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PISD invites parents to Tuesday luncheon

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Parents and interested citizens are invited to a luncheon sponsored by the Pampa Independent School District.

There is no charge for the luncheon, to be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the M.K. Brown room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon is a separate



Haenisch

event from the public hearings to be conducted on Monday, Sept. 13 and Monday, Sept. 20.

P I S D Superintendent Barry Haenisch said the luncheon will provide an opportunity for interested citizens to discuss educational celebrations and challenges of this new school year.

"Lunch will be at no charge for anyone who wants to come," the superintendent said. "We will talk about such things as new enrollment and new programs such as the math and science focus."

Haenisch said the traffic concerns at the new junior high

school will also be addressed.

Haenisch said that the event is an extension of a program the PISD had last year. The PISD had three such luncheons in 2009-2010 and, according to Haenisch, the district is going to try to have one every six weeks this year.

To make a reservation for the luncheon, call the PISD central office at 669-4700 before 3 p.m. tomorrow.

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SCHOOL IN SESSION



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Austin Elementary School kindergartner Emma Carroll watches as her teacher, Lacey McClendon, demonstrates how to write the student's name during an exercise at school. Parents will be visiting with teachers during evenings this week as the Pampa Independent School District year gets under way.

Pampa, Dalhart feature in Oklahoma author's novel

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Four people are passing through Pampa en route to a revenge mission against corporate fatcats who have pillaged the bank account of a helpless elderly friend. Along the way, a man must face a life-altering decision: go through with his plan, or accept redemption through the grace of God.

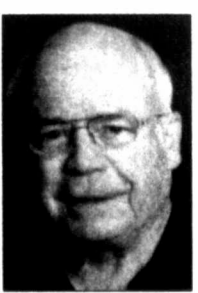
Sound like a work of fiction? That's because it is.

Jerry D. Harrison is the author of "Striking Down Scoundrels," a full-length Christian suspense novel that made its debut on Amazon.com this past June. The book's plot involves the aforementioned characters driving 8,500 miles from Branson, Mo., to Lake Tahoe with several stops along the way, with Pampa and Dalhart in the Panhandle among them.

Roy, one of the book's quartet of main characters, lived with his wife in Pampa for years and worked in the oil and gas industry.

Harrison, himself a retired oilman now residing in Tulsa, Okla., said that he based the character's back story on his own experiences, as well as those of people he knew personally.

"I had been through the Pampa area a little bit back in the day," said Harrison. "I'm retired from oil. I know a little about Pampa and its history in the oil business. I have friends from



Harrison

there, and I used the stories they told me as inspiration.

"Of course, it's been long enough since I've been through Pampa that it's been hard on the old memory banks," Harrison added with a laugh. "Some of it is experience and some is the good old Web page. I got online and I went on the Chamber of Commerce Web site and I did some reading there, too."

Roy's Pampa roots, Harrison said, come into play when the characters pass through the area and Roy offers to show them some Panhandle hospitality.

"(Pampa) comes into play because (Roy) wants to bring them to his favorite restaurant," said Harrison. "He wants to show his buddies this place, and he wants to show them what it's like to play golf on the High Plains."

Of course, Harrison said, the novel is more than just about four guys bonding on a road trip.

"One of the guys, Abe, is basically intent on murdering these corporate scoundrels that they're driving towards, you see," he said. "Throughout the story, there is this tension

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A story of fraud, anger, action, murder, kindness and God's grace...

STRIKING DOWN SCOUNDRELS

JERRY D. HARRISON

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Pampa and Dalhart are prominent settings in Jerry Harrison's new book, "Striking Down Scoundrels."




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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
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High 89 Low 56	High 80 Low 54	High 86 Low 61

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 89. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 56. Northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high near 80. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 54. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 85. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 61. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Continued from Monday

Police Department

Saturday, Aug. 28
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Officers assisted a motorist at Harvester and Evergreen. A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of West Foster and in the 100 block of East Craven.

Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl.

Sunday, Aug. 29
Officers checked buildings in the 400 block of West Foster and the 600 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Craven and in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Zimmers.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Anne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Locust.

Water was turned off in the 400 block of South Henry. Violations of city ordinances were reported in 400 block of Hill and the 700 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 400 block of North Nelson and in the 500 block of North Sumner.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of West Foster. Officers set up a radar trailer in the 200 block of North Nelson.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Perry. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Duncan and in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Water was shut off in the 1000 block of East Kingston. Found property was reported in the 2000 block of Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Locust.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Monday, Aug. 30
A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Francis.

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

Officers reported 21 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal control officers reported 18 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Monday, Aug. 30
Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Willow.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of North Houston.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1200 block of Willow and in the 800 block of South Hobart.

There was a violation of city ordinances in the 1600 block of North Fir.

Officers assisted another agency in the 700 block of East Frederic.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of East Twiford.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Christine.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of West Craven.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Theft was reported in the

1300 block of North Hobart.

Water was shut off in the 1200 block of Duncan and in the 800 block of North West.

A burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of South Schneider.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of Darby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Garland and in the 200 block of North Russell.

An assault was reported at Hobart and Alcock.

Tuesday, Aug. 31
A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic.

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

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Market and Nelson.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Aug. 30
Jeremy Wayne Barnes, 32, was arrested by police on warrants charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear. Adam Ray Cook, 17, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a building.

Pampa EMS

EMS ran 5 city calls on Tues., Aug. 31.



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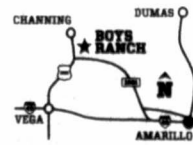
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AFTERNOONRUSH Analysis says illegal immigration down

Feds downplay leak risk

The federal government's point man on the Gulf of Mexico spill response says there is no "significant risk" that more oil will leak into the sea when engineers remove the temporary cap Thursday that first contained the gusher in mid-July.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Wednesday that vessels will remain on standby just in case to collect any leaking oil.

He says a break in the weather is expected within the next 24-36 hours, allowing engineers to proceed with the removal of the cap and then the raising of the blowout preventer, which failed to stop the oil from leaking in the first place.

That means the blowout preventer could begin being raised late Thursday or early Friday. Engineers will then proceed with the final plugging of the blown-out well.

The Deepwater Horizon explosion April 20 killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well.

Highway reopened post-spill

HAMSHIRE (AP) — Interstate 10 in southeast Texas has reopened after crews finished cleaning up a hazardous material spill from a tanker involved in a wreck four days ago.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Stephanie Davis told The Associated Press that I-10 near Hamshire reopened Wednesday morning.

I-10 had been shut down between Texas 73 and Farm Road 365 near Hamshire, about 65 miles east of Houston, since a two-vehicle wreck early Sunday. The tanker truck overturned in a collision with a pickup.

DPS says the tanker truck driver suffered non-life threatening injuries.

The tanker was carrying isobutane, a flammable, corrosive chemical.

Landlord dead, tenant shot self

TYLER (AP) — Gunfire in Tyler has left a landlord dead and her tenant wounded in what police are investigating as a murder and then an attempted suicide.

Officer Don Martin told The Associated Press that the suspect, 47-year-old Alice Aguilar, remained in critical condition Wednesday at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Police on Tuesday afternoon received a call of shots fired at a multi-apartment residence and discovered the body of 70-year-old Socorro Nunez in one unit.

Martin says Aguilar was found unconscious, with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, in another unit.

Police are investigating what led to the shootings and whether financial problems were involved.

Woman pinned between chain, car

GLADEWATER (AP) — An autopsy has been ordered after a Gladewater woman was discovered dead pinned between the front of her car and a chain barrier to her driveway.

The Gregg County Sheriff's Office says the body of Sally Coker was located Tuesday at her rural home.

Capt. Mike Claxton says the victim's 3-year-old grandchild was found unharmed in the vehicle.

Authorities believe Coker got out of her car to move a chain and enter her property. Investigators are trying to determine the manner and cause of death.

A reserve sheriff's deputy who happened to drive by came upon the body.

Gladewater is 110 miles northeast of Dallas.

AG investigates water group

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is investigating the Kennedy Ridge Water Supply Corp. as some homes have been without water for weeks.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that the review involves recent rate hikes in the low-income community in eastern Travis County.

A spokesman for Attorney General Greg Abbott on Tuesday declined comment on the investigation.

State Sen. Kirk Watson of Austin says the situation with Kennedy Ridge Estates is a "failure of the state to provide protections on the front end."

State Rep. Dawna Dukes of Austin says the AG's office should look into possible violations of deceptive trade practice laws.

Acting corporation board President Carmen Ayala declined comment.

Skyscraper fire investigated

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Fire Department arson investigators are trying to determine what sparked a blame on the 27th floor of a downtown skyscraper that left seven firefighters hurt.

Authorities say all seven firefighters suffered minor smoke inhalation. One firefighter was treated at the scene, while the rest were transported to a hospital, treated and released.

The fire broke out Monday night at the JP Morgan Chase building and was tapped out early Tuesday. The structure was built in the 1920s.

Spontaneous floral combustion?

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A fire that did \$20,000 in damages to a northeast Arkansas home wasn't caused by an electrical problem or burning food or arson, an insurance investigator concluded.

Instead, the dead plants did it, according to a report summary provided to the homeowner, Brian Duncan.

"The fire was caused by self-heating through decomposition of organic materials contained within a plastic flowerpot," the Aug. 25 letter from State Farm Insurance Co. said.

Or, in layman's terms, spontaneous combustion.

Duncan, whose home is a few miles south of Paragould, said the flowerpot had contained dead, decomposing flowers and potting soil that his wife had planted in the summer of 2009. Paragould is about 150 miles northeast of Little Rock.

"She had intended on repotting (the flowers)," Duncan said. But they sat on the porch, unwatered, and eventually died.

He said it was clear where the July 25 fire had begun, because the burning flowerpot and plants charred a hole in the porch and they fell to the ground several feet below.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. has dropped for the first time in 20 years as substantially fewer undocumented workers from Mexico, Latin America and elsewhere are crossing the border in search of jobs, an independent research group says.

The analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center suggests the nation's economic downturn and increased border enforcement have reduced the number of illegal immigrants, who make up roughly 4 percent of the U.S. population.

The findings come amid bitter debate over Arizona's

strict new immigration law. The Obama administration contends the state law usurps federal authority and promotes racial profiling, while Arizona says states are justified to step in if federal enforcement falls substantially short.

The study released Wednesday estimates that 11.1 million illegal immigrants lived in the U.S. in 2009. That represents a decrease of roughly 1 million from a peak of 12 million in 2007, before Arizona intervened with its new enforcement measures.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I generally agree on most major issues. We agree to disagree on the minor ones. But there is one issue I think is major and he thinks is minor -- strip clubs. He sees nothing wrong with having women give him lap dances. He compares it to seeing a movie -- it's "entertainment."

Abby, I'm not a prude. I wouldn't care if he went to a strip club for a bachelor party, and I don't object about his extensive porn collection. But it makes me feel he isn't getting what he needs from me when he goes to a strip club by himself. I expect my husband to understand and respect my feelings. Is that too much to ask, or am I being unreasonable? — THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT? IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR "?: You don't mind your husband going to strip clubs as long as he's with others, and you don't mind him looking at his "extensive porn collection"? It seems as wives go, you're extremely liberal. It's not unreasonable to feel uncomfortable knowing one's spouse is being touched by a scantily clad person of the opposite sex. Because you prefer he not be there alone and he refuses to quit, consider going with him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend who is extremely handsome and well-built. "Kal" is friendly, outgoing and lights up a room when he walks in. Everyone likes him — guys and gals. He makes friends easily and is quite engaging. Girls talk to him and flirt with him, but they don't want to date him.

Kal is 5-foot-7 and everyone says things like, "He's hot!" or, "He's so cute — but he's short." Abby, this man has a great job, makes more than \$80,000 a year, owns his own home and drives a nice car. He surfs, snowboards and loves to enjoy life.

I don't get it. If I wasn't already married to a wonderful man, I'd date Kal in a hot minute. I have seen girls swoon over his physique on the beach or at the gym. Is

he too short to be considered eligible? — LOST IN THE LAND OF ALOHA

DEAR LOST: No — he's too eligible to be considered short on anything. The true measure of a man isn't from top to bottom -- it's from the eyebrows up. I wish you had sent me Kal's phone number. I know I'll be inundated with letters from interested people.

P.S. Readers, I'd be interested in your thoughts. Does height REALLY matter?

DEAR ABBY: Our

daughter just turned 4. She was a "miracle baby" — carried by a surrogate using my embryo. When our surrogate was 4 1/2 months pregnant, I became pregnant. Our second child is a boy.

I have been open about our story, trying to give other infertile couples hope. However, I have noticed that our daughter's ears perk up when I start talking. She often talks about when she was in my tummy, and when her brother was in there, too. I am torn as to whether I should ex-



plain the story to her now, or wait until she can really comprehend such a thing. I don't want her to resent me for covering up the truth. — BLESSED TWICE IN SAN DIEGO



DEAR BLESSED TWICE: At 4, your little girl is too young to be told the technicalities surrounding her birth. Raise the subject when she is older and starting to learn about biology — unless she starts asking questions sooner. If she does, answer her honestly and on an age-appropriate level.

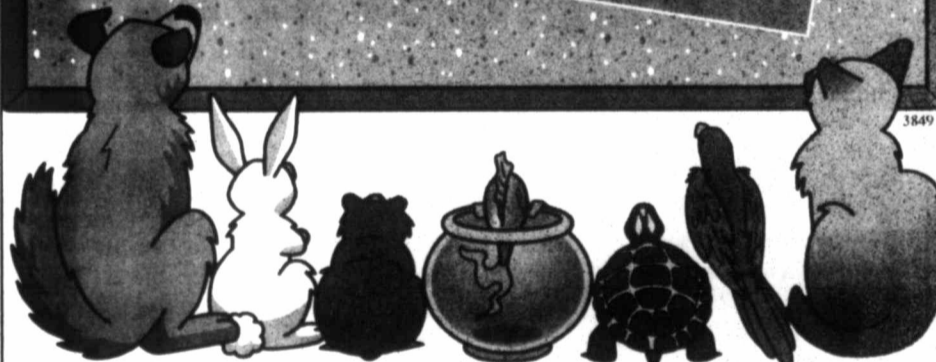
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CORRECTION

In yesterday's story about public hearings concerning the schools ("Hearings to address traffic, junior high sale"), the dates of the hearings were printed correctly, but the days were erroneously printed as Fridays. The hearings are on consecutive Mondays, Sept. 13 and 20. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2010. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1894, the Great Hinckley Fire destroyed Hinckley, Minn., and five other communities, and killed more than 400 people.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik (RAY'-kyuh-vik), Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of game 21.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Ten years ago: Saying he wasn't convinced the technology was at hand to build an effective anti-missile shield, President Bill Clinton said he would leave it to his successor to decide when, or if, to deploy a national missile defense prohibited by a 1972 arms control treaty.

Five years ago: New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate SOS" as his city descended into anarchy amid the flooding left by Hurricane Katrina.

One year ago: Vermont's law allowing same-sex marriage went into effect.

Today's Birthdays: Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 88. Actor George Maharis is 82. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 75. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 72. Comedian-acress Lily Tomlin is 71. Actor Don Stroud is 67. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 66. Singer Archie Bell is 66. Singer Barry Gibb is 64. Rock musician Greg Errico is 62. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 60. Singer Gloria Estefan is 53. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 49. Jazz musician Boney James is 49. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 47. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 46. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 44. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 40. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 39. Rock singer JD Fortune is 37. Actor Scott Speedman is 35. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 26.

Thought for Today: "If you want to get across an idea, wrap it up in person." — Ralph J. Bunche, American diplomat (1904-1971).

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Outrage clear, but this is the wrong message

In case you missed some of the lowlights of the 20th century, one charismatic pastor from Florida is trying to bring them back. Yes, Pastor Terry Jones of Gainesville is planning a Koran burning for the ninth anniversary of 9/11. His church, the ironically named Dove World Outreach Center, plans to show their contempt for the Islamic holy book, a tome the pastor admits he's never read, by using it as fuel for a bonfire.

While the debate about books by those who read had been centered on the iPad versus the Kindle — Dove World's debate is the bible versus the kindling. Which makes bloodletting suddenly seem forward thinking.

If you thought the Twilight series cornered the market when it came to a lack of literary subtlety — think again. Here we are in 2010 talking about burning books.

So what if a small religious group is on a quest to quash copies of other religious books? Why is that such a big deal?

This biblio-barbeque will be covered by the international press because it's a train wreck of a bad idea; therefore, Pastor Jones will be our face to the world. Mine, yours — Americans in general. Yes, a preacher to a flock of nearly 50 will be the guy who Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and Atheists from all over the world will identify with America. Everything about our country is about to be boiled down to a picture of a heap of Korans smoldering. Shock and awe.

It'll be, "Americans burned the Koran." And it'll be true.

Never mind that we have soldiers on the ground in two Muslim countries. Remember in 2005, the



TINA DUPUY

first scandal of Guantanamo Bay involved the alleged desecration of detainees' Korans by guards. That caused outrage across the globe. Way to support the troops, buddy.

Other than a pointless, smoke-filled flip off to the second largest faith in the world, does the torching of media these days do what its purveyors want it to do?

The Ancient Library of Alexandria was burned by Julius Caesar in 48 B.C.E. The loss of its contents arguably set back technology and culture for millennia. The conquistadors destroyed Mayan codices of their history and religion, obscuring the ancient Mayan culture indefinitely. The Mongol invaders massacred the Library of Baghdad, resulting in the death of a massive "house of wisdom." These events forever altered history, mainly because they took place before the printing press.

After the printing press and the creation of multi-copied media, book burning become just a showy homage to the brutes of the past.

Libricide is an act of overt hostility. While Pastor Jones told the New York Times that he hopes this event won't lead to violence, he's planning a violent act. Author and professor Rebecca Knuth studied book burnings in Germany, Bosnia, Kuwait, China and Tibet. She concludes libricide often precedes genocide. Needless to say, this is not an act of "furthering the dialog." You don't exactly make

the case for how your religion is the one of peace while you're lighting things on fire.

Maybe Dove World has tapped into the conventional wisdom that you can never go wrong blaming the media — a literal shooting of the messenger. A book is a symbol. So the tactic preferred by the Nazis and Conquistadors alike is still alive as a tone-deaf attempt at cultural criticism.

John Lennon said his band was more popular than Jesus, so Beatles representations were treated like 17th century witches and burned at the stake. In the 1980's metal albums were thought to bring 1980s teenagers to Satan so they also were torched. Harry Potter books have met a similar fate. Did this eradicate the subjects? No. Do public displays of pitchforks and torches make them any less popular? No.

On the contrary, since the creation of copies and more recently the Internet, Dewey Decimal Demolitions and Album Atom Rearrangers seem to make the subject more popular and maligned the source of the spark.

So as all Muslims are apparently judged by their extremists who on 9/11 crashed planes into buildings — all Americans will be judged by our extremists who on 9/11 burned Korans into ashes. Muslim-Americans are in an awkward position.

But most notably it means the Muslim world and Americans are about to have more in common than they thought.

Tina Dupuy is an award-winning writer and the editor of FishbowlLA.com.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Electric companies seek collection help

AUSTIN (AP) — Switching electric providers in Texas has left some utilities with losses from customers who make a habit of paying a deposit, racking up bills and then opting for a new company and leaving the old debt behind.

The Texas Public Utility Commission this month is scheduled to consider preventing some nonpaying customers from switching providers until they pay their previous electric bill.

"There's a healthy segment out there of people who do switch professionally," said Stream Energy chairman Rob Snyder.

Snyder's company gave away about \$30 million worth of electricity last year to people who didn't pay their bills, and as much as \$7 million was to people who manipulated the system by switching to another carrier,

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday.

Some consumer advocates say halting switching is counter to the spirit of open-market competition and could be illegal.

"It certainly runs antithetical to a notion of a market of choice, and you can't have it both ways," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

Unpaid bills equal about 4 percent of total revenue, according to electric companies representing about a fourth of the Texas industry. Before deregulation, bad debt amounted to about 0.125 percent to 0.675 percent of revenue.

"If bad debt goes from 3 percent to 5 percent, you're calling the Chapter 11 (bankruptcy) attorneys," said Snyder.

The utilities commission is considering a "switch-hold" rule that would

allow retailers to place holds on certain nonpaying customers.

If a customer owes on a previous bill and agrees to a payment plan or to pay a fixed average each month, the retailer could place a switch-hold on the customer if the person defaults. This would prevent customers who get cut off from buying electricity elsewhere until paying off their debt.

Consumer advocate Carol Biedrzycki, executive director of Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy, opposes the switch-hold rule.

Retailers have other tools to protect against bad debt, such as charging late fees and deposits, according to Biedrzycki.

Reliant Energy chief executive Jason Few said the electricity industry must learn to manage bad debt, like any other industry.

Novel

of Abe knowing what his intentions are while the others don't, and inevitably, there are questions that come up.

"That's where Dalhart comes into play," Harrison added. "Abe is keeping weapons in a safe deposit box in a bank in Dalhart. The other guys don't know about this. When they ask about it, he's very secretive about the whole thing, which of course leads to more questions."

Harrison said that Pampa and Dalhart were perfect fits for the story because of their placement geographically.

"It actually fit on the map," said Harrison. "If you go from Branson, Mo., to Lake Tahoe, it's pretty easy to run into the Pampa area. It's a straight shot.

"And Dalhart is a pretty remote place. I wanted a place like that because it would be a safe place for Abe to hide his safety deposit box. It just worked out perfectly."

Harrison said that he hopes people will get into the novel not just because of its local ties, but also because of the content of the book itself.

"I think it's just a fun read, and there's a good message, too," he said. "I encourage people to take a look at it."

"Striking Down Scoundrels" is available in bookstores as well as Store.BelieversPress.Com, Christianbookstore.net and Amazon.com.

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★ 35th Anniversary

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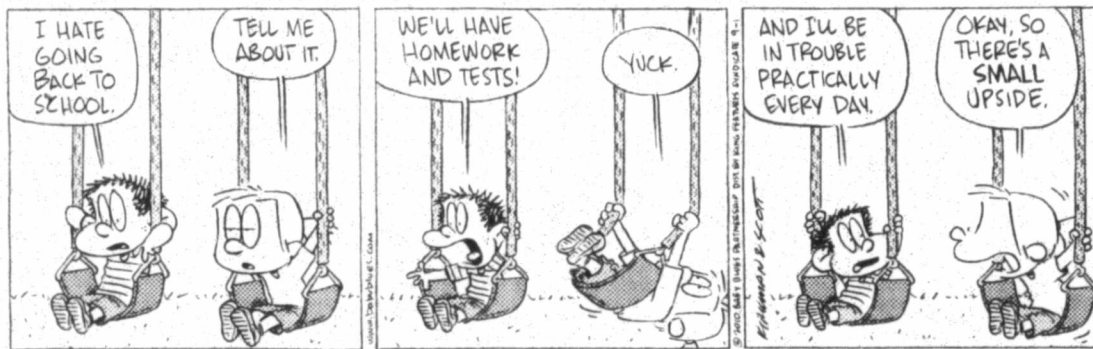
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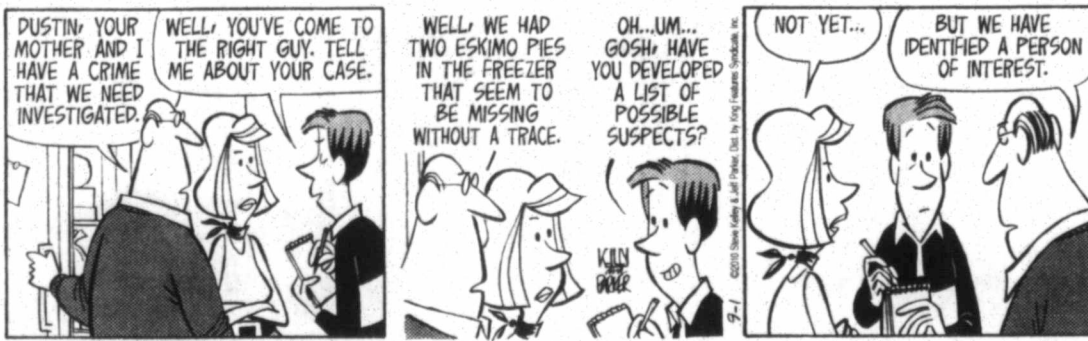
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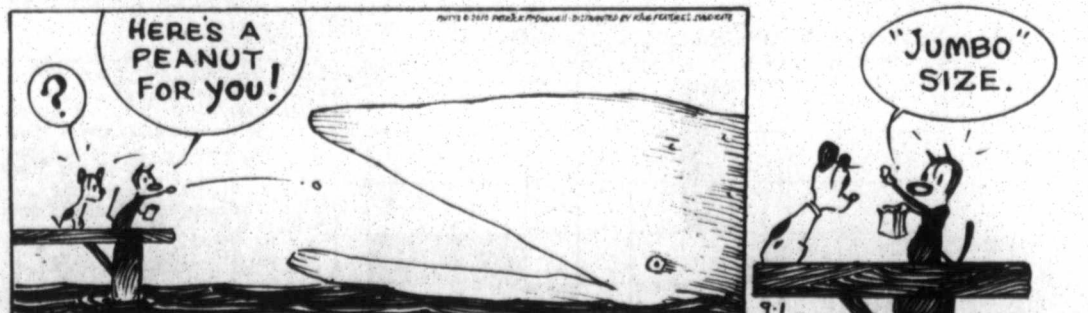
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Public Forum - Open to All Residents

Hosted by Lifetime Recovery Centers of America

September 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce, MK Brown Room 200 N. Ballard

There will be a presentation of the proposed Lifetime Recovery Centers of America Project regarding the vacated Junior High School Campus at 23rd & Charles. A "question and answer" session will follow the presentation. We hope this event will help raise awareness and provide information for families, friends and the entire community.

Communities Helping Communities

Lifetime Recovery Centers of America is also sponsoring the 1st annual "Communities Helping Communities" event in the observance of Recovery Month. Local Churches, Booster Clubs and Community Organizations are invited to join in with the sale of crafts, live music, food, cook-offs and fun for the kids on that day.

September 25th Recreation Park Noon - 9:00 p.m.

Communities Helping Communities A Savannah's Smile Project

For more information or to register to be a part of our neighborhood gathering, call (806) 669-7976.

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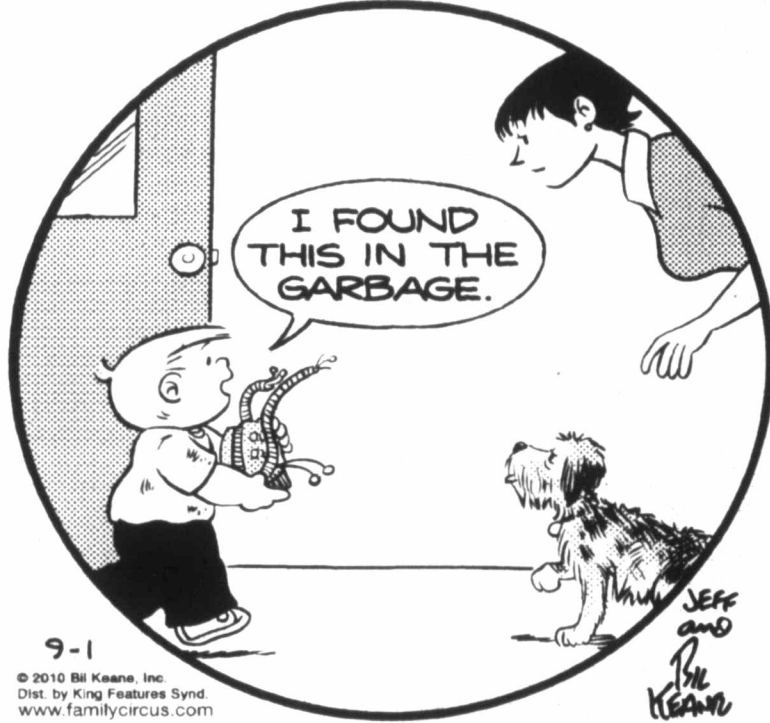
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"Don't even let this one in the door."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I can't believe somebody threw whatever it is away."

For Better Or Worse



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Flo & Friends



Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Cried
- 5 Mason of movies
- 11 Car bar
- 12 Come to
- 13 Whirled
- 14 Confirm
- 15 Sweetie
- 16 Forest danger
- 17 Was bold
- 19 Shirt protector
- 22 Coarse stuff
- 24 Chip dip
- 26 Tabloid fodder
- 27 Temporary calm
- 28 Gaggle group
- 30 Muscularly fit
- 31 Complete
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- 34 Hymn ender
- 35 Avenue tree
- 38 Off-color
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- 42 In the area
- 43 Stagger
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- 8 Enjoy Aspen
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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010:

This year, you plunge ahead and experience new ideas. Often, you find others to be abrupt or unpredictable. Make that OK, as you won't be able to change others, and you have never really been able to. You can choose your reaction. Often, you are so much in your head that others need to nearly break in. Curb a tendency to spend and/or be indulgent. If you are single, you meet people with ease, but proceed with care. Relationships have a wild, unpredictable tone. If you are attached, enjoy your partner's quirkiness rather than criticize it. GEMINI is demanding.

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)
★★★★ You come from a solid place, with good intentions. Those around you sense your integrity. You discover alternatives in a discussion with a friend. Be happy that you are not the only person with good ideas. Two minds work better than one. Tonight: Return calls. Clear your desk. Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Realize what is going on behind the scenes. Dealing with a boss can be challenging because he or she is vague or spacey. Right now, you have a tendency to do a Vulcan mind meld with those you find on another plane. Tonight: Treat yourself and a special friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are all smiles, and others respond to your energy. In fact, where you had difficulty before seems easy. Follow through on what up till now has been a dream. Your mind works over-

time, but you are right-on. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner or associate relates on a one-on-one level. You are centered and direct in a conversation. Someone shares a confidential matter. Honor this person's trust. Resist letting another person know that you see his or her true motives. Tonight: Get some extra R and R when you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Don't delay a decision. Once it's made, zero in on what you want. Someone close, perhaps an associate or neighbor, realizes where you are coming from. Success comes from a meeting with a group of supporters. Tonight: Going for what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be reticent to take a stand. Curb a tendency to make decisions or judgments without others' feedback and/or acknowledgment. Inspiration comes from a new element in your daily life. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ To many people, you seem mentally impulsive and direct. Others don't understand how well thought out your actions are. Sometimes sharing more of the process eliminates some of the flak. You cannot expect others to go from 1 to 5. It took us a while to get there, too. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Your instincts will guide you with a partner. This person is lighter and more spontaneous. However, he or she also needs and wants your participation. The timing might be such that a discussion finally brings agreement. Tonight: Go with a quirky idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Obviously, you cannot control others, but you can let go of trying. Relationships will flourish in both the professional and personal realms of your life if you do. Everyone feels better with this give-and-take. Honor your feelings. Tonight: Be light and easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Emphasize completion rather than working on several different projects. A boss or superior lets you know how much he or she appreciates your efforts.

You wonder if you have enough get-up-and-go to accomplish your goals. Remember, you are the Goat, the one who climbs uphill. Tonight: Finally, relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your sense of direction comes from an inner knowing that is difficult to explain. Creativity mixes with intellect, taking away the word "impossible." Don't delay acting on what is important. The time is now. Tonight: Get into the spirit of fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are coming from a secure place and know what your priorities are. Communicating them to someone is another issue. A partner might be more receptive than in the past. Tonight: Happy at home.

BORN TODAY
Boxer Lennox Lewis (1965), composer Horace Silver (1928), tennis player Jimmy Connors (1952) ***

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Sports

WEDNESDAY

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FORT ELLIOTT
Cougars

Pirates take on district foe Ft. Elliott in non-district

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The Lefors Pirates will get a look at a district opponent when they host the Fort Elliott Cougars 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

First-year Fort Elliott Head Coach Kyle Hauk said he inherited the schedule and

will make the best of it.

"Generally I wouldn't schedule a district opponent in non-district," Hauk said. "We'll see how we mix it up."

The Cougars had a bye last week but watched Lefors play Hedley. Hauk said they will be a challenge.

"They have good size and play really

physical," Hauk said.

Fort Elliott's head coach said the team has dealt with some injuries and our still learning each other.

"We're trying to get some guys healthy," Hauk said. "They're learning me and I'm learning them. We've looked good at times in practice and other times we

haven't.

Hauk said the game is going to come down to tackling and blocking.

"If we can block and tackle well, we have a chance," Hauk said.

Lefors Head coach Joey Czubinski's comments were not available as of press time.

Randall's strong doubles dooms Harvester tennis

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The Pampa Harvesters matched up with a former district rival the Randall Raiders yesterday, and unfortunately, just like last year's meetings, the Raiders were victorious 13-6.

Head coach Sarah Corse said her team competed well and saw positive things.

"We lost 13-6," Corse said. "Sure you want to win but I wasn't looking for that tonight. I was wanting to see how well we fought."

Junior David Moore won his singles in three sets over Randall's Skylar Seymour (2-6, 6-2, 10-1) and Elizabeth Terry lost a close match to Randall's Anoula Phouthakhio (3-6, 6-2, 3-10). Corse said she had them change their game after the first set.

"We changed David's game and he pulled out the second set," Corse said. "We did the same thing with Elizabeth and she pulled out the second set. Unfortunately she pulled her calf in the third set and it kind of affected her."

Pampa was dominated in doubles as they lost five of seven matches. Randall

swept the boys in doubles. Sophomore Nick Nelson said they were just tired and started slow.

"We've been staying up late because we are teenagers," Nelson said. "Once we started waking up we were doing a little bit better but it was a little then in our doubles."

Jordan Mayhew and Cali Gibson picked up the only girls doubles win with a three set victory over Randall's Taylor Setuhm and Joselyn Gutierrez. Senior Holly Gage and Landon Karbo won their mixed doubles match 6-1 and 6-0. Gage said they had more experience than their opponent.

"I think their mixed doubles weren't as experienced as Landon and I were," Gage said. "We just took care of it."

Gage also won her singles match 6-3 and 6-1 over Randall's Meagan Odle. Gage said she forced her opponent to use their backhand.

"I knew her backhand was her weaker stroke," Gage said. "I knew if I kept her moving she wouldn't be able to keep up with me."

The Harvesters (2-2) will visit Palo Duro September 11 in Amarillo.



Jordan Mayhew uses a forehand in her doubles match against Randall Tuesday in Pampa. Mayhew and her partner Cali Gibson (not pictured) won in three sets.

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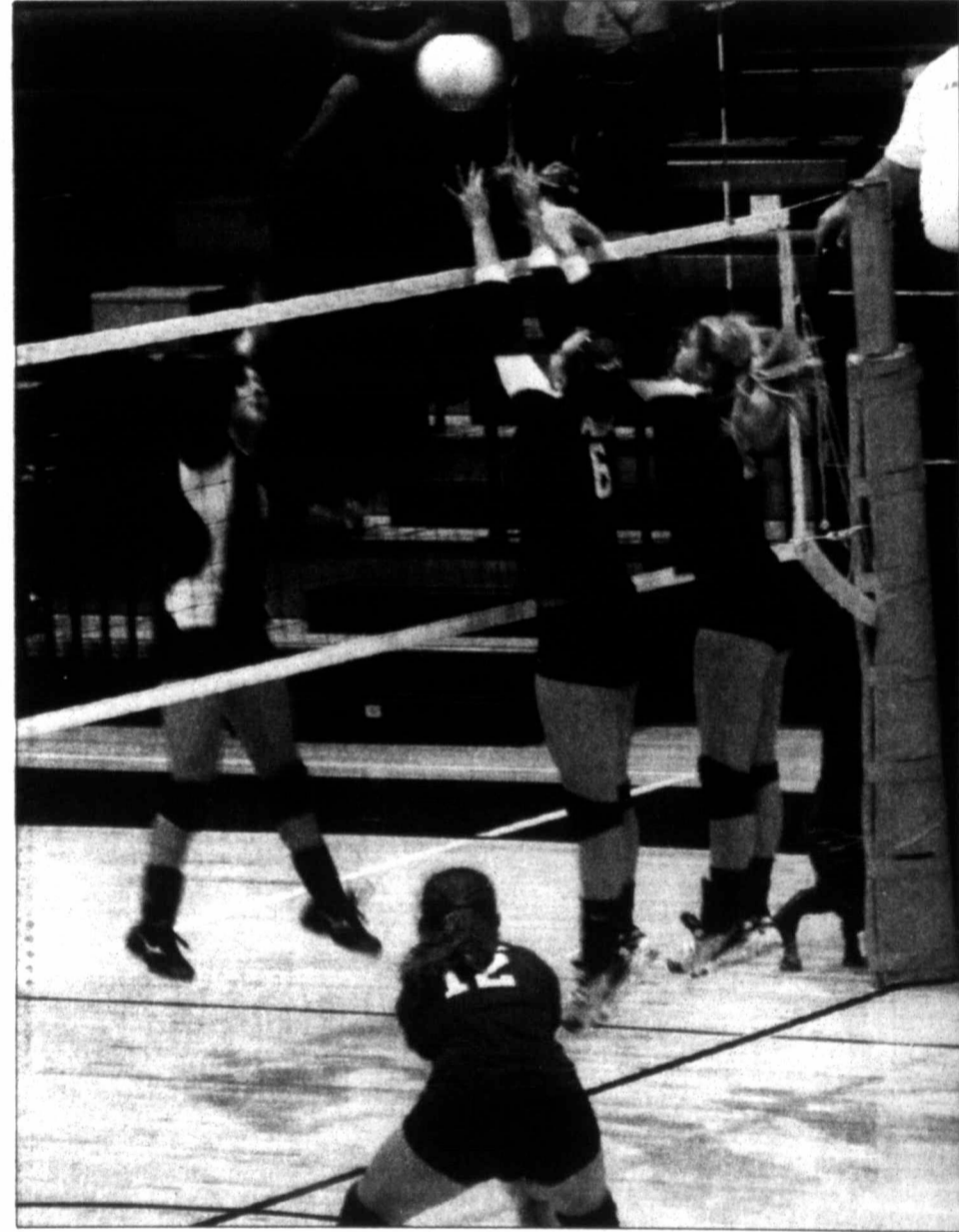


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An attack from Dumas is just out of reach for Pampa's Stephanie Allen (left) and Ramie Hutto (right) Tuesday in Dumas. The Lady Harvesters were swept.

Dumas sweeps Lady Harvesters

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Team chemistry plagued the Pampa Lady Harvesters again as they were swept by the Dumas Demonettes (19-25, 19-25, 13-25) Tuesday in Dumas.

Head coach Libby Garza said her team didn't play well and wasn't mentally prepared.

"I think we need to work on performing in pressure situations," Garza said. "Believing in ourselves and teammates right now is something we need to work on as well."

The Lady Harvesters also lost to Dumas at home Aug. 24. The loss comes after Pampa went 6-1 in a tournament at Clinton, Okla.

Garza said she tries new things in

practice everyday to improve her team's confidence.

"We are slowly getting there," Garza said. "It's like all the girls can't all be having a good game on the same game."

The Lady Harvesters (12-9) host former district rival the Canyon Eagles Tuesday. Pampa beat Canyon at home last year but lost at Canyon and a one-game tiebreaker in Borger for the playoffs. Garza said her team will have to prepare mentally and up the intensity at practice.

The junior varsity (5-8) lost 25-19 and 25-12 to Dumas Tuesday. This loss follows a tournament last weekend that Pampa went 3-4. Coach Braydon Barker said the team played well on the second day of the tournament but were exhausted when they played their last game which was a two-set loss to Dumas.

Football Sign Ups

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Thursday, September 2
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