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County OKs design of new terminal

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County commissioners approved the design of the future terminal building at Perry Lefors Airport during their meeting Monday morning at the Gray County Courthouse.

The building, estimated to cost \$600,000, will be a larger and more modern facility than the current terminal, and will include a private lounge, conference room and a larger area for flight planning. The county received a \$300,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Facilities Grant Program, as well as \$300,000 from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC). Any additional costs for the project, which is expected to begin in March, will be absorbed by the county.

Commissioners approved a policy regarding road use, to be used when companies transport goods for construction or manufacturing projects that exceed the capacity of county roads and bridges. Most county roads and bridges can handle weight of up to 80,000 pounds unless marked, but the county anticipates loads over that amount to come through the area.

Companies that exceed the weight capacity of county roads and bridges will be required to provide surety bonds to the county, and will be held liable for any damage they may cause to roadways.

Commissioners heard a presentation from PEDC Executive Director Clay Rice and Dr. Mark Ford on the prospective expansion of Ford's practice into **COUNTY** cont. on page 12

BNSF: Another week for overpass repair

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The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company is projecting one more week for the repair of the rail overpass crossing State Hwy. 70 (Hobart Street).

According to public information officer Paul Braun of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, representatives from BNSF said that there was more extensive

damage to the overpass than they had previously thought.

"It's going to take until Wednesday or Thursday (of next week)," said Braun. "Weather permitting."

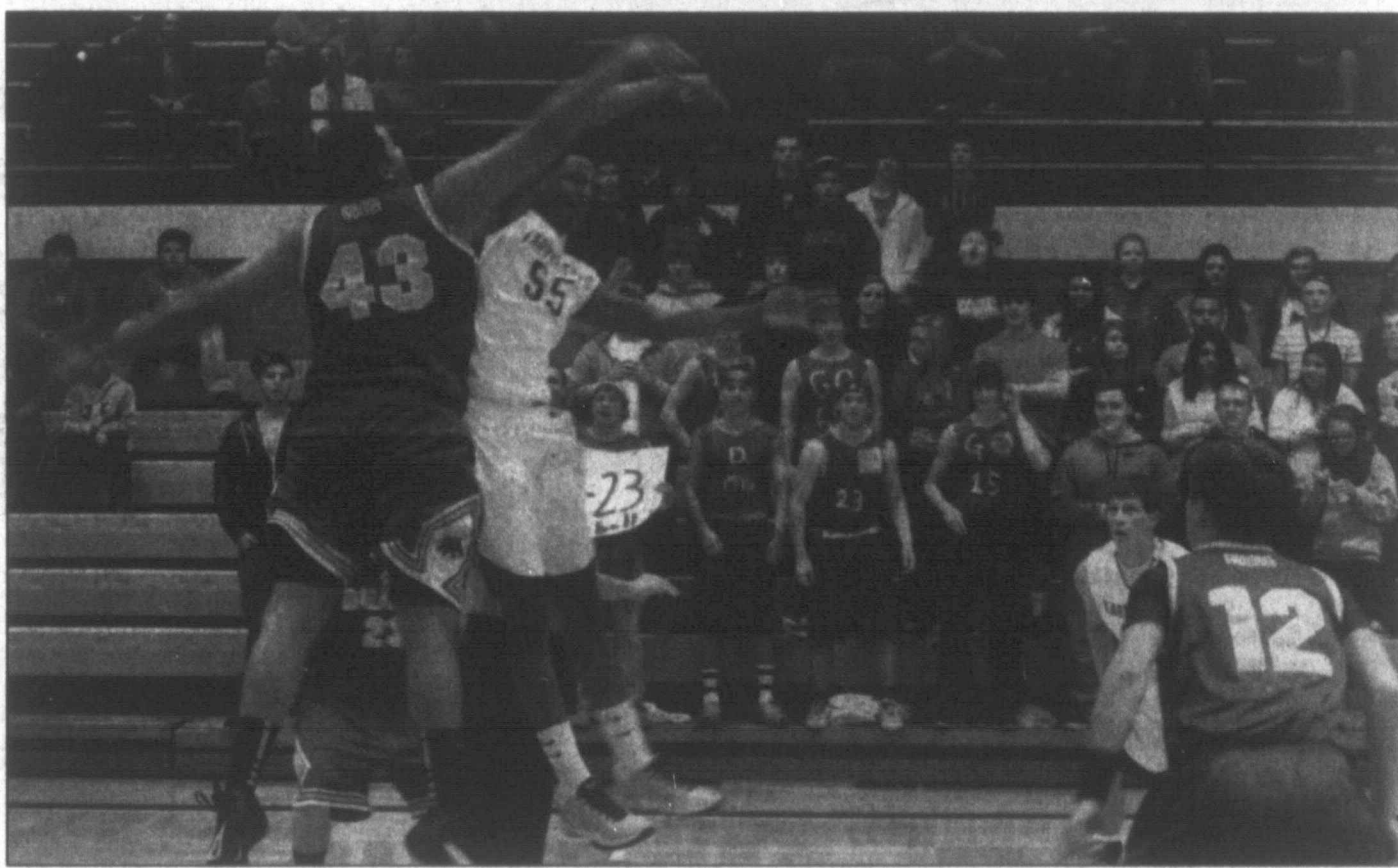
Braun said that BNSF did not go into detail about the location or severity of the damage to the overpass. He also reiterated that TxDOT itself is not responsible for the repairs on the bridge, only the closure of the road underneath it.

The overpass initially sustained dam-

age after being struck by an over-height vehicle on Friday, Jan. 6. Over that weekend, BNSF engineers determined that the bridge needed repairs and requested that the north and southbound lanes of State Hwy. 70 be closed until those repairs were complete. The closure of roadway went into effect on Sunday, Jan. 8.

BNSF originally forecast that repairs to the structure would take about two weeks. The company did not immediately return a call for comment.

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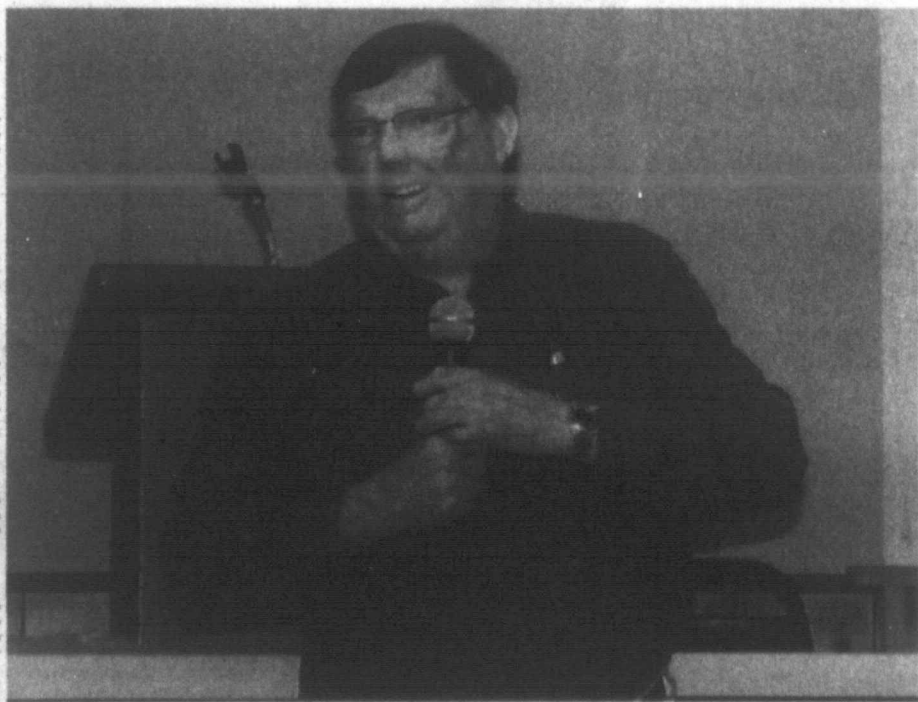


staff photo by Joe Murray

Pampa junior Derrek Pollard battles Dalhart's James Harris for the tip in overtime. The Harvesters let a late lead slip and lost 55-47 in the district opener Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Full Story in **SPORTS**, page 9.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

SURVIVOR STORY



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Brad Livingston smiles as he speaks at yesterday's Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In 1991, Livingston survived a workplace accident, and he now speaks about his recovery experience and workplace safety.

Twenty-two people indicted by Gray County grand jury

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A Gray County Grand Jury returned 22 indictments against 21 people this month. Fifteen of the indictments were for drug related charges.

Matthew Riley Archibald, 34, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. Bond for Archibald was set at \$10,000.

Samuel Lee Bowers, 37, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram, in connection with a September 2011 arrest. Bond for Bowers was set at \$3,500.

Brandon Lynn Boyd, 26, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age, in connection with a July 2011 incident. Bond for Boyd was set at \$5,000.

Brandi Carol Brewer, 38, was indicted

on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams, in connection with a July 2011 incident. Bond for Brewer was set at \$5,000.

Krissy Lee Dennis, 46, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams, in connection with an August 2011 arrest. Bond for Dennis was set at \$25,000.

Robert Earl Franz, 63, was indicted on a charge of indecency with a child involving sexual contact, in connection with an October 2011 incident. Bond for Franz was set at \$20,000.

Robert Eugene Humphrey Jr., 43, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana in an amount greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. This charge was enhanced by a November 1987 conviction for involuntary

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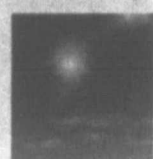
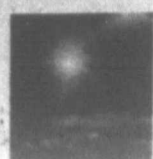
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 56 Low 34	High 58 Low 36	High 57 Low 29

Today: Sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 6 and 16 early. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South-southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

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Obituaries

Billie Jo Odell Steele, 52

Billie Jo Odell Steele, 52, died January 15, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Fellowship Baptist Church, with Pastor Joel Osborne, and Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of CrossPointe Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Steele was born October 23, 1959, in Pampa. She was a graduate of Pampa High School and later attended cosmetology school. After graduating from cosmetology school, she worked for A Cut Above. In 1982, Billie Jo received a kidney transplant from her father. In April of



Steele

2001, she received her second kidney transplant. She married David Steele on November 28, 1991 in Pampa. She was a good wife, mother, sister and aunt.

Survivors include her husband, David Steele, of the home; son, David Lee Steele II of Watsonville, Calif.; a sister, Leanna Cowan and husband Danny of Pampa; a brother, Jimmy Odell and wife Ella of Romana, Okla.; mother-in-law, Pat Steele of Lefors; two nephews, Gabriel Cowan and Daniel Odell and children, all of Pampa; four nieces, Raecanna Humphrey and husband Jon, Teddi Cowan, Trysten Plunk and Chloe Allen, all of Pampa; two great-nieces, Bridgette Humphrey of Pampa and Jessica Cowan of Houston; a great-nephew, Jaydin Elkins of Pampa, and numerous cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Claudine Odell; her father-in-law, David Lee Steele; a nephew, Douglas Odell; and a great-nephew.

Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation, Amarillo District, 801 S. Fillmore, Amarillo, TX 79101, or Amarillo SPCA, 11901 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79119.

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

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Monday, January 16 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 87 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 19 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department, the Lefors Volunteer EMS and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to 14 medical calls.

Friday, January 13

A hit and run occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

Fraud was reported.

An accident was reported.

Domestic disturbances occurred at the 800 block of East Scott and the 400 block of South Graham.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 400 block of North Carr.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of Sunset.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West Harvester.

Saturday, January 14

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of West Harlem.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of South Garland.

A missing person was reported at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1900 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1800 block of North Coffee.

Criminal mischief occurred at 18th and Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1600 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of Terry.

A burglary occurred at the 2500 block of North Rosewood.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 100 block of East Foster, the 400 block of North Magnolia and the intersection of Brown and Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of West 30th.

A burglary occurred at the 900 block of East Denver.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the junction of

Wilcox and Crawford.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2500 block of North Christine.

A burglary occurred at the 1700 block of North Evergreen.

An accident occurred at Foster and Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2500 block of Perryton.

A suspicious person was reported at Lefors and Kentucky.

Sunday, January 15

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 200 block of Tignor.

A suspicious person was reported at Alcock and Davis.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2200 block of North Hamilton.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of North Ballard.

An assault occurred at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of South Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1400 block of West Bond.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner, the 200 block of East Browning and the 800 block of South Huff.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and

Red Deer.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Scott.

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

Suspicious persons were reported at the 800 block of East Browning and the 300 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2500 block of Perryton.

Monday, January 16

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Neel.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 1800 block of West Harvester and the 900 block of East Francis.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, January 16 at 7 a.m.

Friday, January 13

Alfredo Aviles Benitez, 17, was arrested by police for capias pro fine times three.

Brian Lane Sealman, 29, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, January 14

John Eric Allen, 43, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Jose Inez Muro Sosa, 36, was arrested by police for capias pro fine times two.

Dezi Joe Contreras, 23, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana, failure to appear in court, minor in possession of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and no driver's license.

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Perry prays for Obama

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is taking a pause from partisan campaigning in South Carolina to pray for President Barack Obama's safety and wisdom.

Perry spoke Tuesday night at a large prayer gathering called "The Response" in Greenville, S.C. He made no direct mention of the GOP presidential contest or of Saturday's primary during his 10 minutes on stage.

Perry led a prayer in which he asked God to grant safety to "our president" and his family. He also said that "we pray that you light his way" in dealing with national issues.

Perry walked on stage without being introduced. Some in the audience seemed surprised to see him although his campaign had announced his plans earlier.

Perry led a huge rally last year in Houston to pray for America.

More wildfire charges for man

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Additional charges have been filed against a man in connection with a Texas Panhandle wildfire that destroyed more than 25,000 acres.

Austin Lynn Stephens was charged with two counts of deadly conduct and one count of criminal mischief. The Amarillo Globe-News reports the 53-year-old was arrested Monday.

State law defines deadly conduct as someone who recklessly places another person in imminent danger of serious bodily injury.

If convicted of the misdemeanors, Stephens faces up to a year in jail. It's unclear if he has an attorney.

Potter County authorities say he was cutting pipe in a field before the fire broke out last February in the Amarillo area. That day Stephens was charged with criminal trespassing.

The fire destroyed about three dozen homes and a kennel, killing some animals.

Paul leaves campaign to vote

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Ron Paul is stepping off the presidential campaign trail to vote against raising the federal debt ceiling.

The Texas congressman will fly to Washington early Wednesday. He planned to return to South Carolina on Thursday morning, two days before the state's first-in-the-South primary.

Paul has made concern over the federal debt and government spending the central tenet of his candidacy. He says he would trim \$1 trillion from the federal budget in his first year as president and has called for steep cuts to military and overseas spending.

His message has found traction in the presidential contest. He placed second in the New Hampshire primary last week.

Paul's campaign says his vote against the debt ceiling increase would signal what it called "displeasure at the spendthrift habits of the administration."

Abbott has \$12M in war chest

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott ended last year with more than \$12 million in his political war chest, considerable funds he could use to run for governor in 2014.

Abbott said in a filing with the Texas Ethics Commission on Tuesday that he raised more than \$2 million between July and December of 2011. That brought his campaign coffers to nearly \$12.04 million.

The Republican is often mentioned as a possible successor to Gov. Rick Perry, who was elected to his third full term in 2010 but whose campaign for the Republican presidential nomination is now struggling to stay afloat.

Abbott is a former Texas Supreme Court justice who has been attorney general since 2002. He didn't face a serious re-election challenge in 2010, allowing him to stockpile campaign funds.

Deadly ticks intercepted

LAREDO (AP) — Customs officials say they recently intercepted a "significant" number of ticks that carry diseases potentially fatal to cattle on a deer hide being transported from Mexico.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Tuesday the discovery of 23 cattle fever ticks was made last week in Laredo. Officials say the hide originating in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, was refused entry to the U.S. and destroyed.

Sidney Aki, the CPS port director in Laredo, said it was the largest number of fever ticks found by agriculture specialists this season.

The ticks can cause what's known as Texas Cattle Fever, which results in slow growth, reduced reproductive ability and death.

Discovery of just one fever tick outside a traditional border-wide quarantine zone in South Texas would be costly in the nation's largest cattle-producing state.

Carjacker loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review an appeal from a 38-year-old man sent to death row for a fatal carjacking nearly 11 years ago in North Texas.

Ronnie Paul Threadgill contended his trial lawyers were deficient and instructions to his jury in 2002 were improper when he was given a death sentence for the slaying of 17-year-old Dexter McDonald in Navarro County, south of Dallas.

Evidence showed McDonald was a passenger in car in April 2001 when Threadgill ran up and began shooting, fatally wounding him in the chest.

One of McDonald's companions got out as Threadgill, an ex-con with multiple convictions, jumped in and began driving away. Witnesses said Threadgill stopped, pulled McDonald out and sped off.

He does not have an execution date.

Porcelain tray was once a messenger

Q: I have enclosed a photo of a porcelain tray that was a wedding gift to an aunt of mine in 1923. I have taken it to several antiques shops and was told in each instance that they had never seen anything like it. Marked on the bottom is the word "Noritake," and it is in pristine condition. My aunt told me the tray was meant to be a "calling card" receiver.

If you can tell me anything about my tray and its approximate value, I will be so grateful.

A: Nippon Toki Kaisha has produced Noritake Porcelain in Japan since 1904. Leaving a printed calling card on a tray was a Victorian Era ritual that was extremely popular in the mid 1800s and early 1900s. A lady would make her rounds visiting friends and present her personal card to the butler. He would then place it on a special tray that sat on a stand in the entryway. The tray was taken to the lady of the house and she would decide if the visit was convenient. Also, if no one was home, a card was left so it was known who had come calling. By the 1920s, the custom was waning.

Your circa 1923 calling card tray decorated with a duck is unusual and very collectible. Similar Noritake porcelain figural trays and dishes can be found selling from \$125 to \$225.

Q: I have enclosed the mark I found on the bottom of a lovely china pitcher that was given to me about 10 years ago as a gift. It stands around 6 inches tall and is decorated with horses, hunters and dogs. The handle is in the shape of a dog.

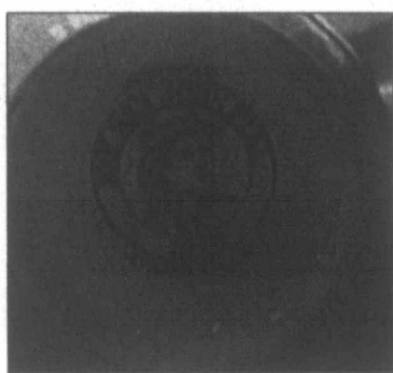
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Noritake Porcelain has been made since 1904.

A: Your pitcher was made by Wedgwood in Etruria, England. The words "D'ye Ken John Peel" mean "Do You Know John Peel?"



Wedgwood pitcher was made in the early 1900s.

"Ken" is a word from a regional dialect from Scotland and Northern England for the word "know." The saying was based on a 18th century British folksong about John Peel, a hunter and a farmer. There are also examples of your pitcher in several different sizes and decorated with colors and gold trim.

Your pitcher was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$100 to \$150.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Texas defends district map at hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney and a Texas state representative argued Tuesday that Democrats and minority groups had ample time to weigh in on redistricting maps drawn by the Republican-dominated state Legislature that are now being challenged in federal court.

A panel of three federal judges in Washington is holding a two-week hearing to determine whether Texas lawmakers violated the federal Voting Rights Act when they redrew maps of the state's legislative and congressional voting districts this year.

"There's partisanship in Texas ... but Democratic members had enormous influence" on the maps, Adam Mortara, an attorney for the state, said during opening remarks.

Districts are redrawn every 10 years to reflect population changes recorded by the Census. But under the Voting

Rights Act, Texas is one of nine states where new maps must get pre-clearance from the Justice Department because of a past history of discrimination.

The department, along with some Democrats and minority groups, are challenging the new maps, saying they don't adequately distribute political power among the state's Latinos and African-Americans.

State Rep. Todd Hunter, a Republican who sits on the Legislature's redistricting committee, testified Tuesday that there was "a concerted effort make sure both parties were involved" in drawing the new districts.

"Part of my role was to go around the state and make sure people had input," Hunter said.

He said no one expressed misgivings with the plan to him in person.

"I want the court to know that nobody took one effort to visit with me

personally," he said.

Justice Department attorney Dan Freeman pressed Hunter during cross examination about how big a role he actually played in drawing the map. Freeman cited an earlier deposition from Hunter, noted that the representative did not initially recognize his own district in a redrawn map.

Hunter responded that he was involved and again told the court no one came to him with complaints while the map was being crafted by the Legislature.

Testimony was continuing Tuesday and could include dozens of witnesses during the next two weeks.

The Supreme Court last week heard separate arguments about alternative maps that were drawn on interim basis by a different federal court in San Antonio, after the Justice Department did not pre-clear the Legislature's maps. Texas has argued that the San Antonio

court's maps shouldn't be used in primary elections in the state now scheduled for April 3.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2012. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1871, William I of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor in Versailles, France.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles, France.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad. (It was another year before the siege was fully lifted.) A wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business. Former New York congressman Hamilton Fish Sr. died in Cold Spring, N.Y., at age 102.

Ten years ago: 1970's radical-turned-suburban mother Sara Jane Olson (formerly Kathleen Soliah) was sentenced in Los Angeles to 20 years to life in prison for plotting to blow up a pair of police cars 27 years earlier. (Olson was paroled in March 2009.)

Five years ago: Truck driver Tyrone Williams was spared the death penalty and sentenced by a federal court in Houston to life in prison for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed in a sweltering tractor-trailer.

One year ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 79. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 74. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 71. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 59. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 57. Country singer Mark Collie is 56. Actress Jane Horrocks is 48. Comedian Dave Attell is 47. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 43. Rapper DJ Quik is 42. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 41. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 39. NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 39. Actor Derek Richardson is 36. Actor Jason Segel is 32. Actress Samantha Mumba is 29. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook ("American Idol") is 28.

Thought for Today: "Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbours." — Rudyard Kipling, British author and poet (born 1865, died this date in 1936).



Fact check: Distortions in GOP debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney ignored the most significant expansion of trade ties in nearly two decades when he accused the Obama administration Monday night of doing nothing to open new markets. Rick Santorum claimed to be taking purely the high road in campaign ads even as a new one from him veered from that path.

Newt Gingrich mischaracterized the Chilean retirement system that he favors as a partial model for the United States, declaring that the system of private accounts is voluntary when it's not.

So it went in the latest Republican presidential debate as the candidates took shortcuts with complex realities and committed some outright distortions. A look at some of the claims and how they compare with the facts:

ROMNEY: "This president has opened up no new markets for American goods around the world in his three years, even as European nations and China have opened up 44."

THE FACTS: Actually, Obama revived Bush-administration-era free-trade pacts with South Korea, Panama and Colombia, all passed by Congress in October, in the biggest round of trade liberalization since the North American Free Trade Agreement and other pacts of that era.

In particular, the agreement with South Korea is designed to break down barriers between the United States and the world's 15th-largest economy. The South Korea deal has the potential to create as many as 280,000 American jobs, according to a recent assessment by the staff of the U.S. International Trade Commission, and to boost exports by more than \$12 billion.

Obama also, on a recent trip to Asia, endorsed an Asia-Pacific free-trade pact that would also boost U.S. exports to Asia. With economies weak, the benefits of freer trade may not be immediate but Romney was incorrect to say President Barack Obama has opened "no new markets."

SANTORUM: "My ads have been positive. The only ad that I've ever put up has contrasted myself with the other candidates, and does so in a way talking about issues."

THE FACTS: Santorum is coming out with an ad this week accusing Romney of being "just like Obama" and saying Romney "once bragged he's even more liberal than Ted Kennedy on social issues," two negative assertions that go beyond a mere look at issues.

As a Massachusetts senate candidate in 1994, Romney wrote to a group of gay Republicans that outlined a plan to do better than Kennedy to make "equality for gays and lesbians a mainstream concern." But that's not bragging about liberalism, and Romney is hardly more liberal than the late senator — or Obama — on social issues. Romney, for example, supports a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Santorum has, in fact, stayed positive in the campaign but the new ad is a departure from that.

GINGRICH on Chile's system of private retirement accounts: "First of all, it's totally voluntary. If you want to stay in the current system, stay in it. If you are younger and you want to go and take a personal savings account, which would be a Social Security savings account, you can take it."

THE FACTS: There is nothing voluntary about Chile's system. It requires that all workers contribute 10 percent of their salaries to private pension plans, plus other fees for insurance, instead of a government program like Social Security.

Workers had a choice when Chile created the private pensions in 1981 but after that phase-in, all new employees have been required to contribute 10 percent of their first \$33,360 in annual wages, choosing among five funds whose investments range from safe bonds to riskier stocks.

The Chile model was also a favorite of Herman Cain when he was in the Republican race. He, too,

mischaracterized the system as optional.

ROMNEY: "We invested in well over 100 different businesses. And the people have looked at the places that have added jobs and lost jobs and that record is pretty much available for people to take a close look at."

THE FACTS: Romney's record as a venture capitalist at Bain Capital has been presented by his campaign highly selectively; namely, by detailing several big success stories and ignoring the job losses that resulted from Bain-owned plants and companies that closed or shrank their workforce.

His overall record is not even close to being known, because it is so complex. Many of the companies are private, without the public disclosure requirements that big corporations have, and his campaign has not released details.

Under scrutiny, Romney has stepped back from claiming that he created more than 100,000 jobs overall with his Bain investments. That claim was never substantiated. In the debate, he named four, successful investments in companies that now — a decade after he left Bain — employ about 120,000 people, a more measured and accurate statement, but one that still does not account for losses elsewhere.

GINGRICH: "More people have been put on food stamps by Barack Obama than any president in American history."

THE FACTS: It's gotten easier to qualify for food stamps in the past decade but that is because of measures taken before Obama became president.

It's true that the number of people on food stamps is now at a record level. That's due mainly to the ailing economy, which Republicans blame on Obama, as well as rising food costs.

The worst downturn since the Great Depression wiped out 8.7 million jobs, pushed the unemployment rate to a peak of 10 percent in October 2009 and increased poverty.

More than 46.2 million people were on food stamps in October 2011, down slightly from a record 46.3 million in September. That's up from fewer than 31 million people three years earlier.

Eligibility rules were relaxed in 2002 and 2008 during the Bush administration. Obama's stimulus package, passed in February 2009, relaxed the program's work requirements through September 2010.

ROMNEY: "Three years into office, he doesn't have a jobs plan."

FACT CHECK: Like them or not, Obama has proposed several plans intended to spur the economy and create jobs. The most well-known was his stimulus plan, introduced in February 2009, which included about \$800 billion in tax cuts and spending.

At the end of 2010, Obama struck a deal with GOP congressional leaders on a package intended to stimulate hiring and growth. The deal cut the Social Security payroll tax, which provided about an extra \$1,000 a year to an average family. It also extended an unemployment benefits program that provided up to 99 weeks of aid.

And in September, Obama introduced his most recent jobs plan, rolling it out in a speech to the full Congress in which he urged Congress to "pass it right away." It included \$450 billion in tax cuts and new spending, including greater cuts to payroll taxes and tax breaks for companies that hire those who've been out of work for six months or more. Almost none of it has been passed into law.

GINGRICH: Romney "raised taxes."

ROMNEY: "We reduced taxes 19 times."

THE FACTS: Both assertions were basically true, though decidedly one-sided.

Romney largely held the line on tax increases but there were notable exceptions. The state raised business taxes by \$140 million in one year with measures mostly recommended by Romney. As well, the Republican governor and Democratic lawmakers raised hundreds of millions of dollars from higher fees and fines — taxation by another name. Romney himself proposed raising nearly \$60 million by creating 33 new fees and increasing 57 others. Romney won praise from anti-tax advocates by firmly backing income tax cuts — and criticism over the business taxes and fees.

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COMMUNITYcalendar

Tonight

- Bariatric Support - PRMC Hospital Cafeteria. 7pm. (3rd Tues of each month)
- Pampa Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon, noon in the M.K. Brown room of the Chamber building. Speaker will be Brad Livingston on workplace safety.
- Tea and Talk, a bookclub sponsored by Lovett Memorial Library Wednesday, Jan. 18
- Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber office.
- Thursday, Jan. 19
- Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, Jan. 20
- Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

- Jam night at the Woody Guthrie Music Center, 6:30 p.m. All instruments welcome.
- Saturday, Jan. 21
- Gray County Livestock Show at the Rodeo Grounds. Monday, Jan. 23
- Gray County Sale at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Tuesday, Jan. 24
- Cancer Support Group - PRMC 2nd Floor Classroom. 6:30-8 pm. Led by Dietitian Cynthia Ackley. (4th Tues of each month)
- Wednesday, Jan. 25
- Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber office.
- Thursday, Jan. 26
- Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.
- Pampa Police Dept. community meeting concern-

- ing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Chamber of Commerce building, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 27
- Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31
- Cajun Dinner fundraiser in PHS commons, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 1
- The Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

If your nonprofit or community organization has an upcoming meeting or event, submit it to The Pampa News Community Calendar at least one week in advance by e-mailing to rpribble@thepampanews.com.

PUBLIC MEETING agendas

Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees

7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, Pampa High School Library

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below.

Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

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32 hospitalized in school bus crash

TEMPLE (AP) — A tractor-trailer clipped a school bus full of students Tuesday, flipping the bus onto its side and sending 32 people — 29 of them children — to a central Texas hospital. Police said a 9-year-old boy was ejected through the escape hatch in the bus roof, and the bus driver was knocked unconscious.

The accident occurred about 7:30 a.m. on Farm-to-Market Road 93 on the southeastern outskirts of Temple, about 60 miles northeast of Austin. Trooper Harpin Myers of the Texas Department of Public Safety said a hardware truck apparently ran a stop sign when it hit the Academy school district bus. Conditions were foggy, but it was unclear whether that factored into the crash, Myers said.

Three of the 29 children being treated were admitted to the hospital, one in critical condition, while the other 26 were discharged, said Katherine Voss, a spokeswoman for the Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple. Academy school Superintendent Kevin Sprinkles said the three were expected to recover, although "they all face a long road" to recovery.

The bus driver also was listed in critical condition, but both of the other adults, including the truck driver, were treated and discharged, Voss said.

Sprinkles said the bus was carrying about 38 children from all grade levels and was on its way to drop students off at the first of three school locations when the crash happened.

Christina Mendoza said she was driving to work when she came upon the accident scene and stopped to help.

"There was a bunch of little ones all scraped up, and they were all alone," she told the Temple Daily Telegram.

Mendoza said she has teenage children who usually take the bus but they did not on Tuesday.

Counselors were to be available for students at the Academy schools on Wednesday, Sprinkles said.

Volunteer firefighters feel funding cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Budget cuts that have reduced annual state grants for volunteer firefighters by almost three-fourths since 2009 had "a huge impact" on authorities' ability to fight last year's record-setting wave of wildfires, the director of the Texas Forest Service told lawmakers Tuesday.

Testifying before the Texas Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, Tom Boggus said yearly grants to volunteer firefighters have fallen from \$25 million as recently as the 2009 state budget cycle to \$7 million today.

"It's a huge impact," he said, adding that volunteers, "are the backbone. They're the first line of defense."

While their ranks are highly fluid due to heavy turnover, Texas has about 35,000 volunteer firefighters who respond to most wildfires, Boggus said.

"They're there every time that there's smoke in the air," he said.

When pressed by senators about the effects of the loss of funding, Boggus said authorities have ensured that state money for training and protective gear for volunteers has remained stable. They've absorbed the budget cuts by cutting back on equipment — which can even mean things like replacing worn tires on fire trucks.

He said despite the cutbacks, 41,000 volunteers have been sent to training sessions and officials have provided nearly 58,000 sets of protective gear.

"That's what we must

maintain," Boggus said. "Because they've got to be trained and they've got to be safe."

Some 26,000 fires across Texas since December 2010 have burned more than 3.9 million acres.

The wildfires that devastated the city of Bastrop, southeast of Austin, and the surrounding county of the same name, were the costliest in Texas history, destroying 1,673 homes and charring 33,000 acres. Boggus said Tuesday that the wildfire is now considered the third worst in U.S. history.

Sen. Tommy Williams, the committee's chairman, asked the Forest Service and Texas National Guard to prepare lists of the equipment and training needed to cope with the coming wildfire season.

"Even though budget times are pretty tight, protecting the public is a high priority," said Williams, R-The Woodlands, "and we want to make sure you have what you need to go forward."

Major Gen. John Nichols of the Texas National Guard told the committee his forces have aided firefighters by dumping nearly 5 million

gallons of water from the air on wildfires statewide since January 2011 and cutting about 162 miles of firebreaks on the ground to help stop fires from spreading.

But he said the flight training to fight fires and

drive bulldozers and conduct other ground activities to clear brush was financed by "fallout money," or federal funds leftover from those provided to the National Guard for military training.

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House GOP's Sessions got discount on loan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Republican campaign chairman, Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, has been notified that he received a discounted mortgage from the former Countrywide Financial Corp.

Sessions' spokeswoman, Torrie Miller, confirmed that the congressman was told that records show he received the discounts through Countrywide's VIP program.

Sessions becomes the fourth House member — and third Republican — whose records were sent to the House Ethics Committee for further investigation. The ethics panel will likely investigate whether the lawmakers received improper gifts and whether they performed any favorable actions for the lender. The four were notified by the House Oversight Committee.

Two of the Republicans play prominent roles: Sessions, as the person responsible for Republican efforts to maintain their

House majority in the November elections and **SESSIONS** cont. on page 7

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Do not worry about tomorrow

The song often plays in my head, "One day at a time Sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking from You—Just give me the strength to do every day what I have to do." Not a bad song; better theology.

Jesus Himself said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

Sometimes it's like that. Today is so heavy, so burdensome, that all we can do is put one step in front of the other; do just what we have to for the moment. We can't concern ourselves with the rest of the process, else we would be overwhelmed. We simply tell ourselves that we will deal with the rest of it tomorrow or the day after or the day after that.

"Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Not exactly the kind of phrase you build a "Prosperity—Healthy, Wealthy, Wise doctrine" on. But it is true. Trouble does not bypass us just because we are Christians. In fact we are told that those who try to, "Live Godly in Jesus Christ will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

Rain falls on the just and the unjust. Trials befall the Godliest among us. It's not IF but WHEN.

The purpose of those harsh days is not to escape them. Death and Heaven is the only out. Instead, the point is to walk through



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them. Walk in integrity. Walk in obedience. Make it one day at a time.

You may be having one of those "One day at a time days." If so, "Do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you"

(1 Peter 4:12).

For we must realize that, "The genuineness of our faith is much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7).

With our face toward the sky and our mind on heaven we march embracing the truth that, "The sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory which is to be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

Johnny Funderburg is the pastor at First Baptist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Zion Lutheran to host head of Siberian Lutheran church

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For the first time in four years, the Zion Lutheran Church will host the head of the Siberian Lutheran Church during its service 6 p.m. Monday.

Reverend Vsevolod Lytkin will be speaking about the effort of spreading the gospel of Christ across Siberia. Zion Lutheran pastor Michael Erickson said his church supports Lytkin's church with mission funds.

"The former Soviet Union tried to eradicate the Christian faith by imprisoning and executing clergy, destroying many churches and by persecuting those who believed," Erickson said. "Now the Church is growing in Siberia and Bishop

Lytkin will inform us on what is going on with the churches he oversees."

Erickson said the church is looking forward to his arrival.

"We are very excited," Erickson said. "It's an honor for him to come again."

Erickson said the congregation has been busy planning for the night.

"We have been planning the evening," Erickson said. "We are housing (Lytkin) and others in his traveling party for the night. Then, they will go to another congregation the next day."

There will be a dinner following the service. People can RSVP by calling the church at 669-2774. Zion Lutheran is located on the 1200 block of Duncan Street.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Look back on 'the good ole days'

The world as it was in 1900, a mere 112 years ago:

The life expectancy average in the United States was 47.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York cost \$11.

There were only 8,000 cars in the United States and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 miles per hour.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

The average wage in the United States was 22 cents an hour. The average worker in the United States made between \$200 and \$400



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dollars per year.

So much for the "good ole days." This year, 2012, is an exciting time to be alive and serving the Lord!

We must constantly check our vision to be effective in our generation. Vision gives us direction for the future. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18). It puts us on God's program and not our own. The last part of Proverbs 29:18 says, "...but he that keepeth the law (God's Word), happy is he." God's vision in our lives helps our dreams become bigger than memories. We can all remember wonderful times of the past, but vision helps us look to God for new things and gets us into action.

I am sure you can look back to some "good ole days," but create some new great days in the Lord in 2012!

David Boulter is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church.

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Appeals court refuses to add Perry to Virginia ballot

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court rejected Rick Perry's last-ditch bid to be placed on Virginia's Republican presidential primary ballot Tuesday, agreeing with a lower court that the Texas governor and three other candidates waited too late to challenge the state's ballot qualifying law.

Perry sued last month after failing to submit enough signatures to get on the March 6 ballot. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman also failed to qualify and joined the lawsuit.

Virginia requires candidates to submit 10,000 voter signatures, including at least 400 from each of the state's 11 congressional districts, to demonstrate that they have enough support to be considered serious contenders. The law also allows only Virginia residents to circulate candidate petitions.

U.S. District Judge John A. Gibney said Friday that while the residency requirement for petition circulators is probably unconstitutional, the candidates waited too long to complain, threatening to disrupt Virginia's electoral process. Perry appealed, but a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with Gibney.

"Movant had every opportunity to challenge the various Virginia ballot requirements at a time when the challenge would not have created the disruption that this last-minute lawsuit has," the panel wrote in a 22-page order.

"If we were to grant the requested relief, we would encourage candidates



Perry

for President who knew the requirements and failed to satisfy them to seek at a tardy and belated hour to change the rules of the game," the judges wrote.

Joseph M. Nixon, an attorney for Perry, said the campaign is weighing its appeal options.

"An orderly ballot access process is important, but of little significance if viable candidates are unconstitutionally kept off the ballot," Nixon said.

Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli said: "I am pleased with the Fourth Circuit ruling and that Virginia's orderly election process will be able to move forward."

Only former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Texas Congressman Ron Paul qualified for the Virginia ballot.

The head of the State Board of Elections testified at a hearing Friday that it would be virtually impossible to add four more names to the ballot and still make a Jan.

21 legal deadline for printing and mailing absentee ballots to overseas and military voters.

The appeals court said Perry knew about Virginia's residency requirement for petition circulators when he announced his candidacy on Aug. 13, and he "had every incentive to challenge the requirement at that time." A successful challenge would have allowed him to maximize the number of people gathering signatures, the court said.

"Nevertheless, he chose to sit on his right to challenge this provision until after he had been denied a place on the ballot," the judges wrote.

Unlike Gibney, the appeals court did not comment on the constitutionality of the residency requirement because Perry's tardiness in bringing the lawsuit was enough to deny his request for a court order adding him to the ballot.

Turkey, State Department react to Perry's terrorist accusation

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — U.S. Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry drew Turkey's ire on Tuesday after suggesting the country is ruled by Islamic terrorists and questioning its NATO membership.

Turkey's Foreign Ministry released a scathing statement saying Perry's comments were "baseless and inappropriate" and that the United States has no time to waste with candidates "who do not even know their allies."

The U.S. State Department also distanced the U.S. government from Perry's remarks late Tuesday.

"We absolutely and fundamentally disagree with that assertion," spokesman Mark Toner said.

Perry, the Texas governor whose candidacy briefly soared when he entered the race in August but whose shine faded after a series of weak debate performances, said Turkey was ruled by "what many would perceive to be Islamic terrorists" and

questioned the country's NATO membership.

In a debate ahead of the South Carolina primaries, he said Turkey was moving "far away from the country that I lived in back in the 1970s as a pilot in the United States Air Force that was our ally, that worked with us."

Turkey, which has assisted NATO in Afghanistan and other missions said it has been at the forefront of the fight against terrorism. It said it was "strongly condemning" Perry's words.

"Turkey joined NATO while the governor was still 2 years old," the statement said. "It is a member that has made important contributions to the trans-Atlantic alliance's conflict-full history. It is among countries that are at the front lines in the fight against terrorism."

Toner described Turkey as a stalwart U.S. ally and security partner within NATO, and said it had made a "very courageous stand" against the crack-down in Syria and was an example of "Islamic

democracy in action."

Turkey has been ruled by a government led by pious Muslims since 2002. Although its ties with Israel have deteriorated, the government has maintained a close relationship with the West while seeking to represent the views of the Muslim world.

Most recently, Turkey began to host NATO's early warning radar system as part of NATO's missile defense system, which is capable of countering ballistic missile threats from Iran.

Perry also said Turkey should not receive foreign aid. While the United States recently deployed four Predator drones to Turkey from Iraq to aid Ankara in its fight against the autonomy-seeking Kurdish rebels, Turkey does not receive U.S. foreign aid.

The Turkish statement said Turkey's leaders were "personalities respected not only in the United States, but in our region and in the world and whose opinions are strongly relied on."

The Turkish statement said Perry's low standings in polls were proof that the Republicans in the U.S. do not endorse his opinions.

"Figures who are candidates for positions that require responsibility, such as the U.S. presidency, should be more knowledgeable about the world and exert more care

with their statement," the Turkish statement said.

The Turkish ambassador to Washington, Namik Tan, said: "We do hope this episode in last night's debate leads to a better informed foreign policy discussion among the Republican Party candidates, one where long-standing allies are treated

with respect not disdain."

Perry did poorly in the first two nominating contests, the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, and needs to do well in South Carolina to keep his candidacy alive.

National polls show him far behind the front-runner, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

NOTICE OF DEFERRED COLLECTION OF CERTAIN TAXES CHAPTER 33, SECTION 33.06 TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE

AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO DEFER COLLECTION OF TAXES OR ABATE A SUIT TO COLLECT A DELINQUENT TAX ASSESSED AGAINST HIS/HER RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD IF HE/SHE IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE RESIDENCE AS HIS HOMESTEAD, TO OBTAIN A DEFERRAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE CHIEF APPRAISER STATING THE FACT THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

TO OBTAIN AN ABATEMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE IN THE COURT IN WHICH SUIT IS PENDING AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

AFFIDAVITS FOR DEFERRAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE. ALL APPLICATIONS AND RENDITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT 815 NORTH SUMNER, PO BOX 836 - PAMPA, TEXAS 79066-0836, PHONE NUMBER 665-0791.

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Sessions

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Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon of California, who has major influence over the defense budget as chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, ranking Democrat on the Oversight Committee, wrote a letter to committee Chairman Darrell Issa, saying documents received by the committee indicate McKeon "obtained a significant discount on his VIP loan as a direct result of personal intervention by Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo."

McKeon spokeswoman Alissa McCurley said: "Mr. McKeon is committed to transparency on this. He believes that the actions of Countrywide should be looked into and wants to get to the bottom of what Countrywide did to his loan 13 years ago."

The others who received discounts are Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., and Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y. All four denied that they were aware of receiving any sweetheart deals from Countrywide.

Miller, the Sessions spokeswoman, said in a statement, "Out of an abundance of caution in managing his personal finances, Congressman Sessions specifically requested that he not be extended any special benefits or treatment from Countrywide."

HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION

The Gray County Appraisal District is concerned that there are still many homeowners that have not filed for their residence homestead exemptions. The Texas Property Tax Code provided for Partial Exemptions from property tax on your home if you own the home and live in it as your principle residence on the first day of January of the tax year. If a person turns 65 during the year or is 65 or older and purchases the home he or she may be eligible immediately. Once a homeowner has applied, he or she need not reapply in subsequent years unless the eligibility changes.

The general homestead exemption is available for homeowners. There is also an additional exemption for those homeowners that are 65 and over or disabled. To qualify for the disability homestead exemption a homeowner must be determined 100% disabled by the Social Security Administration (a letter from the Social Security Administration must accompany the application). The homeowner may qualify for either the "65 and over Exemption" or the "Disability Exemption", but not for both exemptions.

For example, a homeowner 65 years old or older could be eligible for \$10,000 for the 65 and older exemption and \$15,000 for the general homestead exemption for a total of \$25,000 in exemption from the value of their home for school tax purposes.

In addition to homestead exemptions, there is an exemption available to veterans with a qualified service connected disability. This exemption may be applied to any property the taxpayer owns and is based on the percent of service-connected disability as determined by the Veterans Administration (letter from the Veterans Administration must accompany the application). This disabled veteran's exemption is not the same as the "Disability" exemption mentioned above and may be applied in addition to the Homestead exemption for those who qualify.

Many taxpayers may not be aware of special value for qualified Ag land, which is provided for by the Texas Property Code.

Also, those who own their own businesses need to remember to list and render the property owned by their business.

In order to receive exemptions a person must apply at the Gray County Appraisal District offices at 815 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas. For more information call 665-0791.

Taxes for property within the District are paid at the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the Courthouse. The deadline for current taxes is January 31. For information concerning payment options for delinquent taxes you must call the County Tax Office at 669-8020.

The exemptions are a specific amount deducted from the total value of the property. The amounts of each exemption vary according to the type of exemption and the taxing unit offering the exemption. Many property owners may not be aware of what is available and may need to check with the Appraisal District to see that they have taken advantage of exemptions and other benefits that are available to them.

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A new state law requires homeowners applying for a new homestead exemption or applying for a different type of homestead exemption such as a 65 or older or a disability must provide new documentation. The required documents are:

A TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE OR ID CARD

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECEIPT - IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT OWN A VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT UTILITY BILL ALONG WITH A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT INDICATING NON-OWNERSHIP OF A VEHICLE.

THE ADDRESS ON ALL DOCUMENTS MUST MATCH THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION FORM.

If taxpayers have any questions, need application forms or assistance in any way they may contact the Gray County Appraisal District at P.O. Box 836, Pampa, Tx. 79066-0836 or come by the office at 815 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX. 806-665-0791.

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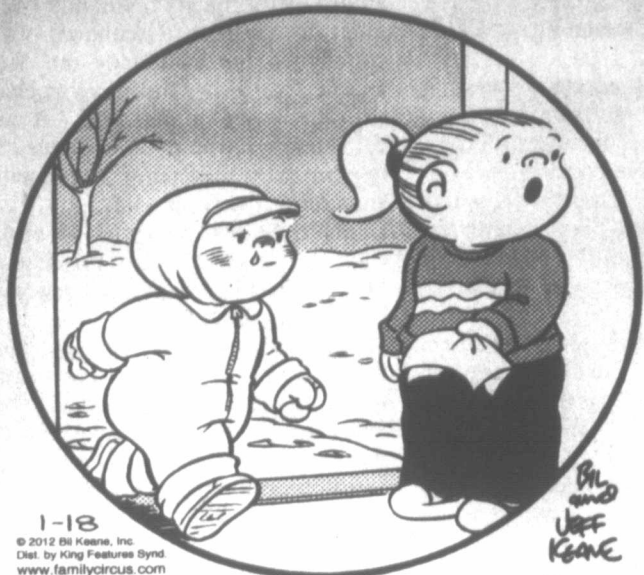
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"Mommy, PJ's nose needs gettin'. Should I do it?"

Non Sequitur

PUNISHING THEM WITH PLAGUES OR FLOODS WAS TOO MESSY, SO NOW HE JUST TELLS A FEW OF THE NUTTIEST ONES TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT



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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012:

This year you choose to keep much of your life hush-hush. At least many of your feelings about what surrounds you will not be known to anyone but you. Being this diplomatic could be problematic, as you could be misunderstood. Do keep your own counsel, yet choose to express yourself. It is important to let others know where you are coming from. If you are single, someone you choose might be withdrawn and secretive. Be careful. If you are attached, share more, and your relationship will bloom. It is how you say what you feel that counts. SAGITTARIUS sees past your defenses.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will tend to go overboard, no matter what your intentions are. You want someone to know that he or she is welcomed and cared about. Nothing can undermine these good feelings, unless the other person is a cynic and cannot accept caring. Tonight: Break past a restriction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink an agreement with a partner or associate, especially as you might feel like something is off. This discussion could be a lot more important than you think. Understand that often you resist the challenging path. Tonight: Go along with a partner's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Be smart and allow someone else to take the lead. You might question what is best. You cannot always be a leader, and allowing someone else to assume the role is wise. This person will have a greater understanding of what you must deal with. Tonight: If you don't feel like doing anything, don't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself, realizing when enough is enough. You could be unusually tired and dragging. You tend to go to extremes emotionally, losing self-discipline with fatigue. Take extra time off, or consider a power nap. Tonight: Make it easy for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Suppressing your imagination is close to impossible. Funnel some creativity into your work, if need be. A flirtation could take on a life of its own. If you are attached, do be careful not to push your limits. Tonight: Charge some of this energy

into fun!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Tension seems to build from within. Whatever you are doing is causing a conflict. Listen to your inner voice, and realign your activities to what suits you. Spending more time at home could be a good long-term goal. Think home office or business. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep communicating the basics about a situation. When you do so in your charming style, the people involved might be more taken in by your style than by your message. Sprinkle in some seriousness, and you will convey your message clearly. Tonight: Break patterns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Indulging a child or loved one could be great fun, but be aware of the costs of such actions, emotionally and financially. Use a little more self-discipline, and the end results could be far more rewarding. Know your limits. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are feeling empowered, and want to help others feel the same. Though you are generous of spirit, others might not be ready to receive it. In fact, a friend could be most negative as he or she attempts to deal with your efforts. Let this person be. Tonight: Only what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Note a tendency to personalize comments. Pull back some, and recognize that everyone's world centers around him or her. With this type of behavior, wounded feelings could trigger easily. On the other hand, someone might be so complimentary that you might not trust him or her. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Manifest your true desires, as others seem willing to help you. Curb spending, even if you think you are on the victory trail. Playing it conservative with finances can never hurt, and could be wise. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You handle responsibilities well, though you could be drained by another's cold exterior. Don't hesitate to ask for the feedback you need. Someone you look up to could be quite demanding, but ultimately it will be worth it, as this person is so good at what he or she does. Tonight: Think "weekend."

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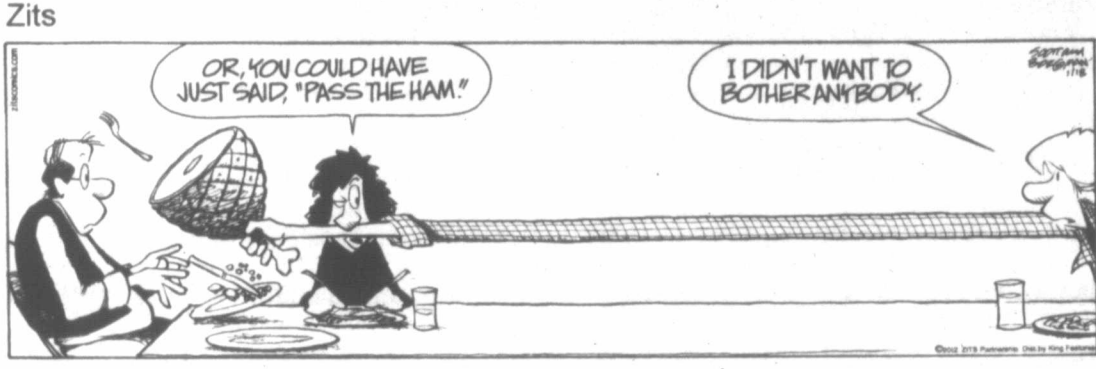
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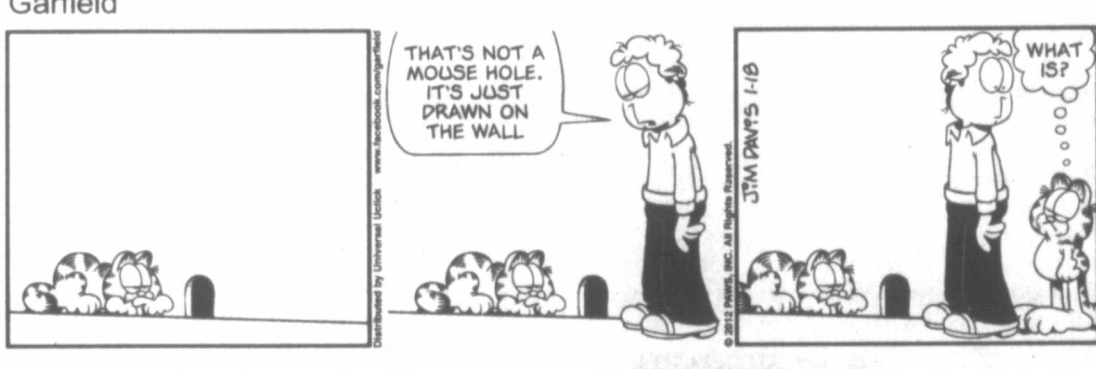
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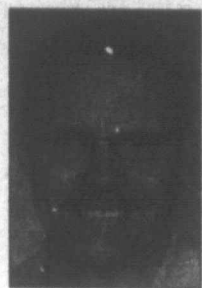


Sports

Offensive struggles leads to loss against Lady Wolves

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Usually when a team forces more turnovers than its opponent, it wins. Tuesday night against the Dalhart Lady Wolves, Pampa wasn't able to take advantage of its opportunities and lost 38-28 at McNeely Fieldhouse.



Valentine

The Lady Harvesters forced 12 turnovers to Dalhart's five in the first half. Head coach Gene Valentine said he is looking for answers on his team's poor shooting.



Clendening

"We are going back to the drawing board tomorrow and are going to do a lot of shooting," Valentine said. "I don't know why we can't hit the shots."

Neither team could score in the first half. The Lady Harvesters settled for jumpers early, and when they did get close looks they couldn't hit. Dalhart got several second chance opportunities but couldn't hit.

Senior Delaney Clendening said Pampa forced shots.

"I think we just get nervous," Clendening

said. "We rushed a lot of shots."

Defensively, Pampa was able to shut down Dalhart's post Jeana Sybesma, not allowing her to make a basket despite her three offensive rebounds. The Lady Harvesters played good help defense, preventing her from getting the ball. The Lady Wolves led 12-9 at halftime.

Valentine said he was pleased with his team's effort on defense but wish they did better offensively.

"I told them our defense is awesome," Valentine said. "We got to figure out how to get the ball in the whole and that's each and every individual."

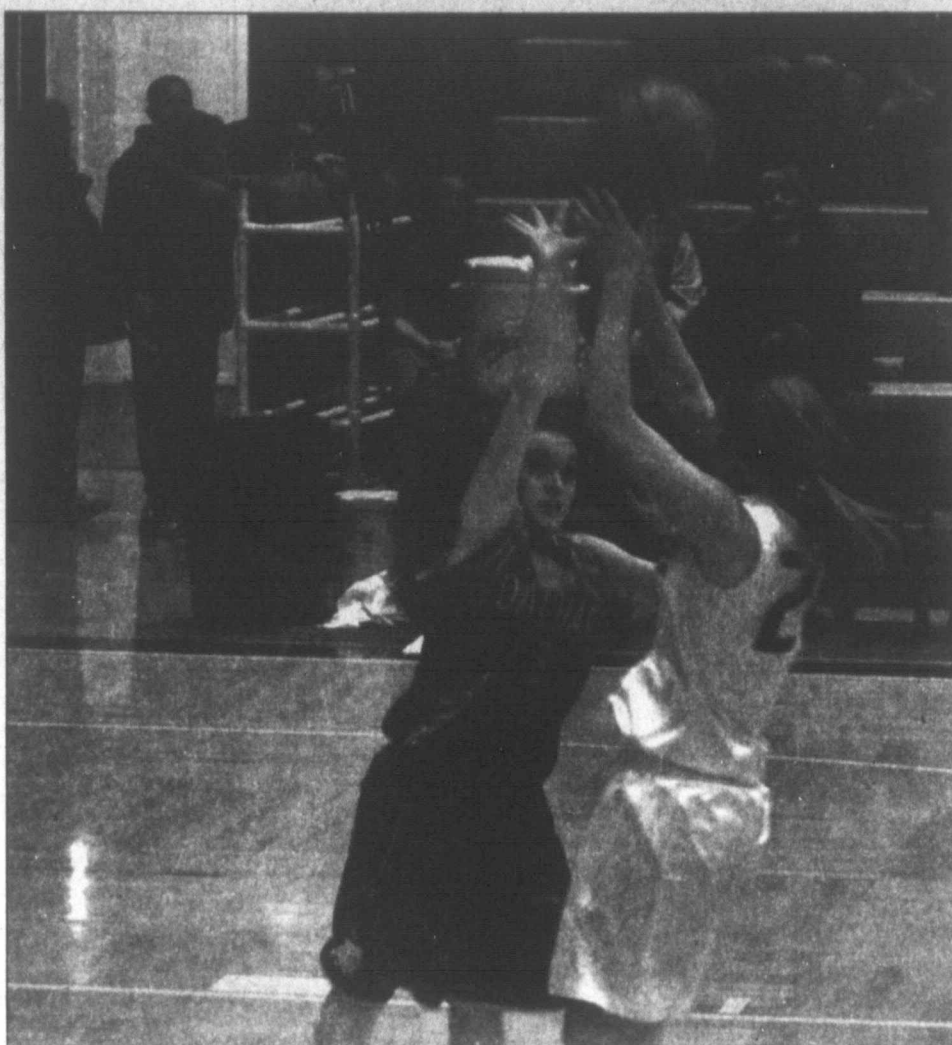
The Lady Wolves opened up their lead in the second half, outscoring the Lady Harvesters 11-3 to start the third. Pampa rallied at the end of the quarter, trailing 23-17 entering the fourth.

Pampa's offense struggled in the fourth and didn't score until 4:27 left in the quarter. The Lady Harvesters didn't get closer than six. Senior Kailyn Troxell led Pampa in scoring with six. Cassidy Lenz led the Lady Wolves in scoring with 10.

The Lady Harvesters (11-12, 1-2) visit Borger 6:00 p.m. Friday. Pampa beat Borger 73-25 in the district opener January 10. Clendening said she is looking forward to that game.

"I got a lot of anger," Clendening said. Valentine said it will be a big game.

"We got to come in (to practice) Wednesday and Thursday with some focus and self evaluation," Valentine said. "We need Friday bad so we can have some confidence when we face Perryton here on Tuesday."

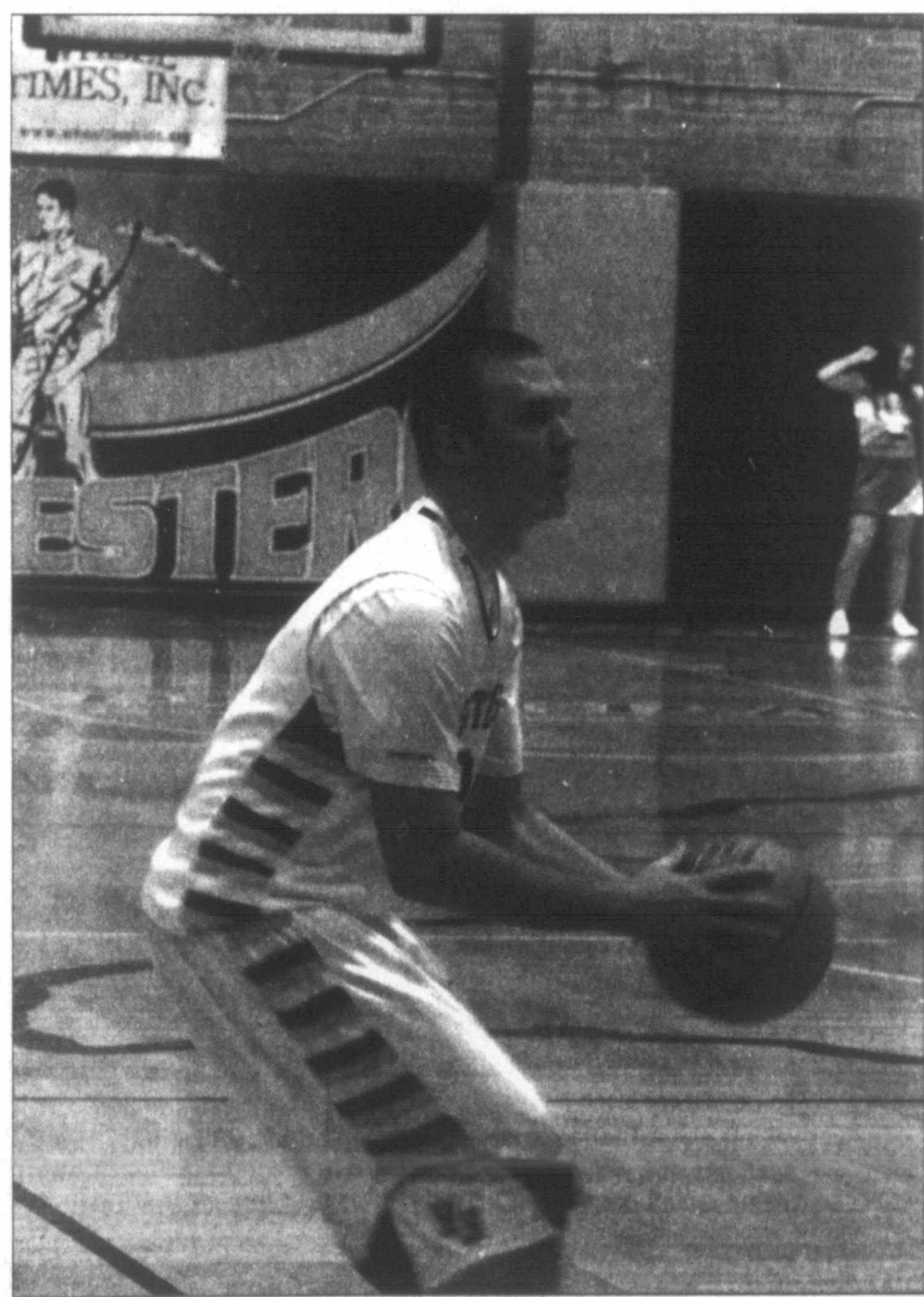


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Senior Delaney Clendening's shot is blocked by Dalhart's Karley White Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters lost 38-28 for a second straight district loss.

Harvesters let fourth quarter lead slip, fall in OT to Wolves

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staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Cole Engle shoots a jumper against Dalhart Tuesday. Engle was the second leading scorer with nine points.

The Pampa Harvesters were in perfect position to win Tuesday's district opener against the Dalhart Wolves. They led by three with less than a minute to go and just had to hold on to the ball.

Dalhart, though, forced a late turnover and hit a last-second jumper to force overtime where it pulled out a 55-47 victory at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Dustin Miller said his key players didn't finish.

"We aren't going to win any games if those guys don't finish like they are capable of."

Senior Latigo Collins said missed layups and free throws hurt them.

"We didn't play like we wanted to," Collins said. "Their intensity was past ours, and that can't happen."

Collins missed six free throws in the second half. The team missed 10 the whole game.

The Harvesters (13-6, 0-1) led 43-40 and threw the ball away. Collins had the chance at the line to put Pampa up by three with six seconds left but missed the front end of his free throws. Senior Cole Engle blocked Dalhart's first shot out of bounds. The Wolves made good on their second opportunity with Hayden Smith hitting a contested jumper as time expired to tie the game at 44.

Miller said that shot deflated his team.

"We should respond to that and be excited that we get to play another quarter," Miller said. "We didn't respond to (Smith) sticking the shot. Got to give him credit. He did his job and we didn't."

Junior Tyler Powell said the game came down to hustle.

"We have HH (Hustlin' Harvesters) on

our shorts for a reason," Powell said. "We just needed to hustle in overtime."

Channing Allen gave the Wolves a lead it wouldn't relinquish with a three. Dalhart outscored Pampa 11-3 in overtime. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 22 points. Engle followed with nine. Allen and Smith led the Wolves in scoring with 13 each.

The first half got off to a sluggish start as the teams combined for nine points in the first quarter. In the second half, the offenses opened up. Pampa pulled out to a 14-6 lead with baskets by Collins, Engle and senior Reid Miller. The Wolves responded with scoring from Smith and DaVonte Burks. Pampa led 22-19 at halftime.

The head coach said Dalhart was prepared for them.

"They weren't going to let Latigo beat them," Miller said. "It's time for someone else to step up and no one did that tonight."

Pampa didn't play Friday. Collins said that doesn't excuse the team's performance.

"We didn't come out," Collins said. "It's district and we can't do that, especially at home."

The Wolves packed in the inside, forcing Pampa to take a lot of jump shots. Dalhart used its size to make Pampa work to get rebounds.

"Coach (Matt) Embry told us to get low on the boards," Powell said. "With how big they were there wasn't any way for us to get lower than them."

The Harvesters visit Borger 7:30 p.m. Friday. Collins said the team is disappointed with the loss but isn't giving up.

"We got eight games left," Collins said. "It isn't over."



staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Taylor Kennedy defends Davonte Burks Tuesday at McNeely.

GAME AT A GLANCE

Dalhart 55, Pampa 47

Records: Pampa 13-6, 0-1; Dalhart 14-4, 1-0;

It was over when: The Harvesters walked back to their huddle with their heads down trailing by three in overtime.

Game ball goes to: The R.I.O.T. They cheered hard the whole game and tried to give Pampa a home court advantage.

Teams	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Dalhart	3	16	10	15	11	55
Pampa	6	16	8	14	3	47

Sports

Texans lament divisional loss to Ravens

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans linebacker DeMeco Ryans dropped a cardboard box in front of his locker and started packing, while his mind was still on the team's missed opportunity in Baltimore.

Houston's historic season ended in a 20-13 loss to the Ravens on Sunday, a game that the Texans felt they should've won. Instead, Baltimore advanced to play New England in the AFC Championship, while the players in Houston were left reaching for positives after the sobering finish.

"It's come upon us too early," Ryans said. "You look back, it was a good season for us, but still, (we're) not satisfied with the way it ended. We expected more out of ourselves."

By most other measures, the season was an unprecedented breakthrough for a franchise much more accustomed to losing since entering the league in 2002.

The Texans won their first division title and first playoff game, and a mid-season 7-game winning streak was the longest in team history. Running back Arian Foster earned a second straight Pro Bowl invitation and the defense, under first-year coordinator Wade Phillips, made one of the biggest turnarounds in NFL history, going from 30th overall (376.9 yards per game) in 2010 to second (285.7 yards per game) in 2011.

Most remarkably, Houston won a franchise-record 11 games despite major injuries to several key players, including receiver Andre Johnson (left and right hamstrings), outside linebacker Mario Williams (torn chest muscle) and quarterbacks Matt Schaub (right Lisfranc fracture) and Matt Leinart (broken left collarbone).

Rookie T.J. Yates, a fifth-round pick, guided the Texans to victories in his first two starts to help clinch the AFC South, while the team formed a tight bond.

"It's just amazing when you get 53 guys going in the same direction, what they can do," coach Gary Kubiak said. "A lot of things that happened to us this year can easily send you in the wrong direction. It made us stronger, it made our locker room stronger, it made just the whole group stronger."

Kubiak met with each of his players on Monday. He tried to encourage receiver Jacoby Jones, who fumbled a punt return in the first quarter to set up Baltimore's first touchdown.

Jones, who signed a three-year contract last July, apologized to his teammates for the gaffe.

"It's something I've got to live and learn with," he said. "It's a decision that I made. I've got to grow up and learn from it. It's a mistake I made with being a football player. Some people don't understand."

Yates shares some responsibility for the loss in Baltimore, throwing three interceptions and looking overmatched for the first time since taking the starting job in early December. The 24-year-old Yates had not thrown an interception in three previous games.

"Our defense was playing amazing," Yates said Monday. "Just that fact that a couple things that I did, personally, could definitely turn the outcome of the game is the thing that hurts the most."

Yates is resigned to the fact that he'll give up the starting job to Schaub, who walked through the locker room on Monday morning with a protective boot. Schaub says he'll be fully healed in time for offseason workouts in the late spring.

"It's a process with the foot with all the wait and all the stuff you got to do moving around side to side, laterally, but it will be fine," Schaub said. "I'm not worried about the rehab process. We're going to just jump right in and continue to progress as I have already."

Across the room, Jake Delhomme pondered retirement. The Texans signed the 37-year-old Delhomme in late November to help groom Yates.

Soured by his experience in Cleveland in 2010, Delhomme says he found the ideal final stop of his career in Houston. He played most of the

Texans' regular-season finale against Tennessee and his last throw turned out to be a touchdown pass to Bryant Johnson.

"For me, to come to a place like this, where everybody's on the same page and to see the way these guys work, it's been great," he said. "If I've left this game, I've left it on a high note. My last pass I've ever thrown, if this was, was a touchdown, so that's kind of cool."

One of the big offseason priorities for Houston is deciding the future of Mario Williams, the much-ballyhooed first overall pick in the 2006 draft. Williams moved to outside linebacker before the season and was off to a strong start before tearing a chest muscle in Week 5.

Williams is an unrestricted free agent, and with the emergence of Connor Barwin and rookie Brooks Reed, the Texans must decide if Williams is worth the hefty salary he'll command.

Kubiak says he'll leave that and other decisions for another day.

"I'm strictly in an evaluation process right now for me and the coaches, looking at players, trying to put a pecking order basically in how we think our football team finished the season," he said. "As far as Mario, obviously Mario is a tremendous player. He's done a great job here. Those things will work themselves out."

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the five-letter words below can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: MIXUP SAVVY

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old daughter, "Olympia," is a beautiful, intelligent young woman who graduated from high school last spring, was accepted to two universities and started her first job. When she lost it recently, she was devastated. Instead of trying to find another one, she decided to turn to prostitution. When I asked her why, she said she doesn't want to work her butt off for peanuts.

Other family members and I have tried to make Olympia see reason, but she's determined to do this. I am extremely frustrated with her decision. I have warned her about the dangers she'll face in that "occupation." I know she's of age now and needs to make her own choices, but I'm afraid for her and don't want to lose her if we have a huge argument over this. What can I do? — ANXIOUS MOM IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR ANXIOUS MOM: For an "adult," your daughter's decision-making leaves a lot to be desired. Prostitution is illegal. It's not a viable career option. Is she aware that her "line of work" offers no job security and the benefits will last only as long as her looks hold up?

Regardless of the argu-

ment that may ensue, let her know that although you love her, you are worried sick about her, and disappointed and furious at her poor judgment because she has far more to offer than what she's selling. Warn her she's heading down a path that's hard to come back from. If she won't change her mind, then you must accept that your daughter will have to learn her lessons the hard way. But let her know your door will be open to her.

DEAR ABBY: Are you supposed to ignore an acquaintance when you notice she's in a doctor's waiting room with you? (Especially if it's a specialist's office that makes a particular condition obvious to an otherwise non-privy person?)

This has happened to me twice recently. One time, I avoided the acquaintance; the other, I broke the silence and said, "Is that you, So-and-So?" Both times it was awkward. I can understand why someone wouldn't want to be seen at certain doctors' offices. Should I have played dumb? — STRIVING FOR DISCRETION IN NEW YORK

DEAR STRIVING: No, you should not have "played dumb." In the future, you

should acknowledge your acquaintance, but refrain from asking questions. Any questions, including, "How are you?"

DEAR ABBY: I'm being married in a few months and there's still so much to do. The only thing I have decided so far is the date and location. I have gotten so stressed that I have actually passed out.

I keep asking my fiance to help me with decisions and particulars for the wedding, but he says, "It's your job. You're the bride." Then he continues his lazy ways around the house. How do I get him to help me plan our wedding? — BRIDE IN A PANIC

DEAR BRIDE: How do I get YOU to realize you can't change your fiance, and that this is the man he will be after your wedding? If you manage to pull this event together by yourself, you will still have a husband who is lazy around the house and refuses to help you even when you become so stressed that you pass out.

Your fiance isn't the last man on planet Earth. If he doesn't have any good qualities — you mentioned none — you can do better than this.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

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- 5 Showed surprise
- 11 Soothing plant
- 12 Sigh, say
- 13 Put in the overhead rack
- 14 B vitamin
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- 24 Crumpet's cousin
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- 27 A bunch
- 28 Bulletin board items
- 30 West Pointer
- 31 Tick off
- 32 Cookie bit
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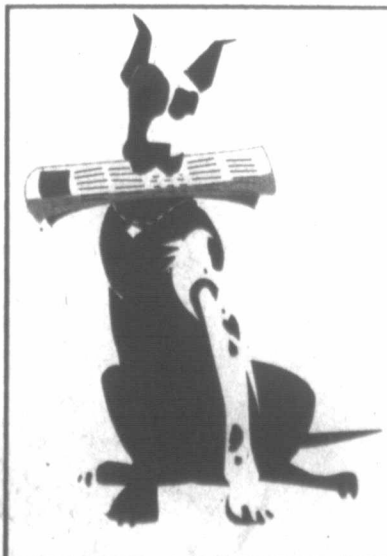
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James Donald Laden, 43, was indicted on a charge of delivery in a drug free zone of marijuana, in an amount of five pounds or less but more than one fourth ounce, in connection with an April 2009 arrest. He received a second indictment for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone in an amount four ounces or less but more than two ounces, in connection with a 2009 arrest.

These charges were enhanced by a 1988 conviction for burglary of a building and a 1991 conviction for burglary of a habitation. Bond for Laden was set at \$20,000.

Tracy Burrise McFarlane, 42, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana in an amount of five pounds or less but more than four ounces, in connection with a March 2011 arrest. Bond for McFarlane was set at \$20,000.

Guy Matthew McKissick, 38, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams, in connection with an October 2011 arrest. Bond for McKissick was set at \$4,000.

John Paul Parks, 45, was indicted on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with a March 2011 arrest. This charge was enhanced by a 2003 conviction for driving while intoxicated. Bond for Parks was set at \$10,000.

Amber Nichole Presley, 26, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana in an amount of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. Bond for Presley was set at \$20,000.

Lee Otis Reed Jr., 37, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana in an amount of five pounds or less but more than four ounces, in connection with a

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March 2011 arrest. Bond for Reed was set at \$20,000. Dusty Lewis Romines, 32, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams, in connection with a May 2011 arrest. Bond for Romines was set at \$5,000.

Julio Cesar Salas, 23, was indicted on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with a June 2011 arrest. This charge was enhanced by a 2008 conviction for possession of a controlled substance. Bond for Salas was set at \$10,000.

Jonnathon Michael Shade, 21, was indicted on a charge of property theft valued at \$1,500 more more but less than \$20,000, in connection with a September incident. Bond for Shade was set at \$5,000.

Jason Samuel Shorter, 31, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams, in connection with a May 2011 arrest. Bond for Shorter was set at \$4,000.

James Michael Vann, 31, was indicted on a charge of money laundering in an amount \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. Bond for Vann was set at \$10,000.

Terry Lee Wells, 51, was indicted on a charge of indecency with a child involving sexual contact, in connection with an April 2011 incident. Bond for Wells was set at \$20,000.

Pamela Jane Woodruff, 50, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram, in connection with an August 2011 arrest. Bond for Woodruff was set at \$5,000.

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the New Life Wellness Center, formerly known as Ford Family Chiropractic. The PEDC approved two loans totaling \$188,900 towards the facility, and await a second favorable vote from the city commission before the loans are finalized. Rice and Ford spoke to the county about the project, because the facility, located at 701 North Price, is technically outside of the city limits, and therefore under the jurisdiction of Gray County.

Ford recently added a nurse practitioner to his staff to provide primary care and urgent care services, as part of the center's expansion, which includes hiring nine more employees. New Life Wellness Center also recently added pain management services, with a pain specialist physician taking patients every Friday.

"Our hospital has a situation going on where we've had a lot of primary care physicians leave, so even as I presented this a year ago and it's now coming into fruition, the whole project has morphed a bit, because we're now seeing even more need in the primary care side of things," said Ford.

He emphasized that the New Life Wellness Center will not detract from medical care already being offered in Pampa.

"We're not trying to take business away from our primary care providers," said Ford. "We're trying to complement what's already here, and we're bringing in other services like the pain management, so our local people don't have to travel 120 miles round trip every time they need a therapeutic injection. I envision also we're going to see a lot of people from Perryton, Childress, Wheeler and all the surrounding areas that we're funneling through to Amarillo. They are going to come here now.

which is going to help our local economy. They're going to stop here and eat, they're going to go to Walmart, and they're going to buy gas, so it's got a much bigger picture than just our little facility there."

In other business, commissioners:

- approved payment of bills and salaries;
- approved treasurer's report;
- approved County Clerk's report;
- approved replacing the cook stove at the Gray County Jail for \$3,845;
- approved tax bid for property at 1149 and 1145 Varnon by Yolanda and Pedro Mejia;
- approved tax bids for property at 424 North Dwight and 505 North Naida by M & S Land and Cattle Company;
- approved Hangar Transfers at Perry Lefors Airport on Lot 27, half of Lot 32, Lot 33 and Lot 34.

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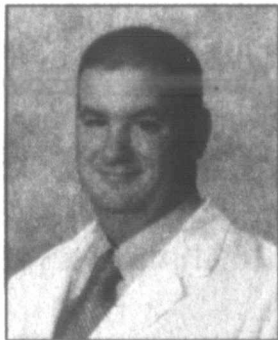
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