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Commission to hear update on aquatic park

BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com The Pampa City Commission will deal with the Outdoor Family Aquatic Center Tuesday in their first meeting of the month.

Amid gusty cold winds, the commission will hear an update on the city's aquatic project from Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes when they meet in regular

session Tuesday afternoon.

The commission will take action on the park later in their meeting when they consider on second and final reading amending an ordinance to support the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for this fiscal year and providing a \$250,000 grant for the aquatic park. The money will come from the PEDC's oper-

ating budget and will go the city's Outdoor Family Aquatic Center.

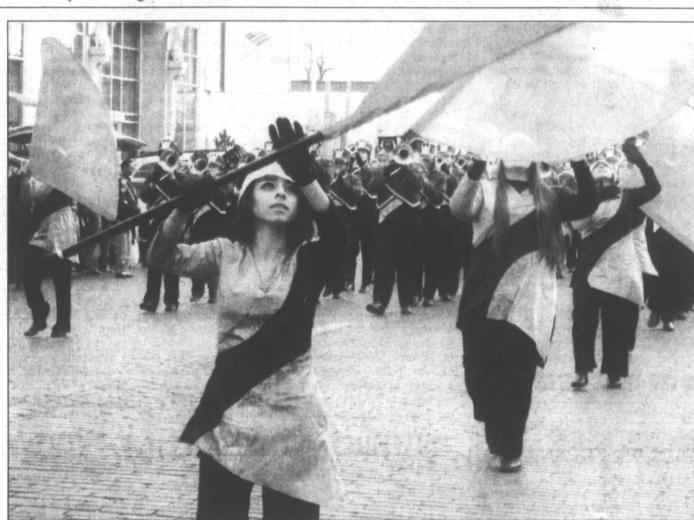
The aquatic center will be at Inez Carter Park at Randy Matson and The aquatic park is expected to cost between \$3.4 million and \$4

The Pampa City Commission will also consider approving the location of horse stalls for the Top

The commission will also consider an alternate bid on prison wells east of town.

They will also consider canceling the regular meeting the city common on Dec. 22.

The city commission will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the commission chambers on the third floor of Pampa City Hall, 201 W. Foster.

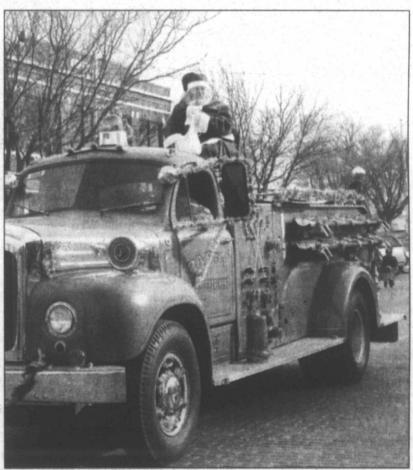


Santa's here!



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Hundreds of Pampans turned out Saturday, braving the cold wind, for the annual Christmas Parade downtown. The Pride of Pampa led off the event, where bundled-up children dove for candy and Santa Claus arrived by fire engine.



Sen. Hutchison files for governor

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has ers have been squaring off for made her run for Texas gov- months, but now both candidates ernor official, filing her candidate paperwork with the state

Republican Party.
With her filing Monday, Hutchison entered the March 2 Republican primary against Gov.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - U.S. The two GOP office-holdhave formally entered the race. The winner of the primary will face the Democratic nominee in

November 2010. Perry has long suggested that Hutchison might not run, but her

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EPA: Greenhouse gases endanger human health

Environmental Protection Agency has concluded greenhouse gases are endangering people's health and must be regulated, signaling that the Obama administration is prepared to contain global warming without congressional action if necessary.

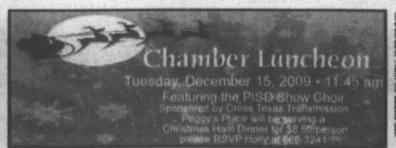
EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson scheduled a news con-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The ference for later Monday to announce the so-called endangerment finding, officials told The Associated Press, speaking privately because the announcement had not been made.

The finding is timed to boost the administration's arguments at an international climate conference - opening Monday -EPA cont. on page 3









For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday

Low 17





Low 18



High 39 Low 22

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Windy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Wind chill values between 7 and 12. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 36 North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the period ending at 8 a.m. today. The police department

reported 30 traffic-related calls and three accidents over the weekend.

Animal control reported 11 animal-related calls. Pampa EMS reported 13

medical calls.

Friday, Dec. 4. An alarm was reported

in the 200 block of East Brown A 911 hangup call was

reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Terry

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block

of North Evergreen. A suspicious person was reported in the 2400 block

of North Mary Ellen. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A fraud was reported to Pampa police.

Employees of the city's water department were called to the 700 block of

West McCullough. A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A fire alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North

Aspen. A burglary was reported

in the 2100 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Saturday, Dec. 5. A suspicious person was

reported at Duncan and

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

Employees of the city's water department were called to the 700 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of South Reid.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block

of South Graham Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block

of East Frederic. A vehicle was reported

stolen at Hobart and 25th. A alarm was reported in

the 2200 block of North Evergreen. A theft was reported in

the 1800 block of North

A fire investigation was launched in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

Employees of the city

water department were called to the 2400 block of Duncan.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Fraud was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells. Employees of the city's water department were called to the 1200 block of

North Duncan. An alarm was reported in the 200 block of North

A theft was reported in the 300 block of North 30th

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of West Wilks.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of

Obituaries

Jimmy Lee "Jim" Tucker, 78

Pampa— Jimmy Lee of Pampa since 1943. He "Jim" Tucker, 78, died Saturday, December 5, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Military honor courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Tucker was born August 11, 1931 in Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Moose, 81, died December

6, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending

Mrs. Moose was born

January 19, 1928 in Tulsa,

Oklahoma. She attend-

ed schools in Seminole,

with Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors in

Marcella

Lefors—

Pampa.

graduate in 1950 from Pampa High School. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving in the U. S. Marine Corp. as a Sergeant. Jim married Janice Jones on September 21, 1957 in Pampa. He retired as Regional Manager of Grant Supply Co. after 18 years in 1982. Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include his

wife, Janice Tucker of the home; one daughter, Kelly Lee McElwain and husband Tom of Pampa; one grand-Jim has been a resident son. Evan McElwain of

Pampa; four sisters, Hetty Jo Bynum of Amarillo, Pat Thomas of Joliet, Illinois, Dolores Miller of Littleton, Colorado, and Marilyn Haluska and husband Bob of Clyde, New York. Jim was preceded in death by a daughter, Jamie Kathleen Tucker in 1962; parents J.H. "Bud" and Alva Tucker and a sister, Bonnie Grissom.

MEMORIALS: Baptist Church Building Fund, 203 N. West, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a favorite charity.



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Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Marcella Moose, 81

1, 1947 in Gainesville. They moved to Pampa in 1950, and later moved to Lefors in 1969. Marcella was a homemaker and a Methodist. She loved to ride motorcycles with her husband and also liked to travel and go camping.

Survivors include her husband, Denver Moose

Denver Moose on April of the home; a son, Perry Moose and wife Vickie of Belton; her sister: Pat Smith and husband Arthur of Brighton, Colorado; a grandson, Perry Lee Moose and wife Teresa of Belton; two great-grandsons, Matthew Moose of Belton and Daniel Moose of Florida; and a greatgranddaughter, Christy

Moose of Belton. Marcella was preceded in death by her parents. MEMORIALS: Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Broadway, Suite 1509,

New York, NY 10018 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Oklahoma. She married Retha A. Todd, 58

White Deer— Retha A. Todd, 58, died December 6, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Todd was born

January 1, 1951 in Duncan, Oklahoma and was reared in Lefors. She married Marvin Todd on August 3, 1971 in Lefors. She worked as a CNA at Groom,

Pampa Nursing Center. Retha worked for many years at Pete's Greenhouse and For Heaven's Sake Greenhouse. She worked in the White Deer school cafeteria for 17 years, retiring in 2007. She enjoyed sewing, canning and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Todd of the home; two daughters: Tammy Green and husband the Worley Hospital and Loyd of McCamey, and

April Todd of White Deer; granddaughters, three Autumn Bridwell, Brittany Bridwell and Cheyanne Green of McCamey; one grandson, Devan Cochran of White Deer. Retha was preceded in death by her parents, James and Barbara Horn; a son, Harold Todd in 1979, and a brother, Larry Horn.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105 Sign the on-line regis-

ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Neel Road.

Sunday, Dec. 6.

East Brunow.

reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

water department were called to the 2200 block of Duncan.

An alarm was reported in sign in Lefors. the 1000 block of Charles.

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water department were called to the 800 block of North Lefors. Criminal mischief was

reported to the city. Employees of the city's water department were called to the 900 block of

East Brunow. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of 44, was arrested by Pampa

North Christy. Monday, Dec. 7. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of

North Nelson. Employees of the city's water department were called to Cuyler and

Francis. Employees of the city's water department were called to the 900 block of

East Malone. A suspicious person was reported at Cuyler and Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the period ending at 8 a.m. Monday.

Friday, Dec. 4. Shawnna Laray Robinson, 34, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a capias fine warrant chargexpired registration.

A suspicious vehicle was Cutter Doy Hutchison, reported in the 800 block of 37, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a capias A suspicious person was fine warrant charging him with not having a valid driver's license and not

wearing a seatbelt. Saturday, Dec. 5. Employees of the city 26, was arrested by Pampa police officers for failure to appear in connection with a charge of running a stop 25, was arrested by Gray

Billy Ray Brown, 38, was A vehicle was reported arrested by Pampa police stolen in the 1500 block of officers on charges of theft over \$500 and under

Dale Lynn McClure, Employees of the city's 50, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, theft of a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Sunday, Dec. 6. Israel Obed Hernandez-Rivera, 20, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of a minor driving while intoxicated.

Mauro Hernandez-Lopez,

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53, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of striking an unattended

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 30, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges Aemon Troy Layton, of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and parole violation.

Misty Diane Moman,

ing her with driving with an police officers on charges County deputies on chargof driving while intoxicate. es of possession of a con-Maria Elena Bustamante, trolled substance less than one gram and not having a valid driver's license.

> Monday, Dec. 7. Rebecca Ann Covalt, 27, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft under \$50, driving with an expired driver's license and failure to appear.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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EPA

that the United States is aggressively taking actions to combat global warming, even though Congress has yet to act on climate legislation.

Without a bill, the U.S. was heading into Copenhagen hard-pressed to explain exactly how it would reach the targets President Barack Obama is set to offer.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, the so-called endangerment finding is needed before the EPA can regulate carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases released from automobiles, power plants, and factories under the federal Clean Air Act.

The EPA signaled last April that it was inclined to view heat-trapping pollution as a threat to public health and welfare and began to take public comments under a formal rulemaking. The action marked a reversal from the Bush administration, which had refused before leaving office to issue the finding, despite a conclusion by EPA scientists that it was warranted.

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Business groups have strongly argued against tackling global warming through the Clean Air Act, saying it is less flexible and

more costly than the capand-trade bill being considered before Congress. On Monday, some of those groups questioned the timing of the EPA's announcement, calling it political.

"The implications of today's action by EPA are far-reaching...individual Americans and consumers and businesses alike will be dramatically affected by this decision," said Charles T. Drevna, the president of the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association. Drevna, in a statement, said "it is hardly the time to risk the remainder of the U.S. industrial sector in an attempt to achieve a shortterm international public

Any regulations are also likely to spawn lawsuits and lengthy legal fights.

relations victory."

The EPA and the White House have said regulations on greenhouse gases will not be imminent even after an endangerment finding, saying that the administration would prefer that Congress act to limit such pollution through an economy-wide cap on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

Nevertheless, the EPA has begun the early stages of developing permit requirements on carbon

dioxide pollution from large emitters such as power plants. The administration also has said it will set the first-ever greenhouse gas emissions standards for automobiles and raise fuel economy to 35 miles per gallon by 2016 to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

The EPA's readiness to tackle climate change is expected to give a boost to U.S. arguments at the climate conference opening in Copenhagen this week, where the United States offer a provisional target to reduce greenhouse gases.

While the House has approved climate legislation that would cut emissions by 17 percent by 2020 and about 80 percent by mid-century, the Senate has yet to take up the measure amid strong Republican opposition and reluctance by some centrist Democrats.

Sen. John Kerry. D-Mass., lead author of the Senate bill, has argued that if Congress doesn't act, the EPA will regulate greenhouse gas emissions. He has called EPA regulation a "blunt instrument" that would pose a bigger problem for industry than legislation crafted to mitigate some of the costs of

cont. from page 1 shifting away from carbon emitting fossil fuels.

Pearl Harbor Day dedication for Pacific War museum

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush used gold scissors to cut a red ribbon and dedicate an expanded gallery that carries his name at the National Museum of the Pacific War.

The ceremonies Monday in Fredericksburg drew about 4,000 people on a foggy day marking 68 years since the Pearl Harbor

The 41st president, who lives in Houston, is a former World War II naval aviator who survived being shot down over the Pacific.

Bush says it was important to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those haunted by the memories of their friends who didn't come home from the war.

Bush also says the museum, about 70 miles west of Austin, should be used as a lesson of "what happens when mankind falls short of his aspirations."

action Monday puts her

in contention with Perry. Hutchison said Texas needs

a "serious leader" and that

Hutchison has said she'll

remain in the Senate while

running for governor. Perry

filed last week to seek an

unprecedented third term.

she's that person.

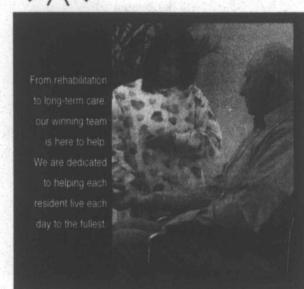
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter you printed from "Right or Wrong in Wisconsin" (Nov. 9). My co-workers and I had a field day with the issue of the father shaving while his 12-year-old daughter takes her morning shower.

The women here were pretty much unanimous in agreeing with your response, while the men mostly thought there was nothing wrong. As a man writing to you, my opinion may seem a little biased, but please try to keep an open mind.

I assume that this gentleman has raised his daughter since birth, and that he changed "Lia's" diapers and bathed her when she was younger. It's ridiculous that at the young age of 12 it is suddenly inappropriate for her father to have a conversation with her (presumably) through a shower curtain.

I could understand the mother (whom he never referred to as his wife) being concerned if he was simply in the bathroom to dish about the day's issues. But that wasn't the case. He was shaving. We don't see a problem with that.

We men agree that if this wasn't an issue that Lia herself raised because she was uncomfortable, then it probably shouldn't be an issue at all. -- DISAGREES IN TOPEKA, KAN

DEAR DISAGREES: I did not mean to start a war of the sexes in your workplace, so allow me to clarify the issue from my perspective. "Right or Wrong" appears to be a caring father, or he wouldn't have written me. He views his daughter as his "little girl." But at age 12, Lia is an emerging young woman both physically and emotionally. She is in transition, and her father may not recognize that fact. At 12, many girls start their periods and their breasts begin developing. Lia's mother may have noticed these changes in her daughter.

What this presents is a teachable moment -- and an opportunity for a family discussion to talk about what's happening. Among the issues Lia will face in the next few years are decisions she'll have to make about drinking, drugs, sex, respect and modesty. While other cultures have a more liberal view regarding modesty, ours is less SAD IN SAN DIEGO

And remember, it's not as though sharing the bathroom in that family is a necessity. There are two bathrooms in that house, and I think it's time one of them began using the one downstairs. If that makes me a fuddy-duddy, so be it. It's still my opinion.

DEAR ABBY: MY friend recently committed suicide and although I'm still mad at times, I'm no longer sad all the time. My problem is I'm having a hard time dealing with stress

Before, when things got hard or my workload went up, I'd work harder to get it done. Now I just become overwhelmed and all I want to do is go to bed. Is this normal? I have never had a friend die before. --

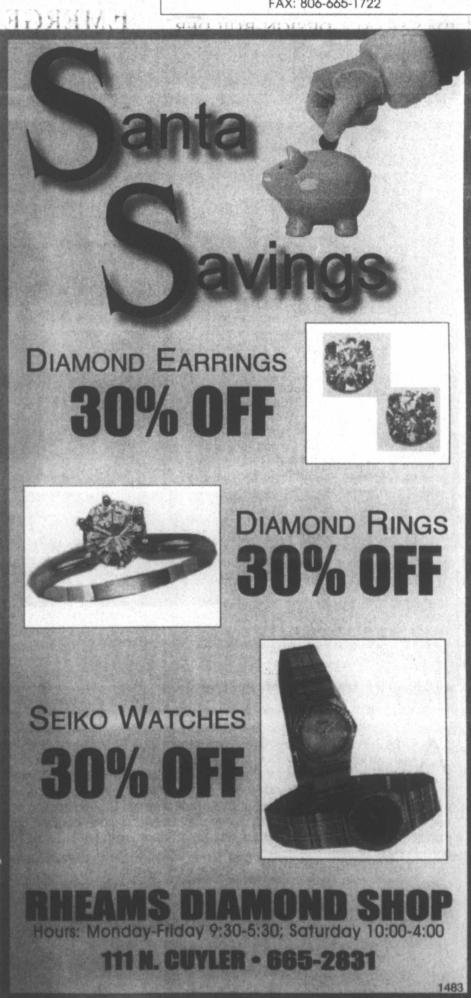
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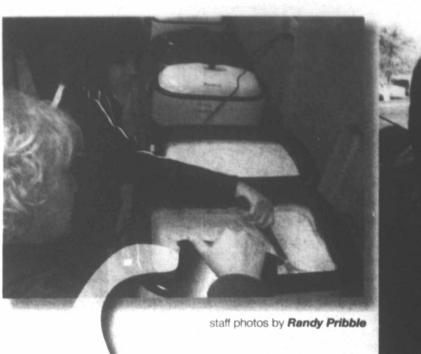
accept my sympathy for your loss. When someone close to me suffers an emotional shock -- and the death of a friend or loved one qualifies as one -- I remind him or her that shock can affect not only the emotions but also the body. That's why it's important to get extra rest

and eat properly.

When a person grieves, it's not unusual to be less resilient, so listen to your body. When you become overwhelmed, chicken soup and extra rest may be in order, and it's not a cliche. However, if these feelings persist for more than a few weeks, please discuss them with your doctor because they could be a symptom of a treatable form of depression.









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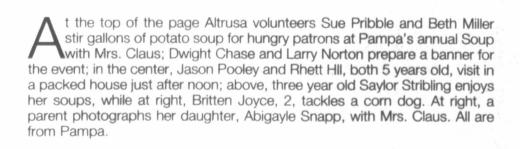






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Sports

JV girls edge Lady Kiowas for fifth place in Miami

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Pampa Harvesters junior varsity basketball team for the third straight game played a close game and for the second time was victorious 55-51 over the Booker Lady Kiowas Saturday in the Miami tournament.

Coach Forrest Harding said winning two out of three close games in the Miami tournament was pretty good.

"That's going to pay off later," Harding said.

Pampa led 12-10 in the second quarter. The Lady Kiowas went on a 5-0 run to take a 15-12 lead. The Lady Harvesters went on an 11-0 run to hold a

23-15 advantage. Delaney Clendening scored six of the 11 points during the run. Pampa didn't allow the Lady Kiowas to get closer than five points leading 29-21 at halftime.

In the third quarter the Lady Kiowas got back in the game. With Pampa leading 33-26, Booker went on a 9-4 run to cut Pampa's lead to 37-35. The Lady Harvesters led 40-35 after the third quarter.

The final quarter was tightly contested battle. The Kiowas cut the Lady Harvesters the lead to two but Pampa went on a 5-1 run to expand their lead to six. Booker scored the next six points to tie the game

Pampa retook the lead

48-45 but the Lady Kiowas tied the game at 48. The Lady Harvesters retook the lead 50-48 but Booker hit a three to take the lead 51-50. Kaitlynn Ramirez hit a two-pointer to give Pampa the lead for good at 52-51. Clendening led the team in scoring with 22 points, Caitlin Sieck scored 12. The Lady Harvesters finished fifth in the Miami tournament. Harding was pleased with the result and said it will help the team going into district.

"It's got to be good," Harding said. "We play one of the better teams in our district Tuesday. So we're going to have to bring all this experience that we had

at Randall."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Kailyn Troxell squares up for a shot against Booker Saturday. Pampa won 55-51.

Pirates misfire vs. Booker

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Lefors Lady Pirates failed to make a basket in two quarters as they lost their fourth straight game 72-13 to the Memphis Lady Cyclones Friday in the Miami Tournament.

Head Coach Tory Peet described the game as ugly and said his team didn't match up well with Memphis.

"Memphis is a good team," Peet said. "They're tall. They're fundamentally sound. We tried to block out but they're girls were six inches taller than us."

In the first quarter the Lady Pirates did not score. They had several turnovers and a few missed shots. Memphis jumped out to an 18-0 lead after the first quarter. The Cyclones 22-0 in the second. Lacie Johnston scored the Lady Pirates first points with 5:40 left in the second.

The Lady Cyclones outscored the Lady Pirates 9-7 the rest of the quarter to lead 31-9 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Cyclones opened with a 9-0 run to expand their lead to 40-9. Taylor Overstreet scored the Lady Pirates only points of the quarter on a free throw and a two-point field goal. Memphis outscored Lefors 21-3 in the third quarter to lead 52-12 after the third.

In the final quarter, Memphis opened with an 8-0 run. Johnston scored the Lady Pirates only points of the fourth on a free throw. The Lady Cyclones scored the last 12 points of the game. Peet said his

expanded their lead to team was intimidated by the Lady Cyclones size.

"We were scared to shoot it because we were afraid it was going to get blocked," Peet said. "With a team that is struggling to shot they are afraid to make a mistake. We got to get past

Johnston and Porter led the team in scoring with five points each. Overstreet was the other Lady Pirate that scored with three points. The Lady Pirates (1-4) play at Shamrock Tuesday. Peet said he thinks his team will match up better in that game.

"Size wise we match up better with them (Shamrock)," Peet said. "They're not taller than us they're about the same

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Shots didn't fall as the Lefors Pirates lost their second consecutive game 56-39 to the Booker Kiowas Friday in the Miami Tournament.

Head Coach Czubinski "Coach Ski" said the team played good offense but their shots didn't fall.

"Offensively, we were getting shots they just didn't fall," Coach Ski said. "If you were to do percentage of time it's probably

In the first quarter Booker iumped out to an early 7-2 lead. The Pirates were able to cut the lead to one three different times. However, the Kiowas ended the quar-

ter with a 16-11 lead. The second quarter began

with both teams turning the had seven turnovers in the ball over and fouling each third. other. Booker's largest lead would be nine as they led 24-15 towards the end of

trailed 24-18 at halftime. In the third quarter the Kiowas would break the game open. Leading 29-22, Booker went on a 11-1 run to expand their lead to 40-23. The Pirates

the second quarter. Lefors

In the final quarter both

teams were even as they scored 16 points each. Booker's largest lead was 20 at 49-29. Keenan Lott led the team

in scoring with 16 points. Lott and Brooks led the team in rebounds with six each.

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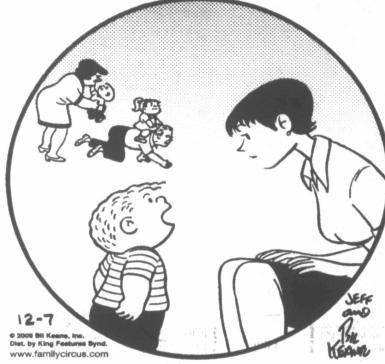
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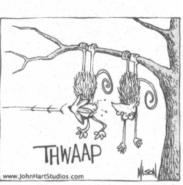




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This year, you see life from a much different perspective. Honor more of what you feel, then you'll stay ahead of the game. Even if there is a backfire, you'll feel OK because you have expressed your core. Honor changes and be willing to flow with others. Many responsibilities fall on your shoulders. Others count on your meticulous yet enthusiastic style. If you are single, avoid mixing work and pleasure. You will meet someone quite interesting, but be sure this person is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you grow in a new direction because of a greater commitment to your community and/or your sharing more of your public life. VIRGO shoves you into the limelight.

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)

*** Stay level and even when you need to let someone know that something is not OK. You might not have the influence you want and need, but ultimately, you will. Tonight: Work as late as need

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Let your creativity solve prob-lems. When approaching others, do maintain a caring and gentleness. You might want to push someone to see a situation a certain way. This person won't accept your thinking. The old adage "you can lead a horse to water but you cannot force him to drink" comes to mind. Tonight: Enjoy the moment. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

you are no different. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be more important than you realize. Stay centered with family and those close to you. Tonight: Go home

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** * Keep communication moving,

stay on top of your work and deal with people directly. You discover the imporce of talking through problems and understanding limitations. Tonight: A talk could continue over drinks. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** You see the value in taking fewer risks and handling financial matters more strongly. Don't OK spending so easily, and tighten up that area of your life. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Gather your bills together and then pay

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Understand your influence and the implications of a close friend's or family member's rebellion. You need to know when to pull back and say

"enough." You know what you are doing. Tonight: All smiles

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Know that much is going on behind the scenes. Realize what limitations are stopping you. Think positively about what is happening, even if you are worried or uptight. Everything will work out eventually. Tonight: Keep your plans

to yourself SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Understand what is happening between you and a friend. A meeting could be crucial in your decision-making

ocess. Understand what makes others

tick, especially if you need their support.

It is nice to understand others as well. Tonight: Where people are. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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*** You might have run out of alternatives. What someone suggests just might not make sense. The time might have arrived for you to step up to the plate. You understand a lot more than you realize. Tonight: Leader of the gang. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Work with others directly and remain open to their ideas and perhaps a far-fetched concept. You need to find a way of accepting others for who they are. Tonight: Relax to a movie AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Understand what is happening between others and a key associate Avoid developing the same attitude. You might want to listen to what another person presents. He or she might have much more to offer than you realize. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others run the show, and you come out ahead. If you want to think

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Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable.

By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.

The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. Its planes hit just before 8am on 7 December. Within a short time five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

These great Japanese successes, achieved without prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered.

However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a re tless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.



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