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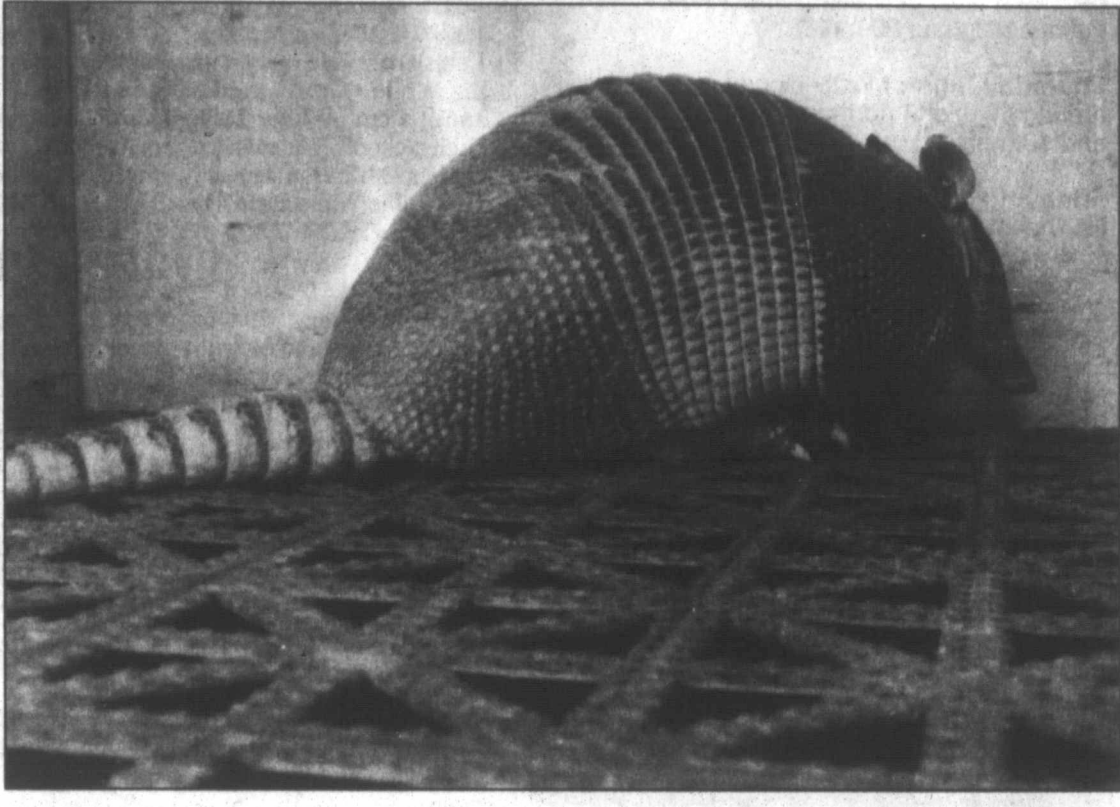
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State sales tax receipts down in Nov. 2009

BY DAVID BOWSER
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The worst recession to sweep the nation since the Great Depression is making itself felt in Pampa, but city officials hope that signs of better days ahead in other parts of the nation will show an easing in the financial decline of the Texas Panhandle.
The City of Pampa had budgeted for \$256,960 in sales tax receipts for January, but the Texas Comptroller remitted only \$208,614.35 to the city.
This month's sale tax check from the state comptroller's office was based on November's sales.
The city had budgeted \$484,480 through this the second month of the fiscal year, but it has received only \$441,848.69, putting the city \$42,631.31 or 8.8 percent under the budgeted income for the fiscal year to date.
Robin Bailey, Pampa's financial director, said this week that while the news was not good, the city will likely wait for the February report to determine any trend before taking major financial actions.
Last month's expected collections
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Unusual library visitor



staff photo by David Bowser
An armadillo captured near downtown Pampa is now back out in the wild thanks to the city's animal control department.

Armadillo returned to wild

BY DAVID BOWSER
dbowser@thepampanews.com
A furry-bellied visitor from the south was back in the wild today after animal control officers removed him from near the library in Pampa.
Monty Montgomery, Pampa Animal Control Supervisor, was called to the neighborhood around Lovett Memorial Library earlier this week to capture an armadillo.
"We don't see many of these," Montgomery said.
He said that the Pampa Animal Control Department gets about
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Raymond Douglas announces commission run



Raymond Douglas has filed for the Gray County Commission, Precinct 2 seat. Douglas moved to Pampa in 1968 graduated Pampa High school in 1974. Married Debbie and has three children Kaysi, Cody and Karl Douglas. He has made a living in the auto body repair business for over 27 years. As County Commissioner, Douglas would like to listen to the concerns of the community and find solutions with a fresh perspective.

Escapee from Custody

PAMPA—Suspect Justin Patrick Welch, 25, white male, 5'08", 160 lbs., green eyes and blonde hair escaped from custody along the Arkansas/Oklahoma border on I-40. Suspect was possibly last seen in Amarillo at 6:30 this morning. Suspect could possibly be driving a white dodge transport van with a maroon stripe. License plate is out of Mississippi tag number LTC537. Suspect was last seen wearing orange jump suit. If you see this suspect please call your local police department. Suspect is considered armed and extremely dangerous. Suspect is wanted for Murder in Wisconsin.
Stormy S. McCullar - Crime Prevention Officer
Pampa Police Department

USDA seeks applications for family home loans

AMARILLO—USDA Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. USDA Rural Development's direct program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families living in rural communities and rural areas to purchase their own homes.
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The Direct Rural Housing Program is geared toward low to very low-income families. No down payment is required for the program and closing costs may be included in the loan. Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1%, lowering the
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Texas braces for fight over social studies lessons

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Parents, teachers and activists will sound off Wednesday on how history — topics from the fall of the Roman Empire to cosmetics queen Mary Kay Ash — will be taught to millions of Texas children for the next decade.
The State Board of Education begins hearing testimony, before a tentative vote this week on new social studies curriculum standards that will serve as the framework in Texas classrooms. But, as usual in votes before the conservative-led board, the wide-reaching guidelines are full of potential ideological flashpoints.
Early quibbles over how much prominence to give civil rights leaders such as Cesar Chavez and Thurgood Marshall, and the inclusion of Christmas seem to have been smoothed over in the draft now being considered. But board members are crafting dozens of amendments to be raised for consideration before the tentative vote, expected Thursday. The 15-member board won't adopt final standards until March.
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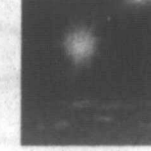
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Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 32. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north-west.

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Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Patricia Ann Tolbert Peirce, 60

Miami— Patricia Ann Tolbert Peirce, 60, died January 12, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2010, at the First Christian Church in Miami, with Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Happy, Pastor Billy Holland of First Christian Church of Miami, and George Lundberg, minister of the Miami Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Peirce was born December 27, 1949 in Dallas to Bill and Margaret Tolbert where she was raised and graduated from Miami High School in 1968. Pat continued her education at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and obtained degrees from various universities with a Master's Degree in special education.

Pat was an educator and she truly loved learning as much as teaching. Through this passion, she has touched countless numbers



Peirce

of lives in positive ways. She was the director of Casa Guadalupe, level one MHRM and group homes in Seguin. She worked for Miami ISD as the special education teacher, and then moved on to take care of 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, working for Region 16 as an education specialist for the visually impaired. In 2006, she received the Julia L. Young award, recognizing her for outstanding work with children who are visually impaired. Pat had a way of bringing out the very best in all of her children.

After retiring, Pat loved to spend time with her grandchildren, and she was elated about her twin granddaughters due in February 2010. One of her favorite mottos to live by was "Do something nice for someone every day."

Survivors husband: Joe Peirce of the home; 3 daughters: Kimbra Peirce, and Kara McClendon and husband Ike, all of Miami, and Kate Miller and husband Jeff of Lubbock; her mother: Margaret Tolbert of Miami; 2 grandchildren: Kyler McClendon and Konnar McClendon; twin girls are on the way, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father: Bill Tolbert; and a sister: Betty Lou Tolbert.

MEMORIALS: First Christian Church of Miami, or the Roberts County Museum, P.O. Box 306, Miami, Texas 79059. [Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)

Obituaries

Gary H. Sugar, 55

Pampa— Gary H. Sugar, 55, died January 12, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday, January 14, 2010 at Fairview Cemetery, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sugar was born June 24, 1954 in Monroe, Louisiana. He grew up in White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School. He married Darlene Miller on January 16, 1973 in White Deer. He

was a rotating equipment specialist for Celanese, retiring in 2009 after 30 years of service. Gary was a member of First Baptist Church. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Sugar of the home; two sons, Stephen Sugar of Plainview, and Chris Sugar and wife Dusti of Amarillo; his mother: Betty Dyar Locke of Pampa; one sister, Carol Martin and husband Mark of San Saba; three brothers, Larry Locke of Dallas, Bruce

Locke and wife Sandra of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Marty Sugar of Monroe, Louisiana; six grandchildren, Allison, Austin, Ashleigh and Landon Sugar, and Paige and Blake Milum; his aunt: Janice Evans and husband Martin of Shreveport, Louisiana; and several nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his father Gerald H. Sugar; his stepfather, Dare L. Locke; and grandparents, Leon and Marie Sugar and B. H. and Ruby Dyar.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or



Sugar

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

[Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)

Gary Dudley, 59

Gary Dudley, 59 of Pampa, TX went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, January 11, 2010 with his loving family by his side.

Celebration of life services are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, TX and will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa, TX with Reverend Lonny Robbins officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, TX.

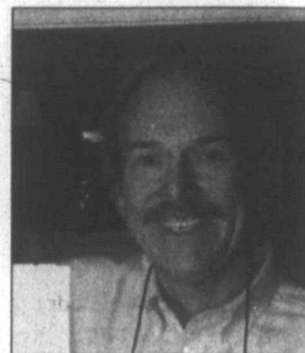
The family will receive friends at Trinity Fellowship Church on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Gary was born March 29, 1950 in Pampa, TX the son of Ray and Kate Dudley. He married Tammy Weldon on May 20, 1983 in Pampa, TX. Gary was a member of the Pampa Trinity Fellowship Church. He loved playing golf, playing the drums, watching his favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys and was an avid Beatles

Fan. But most of all, he loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy of the home, two sons: Mathew Dudley and Marcus Dudley, both of Pampa, TX, one daughter: Gracie Dudley of Pampa, TX, one brother: Ed Dudley and wife, Naomi of Plainview, TX, one sister: Glenda Marcum of Hereford, TX, many nieces and nephews and a host of longtime friends he dearly loved.

The family request memorials to the Trinity



Dudley

Fellowship Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2929, Pampa, TX 79066.

Jeffrey Brent Mayfield, 54

Pampa— Jeffrey Brent Mayfield, 54, died January 10, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, with Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

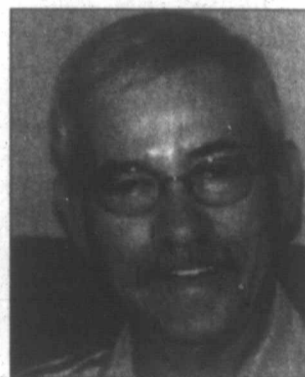
Mr. Mayfield was born January 25, 1955 in Pierre, South Dakota. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1971, growing up in Shamrock. Jeffrey married

Becky Scribner on June 20, 1972 in Pampa. He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Jeffrey was a pipeline welder for 34 years. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 where he was a 32nd degree mason, the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory and the Khiva Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Mayfield of the home; son: Brandon Mayfield of Aledo; daughter: Julie Morris and fiancé Jason Cox of Marble Falls; brother, Eddie Mayfield

and wife Mary of Erick, Oklahoma; sister, Cheryl Prenatt of Pennsylvania; a granddaughter, Ebby Morris of Marble Falls; brother-in-law, Billy Scribner and wife Cathy of Pampa; sister-in-law, Helen Scribner of Haslet. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Lorna Mayfield; a brother, Larry Dupris and brother-in-law, Myron Scribner.

MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065. **SPECIAL NOTICE:**



Mayfield

The family will be at 2700 Beech, Pampa, Texas 79065

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John Michael "Mike" Flynt, 62

Pampa— John Michael "Mike" Flynt, 62, died January 11, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Flynt was born April 22, 1947 in San Diego, California. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1965. Mike was a member of First Baptist Church where he was an active member of the choir, bus ministry and visitation ministry. He

was a faithful volunteer for Pampa Meals on Wheels. Mike will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Survivors include his sister, Donna Reed and husband Michael of Waco; uncle: Kelso Holman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two nieces, Lisa Cranfill and husband Chris of Frisco, and Leslie Anne Hamilton and husband Nick of Goldthwaite; a nephew: Daniel Nix of Waco; 3 great-nieces, 2 great-nephews and numerous friends. Mike was

preceded in death by his parents: John Walter Flynt and Leta Holman Flynt; and a brother-in-law: Walter Nix, Jr.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939, First Baptist Church Building Campaign Fund, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or the Epilepsy Society.

[Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)



Flynt

Danford Dale Robbins, 86

Pampa— Danford Dale Robbins, 86, died January 12, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Margaret Maxine Manning, 82

Pampa— Margaret Maxine Manning, 82, died January 12, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Arrest report

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

Tuesday, Jan. 12. Pablo Lopez, 30, was arrested by Gray County deputies on insufficient bond on an enhanced possession of a controlled substance charge.

Adam Scoggin, 30, was arrested by police on charges of injury to a child and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

Katrina Diane Sonner, 30, of Sylvan Grove, Kan., was arrested by police on charges of driving while

intoxicated. Degland Timothy Kenealy, 50, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants.

Tom Douglas Williams, 19, was arrested by police on charges of evading arrest, driving without a valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Martha Leah Towles, 48, was arrested by police on charges of credit or debit card abuse.

Almendra Hernandez, 18, was arrested by police on charges of a minor driving under the influence and failure to control speed.

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Pickens buying only 300 turbines for wind farms in Canada, MN

DALLAS (AP) — Billionaire oilman T. Boone Pickens is buying only about 300 wind turbines — less than half of what he planned to order to build the world's largest wind farm in Texas. Pickens said Tuesday in Dallas that he plans to take delivery of the turbines from GE for wind farms in

Canada and Minnesota. Over the summer, Pickens backed off massive Texas wind farm plans that initially called for 687 turbines. Pickens was speaking in Dallas as part of his campaign to promote alternative energy. Texas is the nation's leading producer of wind energy.

Hutchison, Perry release money totals

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidates U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. Rick Perry are locked in a close race when it comes to raising money. Hutchison's campaign said Wednesday she raised more than \$6 million in the last half of 2009 and had more than \$12.3 million in available cash heading into January. Perry's campaign says he raised \$7.1 million in the same six-month period and had \$11.6 million in the bank heading into 2010. The campaigns released those totals as they prepared to file full six-month fundraising reports with the Texas Ethics Commission. The Republican primary is March 2. The two well-known candidates, along with Republican Debra Medina, will debate on television Thursday night.

Obama promises all-out relief effort in Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Wednesday promised an all-out rescue and humanitarian effort to help the people of Haiti overcome a "cruel and incomprehensible" tragedy, the ruinous earthquake that ravaged the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

The president said the relief effort is gearing up even as the U.S. government is working to account for Americans who were on the island nation when the disaster struck late Tuesday afternoon.

Obama said he named U.S. Agency for International Development administrator Rajiv Shah to coordinate American efforts, and the president called upon all nations to join in helping stricken Haitians.

Obama spoke Wednesday in the White House Diplomatic Reception Room. Later, spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters the president had no plans to go to Haiti.

The president, who has been involved in ensuring a quick response since Tuesday night, said in a statement from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room that one of the government's top priorities is to quickly locate U.S. embassy employees and their fami-

lies, as well as all other American citizens living and working in Haiti. He urged Americans trying to locate family members to contact the State Department at 1-888-407-4747.

Obama sought to show a swift and united disaster response with the United States as an assertive leader, but he said the effort must be an international one. "We are reminded of the common humanity that we all share," he said, with Vice President Joe Biden at his side.

The president outlined a series of steps to help the Haitian people and said the U.S. commitment to its hemispheric neighbor will be unwavering.

"We have to be there for them in their hour of need," the president said.

The White House said Obama had spoken with Shah shortly before making the statement and "underscored that he expects an aggressive and highly coordinated relief effort."

"We've mobilized resources to help rescue efforts. Military overflights have assessed the damage, and by early afternoon our civilian disaster assistance team are beginning to arrive," the president said. "Search and rescue teams from Florida, Virginia

and California will arrive throughout today and tomorrow, and more rescue and medical equipment and emergency personnel are being prepared."

Obama adjusted his Wednesday schedule, canceling a jobs event in Maryland to better monitor the situation in Haiti.

Meanwhile, Gen. Douglas Fraser said the United States was "really looking" at the possibility of sending U.S. troops to aid U.N. relief efforts. Fraser, who heads the U.S. Southern Command, said that a brigade and other units were being put on alert. A brigade consists of between 3,500 to 5,000

troops.

He said that the United States was also considering sending a Marine amphibious ship with an expeditionary unit of 2,000 Marines that could land troops in coming days.

Obama encouraged Americans who want to help to go to www.whitehouse.gov to find options for contributing to the aid effort.

Elements of the U.S. Air Force 1st Special Operations Wing are expected to arrive Wednesday afternoon in Haiti to help with air traffic control and airfield operations at the international airport at Port au Prince.

Armadillo

one or two calls a year to remove armadillos from town, but it's usually in the summer.

"It's surprising to find one here this time of year," Montgomery said.

A cousin to the anteater and sloth, the armadillo is generally found south of the panhandle, but Montgomery said it's obviously not unheard of to find them around Pampa.

The Nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) is common in the southern central states, par-

ticularly Texas, although they range from Florida to Nebraska. According to Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, their range is expanding because they have few natural predators.

They have been found in recent years as far north as southern Canada. Montgomery indicated that they aren't vicious, despite their looks. He easily picked up the one he caught as it rolled itself into a ball.

A couple of feet long from nose to tail, the small armored creature was released back into the wild outside of town where it will be free to root in the ground undisturbed after spending a day in town.

Fight

The curriculum it chooses will be the guideposts for teaching history and social studies to some 4.8 million K-12 students for 10 years. The standards will be used to develop state tests and by textbook publishers who develop material for the nation based on Texas, one of the largest markets.

Much of the conversation ahead of the hearing has turned to how much emphasis will be given to the religious beliefs of the nation's founding fathers, with some activists lobbying to promote and highlight their Christianity. Others who promote the separation of church and state are prepared for battle.

"Some board members and the non-expert ideologues they appointed to a review panel have made it clear that they want students to learn that the founding fathers intended America to be an explicitly Christian nation with laws based on their own narrow interpretations of the Bible," said Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, which opposes initiatives pushed by Christian conservatives.

Former board chairman Don McLeroy, a Republican from College Station, says the conservative efforts have been misconstrued.

"I don't see anyone wanting to say that this is a Christian nation or anything like that," McLeroy said. "The argument is that the principles on which (the nation) has been founded are biblically based."

Historians also have signed up to testify and will be monitoring the amendments.

"An education without some understanding of the profound role of religion in our nation's history and its contributions to our nation's success is an incomplete education and our courts have often said as much," said Derek Davis, director of the Center for Religious

Liberty at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

"What violates the Constitution is presenting material that either prefers Christianity over other faiths or depicts the United States as a Christian nation in some legal or constitutional sense."

Doing so would infringe on the religious liberties of students across Texas, said Davis, who is also dean of the College of Humanities at the school.

More than 130 people had signed up to testify Wednesday, including Hispanic leaders, who want the standards to include more examples of prominent Mexican Americans.

"This is the first time the

State Board of Education is going to get to vote on this, so you can't take anything for granted," said Jonathan Saenz, a lobbyist for the conservative Free Market Foundation. "I think it would be a tragedy if students talk about Martin Luther King Jr., while not being able to talk about the fact that he had a strong Christian faith. I'm hoping that's not the direction we're headed."

He'll also ask the board to reconsider mentioning makeup entrepreneur Mary Kay Ash more often than Christopher Columbus in the curriculum standard. At present Ash is mentioned twice; Columbus

Taxes

were still below the amount collected. The city had budgeted \$227,520 in expected sales tax receipts, but they collected \$233,234.34.

Sales tax collections for the same period last year were \$575,687.17, or about \$133,838.48 more than this year.

While city officials cut this year's budget in anticipation of a wavering economy, Bailey said that two

months into the new fiscal year is still too early to tell whether the budget cuts will be enough.

The city's budget for this fiscal year is about \$3.2 million as opposed to \$3.7 million last year.

The state comptroller remitted \$69,538.12 this month to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Last month, the PEDC got \$77,744.78.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2010. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York at age 37.

'The whole secret to life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.'

— Horace Walpole, English author

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1910, opera was experimentally broadcast on radio for the first time as Lee De Forest transmitted a performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" from the stage of New York's Metropolitan Opera.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver was named Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon B. Johnson; Weaver became the first black Cabinet member.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff during a snowstorm and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Ten years ago: Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

Five years ago: Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that suspended first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly tested players year-round.

One year ago: President-elect Barack Obama's nominee for secretary of state, Hillary Rodham Clinton, vowed during her Senate confirmation hearing to revitalize the mission of diplomacy in U.S. foreign policy. Obama's choice to run the Treasury Department, Timothy Geithner, disclosed that he had failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes from 2001 to 2004. U.S. Marshals apprehended Marcus Schrenker, 38, in North Florida days after the businessman and amateur daredevil pilot apparently tried to fake his own death in a plane crash. (Schrenker faces a March trial on charges of bilking investors of more than \$1 million.) Actor-director Patrick McGoochan died in Los Angeles at 80. Author Hortense Calisher died in New York at 97.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 80. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 80. TV personality Nick Clooney is 76. Comedian Rip Taylor is 76. Actor Billy Gray is 72. Actor Richard Moll is 67. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 56. R&B musician Fred White is 55. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 51. Actor Kevin Anderson is 50. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 49. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 49. Country singer Trace Adkins is 48. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 46. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 44. Actress Traci Bingham is 42. Actor Keith Coogan is 40. Actress Nicole Eggert is 38. Actor Orlando Bloom is 33.

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Opinion from across Texas

The San Antonio Express-News on complaints by Texas Lottery players:

The Texas Lottery has a problem. Records obtained by the Express-News show that since the beginning of 2008, the Lottery Commission has received more than 300 complaints from lottery players who claim licensed retailers failed to properly reward lottery prizes.

At least 47 of those complaints were substantiated by further investigation. In the most infamous case, Willis Willis of Grand Prairie was cheated out of a million-dollar jackpot by a store clerk who is now an international fugitive.

The vast majority of cases involve small amounts of money — \$5 and \$10 payoffs that are underpaid or aren't paid at all.

That's not the issue. For lottery players, those meager winnings add up. Lottery licensees shouldn't be in a position to rip them off.

In all likelihood, the complaints fielded by the Lottery Commission significantly understate the problem.

How many people who allow clerks to check their tickets really know whether any of their numbers are winners or not? Questions about the integrity of some retailers is bad news for the Texas Lottery. The lottery has been struggling to raise revenue since 2005. Players' doubts that their winnings will be rewarded could put a drag on sales. The Lottery Commission needs to move aggressively to deal with the problem.

Yes, those who buy lottery tickets have a responsibility to be informed players and limit the chances they will be defrauded. But a system that relies overwhelmingly on more than 16,000 retailers, each with multiple employees, to validate winnings is prone to fraud. It's a matter of numbers.

The best solution would be to take clerks out of the verification system and instead require all licensed retailers to utilize self-check terminals. Currently, that's an option for retailers, not a requirement.

It would be in the best interest of the Lottery Commission and the state — which depends on lottery revenues — to make self-check terminals mandatory. Without them, trust in the Texas Lottery's integrity will decline — along with sales.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the Democratic congressional leaders' decision to bypass the conference-committee system with the health-care bill:

The Democratic congressional leadership and the White House have chosen to ignore the American two-party political system because it has become too inconvenient to the health-reform process.

In a bold political move, the Democrats have decided to hasten the melding of the House and Senate versions of their bills, with participation from representatives of the Obama administration.

In a brilliant countermove on behalf of the American people, C-SPAN Chief Executive Officer Brian Lamb has politely asked to telecast what are expected to be closed-door meetings to hash out how the government plans to handle about one-sixth of the U.S. economy. After all, President Barack Obama pledged during his campaign to make the health-reform process as transparent as possible. Here is his opportunity to deliver.

Granted, the proceedings would not be considered must-see TV, but the C-SPAN sleep-inducing format nonetheless provides much-needed accountability. Given the Senate's last-minute pork-barrel largesse to sway fence-sitting moderates before Christmas, the trust level is at low ebb.

Americans have clearly had it with this issue. According to a Washington Post-ABC poll before Christmas, only 44 percent endorsed Obama's management of healthcare reform, but only 39 percent believed the Republicans could do a better job.

The apparent plan is to have only Democratic Party congressional leaders resolve hundreds of differences in the bills, weighing in at about 2,000 pages each. But the main issues are whether to finance the reform by taxing high-cost health insurance plans or create a surtax on wealthy Americans; how tightly to restrict subsidies for abortion; and whether there will be a government-sponsored public option.

Updated versions of the negotiated bill will be adopted and passed to each chamber in a process called ping pong until an identical draft is approved.

In an ideal Democratic world, the House would adopt one version that looks much like the current Senate bill that the upper chamber could stamp and send to Obama as early as late January.

That "informal" route taken by the Democrats sidesteps the conference-committee procedure that would require three procedural votes — all of which could be filibustered — and potential partisan squabbling during the negotiations. This way, any arguments are among friends, so to speak.

The Democrats continue to place a premium on speed — as they have throughout the process — instead of the likely result that a better bill would emerge if the Republicans were part of the process. That is, ironically, the strength of the democratic process (note the lower-case version here).

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, noted last month on the Senate floor that healthcare reform was the first piece of major social-welfare legislation passed by the Senate on a straight party-line vote.

Congress last bypassed the conference-committee reconciliation process on healthcare legislation with the mental health parity bill in 2008 — which eventually became a vehicle for the now-legendary financial bailout.

The Democrats' latest power-politics maneuver may be expedient, but its exclusionary tactics and undue haste will likely create an inferior product and further polarization.

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Jutras, Street to wed in July

Mr. Christopher Jutras and Ms. Casey Jutras of Euless, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Jutras, to Mr. Colby Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Street of Pampa. The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University with a dual degree in Public Relations and Spanish Language and Literature. She is employed as a senior account execu-

tive for Edleman public relations agency in Seattle. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA degree in Corporate Communications. He is currently a spine specialist for Nuvasive Spine. The couple plan to wed July 17, 2010 in St James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm at my wit's end at work. There's a woman in her early 30s here who is out of the closet, and very vocal about being a butch lesbian. I'm straight, happily married and 20 years older than she is. Abby, she keeps hitting on me! I've told her I'm not interested and that I'm straight. She then makes comments that she has converted other women. She does this in front of others and it's mortifying. Yes, I'm old-fashioned and religious, and I do consider her sexual behavior immoral. I am also tired of feeling like I have to apologize for my religious beliefs. I have spoken to my union rep, but was told not to create trouble for another union member. I'm sorry, but I don't like this sexual harassment. I want

to go to HR about it, but I'm afraid it will start a riot in the union if she's fired over this complaint. There have been other complaints about her harassing people. Please advise. -- BEING HARASSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HARASSED: Your union rep is wrong. Would the person tell you to tolerate sexual harassment if your harasser was a man? The behavior you have described is against the law whether it's done by a male or female, regardless of sexual orientation. Tell your rep you want it stopped immediately, and that if it isn't, you WILL take it to HR. Your religious beliefs do not enter into this. The woman's behavior is creating a hostile work environment.

Austin Elementary 3rd six-week Honor Roll

A Honor Roll
Evan Boyd, Blake Christea, Jessica Gooch, Gabriel Heiskell, Hunter Nicholas, Kambry Smith, Zachri Staples, Seth Starnes, Chae Ward, Preslee Alvey, Rebekah Andrews, Whitney Banks, Braeden Christen, Jayden Holland, Bobby Hough, Allison Pooley, Emily Sutherland, Julian Velasquez, Halie West, Connor Anstey, Caitlyne Budd, Gage Gerhardt, Cooper Trolinger, Marcus Davila, Riley Elliff, Brock Ferguson, Kayla Monds, Isaiah Nies, Courtney Parsons, Andrew Stevens, Braydon Burrell, Roscio Garcia, Ethan Lemke, Jordan Littlefield, Nahum Nunez, Keely Rex, Bethany Jo Roden, Andrea Velasquez, Jace Ware, Kexly Williamson, Kinley Beyer, Jaxon Chaney, Jace Clark, Jacob Ebenkamp, Taylor May, Elle McCracken, Karson Parnell, Jady

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Altrusa International club news

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF PAMPA, TEXAS met January 12, 2010, at First United Methodist Church with President Elect Allison Watson presiding. Carolyn Kessel and Terri Williams served as greeters. Mary Potter was welcomed as a new member. The Accent, "What Makes Altrusa Great" was presented by Myrna Orr. The recommendation of Breanne Schwiegerath for membership was accepted. The club voted to give two \$1000 scholarships this year to ASTRA students. The club voted to chair the Relay

for Life dinner again this year at First United Methodist Church. Barb Hahn, Karen Bridges and Terri Williams were elected to serve on the nominating committee. Kerrick Horton, Allison Watson and Kitty Hall were elected to serve as delegates to District Conference to be held in Lubbock April 9-11. Sheila Winton, Eileen Kludt and Jody Clendennen were elected to serve as alternate delegates. The following committee reports were given: Travis Reading Project - Kathryn Green Soup with Mrs. Claus - Annette Chase

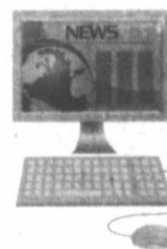
ASTRA - Eileen Kludt Children's Shopping Tour - Judy Warner Salvation Army Snacks - Laura Martin Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Laura Martin Tralee Gift Wrapping - Terri Williams The following members were extended birthday greetings: Chleo Worley, Tiffany Qualls, Louise Bailey, DeLynn Gordzelik and Mary Potter. The next meeting will be held January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Center.

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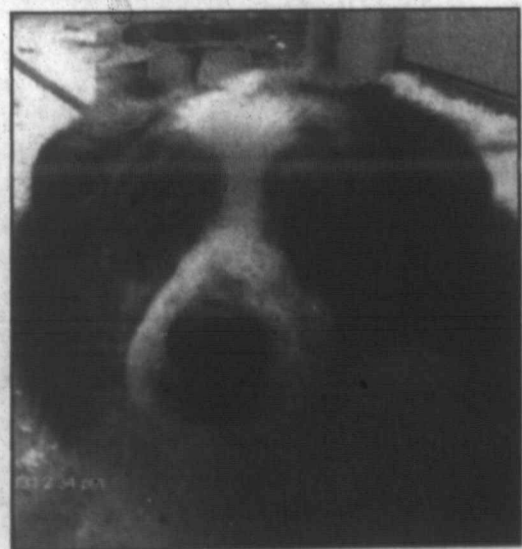
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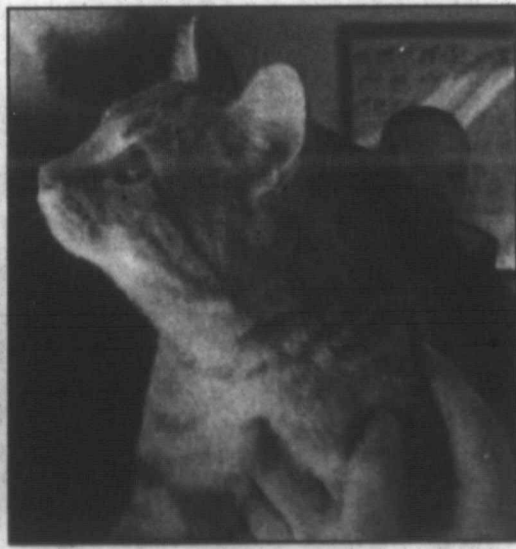


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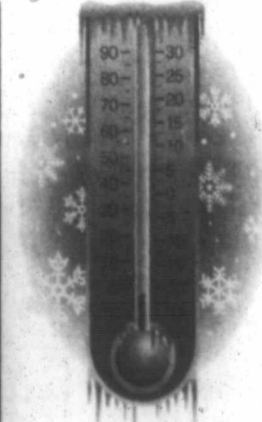
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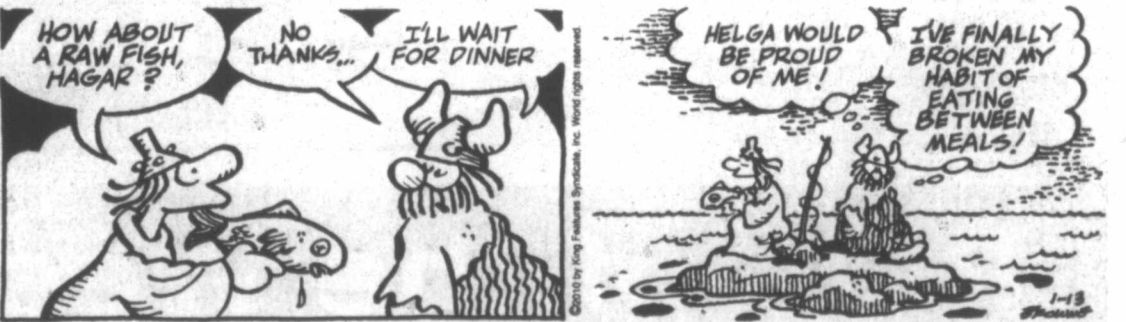
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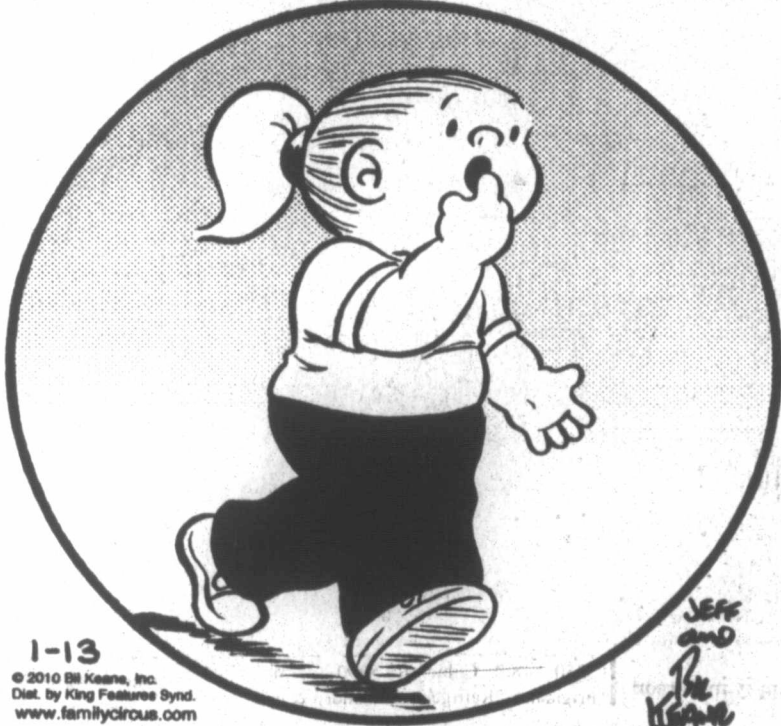


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"How did my wisdom teeth get smarter than the others?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Daily Horoscope

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This year, you get a chance to renew, to begin again in some area of your life. You become increasingly creative and more dynamic. Do be careful about being too me-oriented. Be honest with yourself about what you would like to change. Sudden events could point to areas that don't work. If you ease up and relax more, you will let go of what isn't working. Every so often, we need to revise our goals, as they become outdated as we transform. If you are single, you'll discover the power of a strong relationship. Just remember that a relationship is a two-way street. If you are attached, give your mate power by giving more weight to his or her ideas. He or she, too, can have unusual solutions. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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) ***** As difficult as one day might be as good as the next can be. See the error of your ways, or see where you can change a situation as it evolves through to resolution. Be willing to give that extra push of self-discipline mixed with determination. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Do needed research; be willing to get past another person's anger. How you handle a matter and the decisions you make define the potential of a change. Be willing to call a spade a spade. Tonight: Meet a friend at a new restaurant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** An agreement or decision makes relating to a key individual easier later. In a sense, you have pushed too far and done too much. Now this person needs to demonstrate his or her true colors through actions, not words. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Though you might have felt you had reason to be angry, let go and claim responsibility for your side in this difficult situation. Your vision could be informative and important. Listen to another perspective, and get past an issue. Tonight: Defier to others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You might want to understand more of what is happening behind the scenes. Be a listener, but ask questions that help you resolve a mental conflict. As a result, you can make a new resolution or change your direction. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Once more, your creativity means something. Resolve an issue involving a child or new friend. Someone you meet today could be very important in the long run. This person has a way of re-energizing you. Tonight: Go into weekend mode.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Stop and be willing to understand more of what is going on with you. Sometimes you do nothing or project on someone else when you need to resolve the issue once and for all. Tonight: Laughter helps you relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Talk is cheap and takes you in a different direction. Resolution comes through communication. You could be surprised by how someone looks at a situation. Innovate and change directions.

Tonight: Hang out. If need be, clear the air with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Nearly anything you do has positive results. Your ability to edge through a personal situation and come out on top could mark your finances. You have the financial wisdom and knowledge to make a situation work. Just do it!

Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You manage to do something very differently and come up with as-yet-unseen results. A new approach and beginning become distinct possibilities if you are willing to change gears. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your sense of self and direction take you to a new level. Realize what is happening behind the scenes with you and perhaps a close friend. If you want to change directions, please do. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** A friendship influences your decisions and direction. Take time to renew this bond; after all, it means a lot to you. Discussions open you up to possibilities as yet unthought-of. Think before you leap. Tonight: Think and act like it is the weekend.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters soccer hooked by Lady Longhorns

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team lose their season opener 3-0 to the Caprock Lady Longhorns Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Head Coach John True said his team is better than how they played Tuesday.

"We've got a lot of work to do, but a lot of work has to be done on their part," True said. "They have great ability and I want them to show it on the field. So, that's where we are."

The Lady Longhorns scored their first goal of the game midway through the first half. Shooting the

ball past Pampa's goalkeeper. Pampa had a few quality shots on goal in the first half but none of them hit the back of the net. Caprock expanded their lead early in the second half when one of their shots went over the goalie and into the net. Valerie Resendiz said that goal broke the Lady Harvesters' spirits.

"We came out pretty good in the first half," Resendiz said. "We were doing pretty good making passes but in the second half they shot that goal and everyone got down."

The Lady Eagles scored their final goal on a penalty kick after Pampa received

a yellow card. True said his team needs to work on finishing plays.

"Offensively we had a few chances," True said. "We built up pretty decent. In the final third (of the field) we're not finishing. We're getting close enough but we're not putting it in the goal."

The Lady Harvesters (0-1-0) will be competing in the Azle Tournament Thursday through Saturday. True said that will give his team the opportunity to improve.

"We've got a chance to improve," True said. "I think if we go out and compete we will have a chance to win some games."



Number 17 of the Lady Harvesters tries to kick a ball to her teammate Tuesday. *staff photo by Andrew Glover*

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JV boys soccer clipped by Canyon Eagles

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters boys junior varsity soccer team lost their opening game of the season 4-1 to the Canyon Eagles Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Coach Byron May said it was a good game for his team despite losing.

"This was for several of our players the first time they've played in a soccer game, a true soccer game," May said. "It was very encouraging to see how we really improved dramatically from the beginning

of the game to the final whistle."

Tyler Malone scored the lone goal for the Harvesters in the second half. Malone stole the ball from one of the defenders and put it in.

The Harvesters (0-1-0) host Palo Duro Tuesday and May said his team is all about working on the fundamentals.

"Just working on the basics," May said. "We'll start working on strategy in the next couple weeks and see if we can keep improving our soccer knowledge and fundamentals."

Harvesters fall to Whitefaces

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team struggles again in the first quarter, and drops their second consecutive district game 61-53 to the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday in Hereford.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said his team got in a hole early and couldn't get out of it.

"Gave great effort and got really close but got too far behind, especially for a district road game," Miller said.

For the third time in four games the Harvesters failed to get a lead. Hereford dominated the first quarter outscoring the Harvesters

19-3. Pampa won the second quarter 16-15 but trailed 34-19 at halftime. Pampa cut the lead to 10 after the third quarter outscoring the Whitefaces 16-11. Pampa also won the fourth quarter 18-16.

Alex Clendening led the team in scoring with 16 points. Latigo Collins scored 14 and Garrett Ericson scored 12. The Harvesters (9-10, 1-2) host Canyon 7:30 p.m. Friday. Miller said his team needs to find away to start games better.

"This time of year you can not afford to dig yourselves holes like we have been digging early in the games," Miller said.

Pampa Optimist Club Boys Basketball signups will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14 and 15 in the Optimist Club Gym.

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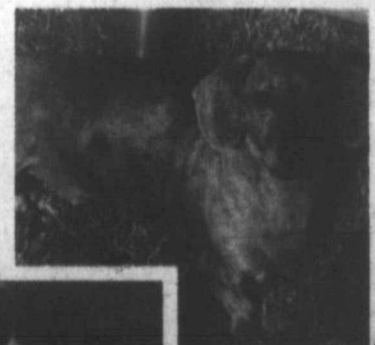


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