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## Standerfer benefit run in Lefors on Saturday

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Over 150 people will turn out in Lefors this weekend in support of an ailing local girl when the Lynnzy Standerfer Benefit Run kicks off on Saturday morning. Registration for the event will open at 8 a.m., with the 5K run/walk and 1 mile bike ride starting at 9 a.m. and the 1 mile bike ride starting at 9:45 a.m. Proceeds from the benefit will go towards medical expenses for Lynnzy Standerfer, a Lefors fifth



Standerfer

grader currently fighting acute myeloid leukemia. The disease is characterized by the rapid production of leukemic blood cells that accumulate in the victim's bone marrow, interfering with normal blood cell growth. Standerfer, according to family friend Deborah Henson, is currently at the pediatric intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Standerfer is cancer-free as of a test last week, Henson said, though her body is still not producing healthy bone marrow on its own. "She's still positive, though," Henson said. "She has a little gleam in her eye. She keeps everybody in good spirits with how positive she's been." Benefit run organizers have been impressed at how Gray County has responded to the call

for fundraising help. "You know, I feel like we have truly been blessed," said Jeannie Swires. "The Lord, He's in control of this thing. We've got a good turnout so far and we're really excited for it, and now we're just looking for as much as we can raise to help Lynnzy." Swires said that the run currently has over 100 sponsors and close to 175 participants, including five teams of 10. "Our goal was 100 (participants), so we're real excited

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**TRUE GRIT**

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**Claire Hopkins slides** into home to score a run against Borger Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field. Hopkins scored two runs as, after the dust settled, the Lady Harvesters won 8-1. Full coverage in **SPORTS**, page 7.

## No action from city on CRMWA

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The Pampa City Commission took no action this week on the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's proposal to buy more water. Pampa, one of 11 member cities in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, discussed the purchase of water rights from Boone Pickens' Mesa Water. Canadian River Municipal Water Authority officials, including Jerry Carlson and Rex McKay Jr., Pampa's representatives on the water authority's board of directors, met with the commission in executive session at noon Tuesday at Pampa City Hall. The water authority provides water through an almost 400-mile long aqueduct stretching from Lake Meredith near Borger and the John C. Williams Well Field in Roberts County north of Pampa to south of Lubbock. With the lake water dropping, the water authority has had to rely on underground water pumped from Roberts County. The lake level this month was reported down to 38.16 feet, a record low. The record high for the water in the lake was 101.85 feet in April, 1973. The next meeting of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is scheduled for April 13, in Plainview, another member city.

## Thornberry: No reason for government shutdown

**TRISH CHOATE**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Local representative Mac Thornberry said there's no reason to have a government shutdown. "The House has passed two bills now to keep the government operating," Wichita Falls' Thornberry said. "The Senate hasn't passed any. I'd say the ball is in their court to do something." If House and Senate lawmakers can't reach an agreement by midnight Friday, the government will gear down, leaving only workers providing services deemed essential. A government shutdown looked more

likely than ever Tuesday when negotiations on a spending package to fund the government for the next six months hit an impasse. After talks at the White House Tuesday, President Obama said Democrats have more than met Republicans halfway in negotiations, singling out \$33 billion in cuts — a target number for GOP leadership. The White House opposes yet another continuing resolution to fund the government in the short-term. "What we're not going to do is once again put off something that should have gotten done several months ago," Obama said. He could support a two- or three-day extension of current funding until lawmakers can get "the paperwork" through

Congress. The latest stopgap funding bill, expiring Friday, fueled the government for three weeks. House Republicans have already submitted legislation to fund it for a week and the military through September. In major sticking points, Republicans and Democrats disagree about where and how much to make cuts in government spending through the end of fiscal year 2011. "I shouldn't have to oversee a process in which Congress deals with last year's budget where we only have 6 months left, especially when both parties have agreed that we need to make substantial cuts, and

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 82 Low 49	High 83 Low 50	High 80 Low 44

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Very windy, with a west southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

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# Obama: Shutdown would hurt economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning of economic repercussions, the Obama administration said Wednesday that a government shutdown would halt the processing of tax returns and limit small business loans and government-guaranteed mortgages during peak home buying season.

Obama's administration sought to put the prospect in terms people would care about, even saying the beloved Cherry Blossom parade in the nation's capital would be wiped out.

The administration described shutdown planning as congressional negotiators continued to work to strike a deal that sets spending limits through the end of September.

Negotiators have until Friday to reach an agreement before triggering a shutdown.

President Obama cautioned congressional leaders Tuesday that he would have them back at the White House Wednesday if they didn't make progress.

Obama did call House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio on Wednesday morning. According to Boeh-



Obama

ner's office, the phone call between the two lasted just three minutes, though the speaker told the president that he was hopeful a deal could be reached.

Obama left in the early afternoon for events in Philadelphia and New York. He boarded his Marine One helicopter at the White House with no comment, just a friendly wave to supporters.

Under the shutdown scenario described by the administration, the government would have to significantly cut staffing across the executive branch, including workers at the White House and civilian employees at the Defense Department; somewhere in the vicinity of 800,000 workers will be affected.

Congress and the judiciary branch will also be subject to a shutdown.

The Federal Housing Adminis-

tration, which guarantees about 30 percent of home mortgages, would stop guaranteeing loans. The issuance of government backed loans to small businesses would be suspended. And processing of tax refunds would halt for those who filed paper forms. Then again, so would tax audits.

Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries would continue to receive benefits. And taxpayers who file electronically will see no delay in processing of their returns.

Among other consequences cited by the administration:

- The Environmental Protection Agency would cease issuing permits and stop reviewing environmental impact statements which will slow approval of projects.

- Military personnel would not get paid beyond Friday, but would continue to earn money that would be paid to them once the government resumes.

- National parks would be closed.

- Most government websites would not be updated, unless they were deemed essential

## Thornberry

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we're more or less at the same numbers," Obama said. Democrats also contend GOP lawmakers are tacking a social agenda onto spending legislation.

To win Thornberry's vote, legislation to fund the government for the next six months should include spending cuts.

"I don't have a magic number," the Clarendon

Republican said.

He'd also like to see restrictions on how the funds can be used by, for instance, the Environmental Protection Agency and to limit funds for enforcing the health care overhaul.

"I'm for limiting EPA on doing bad things to oil and gas and to farmers," Thornberry said.

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about that," Henson said.

Participants are still being registered up until the day of the event, although people who want a t-shirt must register by tomorrow at 5 p.m., Henson said. Some t-shirts will be available on the morning of the event on a first-come first serve basis.

Registration is \$25 for

the 5K and 1 mile events and \$15 for the bike ride.

The starting point of both runs and the bike ride will be the Lefors Fire Department, Swires said, with all routes on

pavement. The 1 mile run will go by Lefors High School and the civic center, while the 5K will go out towards the highway. The Lefors Fire Department will be on hand to

aid runners and bikers along the route.

For more information, call Henson at 806-835-2948, Swires at 806-835-1440 or Sandra Pairsh at 806-835-2929.

## For the record

Cont. from Tues.

### Sheriff's Office

Stephanie Marie Dorsey, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of unauthorized absence from a community correctional facility in Tom Green County and bond surrender on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Juan Renaldo Flores, 54, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a license and failure to appear.

Kevin Ray Kirkham Jr., 21, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana and injury to an elderly person with intent to cause bodily injury.

Earl Franklin Knotts, 29, of Lefors, was arrested on charges of violation of probation in connection with possession of a controlled substance.

**Sunday, April 3**

Justin Whitney Curtis, 21, was arrested by police on warrants charging him with failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and displaying an expired registration.

Laura Leeann Garza, 28, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property by check, greater than \$20 but less than \$500.

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The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, April 5**  
Erin Rae Turner, 22, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property over \$50

but under \$500.

Stephen Lee Spencer, 52, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant.

Susan Davila-Flors, 23, of White Deer, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of theft of property over \$50 but under \$500.

Ira Lee Smith, 51, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with a license.

Juan Miguel Salas, 26, of Wheeler, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on charges of displaying a suspended driver's license and displaying an expired license plate.

Tasha Nicole Medley, 26, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear and failure to yield right of way.

Kenneth Loren Cargal, 34, of Elk City, Okla., was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police officers reported 33 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Police also reported five abandoned vehicles and five attempts to serve legal papers.

Animal Control Officers reported 11 animal-related

calls.

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical.

**Tuesday, April 5**  
Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of Oak.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Perry.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 100 block of Randy Matson.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

A threat was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

Officers assisted a motorist at Wilks and Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of South Hobart.

A threat was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne.

City officials reported a violation of city ordinance in the 2100 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Lowry.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Wynne.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Panhandle Drive.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of South Varnon.

**Wednesday, April 6**  
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson and in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

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## AFTERNOON RUSH

### Bishops protest Texas cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Catholic bishops from across the state gathered at the Capitol to promote their legislative priorities and urge lawmakers to put human needs first.

Bishops on Wednesday said that even with the burden of a massive revenue shortfall, protecting human life is the most sacred responsibility lawmakers have.

The Texas Catholic Conference is just one of several groups rallying at the Capitol both for and against staggering cuts to state programs.

The House recently approved a budget that slashes spending in every corner of state services. But public education and health care took the hardest hits, leaving many Texans outraged.

Religious leaders said they want lawmakers to write a budget that prioritizes Texans in the greatest need and to use all of the Rainy Day Fund.

### No overhaul for preventer

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Components of the blowout preventer blamed for failing to stop last year's BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico were inspected regularly and replaced or repaired as needed, but the device, in service for nine years, never received a complete overhaul recommended after five years.

That's according to testimony in a federal hearing by Mike Fry, an equipment manager for Transocean, the company that owned the rig that was leased to BP.

A panel of the U.S. Coast Guard and the federal agency that oversees offshore drilling questioned Fry on Wednesday.

Panel member Jason Mathews asked Fry why the overhaul was not done in compliance with recommendations by the American Petroleum Institute. Fry said Transocean did not treat the API recommendations as mandatory, stressing that equipment was replaced or repaired as needed.

### Senate votes to strengthen testing

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has voted to strengthen prison inmates' access to post-conviction DNA testing.

Texas DNA testing has exonerated about 40 former inmates in recent years, the most in the nation, according to the Innocence Project.

State law allows post-conviction DNA testing if certain requirements are met. The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston requires testing if biological evidence was not previously tested, or if new techniques would give more accurate results.

It also requires any newly-discovered, unidentified DNA samples to be compared with a federal and state DNA databases.

A similar bill passed the Senate in 2009. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

### Ft. Hood soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two soldiers assigned to Fort Hood have been killed in combat in Iraq.

The Department of Defense on Wednesday announced the soldiers died Saturday after coming under attack in Babil, Iraq.

The victims were 26-year-old Staff Sgt. Quadi S. Hudgins of New Orleans and 30-year-old Sgt. Christian A. S. Garcia of Goodyear, Ariz.

Both were assigned to the Maintenance Troop, Regimental Support Squadron of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Hood. The sprawling post is in Central Texas.

### Boy, 7, shares Ecstasy pills

SAN BENITO (AP) — A South Texas man is facing drug charges after his 7-year-old son shared some colorful, illegal pills with his pals at school.

Investigators say the pills were Ecstasy. KRGV-TV reports the child on Monday gave pills, taken from his father's backpack, to four other boys at Frank Roberts Elementary School in San Benito.

Police say one boy told his mother about the pills and said they were meant to make him sleep. The mother contacted police.

Lt. Martin Morales says it does not appear that any of the boys took the pills.

The father is facing charges of possession of a controlled substance and five counts of endangering a child. Police recovered nearly 350 pills, believed to be Ecstasy, from a backpack at the family's home.

### Court review for killer of three

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has agreed to look at the case of a South Texas man condemned for a triple killing and consider whether a psychiatrist's testimony may have been improper when he told jurors the convict would be a future danger.

Three of the court's nine judges dissented Wednesday in the ruling involving convicted murderer Ker'Sean Ramey. The 25-year-old Ramey was one of two men convicted of fatally shooting three people during a botched robbery at a home in Edna, about 100 miles southwest of Houston, in August 2005.

Attorneys for Ramey argue testimony from forensic psychiatrist Richard Coons was unconstitutional. The court last year ruled in another capital case that Coons' opinion was scientifically unreliable. Jurors must decide on future danger when considering the death penalty.

### Neglected dogs rescued

JEFFERSON (AP) — The hospitalized owner of about 140 starving dogs seized in Northeast Texas could face charges over the neglected animals.

The Marshall News-Messenger reported Wednesday that the animals have been rescued from property near Jefferson. Humane Society of Marion County leader Caroline Wedding says some animals were in cages, while others were left to roam the woods. She says the dogs are being treated for flea infestations, skin diseases, infected eyes and starvation.

Officials say the owner, a 64-year-old man whose name has not been released, had been away from the property since last month after being admitted to a hospital in Shreveport, La.

Some of his relatives contacted animal rescue authorities, who began seizing the dogs last Friday.

## Oklahoma driest since Dust Bowl

COYLE, Okla. (AP)

— In most years, the dark clouds over western Oklahoma in the spring would be bringing rain. This year, they're more likely to be smoke from wildfires that have burned thousands of acres in the past month as the state and its farmers struggle with a severe drought.

Oklahoma was drier in the four months following Thanksgiving than it has been in any similar period since 1921. That's saying a lot in the state known for the 1930s Dust Bowl, when drought and high winds generated severe dust storms that stripped the land of its topsoil.

Neighboring states are in similar shape as the drought stretches from the Louisiana Gulf coast to Colorado, and conditions are getting worse, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The area in Texas covered by an extreme drought has tripled in the past month to 40 percent, and in Oklahoma it nearly doubled in one week to 16 percent, according to the monitor's March 29 update.

An extreme drought is declared when there's major damage to crops or pasture and widespread water shortages or restrictions.

While dozens of people in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas have lost homes to the hundreds of grassfires that have torn through the parched landscape in the past month, Oklahoma officials said more fires caused more damage as recently as 2009. This year, the biggest losses are likely to come from the drought's effect on the wheat farmers planted last fall and hoped to harvest in June, they said.

Almost all of Oklahoma is covered in some degree of drought. Only the far northeastern corner has escaped, thanks to a few big winter snowstorms.

## Keep man's best friend healthy

### Dog Talk



Dog owners are well aware that caring for man's best friend has taken on a greater responsibility in recent years. Perhaps that's a result of the popularity of the cable channel Animal Planet or the television show "The Dog Whisperer," each of which has helped to educate dog owners about caring for their canines.

Caring for a dog might be a daily responsibility, but it's one that's often enjoyable for both dogs and humans alike. Dog owners concerned about their best friend's health or those simply hoping to avoid problems down the road can adopt a daily routine that ensures Fido stays active and healthy for years to come.

• Freshen up the dog's water. While this might seem obvious, keeping fresh water in a dog's bowl is something many owners overlook, sometimes leaving the same water in a dog's dish for days on end. Unfortunately, when that happens owners are allowing dirt and dust to build up in the water, which can also become stagnant and prove a great breeding ground for insects if the bowl is outdoors. Humans need a certain amount of water each day to stay healthy, and so do dogs. Change the dog's water at least once per day and twice if the dog eats two meals per day. Also, keep an eye on the water bowl and refill it whenever it's empty. Be sure to clean inside the water bowl at least once per day, and pay attention to any dirt buildup on outdoor water bowls and clean accordingly.

• Feed the dog healthy pet food. Though it might seem fun and friendly to feed a dog directly from the dinner table, it's best to only feed the dog high quality dog food. All dogs are different, and dog owners should consult their veterinarian as to which food is best for their particular breed. While less expensive dog foods might be appealing, keep in mind such foods might be the equivalent of fast food restaurants for humans, which often provide little or no nutritive value.

• Take the dog out every day. Few animals on earth are as naturally active as dogs. Dogs need daily exercise to stay healthy both physically and mentally, so owners

should make certain their dog gets substantial physical activity every day. A walk around the block might suffice for smaller breeds, while a trip to the dog park where Fido can run, jump and play with other dogs might be best for medium-sized or larger breeds. Avid outdoors people should take their dog along for hikes through the woods or along for any other excursions they feel their dog can handle. Consult a veterinarian for the recommended daily amount of exercise depending on the breed, but know that all breeds of dogs need exercise as part of their daily routine.

• Play with your dog. A healthy dog isn't one that's just physically healthy, but one that's mentally healthy as well. Dogs need attention on a daily basis, as most breeds are highly susceptible to boredom. Make time to play with your dog every day, as play time with a dog can help it avoid feelings of boredom while providing stimulation for the dog. In addition to playing with the dog, try to include an activity such as teaching the dog to fetch the frisbee. Such activities pull double duty, providing the dog both exercise and mental stimulation, not to mention fun for the dog owner.

• Give the dog some freedom. The conventional wisdom that a dog can be chained in the backyard and left there for hours has thankfully fallen by the wayside. Nowadays, such behavior from dog owners is commonly viewed as abuse. Dogs should not be chained for extended periods of time, and exposing dogs to the elements of nature for prolonged periods is potentially very dangerous. A dog's fur, regardless of its thickness, can only protect it against winter weather for so long, and dogs can overheat very quickly in warmer climates. If the dog must be chained, make sure the chain is long enough to allow for significant mobility and do your best to minimize the amount of time the dog is on the chain.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 6, the 96th day of 2011. There are 269 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

### On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.

In 1886, the Canadian city of Vancouver, British Columbia, was incorporated.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.

In 1965, the United States launched the Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite, into orbit.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky, 88, died in New York City.

In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Ky.

In 1994, the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed in a mysterious plane crash near Rwanda's capital, widespread violence and killings erupted in Rwanda over claims the plane had been shot down.

**Ten years ago:** Pacific Gas and Electric Co. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in an offshoot of the California energy crisis. (It emerged from bankruptcy in April 2004.)

**Five years ago:** At the death penalty trial of al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani described his own harrowing experiences in lower Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001.

**One year ago:** The White House announced a fundamental shift in U.S. nuclear strategy that called the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists a worse threat than the nuclear Armageddon feared during the Cold War.

**Today's Birthdays:** Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 83. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 82. Country singer Merle Haggard is 74. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 74. Actor Roy Thinnes is 73. Movie director Barry Levinson is 69. Actor John Ratzenberger is 64. Actress Marilu Henner is 59. Actor Michael Rooker is 56. Rock musician Warren Haynes is 51. Rock singer-musician Frank Black is 46. Author Vince Flynn is 45. Actress Ari Meyers is 42. Actor Paul Rudd is 42. Actor-producer Jason Hervey is 39. Actor Zach Braff is 36. Actress Candace Cameron Bure is 35. Actor Bret Harrison is 29. Actor Charlie McDermott is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "History is the ship carrying living memories to the future." — Sir Stephen Spender, British poet and critic (1909-1995)

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## TEA MONSTER DRINK TEA! TEA MAKE FOR BEST PARTY!



## Sugar is the ultimate villain in dieting

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Registered Dietitian

Sugar is the ultimate villain when it comes to dieting in today's world. With the overwhelming amount of bad press the natural sweetener found in foods such as fruit and milk has gotten recently, it's hard to imagine that this evil superpower is a necessary addition to a healthy diet.

But, contrary to what the world would have you know, sugar is a type of carbohydrate that comes in many different forms and though its area on the classic food pyramid is a small one, it's still there.

There are two different types of sugars to be aware of when striving for a healthy diet: refined sugar and natural sugar. Refined sugar is the "bad" kind found in soda, cakes, cookies, ice cream, and candy. The second kind, natural sugar, is what gives fruit and milk their naturally sweet taste.

This is important because sugars



that are found naturally in foods (fructose, lactose, etc.) do not cause the rapid rise in blood sugar that the added kind does.

When used in moderation, sugar not only provides your body with energy, but it is a great way to sweeten your diet.

An important thing to remember when looking for healthy ways to add some sweetness to your diet is reading food labels. The food label's Nutrition Facts will list both the natural sugars and the ones that are added during processing, so be attentive to the whole package.

A good way to determine if the food is high in sugar is to check out the ingredient list. Ingredients are listed in descending order, so if there is a high amount of added sugar

(corn syrup, dextrose, malt syrup, or high fructose corn syrup — the #1 added sweetener used in the U.S.) found in the item, it will be listed near the top.

These foods with high amounts of added sugar should be consumed only in moderation due to the high amount of unhealthy sugar added during processing.

A great tip for using sugar when cooking to keep your sweets sweet and your body healthy is to try to reduce the amount called for in a recipe by one-third to one-half. By doing this, you will lower the carbohydrate and calorie count without risking the taste.

So remember, simply eating sugar will not give you diseases such as diabetes. But, overconsumption can lead to unhealthy weight gain and/or tooth decay.

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## Study: Teens don't see 5 or more drinks as issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Downing five or more alcoholic drinks nearly every day isn't seen as a big problem for many of the nation's teens, says a new report.

When asked if they see "great risk" in drinking that much, almost half the teens questioned — 45 percent — didn't see it as a big deal.

The study being released Wednesday by The Partnership at Drugfree.org also showed upward trends in marijuana and Ecstasy use among young people in grades 9 through 12.

"You're seeing this weakness in this generation of teens' attitudes around drug and alcohol use," says Steve Pasierb, president of the partnership. "It's not like this generation of kids thinks they're more bulletproof than others, but they really don't see any harm in that heavy drinking."

Among teens, the average age when they had their first drink was 14, the study said.

Overall, 68 percent said they had consumed alcohol. Of those, one quarter of teens had their first drink at age 12 or younger.

"It is much more terrifying these days than it was when we were younger," says actress and mother Melissa Gilbert, national spokeswoman for the partnership.

Gilbert, the former "Little House on the Prairie" star, is herself a recovering alcoholic who at one

time was drinking two bottles of wine a night but has been sober now for six and a half years. She has faced drug-abuse struggles with one of her four sons, and she says she is doing everything in her power to make sure her youngest, now 15, knows the drama and pain addiction can bring.

"The most important thing is to get to know his friends and stay in constant communication with the people that are around him all day — his teachers, his counselors at school," Gilbert told The Associated Press in an interview from her Los Angeles home.

Being sober, she says, is the best way to live. "It's not the easiest, but it's definitely the best," she said.

According to the study, teens said the top reasons for drinking were "because it is fun" and "so they won't feel left out."

Pasierb says early drinking can often signal deeper problems. "It's about that vulnerability," he said, "Why is a 12-year-old drinking?"

Gregg Aguero of Houston, Texas, says he started drinking regularly at 13 after his parents split up. That led to cocaine and other drugs and eventually landed him in rehab for several stays.

Now 22 and in college, Aguero says he's been sober for 4 months and is trying to help teenagers avoid the mistakes he made.

"It's never too late," he tells them.

"That's the most important thing. It's never too late to turn and get help."

Other findings in the study:

• Twenty-five percent of teens said last year that they had smoked marijuana in the past month. While that number is unchanged from the previous year, it is higher than 2008 and confirms an upward trend that ended nearly a decade of declines in pot usage among teens.

• Ecstasy abuse also continued an upward trend, with six percent of teens reporting past-month use of Ecstasy up from four percent in 2008.

The Partnership's "attitude tracking" study was sponsored by the MetLife Foundation. Researchers surveyed 2,544 teens with anonymous questionnaires that the youngsters filled out from March to June of last year. The study has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

Based in New York, The Partnership at Drugfree.org is formerly The Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PFDA) perhaps best known for the "this is your brain on drugs" ads of the 1980s and 1990s. The group launched its new name last October, a move meant to position the partnership as more of a resource to parents and to avoid the misperception the nonprofit is a government organization.

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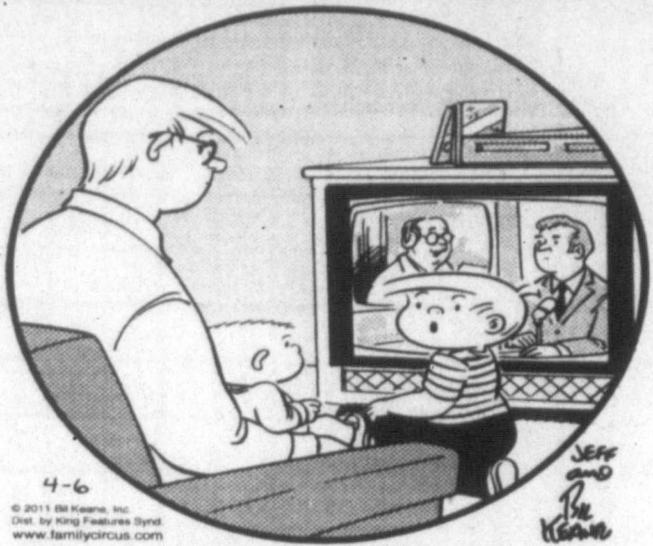
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 7, 2011:  
This year, you rethink many of your decisions of the past. You also are more aware of your greater potential. In this type of process, it is often tempting to look backward, not forward. There is no purpose in analyzing the past without going into the future. If you are single, others find you to be flirtatious and desirable. Enjoy the many content moments, and know that you don't need to make a commitment until you are ready. If you are attached, the two of you renew your caring and frequently go out as a couple. GEMINI understands you well.  
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ One doesn't need to be up for long to note the tenor of your day. Confusion seems to reign as you symbolically play "who's on first." If you maintain a sense of humor, you actually could be laughing. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ With chaos as a theme, especially when dealing with funds, you know what not to do. Make no decisions; take no action or do anything that could have an impact. Observe rather than play. Tonight: A happy Bull is a frugal Bull!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Yes, you might have stardust dropping on you, but look around. If everyone in your life is having issues, perhaps even just talking to you, how good of day can it be? Remain sensitive to an older relative or friend. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★ Realize that you cannot do it all, nor would you want to. Just the same, take advantage of an opportunity to do just that. You might remember where your desire to cooperate came from! A sense of humor goes far. Tonight: Extra R and R. (Do vanish.)

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You might be naturally more jovial than many of your contemporaries. Still, enough is enough in your book — especially when an associate or loved one you considered stable goes flaky. The good news: This too will pass! Tonight: Where your friends are.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ You easily might be left holding the bag, as much tumbles to the wayside. How you handle a situation and decision you need to make might not be the norm. Look around — how normal is everything? Then decide. Tonight: Could be late, very late.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Reach out for a friend or associate who often gives you excellent advice. You might not be ready for this person's opinions and feedback. You'll see a situation far differently after a discussion. Rethink your options. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Close relating occurs with so much ease that you might be frightened! Do whatever you need to do to be harmonious with this person. Ultimately, is that not what you want? Stay open and light with others. Tonight: It is nearly the weekend. Add in more romance.

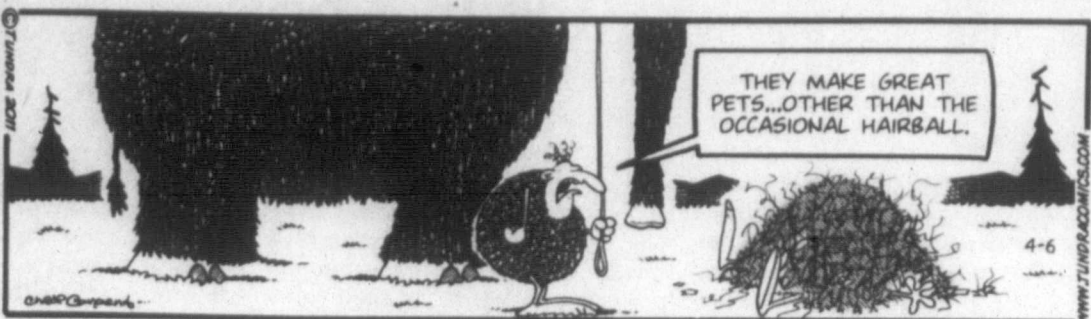
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You might like being in charge, but that looks like allowing some other person to do what you normally handle. This person needs that experience and opens up with ease. Another person's high creativity triggers your innate ingenuity. Tonight: Determine your weekend plans.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Deal with someone as directly as possible. You might not be sure about what could emerge from this situation. A roommate or family member seems very energetic. Let this person pick up what you would prefer not to do. Tonight: Get as much rest as possible. You are going to need it come Saturday.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You might not be work-oriented or in the mood to accomplish much. A good conversation here and there allows greater give-and-take within these relationships. Face it — you feel like a socialite of sorts. And you want to be one, too. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★ Hold another's place open until he or she can center and make a decision. You know what is happening within a special relationship — the other party might not be getting the message. Tonight: Go with the flow, but stay home.

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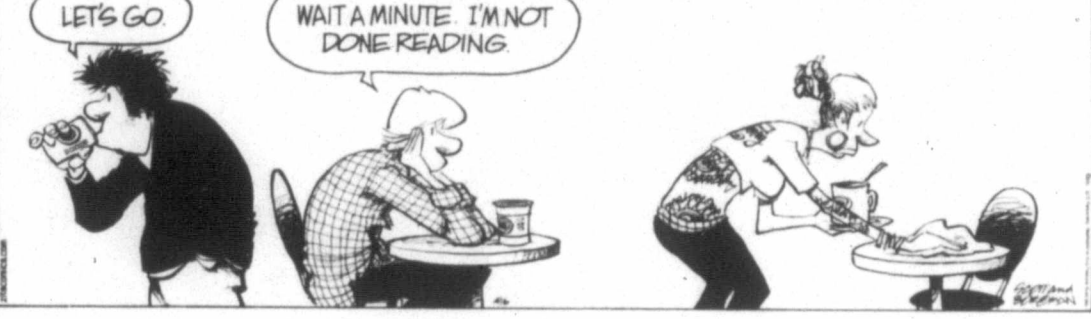
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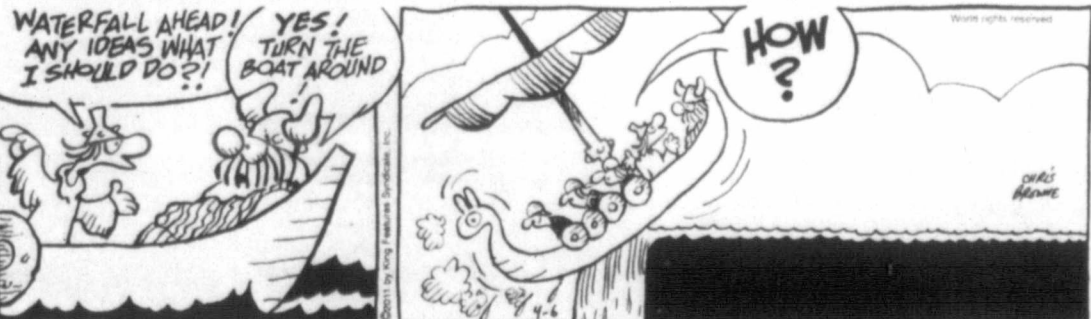
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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Peanuts



Blondie







# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a wonderful woman I'll call "Shannon" for a year and a half. She has most things that I want in a partner, and I often feel she's better than I deserve. We're in our early 30s, and Shannon is saying she will soon need some kind of idea where we are going in the future.

I'm having trouble with the notion of committing to her forever because I'm still attracted to other women. (I haven't been involved with anyone else since starting to date her.) More worrisome, I'm afraid I'll meet someone I'm more attracted to a few years down the road.

How can I be sure that Shannon will make me happier than anyone else I might meet in the future? — **CONFLICTED IN WASHINGTON STATE**

**DEAR CONFLICTED:** You say Shannon has "most" things you want in a partner. Yet I sense that you're not as physically attracted to her as you think you should be. If this woman does not appeal to you, then face it — she's not for you.

Of course, regardless of how attractive one's partner is, there are no guarantees that anyone — male or female — won't meet someone

who is different and appealing at some point in the future. But those who are mature and committed usually realize they have enough invested emotionally in their marriage and children that they can resist temptation. It's called being an adult.

**DEAR ABBY:** At least once a week my boss and I drive together from our office to meetings throughout town. She always insists on driving. My problem is, she drives erratically and I often feel in danger with her behind the wheel. Not only does she swerve in and out of lanes without signaling, she is often talking on her cell phone (which is not illegal in our state).

I'd be happy to drive. I have a comfortable, reliable car and a safe driving history. I have offered, "I'd be glad to drive so you'll be free to give your full attention to important phone calls." None of my efforts has worked.

I don't want to be rude or insulting — and certainly don't want to create an awkward situation with my boss — but I don't want to keep putting myself at risk with her terrible driving. I'd be grateful for some advice. — **RIDING SHOTGUN IN MIAMI**

**DEAR RIDING SHOTGUN:** It's time for another — more direct — chat with your boss. You should not have to worry every time you get into a car with her that you might not arrive in one piece. Tell her: "When you talk on the phone while you drive, it makes me very nervous. I'm concerned about my safety as well as the safety of others when you do it. If you don't want me to drive so you can make your calls, I will meet you at our destination."

**DEAR ABBY:** After her second mammogram in 10 years, my mother-in-law now needs a double mastectomy. An annual mammogram would have caught it early enough to prevent its spread.

Since I have trouble remembering when it has been a year since my last exam, I decided to schedule my annual exam on my birthday. Now I will always remember when it's time for my annual gift to myself — preventive health care. — **ANNUAL ALISON IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR ANNUAL ALISON:** That's an excellent suggestion. Associating annual medical exams with a holiday — like Valentine's Day — would be another.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	7	4	2	8	5	9	1	6
8	1	2	9	6	7	3	4	5
5	6	9	4	3	1	8	2	7
7	4	5	8	2	6	1	9	3
6	3	8	5	1	9	2	7	4
2	9	1	7	4	3	6	5	8
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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters jump out early, kennel Lady 'Dogs

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In the Pampa Lady Harvesters first meeting with Borger, the Lady Bulldogs didn't know what to do on a grounder with the bases loaded. Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field, Borger played better on defense but Pampa prevailed 8-1.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said her team jumped out early.

"We never looked back," Gill said. "We added a run here and there."

In the first inning, sophomore Claire Hopkins led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by the pitcher. Sophomore Bailey Beck immediately drove her in with a double to left. Senior Jordan Mayhew drove in Beck with a double to left. Junior Alanna Stephens drove in Mayhew with a double to left-center. The Lady Harvesters scored three runs on four hits and led 3-0 after one.

Pampa added to their lead in the bottom of the third. After Mayhew grounded into a fielder's choice, sophomore Tiffany Britton hit a sacrifice bunt. Stephens hit a RBI single to left and brought home Mayhew. Junior McKinlee Stokes followed with a single to right. Senior Madi Shults flied out to short to end the inning.

In the fourth, Hopkins hit her third single and stole second and third. Beck drove her in with a sacrifice fly to center. Pampa led 5-0.

Borger scored their only run in the top of the fifth. Joanne Jones led off reaching base on an error by Mayhew. Lyndsey Barrow advanced her to third with a double. Alexie Fleming grounded out to second but scored Jones. The Lady Bulldogs stranded Barrow at third.

The Lady Harvesters made sure Borger wasn't going to rally scoring three runs on



Mayhew



Stephens

four hits. Britton singled and scored on a double by Stephens. Stokes hit her second single and scored with Stephens on an error by Dakota Karins. Eight Lady Harvesters batted.

Junior Heather Coffee started and earned the win. In five innings the junior allowed one run on six hits, walked one and struck out five. Hopkins led the team in hitting with four hits and scored two runs. The sophomore also led the team in stolen bases with three. Stephens led the team in RBI with three. The junior catcher hit two doubles and one single.

Junior McKinlee Stokes said they got a little comfortable but picked it up enough to win.

"We hit well," Stokes said. "We just weren't able to bring them home. We played good defense."

The junior varsity (22-5, 4-0) won 11-5. Coach Jim Gill said any win against Borger is a good win.

"We hit the ball hard," Gill said. "Our hitting improves week to week. We have five district games left and we are looking to finish as undefeated district champs."

The Lady Harvesters (18-7, 4-0) host a double header against Garden City, Kansas Perryton 4 and 5:30 p.m. Friday. Pampa resumes district play at Perryton 2 p.m. Saturday.

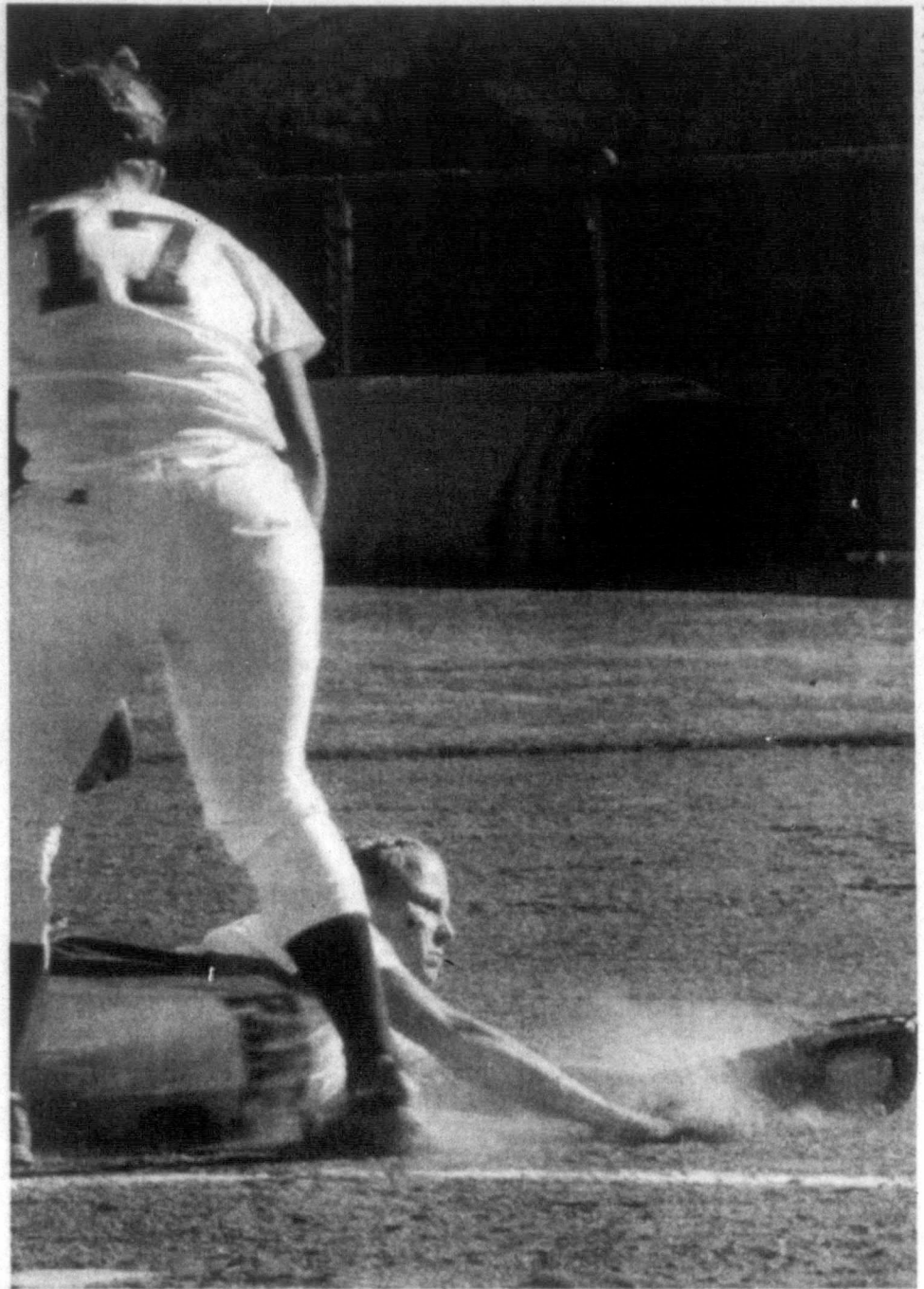


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Junior McKinlee Stokes makes a diving catch against Borger Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field. The Lady Harvesters won 8-1 and remain undefeated in district play and hold a two-game lead.

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# Sports

## Bulldogs power past Harvesters, Killgo leaves injured

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In their first meeting, the Pampa Harvesters and the Borger Bulldogs engaged in an 11-inning affair. Tuesday's meeting at Harvester Field was less dramatic, as the Bulldogs hit three home runs in a 13-5 victory over the Pampa Harvesters.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said the credit goes to Borger.

"Hats off to Borger," Snelgrooves said. "They hit the ball well and pitched well." Senior outfielder Zach Murray said the team didn't execute well enough.

"We weren't hitting the ball hard," Murray said. "We weren't making the plays we needed to."

The Bulldogs got on the board first. Leadoff hitter Max Lusk walked on five pitches and advanced on a sacrifice bunt. Hunter Hertel hit a single to center and scored Lusk. Borger made senior pitcher Garrett Ericson labor through 17 pitches. The inning ended with Ericson catching a pop-up and throwing to Killgo to complete a double play.

Pampa responded immediately. Sophomore James Thompson walked on six pitches. Junior Jared Lusk singled to left and Borger's left fielder bobbled the ball allowing into to roll to the fence. Thompson scored and Lusk ran into second and that's where he would stay. Junior Collin Killgo grounded out and senior Tyler Malone struck out.

The Bulldogs (11-10-1, 2-1) retook the lead in the top of the third. After Ericson only threw 10 pitches in the second, he threw 26 in the third. Max Lusk singled to left with one out and advanced to sec-

ond on a passed ball. Ericson struck out Garrett Irwin but Green couldn't hold on to the ball and had to throw out Irwin at first, allowing Max Lusk to advance to third. Hertel hit a ball off Jared Lusk's glove and scored Max Lusk.

The Harvesters responded in the bottom of the inning. Murray led off with a single and advanced to second on a two-out single by Jared Lusk. Killgo hit a double to left and scored Murray. Malone hit a 2 RBI single and put Pampa in front 4-2. Junior Cole Engle singled but him and Malone would be stranded as junior Tyler Powell grounded out on the ninth pitch of his at bat.

Pampa's lead would be short-lived as the game took a turn for the worse in the top of the fourth. Killgo relieved Ericson and allowed the leadoff hitter, Acton Smith to single. Killgo hit the next batter. After a groundout, Kody Davila hit a fly ball down the right field line that rolled off Powell's glove. Smith and Tracy scored and tied the game at four.

Snelgrooves said it was a tough ball. "My pitcher was asking me if it was fair or foul," Snelgrooves said. "Powell would have been a hero if he caught it, but it was tough ball."

Irwin hit a two-RBI double that scored Davila and Max Lusk. Killgo threw two pitches to Hertel and was shaking his arm. Snelgrooves pulled him and senior catcher Brent Green relieved him. Jared Lusk moved to catcher, Engle moved from second to third and Killgo finished the inning at second.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Harvesters loaded the bases. Junior Devin Coleman walked, Green singled and Thompson walked. Jared Lusk struck

out and Killgo grounded out to the pitcher. Killgo was showing discomfort when he walked off the field and left the game for good.

Murray said the team's morale sank when Killgo left.

"He's a big part of our team," Murray said. "He pitches well and puts the ball in play."

Green disagreed. "We were already down at that point."

The Bulldogs kept piling on. Brandon Garcia led off with a single. After two outs, Tracy reached on an error by the

shortstop. Ellis drove both in with a single to center.

In the sixth, Garcia delivered the crushing blow with a three-run home run to right scoring Irwin and Hertel.

The Harvesters (10-11, 2-1) are in a three-way tie for first with Borger and Perryton. Pampa visits Perryton 2 p.m. Saturday.

Snelgrooves said it's not time to panic.

"We knew this district is going to be tough," Snelgrooves said. "We still have our goals in front of us."



photo courtesy of Joe Murray

Sophomore James Thompson attempts to tag Borger's Garrett Irwin Tuesday at Harvester Field. The Harvesters lost 13-5 and are in a three-way tie for first in district. Pampa visits Perryton 2 p.m. Saturday.

### District 1-3A Softball Standings

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	T	W%
Borger	2	0	0.667	11	10	1	.523
Pampa	2	1	0.667	10	11	0	.476
Perryton	2	1	0.667	8	14	0	.364
Dalhart	0	3	0.000	6	8	0	.429

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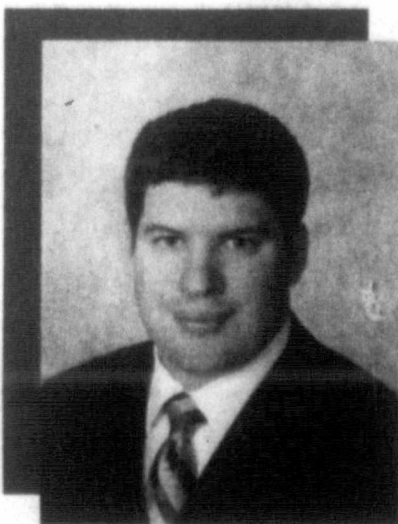
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