlled substance — greater than 1 gram and less than 4 grams and possession of controlled substance — less than 1 gram.

## Lawmakers advance sexual assault bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Hospitals would have to provide enhanced treatment for victims of sexual assault under a proposal advancing in the Texas Legislature.

In a 31-0 vote on Wednesday, the Texas Senate approved SB 1191 by Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth. The bill would require nearly every hospital to either provide the resources necessary to gather physical evidence or to provide a transfer to a different hospital.

Last month, lawmakers heard testimony from a woman who drove to three different hospitals seeking to preserve the physical evidence. Her attacker went free.

The bill would also require a state agency to keep a list of hospitals that perform the service.

Separate budget proposals include millions of dollars to test a backlog of more than 22,000 evidence kits.

### House Committee approves wage theft bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Employers would be fined for stealing wages from workers under a bill advancing in the Texas Legislature. The House Committee on Economic and Small Business Development advanced the proposal in a 6-2 vote on Wednesday.

Though the bill has cleared the Senate, the negative votes indicate it may be subject to debate in the House.

Under current law, the Texas Workforce Commission can penalize companies that withhold

wages in “bad faith.” But it issued penalties in less than 12 percent of the 1,028 cases last year.

The bill by Democratic Sen. Jose Rodriguez of El Paso would define acts of bad faith to include repeat offenses, retaliation against workers, reckless disregard of the law and failure to pay multiple workers.

It would require fines of up to \$1,000.

### New option for failing schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Troubled schools could be placed in a special district operated by turnaround specialists under a plan advancing in the Texas Legislature.

In a 26-5 vote on Wednesday, the Senate approved a bill that would create a Texas Achievement School District. It still must pass the House.

Under current law, the state education commissioner can prescribe sanctions for schools with low test scores.

They range from staff changes to closure.

The bill would allow the commissioner to transfer a school to the new district after two consecutive years of low scores. An amendment specified that local property tax funds would remain with the local district.

Democratic Sen. Royce West of Dallas said “this is the right thing to do for the children that are trapped in low-performing schools.”

### Justice Department OKs ousting TX school board

EL PASO (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice is not objecting to the Texas Education Agency ousting trustees of the El Paso Independent School District amid a testing scandal.

The decision was announced Monday by the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams in December announced trustees would be replaced with a board of managers to “regain the public trust” after a district-wide testing scandal. The move came after ex-El Paso High School super-

intendent Lorenzo Garcia pleaded guilty to fraud and was sentenced to more than three years in prison.

School board members are elected so TEA needed federal clearance, abiding by the voter rights laws, before the removal.

The new board can serve for up to two years in the district also put on probation by the state.

### House OKs reduction of diverted funds

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has approved reducing by \$800 million the amount of special dedication funds lawmakers can use to balance the budget.

Passed by a voice vote, the bill caps the amount of dedicated funds eligible at \$4 billion from \$4.8 billion.

Those funds come from millions spent annually by Texans on specialty license plates. They are supposed to support things like state parks and environmental groups.

But lawmakers instead divert them to other areas of the budget. In the 2012-13 budget alone, the Legislature diverted nearly \$5 billion.

Dayton Republican Rep. John Otto, one of the bill’s sponsors, said “the goal is to wean us off” dedicated funds, and instead use them for their intended purpose.

Democrats, though, wondered if this could cause cuts to other parts of the budget.

### Thief in Spider-Man garb snatches \$6k

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It looks like Spider-Man does have sticky fingers.

Los Angeles police were searching Monday for a man in a Spider-Man costume who authorities say snatched \$6,000 from a tour company office on Hollywood Boulevard.

Hollywood’s Walk of Fame area is popular with street performers who dress as movie characters and try to earn tips by posing for photos with tourists.

Officer Chris No tells the Los Angeles Times that several street performers were questioned.

No one has been arrested.

The suspect also made off with credit card receipts.

### Calif. woman accused of tainting OJ

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A woman in Northern California is facing attempted murder charges after authorities say she tried to sneak orange juice bottles spiked with rubbing alcohol inside a Starbucks.

San Jose police released additional details about the case on Tuesday. They say 50-year-old Raminah Behbehanian fled when a customer alerted store staff that she saw Behbehanian remove two bottles of orange juice from her bag and place them in a refrigerated display case on Monday.

A store employee took down Behbehanian’s license plate, and she was arrested at her home a short distance away on suspicion of attempted murder and poisoning.

Sgt. Jason Dwyer says firefighters determined the bottles contained a mixture of orange juice and a lethal amount of rubbing alcohol. No one consumed the juice. Police don’t have a motive.

### Political factions fight over Rainy Day Fund

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Allan Ritter has spent years trying to find the money to build the water pipelines, reservoirs and conservation systems Texas’ growing population needs. This was supposed to be the year it finally happened.

But his bill failed Monday night and the state’s leadership on Tuesday is scrambling to find a way to resurrect Ritter’s plan to take \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund. Ritter wants to leverage it to raise \$27 billion for water projects.

The plan needs 100 out of 150 votes to pass. But an estimated 35 tea party members oppose tapping the fund and 55 Democrats are insisting on more money for public schools first.

Gov. Rick Perry and Speaker Joe Straus have both pledged to find a compromise to solve the state’s water shortage.

## Correction

An article in the May 1 edition, entitled “Pampa Chamber hosts healthcare reform seminar,” incorrectly reported that the Pampa Chamber of Commerce hosted the seminar. It was the City of Pampa who hosted the seminar, not the Chamber. The Pampa News apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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# Bill

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on payroll. Trabulsi's organization has played a key role in advancing Senate Education Chairman Dan Patrick's Senate Bill 2, which would expand the number of charter schools in the state. But despite the high-profile support, the Houston Republican's bill has undergone a significant transformation since it was initially proposed, primarily in response to the opposition of a more established education advocacy group, Raise Your Hand Texas. Founded in 2006 by San Antonio grocery mogul Charles Butt, the group has deployed its own team of high-powered lobbyists against the provisions they believed threaten the well-being of the traditional public schools serving a majority of the state's students. Patrick originally intended to completely lift the state's 215-school cap on charter contracts. Now, his legislation

would incrementally increase the contracts available to 305 in 2019. As the bill made its way through the Senate, Patrick also dropped a requirement for school districts to lease or sell underused buildings to charter schools and another that would have provided facilities funding for charters. Another deleted proposal would have created a new state authorizing board focused solely on overseeing the charter school system. Even with those changes, if successful, SB 2 will be the largest piece of school choice reform the Legislature has passed since 1995. After the upper chamber's thorough negotiations, it has a better chance of passing than a similar state of charter school bills that languished in 2011. Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, was the bill's lone dissenter on the Senate floor. He issued a statement saying he could not vote to expand charters until the Legislature adequately addresses the issues of over regulation and inequitable

funding in traditional public schools. Some of his colleagues in the lower chamber, which has been the graveyard for charter measures in the past, might share his sentiments. During a recent House Public Education Committee meeting, Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, told members he intended to move quickly with the bill, indicating they would take a vote on it during Tuesday's meeting. Questions about the legislation's transfer of approval authority from the State Board of Education to the Texas Education Agency dominated the hearing, which also included an unusual appearance by Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri in support of the legislation. Trabulsi gave committee members an overview of the negotiation process in the Senate. "All of the mechanisms and procedures have been well thought out," he said, adding later, "My perception is that a lot of people have done a lot of work to get to where we are today."



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# Diaz

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GCSO Lt. Terry Cox on Wednesday said Diaz was the fourth person in the room on that date but was not arrested with the other three individuals. Cox said further investigation led deputies to discover that Diaz had shared the room with Dominguez, Jenkins and Pendleton. Diaz' bond was set at \$7,000 and he was released on Tuesday. The bonds for Dominguez, Jenkins and Pendleton were set at \$10,000 and they remain in custody.

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## Can Washington replicate FAA fix?

The Pecksniffs of America had nothing but scorn for Congress' vote last week to stop furloughs of air traffic controllers, which were ostensibly mandated under the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Congress failed to act to stop cuts to Head Start and Meals On Wheels, critics sneered, but did stop the

Federal Aviation Administration cuts largely because they hit lawmakers where they live — on the planes that fly them to and from their home districts.

Nonsense. Congress did what it was supposed to do. Capitol Hill responded to the flying public's righteous anger. There was a fear factor: If a plane crashed, voters would blame Washington.

Republicans found unused money in the transportation budget. So after Democrats protested and the White House promised to veto any sequester modifications, they fell in line behind an FAA fix; it passed with bipartisan support and was punctuated with a presidential signature.

"Congress is capable of doing that everywhere if the lawmakers really want to," budget fellow Patrick Knudsen of the right-leaning Heritage Foundation opined.

It turns out that the Obama White House had miscalculated. It had become increasingly clear that the White House was using the FAA cuts to gin up voter outrage against the sequester cuts. And that wasn't going to fly.

Republicans took care of their constituents — businesspeople.

The real question is: Why haven't Democrats done the same thing if they believe that cuts to

Head Start and Meals On Wheels are equally untenable?

Instead, Democrats have supported what, to them, are excruciating cuts because they find the notion of trimming 2.5 percent from a \$3.8 trillion budget to be unthinkable. It's their Rubicon. They'd rather cut muscle than fat — that is, they'd rather cut welfare programs than find pork to cut in a still-growing federal budget pot.

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, tells me that unlike transportation, welfare budgets are so tight that there's no fat left to trim. He adds that some Republicans have issues with a Senate bill that would cede the authority to make cuts to the president. But that's not the Democrats' problem.

Liberal Washington Post blogger Ezra Klein thinks Democrats should bend. The Dems tried to kill the sequestration by making its cuts stupid and across-the-board. But the sequestration still lives. If sequestration is permanent, Klein wrote, "they might as well make it a bit less painful."

Budget guru Steve Bell of the Bipartisan Policy Center used to think that Washington would cave on the sequestration by June because the cuts would be too painful. The former Hill staffer now thinks that won't happen. Except for the FAA cuts, there is little public protest, not even from the defense sector or the welfare lobby.

Bell told me, "I'm not sure there's much else that has the immediate impact on people's daily lives as air travel."

And what does that tell you?

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## Pampa Periscope

# Support mixed drinks in restaurants

In December I wrote a column stating that although I quit drinking on June 30, 1997, I still support a favorable outcome in a special election to



**TIMOTHY HOWSARE**

allow Pampa restaurants to serve mixed drinks. I still stand by that position and encourage Pampa voters, drinkers and nondrinkers, to go to the polls May 11 and vote yes.

It doesn't make for restaurants that already serve beer and wine to not be allowed to also serve mixed drinks.

As someone who formerly had a drinking problem, I can tell you alcohol is alcohol. And police officers and medical professionals will tell you the same thing — one 1.5-ounce of liquor equals one six-ounce glass of wine equals one 12-ounce beer.

If you have a drinking problem, I encourage you to quit and quit now.

However, if you are a social drinker who can handle two or three drinks and can get a safe ride home, that's fine with me.

I don't think allowing mixed drinks will increase alcohol consumption in Pampa and could possibly make the highways safer as more diners would choose to stay in Pampa instead of driving to Amarillo restaurants. I have talked to a law-enforcement officer who said if the proposed law passes he doesn't expect an increase in DWIs.

Bennigan's, a casual dining chain, announced earlier this month it will open a restaurant in Pampa. This probably comes as a surprise to many residents, as most in town were probably thinking they'd hold off until they knew for sure that mixed drinks could be sold.

But if we are going to attract other national dining chains, the referendum will likely need to pass.

And, as I stated in December,

I do not believe national chains coming to town will hurt the already established local restaurants. There is an aphorism that comes to mind: "A rising tide lifts all boats." It means that what benefits one or two businesses in a particular sector will benefit all businesses in that sector, and I think this will hold true for Pampa.

The Dixie Cafe and The Plaza Restaurant support the referendum.

Business travelers staying in Pampa's motels will also have greater dining options, that's another benefit.

More business in Pampa will translate into more sales taxes and property taxes.

Updating the law will bring more business to Pampa without exacerbating social ills, I believe. Drinking alcohol is a personal choice. What matters most is not what kind of drink it is, but whether that person can drink responsibly and not cause harm to himself or others.



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## Benjamin Franklin's two questions still stand

In 1787, when delegates at the Constitutional Convention were divided and at an impasse regarding how to build our government and frame the U.S. Constitution, 81-year-old Benjamin Franklin appealed to the other delegates to pray for divine intervention to help them out of their darkness:



**CHUCK NORRIS**

"In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened ... that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers ... were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence, we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend?

Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance? I have lived ... a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth — that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured ... in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest. "I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

Those are riveting words and questions for any age and country, particularly

our own.

The delegates at the convention decided not to orchestrate a daily formal ceremony, but it wasn't because they didn't believe in the power of prayer or its necessity; it was because of the advanced stage of the Convention. They still heeded Franklin's spiritual entreaty through their private prayers and, shortly thereafter, the public institution of paid governmental chaplains.

WallBuilders' website explains: "As it turns out, after the Convention, and nine days after the first Constitutional Congress convened with a quorum (April 9, 1789), they implemented Franklin's recommendation. Two chaplains of different denominations were appointed, one to the House and one to the Senate, with a salary of \$500 each.

And did Franklin's and the other delegates' prayers pay off?

Answer: Do we have a U.S. Constitution and country?

In 1788, James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution" and our fourth president, reflected on the Constitutional Convention and on the founding of the republic. He wrote: "The real wonder is, that so many difficulties should have been surmounted; and surmounted with a unanimity almost as unprecedented as it must have been unexpected. It is impossible for any man of candor to reflect on this circumstance,

without partaking of the astonishment. It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it, a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution."

My question is this: If the greatest leaders in the history of our country, particularly our Founding Fathers, called upon Almighty God for heavenly assistance in the most critical and perilous of times and experienced his hand of deliverance, wouldn't this season in our country's history warrant exactly the same? Maybe more now than ever before?

If Ben Franklin called for daily prayers, can we not set aside two days this year to stand up for our country by kneeling on its behalf?

Our duty is not to judge the outcome or discern the impact but simply to pray, as Franklin advised.

His two questions still stand and warrant an answer from each of us:

"Have we now forgotten that powerful friend? ... If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise (or rise again) without his aid?"

Two questions, two events — to help restore the United States of America.

*Follow Chuck Norris through his official social media sites, on Twitter @chucknorris and Facebook's "Official Chuck Norris Page." He blogs at <http://chucknorrisnews.blogspot.com>.*

### May 11 General and Special Election:

The designated polling location will be at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner. Polling hours will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave., on the second floor, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays until May 7.

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# Pastors

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attend.  
 The people here will do anything for each other, it is awesome.”  
 Leland mentioned that the church members are more than friends, they are family.  
 “They have stood by us through the thick and thin. In sickness and in health, they are there for us,” Leland said. “We have cried together, prayed together, laughed together and encouraged each other. Pampa is a place where you meet people and feel like you have friends for life.”  
 Dewey Hutchinson is a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Pampa. He had nothing but praise to share about the Lewises. “They didn’t consider themselves the pastor of the church, they considered themselves pastors of anyone they met. They always had a kind word for people,” Hutchinson said. “Leland preached the word of God. His sermons didn’t come from a book or his mind, they came from his spirit. I have never met anyone quite like him. There is a type of spirit about him that you know just by being around him that he is a man of God. He has a shepherd’s heart.”  
 Hutchinson mentioned that he knew Leland better than Darlene but they were both involved in the community and church. “They ministered beyond the walls of our church. They were willing to shepherd anyone, even nonmembers, whether they lived in Pampa or not. They were called by God to be ministers.”  
 Patsy Bright is also a member and was there the first time Darlene worked with the church. “They both have done a lot of work in the Pampa and Lubbock areas. They are always willing to help others,” Bright said. “Darlene decorates for the holidays. She always has something she is decorating for. It is neat that she has that love to bring out the holidays in church and her home.”  
 Bright added that each year since living in Pampa, Darlene has hosted an open house at her home.  
 “She invites the whole neighborhood to see her decorations. She decorates her whole house — even the bathrooms. There is a tree in every room,” Bright said. “She always has snacks, finger foods, coffee and apple cider for those who come visit to enjoy. She has done a lot for the Pampa area. If there is

something she can do to help someone, she will do it. She always has a willingness to step up to the plate.”  
 There will be a “come and go” retirement party for the Lewises from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday at the church.  
 So how did they meet?  
 Both Darlene and Leland were previously married and lost their spouses to leukemia and ovarian cancers, respectively. Darlene was working at a First Assembly of God Church in Lubbock and had been single for 13 years. Her first husband, Ron Witt, passed away in 1979. She received a call from Leland out of the blue. Leland was working at a First Assembly of God Church in Olton. He called Darlene up for a date and, as she said, “The rest is history.” The couple married in December 1992.  
 Leland worked for Lubbock Ambulance from 1992-95. Darlene continued to work for the First Assembly of God Church in Lubbock until 1995. In 1995, the couple moved to Lamesa to pastor there. They worked with the church in Lamesa until 2001 when they moved to Pampa.  
 Leland has also worked with churches in Elkhart, Kan., Colony, Okla., Stratford and Littlefield. And, from 1984-92, he was medical services system director for Panhandle Emergency Medical Services. Leland also did a few years of evangelist work as he traveled with his first wife, Dorothy, holding revivals. Dorothy died in June 1992.  
 Darlene has worked at churches in Odessa, Stinnett and Idalou.  
 Leland went to Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. Then he went to the Berean School of the Bible in Springfield, Mo.  
 His degrees are in Pastoral Ministries. He said that it has been a great experience pastoring, one that was worth having.  
 Darlene has two children from her previous marriage. Tonya Buck, 47, works for an IT company in Oklahoma City, and Keith Witt, 42, works for Sprint in Detroit. She has three grandchildren, Shane, 22, Ryan, 7, and Addison, 4, they are all Keith’s children. Leland has two children from his previous marriage. Kay Morris, 52, is the owner of House of K’s in Tulia. Lyndall, 55, is a welder in Amarillo.  
 He has a granddaughter, Misty Coffee, 36, and two great-grandchildren, Riley, 7, and Carson, 4.

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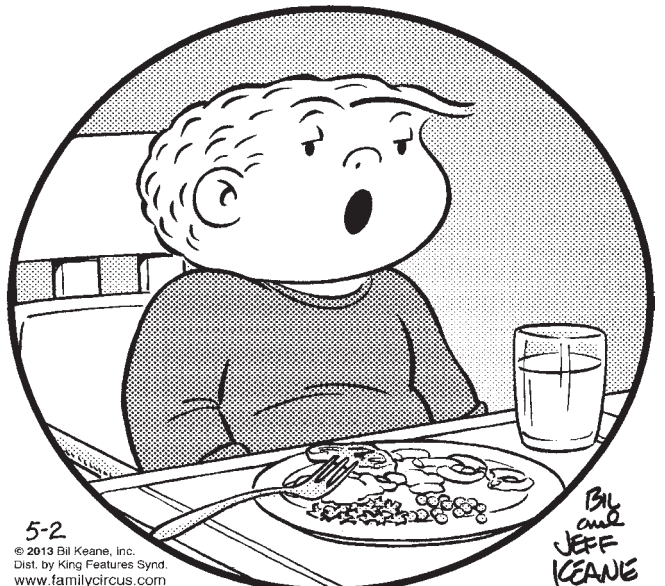






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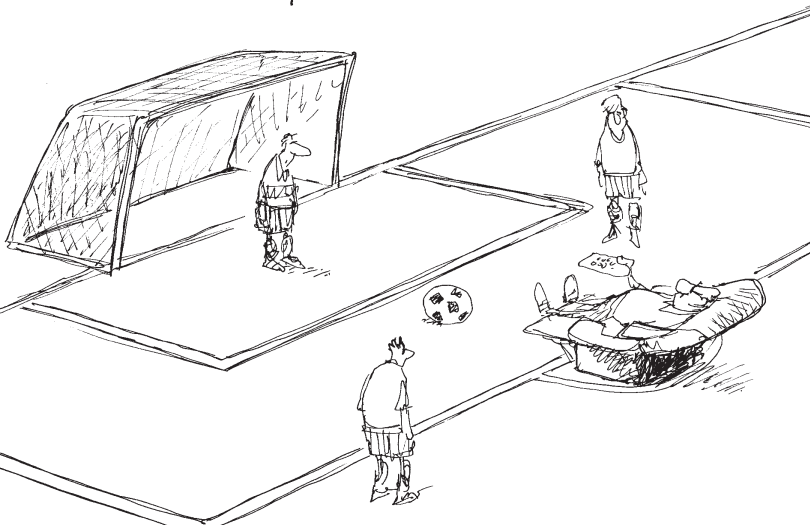
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**"Do they have any vegetables that are LESS good for me?"**

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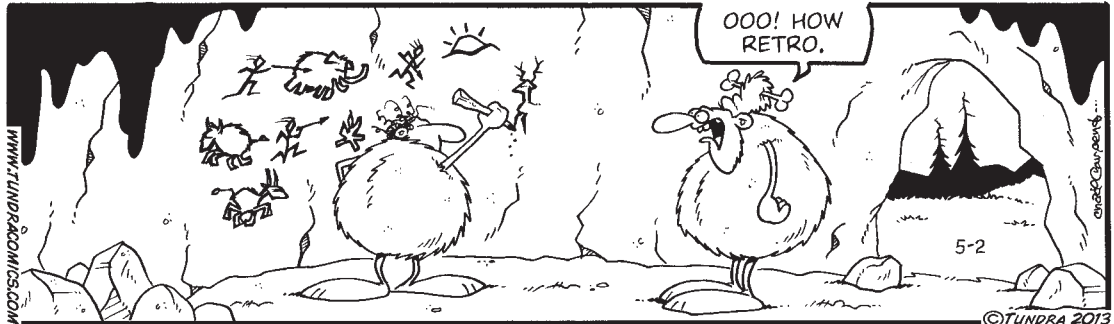


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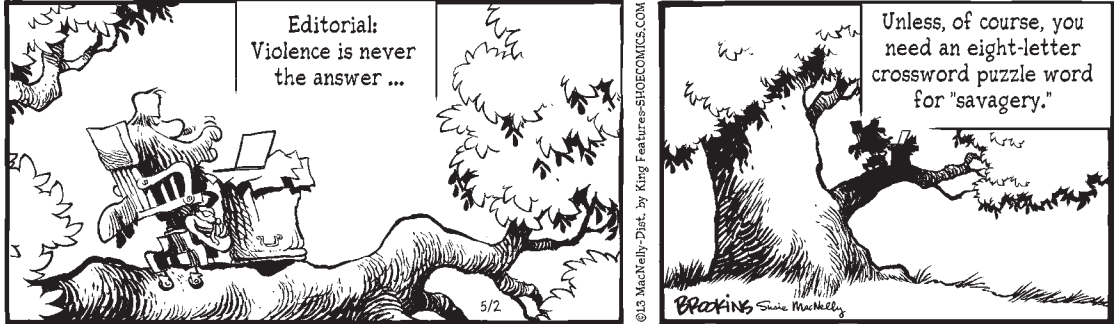
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This year you will be well-grounded and extremely intuitive. This mix means good decisions. Let go of an innate stubbornness, and you'll see how much easier life becomes. If you are single, you beam and draw in many people, especially after June. You will have several suitors, so take your time making choices. If you are attached, you will go through a very amorous period together. Enjoy every moment! PISCES adds music to your words.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Focus on your priorities right now. By afternoon, your mind will drift to your weekend plans. Share your thoughts with a dear friend. The feedback you receive could be exciting. Others might be considering how to manifest a long-term dream. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Your efficiency creates an easy afternoon. Pick up the phone and speak with a friend. You always enjoy talking to this person. This friendship might be more important than you think. A discussion about a change in image draws interesting feedback. Tonight: Where the crowds are.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Make calls and schedule meetings in the morning. So much responsibility could fall on your shoulders later. Ask for some help if need be. Someone might be delighted to pitch in. Be spontaneous later when making and revising plans. Tonight: Let your wilder Twin emerge!  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ Wrap up your dealings with a key person. Laughter will open new doors and prevent a problem from becoming even bigger. Reach out for a different perspective. You could be surprised by your options. Communicate and get feedback. Tonight: Forget being practical.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ You suddenly might start dancing to a new tune. Don't be surprised if some of your neighbors are looking at you with new eyes. A loved one adores seeing you like this. If you can move through your obligations quickly, you can make it an early day. Tonight: Let it all hang out.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Consider letting someone else take over. This person wants the responsibility, and you would love some extra time to do whatever you want. Do something just for you, and you will make everyone happier. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Say "yes."  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★ The mood of the present moment could be infectious. You know what you must complete, and you will do just that. Don't be surprised if there are some last-minute requests that could hold you up. A conversation with a loved one proves most rewarding. Tonight: Easy works.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Your imagination often fills in the gaps regarding plans. If they are based in reality, success generally will follow. Try to avoid projecting your creative energy onto a potential relationship. If you value the potential tie, let it develop naturally. Tonight: Look out, world.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★ You might want to head in a different direction from your friends or loved ones for few hours. Just explain your reasoning, and you'll discover that others can be very understanding. Share more of what you want in the future. Tonight: Happily head home.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ How you see a personal matter could change radically. More and more, you will toss aside your well-developed self-discipline in exchange for more spontaneity. As a result, you will see the benefits of being a little less controlling. Tonight: Go overboard and love it.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ While others ponder their plans, it appears as if you are playing out your life the way you want it to be. No one is likely to burst your bubble, as people will want to experience some of your spontaneous joyfulness. A loved one might want your attention. Tonight: And the party goes on.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You correctly sense that something better is ahead. Cruise through your errands, and don't forget to clean up your workspace. When you free yourself up, you will be happy that you went through this process. Tuck away the thought of responsibilities. Tonight: Invite friends along.

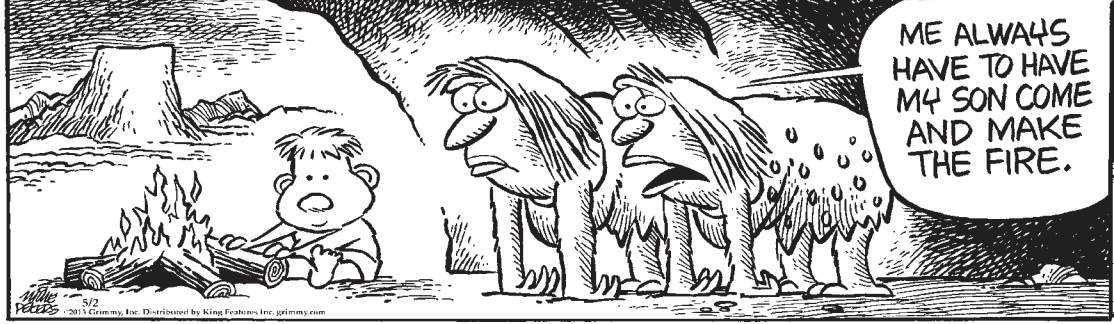
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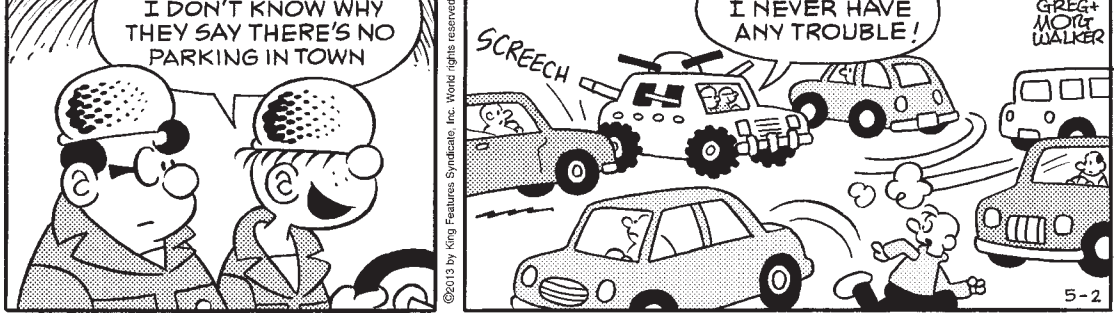
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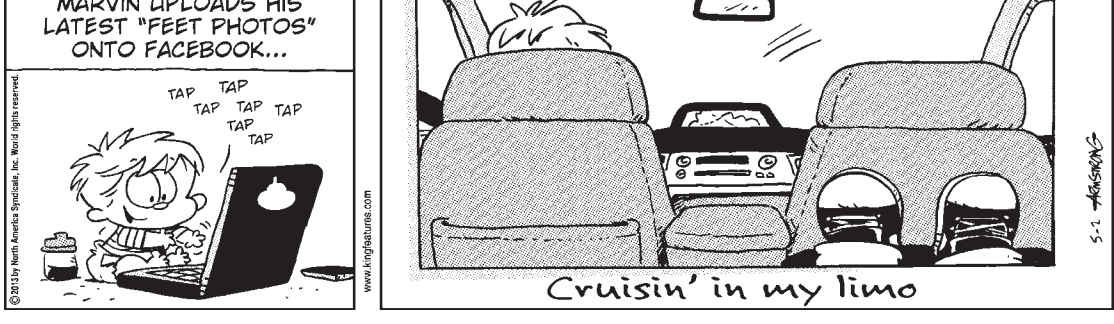
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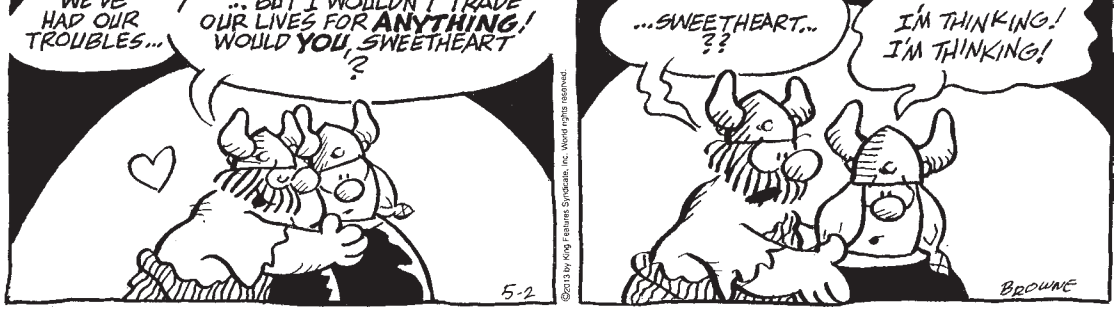
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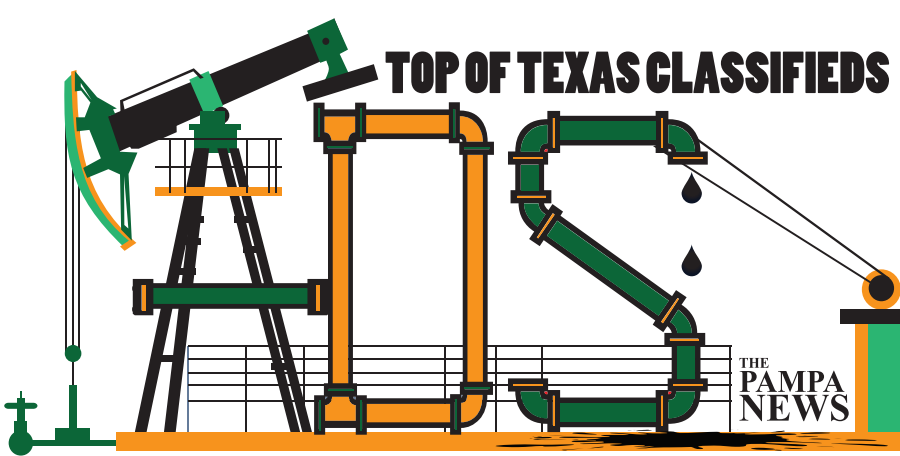
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Last year, I began to lose my hearing due to a genetic disorder and now I have to wear hearing aids. I will be a freshman in high school next year. My teachers all have to wear microphones so I can hear them.

I'm scared other kids will make fun of me for being different. I have already gotten laughed at. What should I do? — EMBARRASSED TEEN

DEAR EMBARRASSED TEEN: When people laugh at a person who has a disability, it is usually out of ignorance. Because this happened at school or another place where there is adult supervision, you and your parents should talk to the principal or person in authority so that your parents can speak privately with the guilty parties and explain why your hearing aids and the microphone are necessary. Your parents should also have a meeting with the principal of your high school before you go so the problem can be avoided.

When I was in grammar school, a classmate of mine had severe hearing loss. Because the students understood what her problem was, she was never ridiculed.

P.S. Making fun of a child who has a disability is a form of bullying, and

should be treated as such.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25 and have been with my husband for nine years, married for four. I cheated on him twice. He caught me both times.

Even though I strayed, he decided to stay. But now he treats me like I'm a child and a prisoner. He took away my phone, my Internet and I can't go anywhere. He says this is my punishment for what I did. Do I really deserve that? I know we're both wrong, but is he more wrong? — BROKEN WIFE

DEAR BROKEN WIFE: From where I sit, you are equally wrong. How long ago did the cheating incidents occur? If they are recent, you two should be in marriage counseling. If they were long ago, then you must decide if you want to live the rest of your life being treated as a child and a prisoner.

Your husband doesn't trust you because you haven't been trustworthy. But taking away your phone and Internet and keeping you under lock and key will not help you to rebuild it.

You two need more help than anyone can give you in a letter, and I hope you will seek it. If he won't go for counseling, you should go with-

out him because I don't think the status quo can last.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and brother-in-law passed away two years ago. I am the only living relative of their 28-year-old son, "Louis." He is a loner, spoiled and a poor houseguest. I invite Louis over only because I don't want him to be alone at holiday times. My husband, teenage daughter and I have nothing in common with him, and frankly, he spoils our holidays.

How can I stop inviting my nephew without feeling guilty? Or is there another solution? I hate to make waves. — HOLIDAY HATER IN CANADA

DEAR HOLIDAY HATER: If you invite your nephew for FEWER holidays you will be able to ease your conscience, enjoy more holidays and allow the young man a chance to become more proactive in planning entertainment for himself.

DEAR ABBY: I may be wrong, but isn't it presumptuous for someone to open the message card on a flower delivery before you get home when the flowers are for you? — KIMBERLY IN MARYLAND

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## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Decorate
- Make fun of
- Lively dance
- Conductor's need
- Trailer attachment
- Keg need
- Take notes
- Block
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- "Unlikely!"
- Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
- Shoot forth
- repeatedly
- Short time
- Giant Mel
- Filming site
- Irregular spot
- Swift
- Belt holders
- Less than right
- Atlanta school
- Taxi part
- Betray

- Writer Tarbell
- "Keep calm!"
- Therefore
- Flattering deceit
- Ready to hit
- Dress in
- Diet no-no
- GI-enter-taining org.
- Writer Deighton
- Greeted deferentially
- Ocean's motions
- Battery part
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- Nimble
- Sacred sleep
- Num-bered rd.
- Postal feat
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- Senior employee
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# PampaSports

## Harvesters fall in playoff warmup game to Bushland

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa Harvesters traveled to Borger Tuesday night for a playoff warmup game with the Bushland Falcons — a 2A school that went undefeated in their district. Pampa was designated as the home team for the affair under the lights.

Bushland put three runs on the board from a home run before Pampa came to bat in the first inning. Jordan Lemons hit a home run to pull the Harvesters to within two in the bottom of the second. Lemons left the game shortly after as a precautionary measure due to a minor injury.

Bushland added four more runs in the top of the third and led 7-1 after three innings. The Falcons scored four more in the top of the fourth and led 11-1 before Pampa came to bat in the bottom of the fourth.

Riley Douglas walked to be the first base runner for the Harvesters. Chris Howard also walked. Cade Engle then walked as well to load the bases. Then Ryan Powell singled to center, which scored Douglas and Howard. James Thompson then singled to left scoring Engle. Ty Hooper, who came in to replace Lemons, walked. Ethan

Hunt singled to left field and scored Thompson. A questionable call ended the inning and the Harvester rally abruptly as Hunt was called out at first on the throw in from the outfield.

Bushland would add a run in the fifth and four runs in the sixth. The final score was Bushland 16, Pampa 6.

Engle finished with a walk and a run scored. Ryan Powell had a single, two RBIs, two steals and a run scored. Thompson was 3-4 with a double, two steals, an RBI and a run scored. Hunt was 1-2 with a walk and an RBI. Lemons was 1-1 with a home run, an RBI and a run scored. Jacob Nelson stole two bases as a courtesy runner in the ball game. Tyler Powell walked twice. Douglas had a walk, two steals and a run scored. Taylor Woods had a single. Howard had a walk and a run scored. Hooper walked once.

Hunt started the game on the hill for the Harvesters and struck out three over two innings pitched. Thompson pitched the next two innings and struck out two batters. Tyler Powell pitched one inning and struck out two batters. Ryan Powell pitched the last inning for Pampa and struck out two batters.

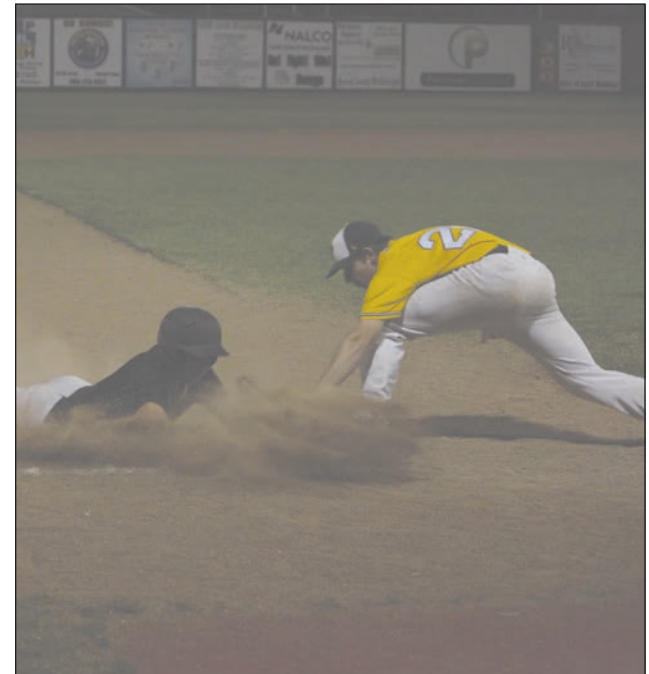
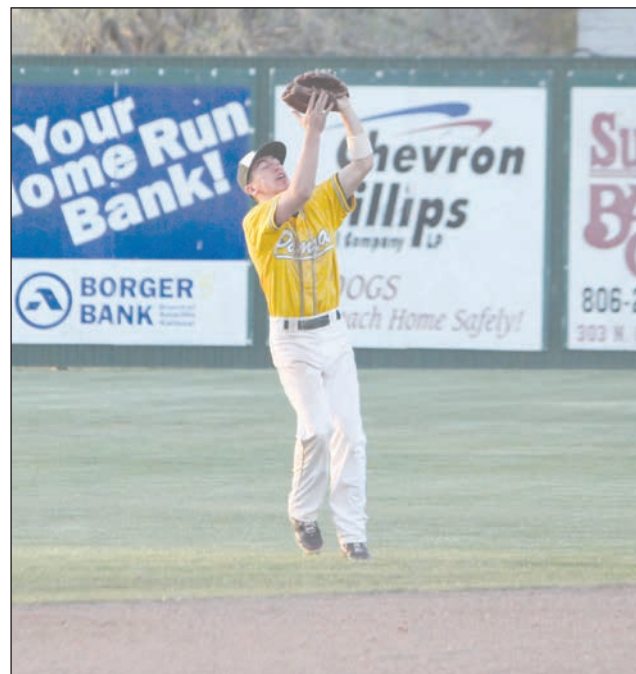
“They are a good team. I wanted to play good com-

petition. We saw some good pitching and some good hitting,” said coach Kaleb Snelgrooes. “We didn’t do a lot to help ourselves. We didn’t make plays behind our pitching and they did.

“We are going to use this as motivation. It’s been a while since we’ve been on the backside of a game like this. We are going to get ready to go to work and I think the kids will be ready when they come out next week.”

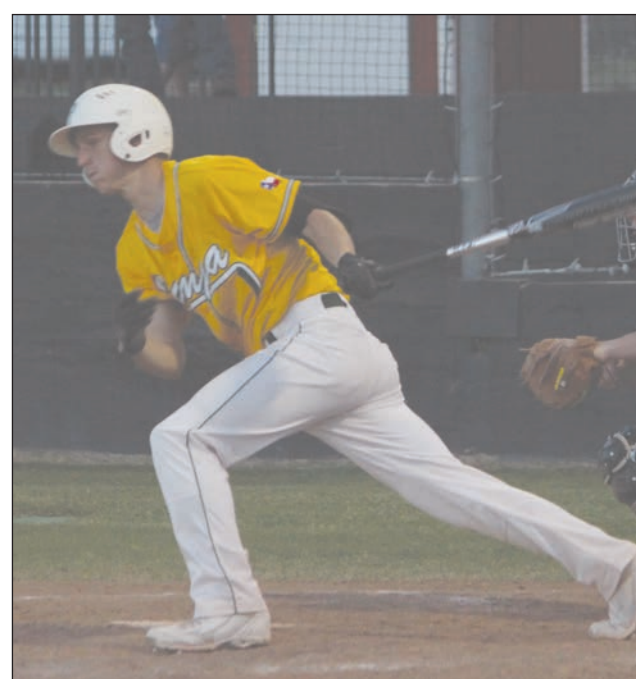
When asked about the availability of Lemons for the playoffs Snelgrooes said he will be ready next week. “The trainer looked at it and gave me the option of him continuing Tuesday or sitting the rest of the game out. I hated to lose him this game but next week’s games are more important than this one. He’ll be ready to go next Friday.”

With the loss, the Harvesters fall to 13-12 on the season. They will be back in action starting on Friday, May 10 in the Area round of the playoffs. The opponent will be either Sweetwater or Fabens, who play this weekend in the Bi-District round. Snelgrooes said that most likely if Sweetwater wins, the games next weekend will be in Lubbock. And if Fabens wins, the games next weekend will be in Seminole.



Photos by Zachary Green

Above left, Tyler Powell lays a tag on a Bushland runner. Above right, Cade Engle catches a ball in midair. Below left, Jordan Lemons points to the sky as he crosses home plate surrounded by teammates after a home run. Below right, James Thompson follows through during an at-bat Tuesday night.



Casey Martindale tries to lay a tag on a Bushland runner at third base during the game Tuesday at Borger. Pampa now awaits to find out who they will be playing in the Area round of the playoffs next weekend.

### Hidden Hills Golf Course scramble

SUBMITTED

The Hidden Hills Golf Course hosted a scramble on Monday night April 29. Here are the results.

First place with a score of 29, was the team of Ron Miller, Ray Turpen, Dwight Brown and Jackie Brown.

Second place with a score of 31, was the team of Buster Kelley, Brandon Montgomery, Harley Knutson and Chris Armstrong.

### Hidden Hills Golf Course seniors scramble

SUBMITTED

Hidden Hills Golf Course hosted a seniors 4-man scramble on April 30. Here are the results.

First place with a score of 62, was the team of Jim Brashears, John McCall, Jimmy Cantrell and James Stavenhagen.

Second place with a score of 62, was the team of Whitey White, Gerrell Owens, Ray Covalt and James Richardson.

Third place with a score of 64, was the team of Charles Byrum, Johnny Gilbert, Jerry Davis and Travis Johnson.

Fourth place with a score of 64, was the team of R.D. Stephens, Jerry Dorman, Larry Heard and Howard Musgrave.

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