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## TIP Strategies meets with city, PEDC officials

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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 City and economic development personnel along with community leaders had their first meeting with strategic planning representatives this week.

Representatives of Theory into Practice Strategies, or TIP Strategies, an Austin-based economic strategic planning group hired by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, met with City of Pampa officials, PEDC officials and civic leaders in the first of what was described as several meetings Tuesday afternoon to develop a strategic plan for Pampa.



**TIP Strategies, Inc.**  
 Hired by PEDC to develop economic plan

and business leaders at the Pampa Community Building to talk about developing a comprehensive strategic plan for Pampa over the next five or six months. Tom Stellman, president and CEO of TIP Strategies, and Mitsu Yamazaki, a TIP Strategies consultant, met with local officials

and business leaders at the Pampa Community Building to talk about developing a comprehensive strategic plan for Pampa over the next few months to find ways to help stimulate Pampa's economy. He said that his company helps develop economic strategies based on core businesses. The South Texas native said his company has projects in 32 states. "We're literally all over the country," he said. Stellman said that the first thing his staff will do is explore Pampa to discover the assets of the community.

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## DOWNTOWN DECOR

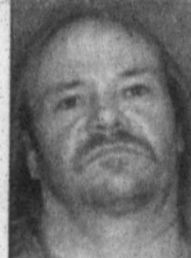


The Downtown Business Association borrowed light displays from the Celebration of Lights. Rheams Diamond Shop's Ken Rheams (left), Police Officer Joey Roberts and Redonn Woods of *The Pampa News* (not pictured) put up the display for the downtown merchants.

## Trekell on bond after Mon. arrest

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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A Pampa man was free today on \$7,500 bond today after being indicted by a Gray County grand jury in connection with a transport utility vehicle crash three years ago.



**Trekell**

David Wayne Trekell, 43, was arrested Monday by Pampa police on a grand jury indictment charging him with an accident involving death. Antonio Miera, 30, died following the collision in 2007 in which his Ford Explorer was hit by an eastbound train at the Starkweather Street crossing. A 1994 Ford Explorer driven by Miera was hit by an eastbound Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train about 2:30 a.m., Dec. 8, 2007, at the Starkweather railroad crossing after Miera apparently ignored the crossing signal and drove around the barriers, according to Pampa Police at the time.

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## Eighteen people indicted by Gray County grand jury

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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 Eighteen people have been indicted by a Gray County grand jury on charges ranging from sexual abuse of a child to money laundering. Lynn Switzer, 31st District Attorney, released a list this week of those indicted by a 223rd Judicial District Court grand jury. Casanda Dacre Booker, 37, was free on \$20,000 bond today after being indicted on charges of possession of more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds of marijuana. She was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers in August, 2009. Allen Aron Wolle, 22, and

Gloria Angel Lucio, 20, were free today on \$20,000 bond each after being indicted on charges of money laundering an amount greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 in connection with their arrest in April, 2010, in connection with charges of transporting marijuana. Jay Gene Kelly, 46, was free on \$6,000 bond today after being indicted on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, in connection with cuts suffered by Jose Felix in November, 2009. Juan Jose Macias, 45, was free on \$7,500 bond today after being indicted on charges of tampering with a government record in connection with a Social Security

## TURKEY TRACKER FOWL PLAY



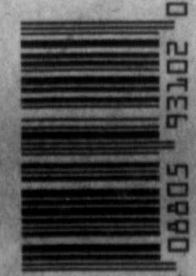
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Out for a morning stroll in the 1700 block of Grape this morning, a flock of some 50 wild turkeys browse through some residential yards for breakfast. Were they looking for fallen friend Wanda, who died in traffic earlier this year? The birds declined to comment.

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# AFTERNOONRUSH Indictments

## DPS seizes \$1M cash from gang

GARLAND (AP) — Texas law enforcement officials have seized an estimated \$1 million in cash they say was going to be used to buy drugs in Arizona.

Department of Public Safety Capt. Jeoff Williams said Tuesday at a news conference in Garland that authorizes arrested five gang members in Dallas over the weekend and recovered half a dozen assault weapons and four vehicles.

Bundles of cash, each worth about \$5,000, were stacked on a table alongside Williams. The captain said the money was found in clear, vacuum-sealed bags at the scene of the weekend raid.

The five gang members will face charges ranging from conspiracy to distribute marijuana to money laundering and weapons charges. They are expected to make initial appearances Thursday in federal court in Plano.

## Jobless insurance rates to rise

AUSTIN (AP) — Jobless insurance rates in Texas will increase by about \$5 per worker in 2011 for companies paying the minimum state unemployment tax.

The Texas Workforce Commission says an employer paying the standard minimum tax will pay about \$70.20 per employee next year. That compares to \$64.80 in tax per employee during 2010.

The money is used for the Texas Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The fund provides unemployment insurance for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The commission announced the rate Tuesday.

## Strip search settlement reached

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Thousands of people who were strip searched in non-felony cases when being booked into the Bexar County Jail could benefit from a multimillion dollar lawsuit settlement.

Details on the class-action settlement were posted Wednesday at [bexarcountystripsearch.com](http://bexarcountystripsearch.com)

The settlement involves sharing as much as \$5.5 million.

Defendants must have been booked into the Bexar County Correctional Facility between Nov. 15, 2005, until April 9, 2009.

The settlement involves individuals booked on a misdemeanor offense, a misdemeanor violation of probation or parole, a traffic infraction or other minor crime, or those held on a civil matter.

A federal judge in San Antonio on Oct. 13 gave conditional approval to the agreement, with final approval expected next month.

Claim forms must be submitted by March 16.

## Education report set for release

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs is set to release an education report that will include a rating system for school districts that compares student performance to district spending.

Combs was expected to release the report, titled "Connecting the Dots: School Spending and Student Progress," Wednesday morning in Dallas.

The report will also give schools recommendations on how to trim spending. Combs says the report will help districts find ways to be more efficient without hurting academic performance.

The Legislature last year asked the comptroller's office to develop a way to determine which school districts were allocating their funds in a way that lead to both academic achievement and cost-effectiveness.

## New lights for Harbor Bridge

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Corpus Christi's Harbor Bridge is going with the glow.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday approved a cost-sharing plan to have energy-efficient, programmable lights in place by next summer.

The Texas Department of Transportation will do the installation and use about \$1.3 million it saved on the current bridge painting.

The city and the Port of Corpus Christi will split the maintenance and electricity costs.

The *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* reports the new system will be able to change colors and intensity and possibly be used during minor league Corpus Christi Hooks games and special events.

Bridge lights were put up in 1986, but the materials used were not suitable for the harsh coastal environment. The lights were turned off in 1998 after numerous circuit failures and corrosion.

## BP: Shut down efforts 'late'

HOUSTON (AP) — A BP vice president has told a federal investigative panel that workers on the doomed Gulf of Mexico oil rig were distracted by multiple activities going on simultaneously and didn't try to shut the well until 49 minutes after gas particles began flowing in.

Steve Robinson, who led the team that questioned the wellsite leaders as part of BP PLC's internal probe, said Wednesday at hearings in Houston that the actions were late.

He said that by the time the crew reacted, the hydrocarbons were already in the riser. He says they couldn't be contained, only diverted.

An explosion occurred just minutes later, killing 11 workers and leading to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's well a mile beneath the sea.

## Jeffs due in Texas court

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs is due back in a West Texas courtroom for his first pretrial hearing since being transferred from Utah.

Jeffs was scheduled to appear Wednesday in the San Angelo courtroom of state District Judge Barbara Walther.

Walther has presided over the criminal cases stemming from the 2008 raid of the Yearning for Zion ranch in nearby Eldorado.

Jeffs is charged with felony bigamy, aggravated sexual assault and assault. The 55-year-old was extradited to Texas last week and is being held without bail.

Issues at the hearing could include the possibility of moving the case to a new venue. A court clerk said that as of Tuesday afternoon, Jeffs had not filed any motions since arriving in Texas.

## Card used as a form of identification

Steve Corey Organ, 45, was free on a bond of \$3,000 after being indicted on charges of assaulting a public servant in connection with injuries suffered by Gray County Jailer Johnny Smith in February, 2010, and a bond of \$5,000 on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense, also stemming from Organ's February, 2010, arrest.

Organ had been convicted of driving while intoxicated in March, 1992, in Randall County and in January, 2006, in Gray County.

Richard Arnold Weeks, 52, was free on \$2,500 bond today after being indicted on charges of assaulting a public servant in connection with an investigation of a domestic violence incident.

Weeks is accused of hitting Gray County Deputy Rhett Rollins in the face in May, 2010.

Christopher Ryan Woodward, 25, was free on \$8,500 bond after being indicted on charges of sexual abuse of a child under 14 years of age in 2008.

Mark Channing Melton, 46, was free on \$5,000 bond after being indicted on enhanced charges of sex offender's duty to register.

Melton was convicted 31st District Court in Pampa of possession of less than one ounce of a controlled substance in November, 2009.

Guadalupe Gomez Torres, 46, was free on \$7,500 bond after being indicted on charges of sex offender's duty to register.

Misty Humphrey Lee, 35, was free on \$5,000 bond after being indicted on enhanced charges of theft of property worth less than \$1,500 with two or more previous convictions. Lee was convicted of forgery in 2001 in Hutchinson County and of theft of services in 2004 in Randall County.

Nehemias Rodriguez, 20, was free on \$5,000 bond after being indicted on charges of theft of property greater than \$20,000 but less

than \$100,000 in connection with the theft of copper wire, spools and tires from B&G Electric in August, 2009.

Adam Kendle Pollock, 23, was free on \$2,000 bond after being indicted on charges of insurance fraud in connection with a report to USAA Insurance Company concerning a stolen car with a value of more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Jesse Josue Cruz, 18, was free on \$5,000 bond after being indicted on charges of criminal mischief in connection with the April, 2010, damage to a vehicle by kicking it.

Taylor Brett Jordan, 19, was free on \$1,500 bond after being indicted on charges of criminal mischief involving more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 in damages in connection with a July, 2009, incident in which a lawn mower was pushed into a swimming pool.

Kenneth Douglas Pyle,

56, was free on \$5,000 bond after being indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, in connection with a November, 2009, incident. Pyle had been convicted of driving while intoxicated in 1989 in Randall County and in 1992 in Carson County.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2010. There are 23 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

### On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins, 73-0, in the NFL Championship Game, which was carried on network radio for the first time by the Mutual Broadcasting System (the announcer was Red Barber).

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1960, NBC broadcast a new, color videotape version of the TV special "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin. (Two previous telecasts, also starring Martin, had been performed live in 1955 and 1956.)

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

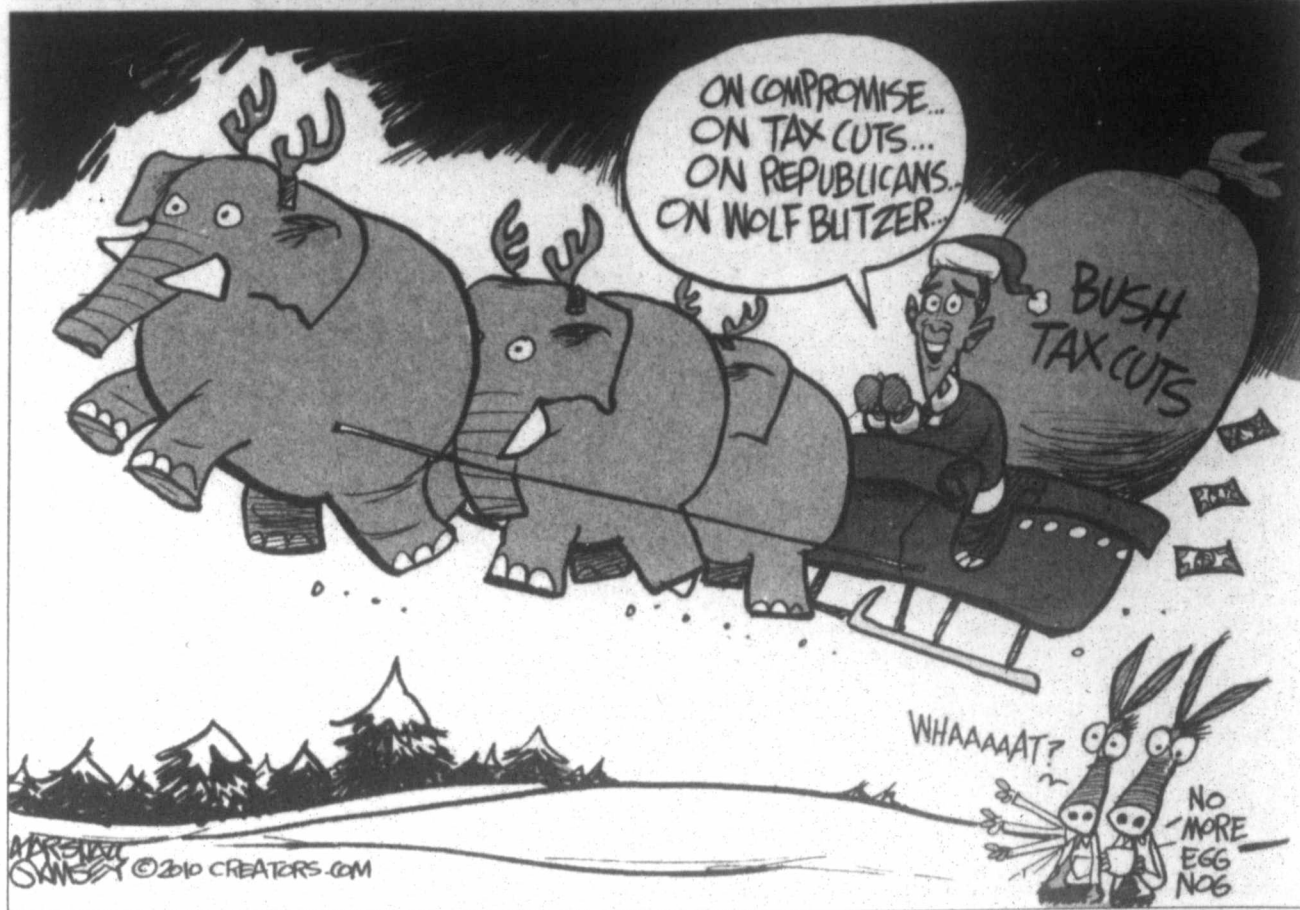
**Ten years ago:** A divided Florida Supreme Court ordered, 4-3, an immediate hand count of about 45,000 disputed ballots and put Democrat Al Gore within 154 votes of Republican George W. Bush.

**Five years ago:** A Southwest Airlines jet landing at Chicago Midway International Airport during a snowstorm slid off the runway and onto a busy street, killing a boy in a car.

**One year ago:** Ohio executed murderer Kenneth Biros by performing the nation's first lethal injection using a single drug, a supposedly less painful method than previous executions that required three drugs.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-director Maximilian Schell is 80. Flutist James Galway is 71. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 69. Actress Mary Woronov is 67. Actor John Rubinstein is 64. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 63. Actress Kim Basinger is 57. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 54. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 53. Country singer Marty Raybon is 51. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 48. Actor Wendell Pierce is 47. Actress Teri Hatcher is 46. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 44. Singer Sinéad O'Connor is 44. Actor Matthew Laborteaux is 44. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 38. Actor Dominic Monaghan is 34. Actor Ian Somerhalder is 32. Rock singer Ingrid Michaelson is 31. R&B singer Christette Michele is 28. Rock singer-actress Kate Voegelé is 24. Actress AnnaSophia Robb is 17.

**Thought for Today:** "The unknown is what it is. And to be frightened of it is what sends everybody scurrying around chasing dreams, illusions, wars, peace, love, hate, all that. Unknown is what it is. Except that it's unknown and it's plain sailing." - John Lennon (1940-1980)



## Obama compromise a bid for independents

LIZ SIDOTI  
AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In political terms, President Barack Obama's tax-cut compromise with Republicans amounted to a step toward luring back independent voters whose support he needs to win reelection in 2012.

Nevermind that the deal alienated his liberal base; there's no clear alternative Democrat to run against him.

Perhaps more likely is a bid by an independent — maybe New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg — looking to fill a vacuum created by voter frustration with both political parties and disappointment with a president who has broken his promise to change how Washington works.

Enter Obama's dealmaking with Republicans and criticism of Democrats, moves seemingly intended to try to reclaim that territory as he casts himself as a pragmatic president putting people above politics.

"We will never get anything done" if Democrats are unwilling to bend and liberals insist on ideal positions, Obama said Tuesday, staunchly defending the deal and passionately countering fellow Democrats' complaints that he compromises too much on their core issues.

"People will have the satisfaction of having a purist position and no victories for the American people," Obama said. "And we will be able to feel good about ourselves and sanctimonious about how pure our intentions are and how tough we are." In the meantime, he said, Americans

will suffer. "That can't be the measure of what it means to be a Democrat," he added.

And with that, Obama started positioning himself as the president first, and the country's top Democrat second.

The move could play well with disillusioned independent voters, who were critical to his victory in 2008 and will be again in his 2012 re-election race.

There's no doubt that tax cuts will be a central campaign issue, though, for now, would-be Republican opponents have been virtually silent on the issue.

Under the deal Congress still must approve, Bush-era tax cuts expiring at year's end would be continued for all Americans for two more years. That would ensure a battle over renewing them just as the campaign is in full swing.

Obama promised as much, saying, "I will fight."

He wants to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans; Republicans insist on keeping the cuts in place for everyone permanently. In the end, Obama agreed to a temporary extension of the tax cuts for all while the GOP agreed to back an extension of unemployment benefits that also are set to end soon.

The president previewed the debate ahead in 2012 by likening Republicans to "hostage-takers" willing to hurt the great majority of Americans to extend tax cuts for millionaires.

"On the Republican side, this is their Holy Grail," Obama said, adding: "It seems to be their central economic doctrine."

Conversely, he cast

Democrats as the party of middle class protectors, foreshadowing a campaign of populist pitches and class warfare.

The compromise signals more likely to come as Obama courts the fickle center of the electorate.

He's essentially betting that Democrats ultimately will fall in line behind him — and hoping that no serious Democratic challenger emerges, much less a serious third-party candidate.

Liberals disappointed with Obama have been clamoring for someone of their ilk — like Howard Dean or Russ Feingold — to step up. But no one has given any indication of a willingness to run against the president, particularly one who still is personally popular with key Democratic constituencies.

Still, in a sign of potential vulnerabilities, a new poll by the Pew Research Center finds Democrats and people who lean to the Democratic side giving Obama mixed ratings on traditional party positions. Forty-three percent say he is doing a fair or poor job on such issues as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and representing working people.

Obama's troubles are most acute among independents.

They rallied behind him strongly during his presidential campaign, embracing his calls for a solutions-oriented Washington free from partisan gridlock and bickering. And they carried him to victory by large margins.

But, within two years, independents had fled the Democratic Party

and Obama, disappointed with politics as usual in Washington at a time of high unemployment, budget-busting spending and soaring national debt. Republicans benefited, winning control of the House and making huge gains in the Senate.

Obama also infuriated fellow Democrats who felt he didn't hold true to their core principles. They balked, for example, when the health care law didn't include a government-run insurance option.

Now, he's angered labor by calling for a freeze on federal wages. He also has insisted that the Senate take up a nuclear arms treaty ahead of other Democratic priorities, including immigration reform and allowing gays to openly serve in the military.

No doubt earning props from independents, Obama struck back Tuesday at liberal critics.

"Take a tally," Obama said. "Look at what I promised during the campaign. There's not a single thing that I've said that I would do that I have not either done or tried to do. And if I haven't gotten it done yet, I'm still trying to do it."

He continued: "To my Democratic friends, what I'd suggest is let's make sure that we understand this is a long game. This is not a short game. And to my Republican friends, I would suggest, I think this is a good agreement. Because I know that they're swallowing some things that they don't like as well."

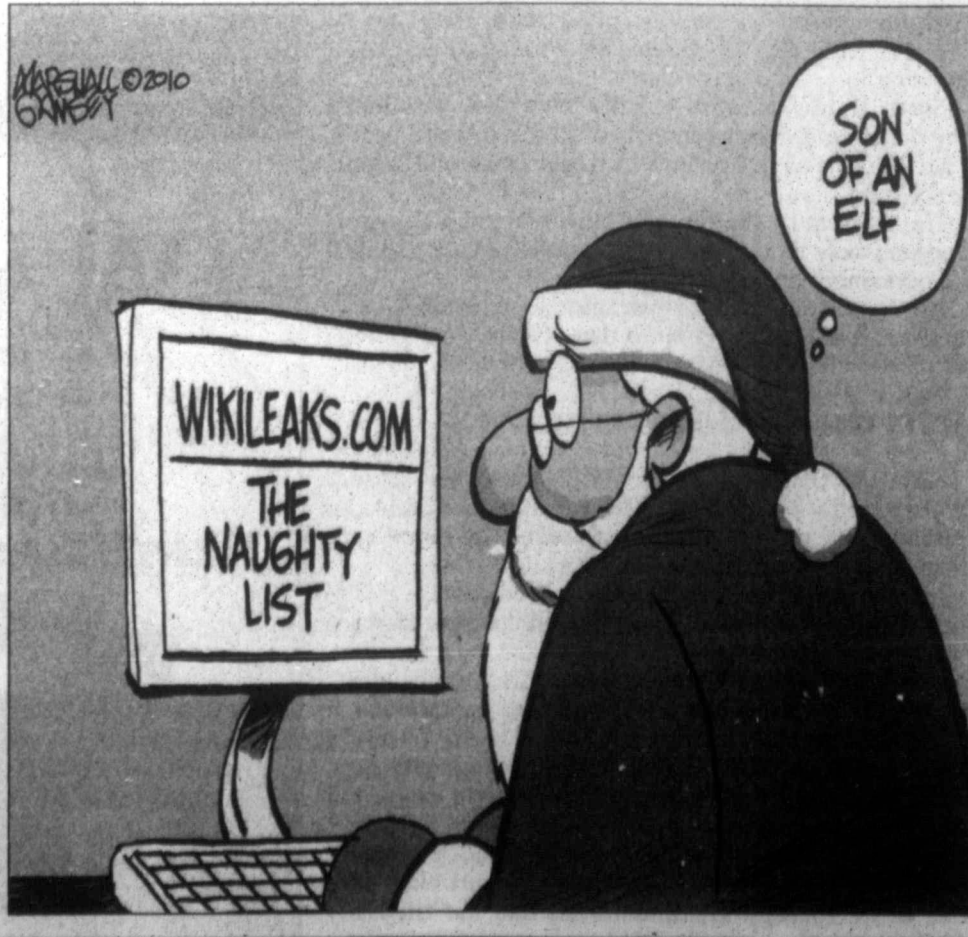
He offered no words to independents.

Instead, he let his compromise do the talking.

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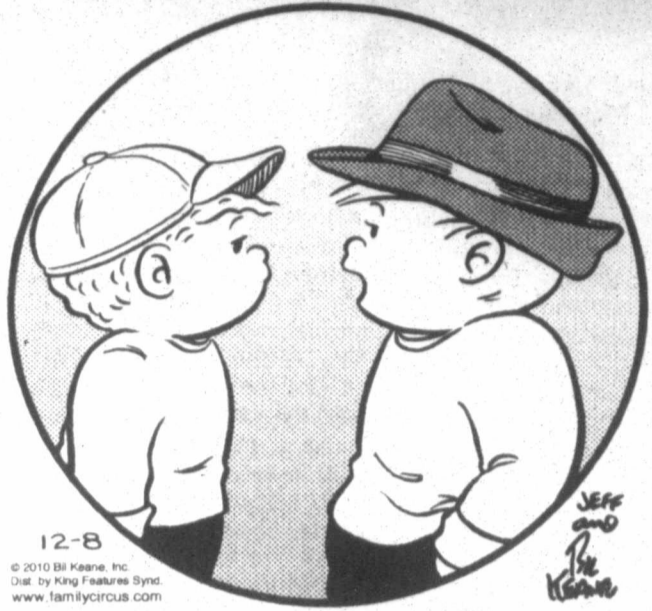
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"Does this hat make me look too old?"

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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010:

This year, you say what you mean, and others respond to your words. You also might purchase new toys that involve communication, from cars to computers. Make sure that you are making sound decisions for you in the long run. Take time for neighbors and siblings. Visit more often. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You might even find yourself dating more than one person. Enjoy. If you are attached, the two of you might opt to take a class together or develop a new hobby. You will delight in more time together. AQUARIUS comes up with wild ideas.

**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)

★★★★ Home in on the bottom line with a partner. If you are feeling weary or tired, know that it has been a stressful week in many ways. Others respond in kind to a goodwill gesture. Let someone explain him- or herself, even if you aren't interested. Tonight: Dinner for two.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You have different ideas from others. Give those around you the courtesy of weighing their ideas and what they think. You might be surprised by how different yet valid their perspectives are. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Deal directly with others at a distance. If you need to call in an expert, don't challenge this person. Your questions need to be phrased most politely, unless you want a firestorm. Positive news allows for a new direction. Tonight: Make plans for a day outing.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, knowing full well your limits. Someone whom you consider yourself to be close to steps up to the plate. Gain a better understanding through a chat with a loved one. Vulnerability can open many doors. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others come forward and express their ideas. Someone also might have an ulterior motive for approaching you. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to another person taking the lead. What a change for you!

### TONIGHT: Decide which offer sounds best.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Dive into a project with a positive attitude. Others respond. A conversation that concerned you and you thought could be difficult goes off without a hitch! The extra care you put into a relationship — be it a call, dinner or a card — pays off. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Honor a commitment to change directions and approach someone in a more upbeat manner. Careful — you might have a tendency to lavish money all over the place. Caring doesn't necessarily involve spending. Tonight: Flirt the night away.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ If you think staying home or a home-based business could be more effective, investigate that possibility. If you are feeling cramped, you just might want to take the day off and do what you absolutely want to do. Tonight: Order in.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could go way overboard as you attempt to let someone know where you are coming from. Envision what you want and expect. Being unusually gracious wouldn't hurt, either. In the long run, it is the right way to go. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Curb a need to use money as a measure of others. Actually, if you detach, you can see that many people have a lot to offer. Walk away from your value system for at least a day. Understand that everyone has limits. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Stop and take a breath. Look around. You might notice an easing off of tension that allows greater give-and-take. Your ability to anchor in on your priorities and convince others to go along emerges. Tonight: Your winning smile says it all.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Understand that by pulling back, you'll have greater give-and-take. Gather information. Call someone at a distance whom you care about. You discover how good you can feel by not acting out. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

### BORN TODAY

Poet John Milton (1608), actor Kirk Douglas (1916), screenwriter Buck Henry (1930)

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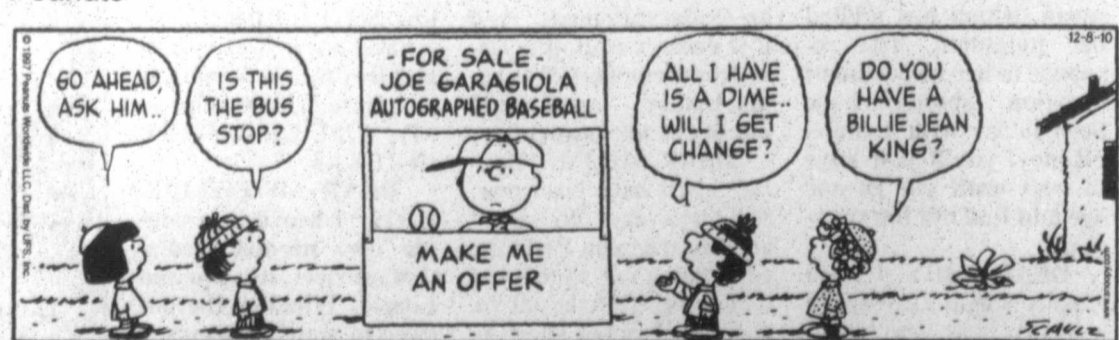
### Marvin



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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters' strong start fades away vs. Sandies

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters started strong against the Amarillo High Lady Sandies, but faded away in the middle of the second quarter in a 58-32 loss Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Gene Valentine was pleased with how aggressively the team played on offense, though they couldn't get some shots to go down.

"We played hard," Valentine said. "I thought we played well and stayed with them."

Sophomore guard Taylor Morgan said they played really well offensively.

"We pushed ourselves," Morgan said. "We executed everything we needed to, it's just when it comes down to it we got to push ourselves harder."

The first quarter was very competitive as both teams held leads. The Lady Harvesters made the opening basket and ensuing free throw and led 3-0. Later in the quarter, Morgan hit a three to put Pampa ahead 8-7. Morgan also hit two free throws that gave Pampa a 10-8 lead. The Lady Sandies led by as much as four at 7-3. Krista Strange powered Amarillo High's attack with seven points. The quarter ended with both teams tied at ten.

The game stayed close through the first half of the second quarter. Leading 18-14 with three and a half minutes left in the second, the Lady Sandies would start a 25-point run that ended with two minutes left in the third. Amarillo High outscored Pampa 22-4 in the second quarter. Senior guard Cori Cook made two free throws and Morgan hit a two pointer for Pampa's only points.

Valentine said the Lady Sandies' run was the deciding factor in the game.

"I got some kids in foul trouble," Valentine said. "We had to sub and they kind of went on a run on us. That's basi-

cally the difference of the game."

Morgan ended Amarillo High's run on two free throws with two minutes left in the third. Pampa was held to eight points in third and only got one shot up during the Sandies' 25-point run. Amarillo High led 51-22 after three.

The Lady Harvesters outscored the Lady Sandies 10-7 in the fourth quarter. Morgan led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 11. Junior guard Kirsten Kuhn followed with seven. Junior center Kailyn Troxell led the team in rebounds with five.

Valentine said Morgan had a breakout game.

"Tonight is something that I've been harping at her in practice," Valentine said. "She's a good shooter. She just has to have the confidence of handling the ball and being aggressive. She did that tonight and that really helped."

Morgan said that it was just her night.

"Today was my game," Morgan said. "I hadn't had a good game all season. Tonight was just one of my good days."

The junior varsity (2-8) lost 61-18. Pampa led 10-9 in the first quarter but allowed a 19-0 run and trailed 30-12 at halftime. The Lady Sandies had three runs of at least ten points and scored 47 of their 61 points in those runs. Coach Braydon Barker said they need to handle the ball well for four quarters.

"Turnovers killed us again," Barker said. "We just got to handle the ball better that's what it comes down to."

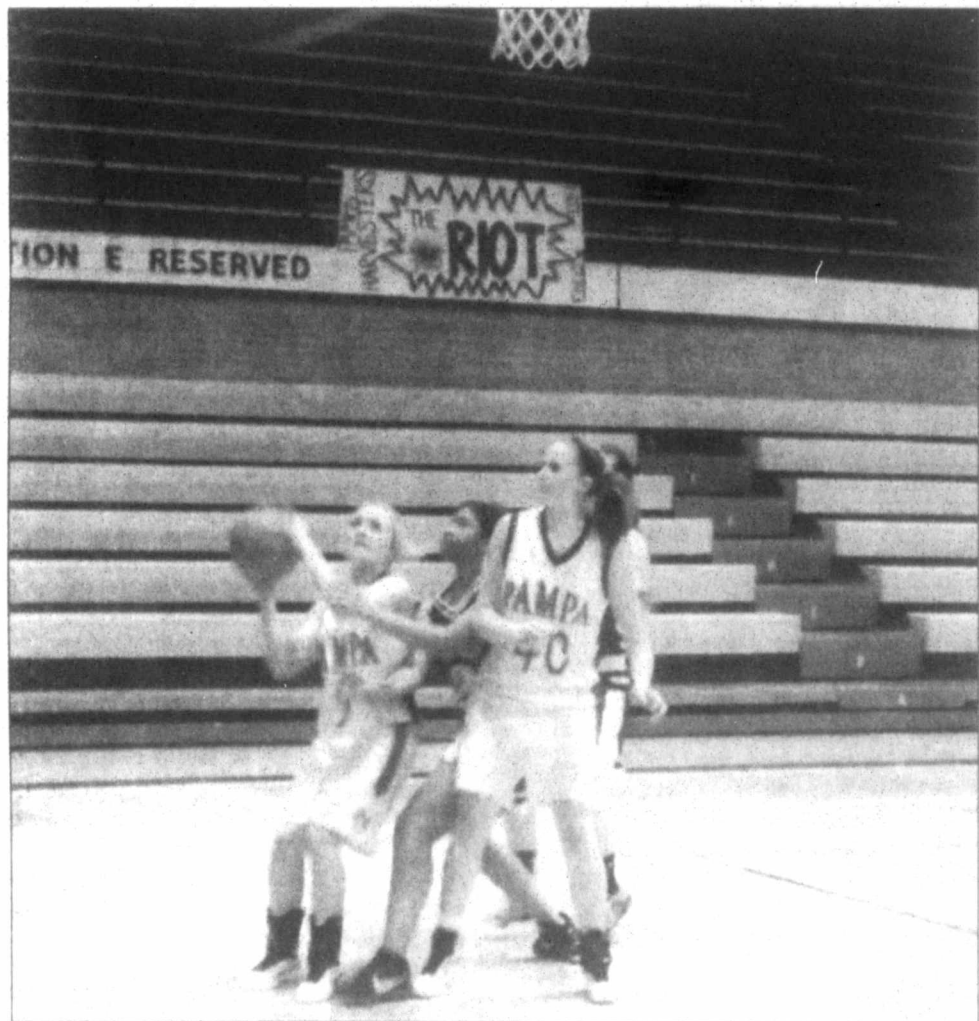
The Lady Harvesters (1-11) host Shallowater 5 p.m. Friday. Valentine said it will be a good test and could be a play-off preview.

"They are good and have been successful for a number of years," Valentine said. "They will try to full court trap us. I still feel like we are good enough to get into the half court it's just knocking our shots down."



staff photo by Emily Hart

Elizabeth Terry brings the ball up court for the Lady Harvesters in the second half Tuesday. Terry scored two points in Pampa's 58-32 loss to Amarillo High.



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Francheska Birdwell attempts a first quarter layup against Amarillo High Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. The junior varsity lost 61-18 and play in the River Road Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

## Seventh grade boys start 3-1

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

The Pampa Jr. High boys seventh grade Green Team has gotten off to a fast 3-1 start. The Green team kicked off the basketball season with a 43-38 victory over Dumas November 18 on the Demons home court. Pampa had 11 assisted baskets, 31 rebounds and 14 steals, though they also turned the ball over 12 times. Cade Engle led the team with 18 points, 5 assists and 6 steals. Colton Thompson was big on the boards pulling down 7 rebounds and tossing in 9 points. Marcheon Hair added 6 points. Adam Zuniga had 4 points and 4 assists. Solon Wilson, Bryson Burrell and Cameron Scott each tossed in 2 points.

Pampa was on its home court when Plainview gave the boys their first and only loss on the year by a score of 52-42 November 22. Pampa got out of the blocks quick, but could not build on an 11-10 first quarter lead.

Engle led Pampa with 22 points and 4 assists, but that was not enough. The boys turned the ball over 34 times with 30 of those turnovers coming in the second and third quarters. Hair, Zuniga and Thompson each scored 6 points. Josh DeLoach added 2 points and Thompson once again led the team in rebounds with 8.

Pampa traveled to Perryton November 29, where they came away with a 46-36

victory in their third game. Pampa had 6 assisted baskets, 25 rebounds, 17 steals and cut their turnovers down to 20. Engle led the team with 21 points, 4 assists and 9 steals. Zuniga was big on the glass with 8 rebounds, 4 points and 1 assist. Rhett Harden had 6 points, Hair added 5 points and DeLoach dropped in 4 points. Thompson and Burrell had 2 points each and Wilson added a free throw.

Pampa used the home court advantage to stifle Canyon with suffocating defense in a 42-31 win on Monday night. Pampa had 9 assisted baskets, 10 rebounds, 13 steals and 12 turnovers to show continued improvement from each and every player. Engle once again led the team with 20 points, 6 steals and 3 assists. Thompson was tough in the paint against a much bigger Canyon team pulling down 4 rebounds and dishing out 3 assists. Hair had 10 points, 2 assists and 2 rebounds. Zuniga and Wilson each added 4 points and 2 rebounds, Zuniga also had 1 assist. Scott and Harden rounded out the scoring for Pampa with 2 points each.

Pampa's seventh grade boys basketball team will travel to Perryton Thursday and Saturday this week to compete in a seventh grade tournament. The tournament will feature teams from Dumas, Perryton, Dalhart, Borger and Pampa.

### Quick Summary

Amarillo High Lady Sandies 58, Pampa Lady Harvesters 32

Records: Amarillo High (9-5), Pampa (1-11)

It was over when: The Lady Sandies went on a 25-0 run midway through the second quarter till the last two minutes of the third.

Game ball goes to: Alexis Dawn, Jr. Amarillo High. Dawn scored 15 points to lead the Lady Sandies in scoring. Dawn was a force on defense to, getting several steals.

Pampa Game ball goes to: Taylor Morgan, So. Morgan had a breakout game scoring 11 points off the bench to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring. Morgan was very aggressive with the ball.

Stat of the game: 20-5. The Lady Sandies made 20 two-point field goals compared to the Lady Harvesters' five.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Amarillo	10	22	19	7	58
Pampa	10	4	8	10	32

### Stat Leaders

Scoring: AHS-Alexis Dawn 15, Krista Strange 14, Elizabeth McDaniels 9. PHS-Taylor Morgan 11, Kirsten Kuhn 7, Kailyn Troxell 5.

Rebounds: AHS-Elizabeth McDaniels 8, Blair Gossett 6. PHS-Kailyn Troxell 5, Delaney Clendening 4.

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