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# 10 IN A ROW



Qualifiers for swimming regional competition are front row, left to right: Jaden Payne, Spencer Estes, Johnathan Taylor, Christian Hinkle, Jessica Covil, Lindsay Cole, Kendle Ramey, Tonya Kiper. Middle row: Jessica Gutierrez, Abby West, Brittany Covil, Ana Saucedo. Back row: Colton Sweatt, Cole Guyer, Ethan Addy, Dustin Neef, Colby Dennis, Kelly Stoffle, Kendall Aiken, Cody Hudson, seated Coach Ed Garvin. Not pictured: Carmen Saucedo.

## PHS swim team captures 10th straight district title

submitted by Kathy White

Pampa was strongly favored to win both the Girls and Boys district titles for the tenth year in a row. Pampa boys did not disappoint as they took 10 first places, 5 seconds and 5 thirds in their 11 events. Pampa girls took 9 firsts, 2 seconds and 4 thirds in their 11 events. The Swimming Harvesters traveled to the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock on January 30-31 for the UIL District 2-5A/3-4A Swimming and Diving 2009 meet.

The excitement began on Friday in the preliminary competition as district records began to fall. In the 100-yard backstroke, senior Cole Guyer swam a 1:00.05, which is over 3.5 seconds faster than his own record set in 2008. Guyer said of the race, "I just tried to get as far ahead of everyone as possible." He credits his success in breaking the record to perseverance.

On Saturday, the crowd was treated to quite a show as twelve 5A records and five 4A records fell. The Swimming Harvesters were responsible for all five new records in the 4A competition.

In the boys 200-yard individual medley, junior Kelly Stoffle set a new record of

*"There really isn't time to think with only 22 seconds. I just kept watching the people next to me and tried to stay ahead of them."*

—Senior Dustin Neef after setting a new 4A record in the 50-yard freestyle.

2:07.53 breaking the 2:12.31 record set in Friday's preliminary competition. Senior David Matlock of Caprock who was favored to win the race set that record. Stoffle has been striving to beat Matlock in the IM for three years. About the race, Stoffle said, "I knew when I finished the breaststroke leg and was ahead going into the freestyle that I had him. He's (Matlock) not a sprinter."

Senior Dustin Neef had an incredible finish of 22.30 in the 50-yard freestyle. He beat the previous day's record of 23.23. Neef said, "It felt amazing to break the record. I felt I was going to break it in prelims." When asked what he

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## PISD approves bus purchase

by David Bowser  
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Construction of the new junior high school is on schedule—more or less.

Richard Self, a superintendent with Western Builders, said they were building the access road from Texas Highway 70 to the school site north of town and that they were proceeding with the dirt work at the school.

The curbs and gutters should be poured next week, he said.

"We're just trucking right along," Self told the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees Thursday night at their school board meeting.

Other representatives of Western Builders, however, said there have been some delays with the engineering drawings and they were slightly behind.

The board elected to use colored concrete for the floors of the junior high classrooms.

In the initial design, the classrooms were to be carpeted, but the board had decided to seal and polish the concrete floor instead. The architectural firm, however, questioned whether that would make the classrooms look too gray.

Colored concrete is being used in the high traffic areas of the school halls. The board elected to extend the colored concrete to the classrooms as well although it would cost an estimated four to five dollars a square foot more.

The board saved some \$96,000 at the high school, however, in a previous decision not to move the south entrance, but much of that money will likely go to renovations on the third floor that

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## Texas Legislature highlights

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State leaders have authorized the payment of millions of dollars in bills that had been stacking up from companies that helped with emergency services after September's Hurricane Ike.

Jack Colley, the state's emergency management director, told lawmakers this week that the state has \$134 million in unpaid bills and that vendors have been calling demanding payment. Gov. Rick Perry's office blamed the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the delay.

But in a letter to agencies involved that was released Thursday, Perry directed \$145 million be transferred to the state's Division of Emergency Management to pay the bills from the Sept. 13 hurricane.

"This approval is contin-



gent on the conditions that the money be used only to reimburse Hurricane Ike-related expenses and that reimbursements be made in a manner consistent with maximum federal reimbursement," according to the letter signed by Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus and Sen. Steve Ogden, chairman of the Senate Finance

Committee.

The Associated Press has requested a list of the vendors from Perry's office but one has not yet been made available. Though the letter announcing the state payment arrangements was dated Wednesday, it was released to the AP Thursday afternoon, shortly before the governor's office said it would provide the list of owed vendors. Later, the governor's office said it didn't yet have that vendor information from the Department of Public Safety.

The \$145 million is to be transferred from the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Public Safety. Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said replacement of the funds would be

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## CA man arrested on drug charges

by Rachel Stennett  
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A "nervous" peron was arrested during a regular traffic stop Wednesday night, after he was found with drugs in his vehicle.

Daniel J. Lee, of Corona, Calif., was driving east-bound on Interstate 40 near mile marker 129, when he was pulled over by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for a traffic violation, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the GCSO.

Upon contact with the driver, the arresting deputy noticed he was acting nervous. The deputy requested consent to search the vehicle and smelled what was believed to be marijuana. The search led to the discovery of suspected marijuana cigarettes. Lee was placed under arrest.

A full search of the vehicle revealed several white pills. Lee was charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and possession of dangerous drugs.

"He was released from jail (Wednesday, Feb. 5) on a \$3,000 bond," Hoard said.

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**Saturday**



High 48  
Low 28

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Windy, with a southeast wind 20 to 25 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33. West southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Wheat .....	\$4.85
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Corn.....	\$6.45

**Cash Five Texas**

AUSTIN (AP)— Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 35-30-34-16-2.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 76. Prize: \$534

Matching three of five: 2,385. Prize: \$12

Matching two of five: 25,207. Prize: \$2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

**Pick 3 results—nighttime drawing**

AUSTIN (AP)— The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-5-0. Sum It Up: 12

(seven, five, zero. Sum It Up: twelve)

**Daily 4 results—evening drawing**

AUSTIN (AP)— The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-3-1-1. Sum It Up: 13

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**For the Record**

*Obituaries*

**Michael Roy Macartney**

Michael Roy Macartney, 63, of Amarillo and formerly of Pampa died on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Llano East Cemetery with Brady Hukins officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

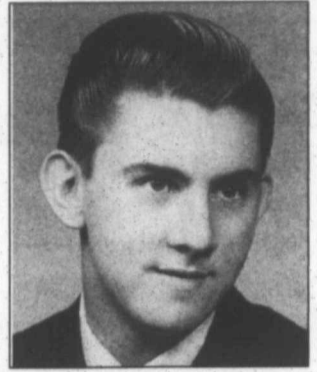
Mr. Macartney was born on January 1, 1946 in Pampa, Texas to Alvin and Jean Macartney. He served in the U.S. Army during

Vietnam and worked as a building contractor in construction. He was a partner of BelieversWay Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his grandmother, Fannie Kennedy.

Survivors include a son, Scott Macartney and wife Wanda of Clyde, Texas; a sister, Susan Cummings and husband Gary of Pampa; three grandsons, Kory and wife Heather, Tyler i.T.J.i, and Ryan; one great grandson, Brayden and a special friend, Francis Woodworth of

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Panhandle; and one nephew, Joshua Cummings and wife Lindsay of Fort Worth.

Family suggests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center; 1500 Wallace Blvd, Amarillo, Texas 79106; or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176-0001.

A visitation will be from 6 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009 at the funeral home.

**Kathy Lynn Emert**

Borger—Kathy Lynn Emert, 52, died Monday, February 2, 2009 in Borger.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the First Assembly of God with Rev. Calvin Newton, pastor officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Cemetery in Sweetwater, Oklahoma under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Kathy Was born on May

4, 1956 in Sayre, Oklahoma and had been a Borger resident for 30 years. She married Jim Emert on September 1, 1979 in Borger. She was a homemaker. Kathy was very active in the 1st Assembly of God church, playing the piano and organ and organizing many of the activities of the Women's Ministries and the Sunday School Department. She loved her grandkids, kids, church and her family.

She is survived by her husband Jim of the home, three daughters - Terzia Sill & husband Stephen of Borger, Tara Mihm and husband Kevin of Anchorage, Alaska, Lesley Anderson and husband Bryan of 29 Palms, CA., parents - Gerald & Dolores McKay of Borger, sister - Vickie Brown and husband Jackie of Amarillo, and two grandchildren - Irelynn & Emery Sill.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of



Emert

God Women's Ministries, 503 Whittenburg St., Borger, TX 79007.

**Hermon 'Babe' Oliver**

Hermon 'Babe' Oliver passed away Feb 3, 2009 in Abilene, TX at the age of 88.

He was born on July 17, 1920 in Steedmon, OK. His family moved to Texas in 1934. He worked on the Pitchfork Ranch for 42 years.

Babe was King County Commissioner for 16 years, then in 1976 became King County Sheriff for 8 years. In 1984 he was appointed King County

Judge and served 6 years until his retirement in 1990.

He married Bama Nell Smith on Feb. 25, 1945 in Paducah. She preceded him in death on November 14, 2007. They moved to Pampa in May of 1995 and lived there until August of 2007 when they moved to Clyde. He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, his parents M.N. and Ada Oliver, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters. He was a

U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters; Linda and Jimmy Barton of Clyde, Texas, Beth Watson and Randy Watson of Pampa, Texas, one son: Terry and Linda Oliver of Dumont Texas, one Sister-in-law: Geneva Wilson of Matador, Texas, nine Grandchildren; Michelle & Trey, Cody & Keela, Jamie & Shelley, Toby, Emily, and Luke and five great-

grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday Feb. 6 at the First United Methodist Church in Paducah with Glendell and Curtis Smith, officiating. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

*Emergency Services*

**AMBULANCE**

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 5  
7:47 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to

a local nursing home.

11:29 a.m. -- A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital.

3:21 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:42 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of Kentucky.

6:05 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of Kentucky.

10:09 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Thut and trans-

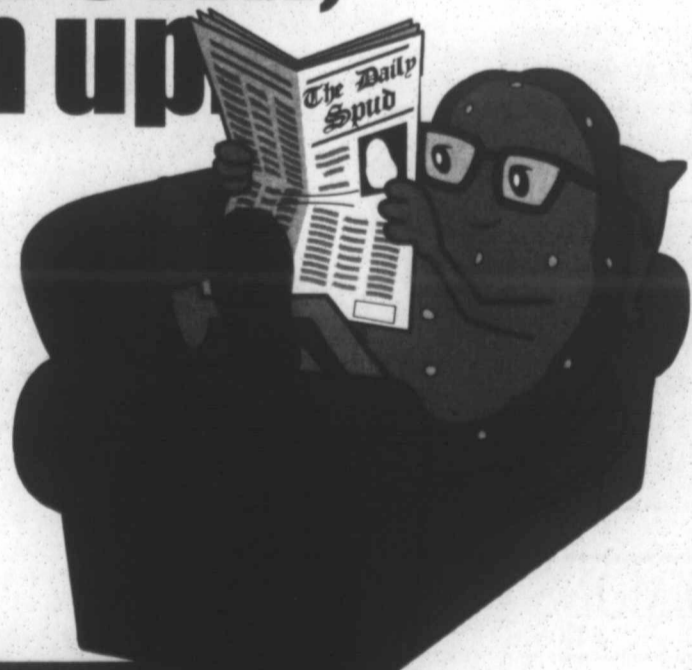
ported a patient to PRMC.

10:40 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Foster and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:47 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

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Dr. Helton, is an Ordained Minister of the Word of God, also the Founder/President, of the Triumphant College of Theology in Reydon, OK. Dr. Helton sets on the Board of Directors of North Carolina College of Theology in Carolina Beach, NC. Pat and Alberta live seven miles north of Allison, Texas where they own and operate Helton Ranch as well as Pat Helton Well Service, Inc. and Partner in Helton Petroleum both of Pampa, Texas. Dr. Helton is also a Certified Biblical Counselor, a member of the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers. They have four grown children, Justin, Wade, Lori, Jarrett and their families.

## Trinity Fellowship Church to host National Focus on the Family Marriage simulcast

Focus on the Family's first ever national marriage simulcast event will be hosted by Trinity Fellowship on February 28 beginning at 8:30 am. Speakers will discuss marriage as it relates to Christ and the Church, the Trinity, and everyday changes that can be made to strengthen the relationship between a husband and wife.

Trinity Fellowship Church is located at 2225 N. Hobart. For more information, or to register, visit Focus on the Family Website [www.focusonmarriage.com](http://www.focusonmarriage.com).

## ONGOING

**CHAPEL BUILDERS.** Jordan Chapel Builders holds its board meetings at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa. The group presides over an on-going effort to build a chapel at the Jordan prison unit. Meetings are open to the public.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS.** The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

**GOSPEL SINGING.** First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST.** Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

**PRISON MINISTRY.** The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information, call J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

**RCIA.** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

**ST. MARK.** St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL.** First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST.** Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
 Today is Friday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2009. There are 328 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.  
 On this date:  
 In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.  
 In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.  
 In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.  
 In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.  
 In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

*'Work is much more fun than fun.'*

— Sir Noel Coward, British actor, dramatist and songwriter

In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.  
 In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.  
 In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.  
 In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.  
 In 1996, a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Republic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.  
 Ten years ago: The public finally got to see and hear Monica Lewinsky as excerpts of the former White House intern's videotaped testimony were shown at President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial. Clinton requested legislation to require background checks on buyers at gun shows.  
 One year ago: At least 54 deaths were reported after two days of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. The White House defended the use of the interrogation technique known as waterboarding, saying it was legal, not torture as critics argued, and had saved American lives.  
 Today's Birthdays: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 92. Actor Patrick Macnee is 87. Actor Rip Torn is 78. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 78. Actor Mike Farrell is 70. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 69. Singer Fabian is 66. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 66. Actor Michael Tucker is 65. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 60. Singer Natalie Cole is 59. Actor Jon Walmsley is 53. Actress Kathy Najimy is 52. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 52. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 52. Actor Barry Miller is 51. Actress Megan Gallagher is 49. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 47. Country singer Richie McDonald is 47. Singer Rick Astley is 43. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 40. Actor Brandon Hammond is 25.



## Opinions from across Texas

*Houston Chronicle* on video surveillance at the U.S.-Mexico border:  
 Texas Gov. Rick Perry's passion for an audience participation video surveillance system on the border with Mexico has always seemed rooted more in conservative politics than fiscal practicality.  
 He's tried it once, he's tried it twice, and the bottom line looks worse than ever. The latest scorecard on the cost effectiveness of what amounts to a \$2 million Internet "catch an alien" computer game comes courtesy of the El Paso Times, which obtained law enforcement reports via open records requests.  
 It reveals that the surveillance cameras that went online last November were popular with viewers and drew nearly 2 million hits. However, the tips to law enforcement resulting from those visits resulted in only three arrests over the period, far fewer than the 1,200 the governor's staff had projected for the program's first year. Of 4,500 immigration violations that the project was expected to document, only six were reported.  
 Although the surveillance system was initially supposed to include 200 video cameras along the border, the group in charge of the project, the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, installed just 13 and will likely not put in more than 15. That's one camera for every 80 miles of border.  
 This isn't Gov. Perry's first attempt to make a border camera system work. Three years ago he launched a \$200,000 pilot program for what would be a projected \$5 million virtual border wall that could be patrolled by Internet surfers. Like the current effort, it was hugely popular with Web users but resulted in

only a few arrests and one drug bust.  
 When the governor sought to expand the program, state lawmakers refused to appropriate funds, and the pilot project died. Instead of learning from the debacle, Perry then used federal grant money to restart it with the sheriff's coalition as the vehicle.  
 Although a spokesperson for the governor claimed the low arrest figures showed that the cameras were effective deterrents to smugglers and illegal aliens, border lawmakers had a different take. State Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, told the Associated Press that the cameras were a waste of time and money.  
 El Paso Mayor John Cook criticized the initial border cam program as a poor investment, telling the *Chronicle* that most people had better things to do than spend their time playing virtual border patrolman.  
 Pilot programs are supposed to serve as reality checks. In the case of the border cams, it only seems to have stimulated Perry's determination to keep throwing good money after bad.  
*San Antonio Express-News* on college tuition relief:  
 Higher education funding should be a priority during this year's legislative session.  
 Lawmakers cannot continue to expect the universities to balance their budgets on the backs of the students and their families by way of tuition and fees.  
 In recent years, the amount of funding doled out to universities has been steadily reduced. The universities are feeling the pinch.  
 The Legislature deregulated tuition in 2003 when it faced a \$10 billion budget shortfall. The move

has shifted the burden of finding new revenue to universities, forcing higher tuition and fees to cover their expenses.  
 Gov. Rick Perry in his State of the State speech last week suggested freezing tuition for incoming freshmen at Texas universities so they pay the same amount for at least the first four years of their college education.  
 This may not be the ideal approach, but it is a step in the right direction.  
 Between 2003 and 2007, tuition and fees went up 53 percent at the state's universities, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.  
 That is a tremendous increase even in the best of economic times.  
 A freeze or tuition stabilization would allow parents to better plan for their children's college education, and the four-year plan proposed by Perry would encourage students to complete their degrees faster if they know the tuition freeze is only good for a limited time.  
 Four-year completion rates at the university level, like the state's high school graduation rates, are lower than they should be if the state is to meet its goal of increasing the number of college graduates.  
 There are many reasons students drop out of college; one is economics.  
 Freezing tuition is not a long-term solution by any means, but it would help many families until the economy rebounds.  
 And lawmakers should find the funds to invest in continued quality higher education while providing relief for families.  
 The state's long-term economic prospects depend on a better-educated workforce.

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## Letters to the editor

To the editor,  
 I have seen enough hate to last me a lifetime and I cannot stand to listen to another rant about pit bulls.  
 First of all, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Shawn for what she had to witness because of irresponsible dog owners. I know it must have been emotionally stressful for you.  
 However, I would like all Pampans to know that not all  
 Pit Bulls exhibit this behavior. I have had to deal with this for three years now and I am sick of people claiming to be the end all of knowledge when it comes to Pit Bulls. You see I own three Pit Bulls and they are the most loving pets anyone could ask for because they were trained with love and patience.  
 I have a three year old Pit we call her Redneck and two of her puppies. You don't have to take my word for the fact that they are nice. Ask the ladies up at Alltel. Every time I go to pay my bill I bring one of the puppies up there and they absolutely adore them.  
 Pampans need to know

that it is the owners who make bad dogs not the breed.  
 The reason it is so easy to make Pit Bulls bad is because they have an uncontrollable urge to please their owners. That is all they want out of life.  
 So, if you put a Pit Bull in the hands of a bad person, the actions of that dog will be in correlation to the owner and vice versa.  
 As I have said, I am truly sorry for what Mrs. Shawn has been through and what others have gone through at the hands of horrid owners. However, I must say that if she plans to address the city commission to attempt to take away all Pit Bulls or make it harder for me to own my Pit Bulls then I am forced to stand on the other side and fight for my dogs. I urge all responsible Pit Bull owners to stand with me. I do not want to cause problems and don't like public speaking, but the average person has no idea what it is like to own a Pit Bull. Most of us are scared that one day the Animal Control officers and police will show up at our doors to take our family pets away to be put down.  
 I cannot stand by and

explain to my children why their pet has been killed. No person with any heart would ask me to

Christina Hart  
 Pampa

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## Legislative round-up

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addressed in a supplemental budget now being considered by the Legislature.

The state leaders also authorized the transfer of \$20 million to cover expenses incurred by state agencies for emergency preparedness and response.

### ANGER AT UTIMCO

State senators posed tough questions Thursday to officials of the University of Texas System's outside investment company over a \$1

million bonus for its chief executive, leading to an angry exchange in which the chairman of the company's board declared his resignation.

"You can have my job, I resign. I'm out of here," said Robert Rowling, a UT regent who also serves as chairman of the board of the University of Texas Investment Management Company.

"It shatters the trust in government," Eltife said of the bonuses. "This is shameful."

Members of the Senate

Finance Committee questioned the \$1.05 million bonus for UTIMCO CEO Bruce Zimmerman and \$2.3 million combined for assorted staff members that were outlined in a critical letter by Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

UT System officials and Perry's spokespeople said they weren't sure whether Rowling was saying he was stepping down only as UTIMCO chairman or as a regent. They had no immediate comment on the outburst.

### SCHOOL TIME

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, both Democrats from San Antonio, announced they've filed legislation that would allow parents to leave work briefly to attend parent-teacher conferences or participate in their children's school activities.

An employee would have to provide reasonable advance written notice to the employer.

## Board hears construction update

PISD— cont. from page 1

are proving to be more expensive than originally thought.

The school board also approved buying three used school buses for \$86,700.

Sam Haynes, the district's transportation director, said the buses were needed to replace three older buses.

Haynes said that the older buses had become a safety issue.

"It's basically comes down to the safety of the kids we're hauling," Haynes said.

The district routinely carries some 450 students on their bus routes daily, although they have as many as 600 on the routes.

One of the buses, all of which had been used in New Mexico, is a 2001 model. The other two are

2002 models.

They will replace a 1981 bus and two 1985 buses.

District mechanic Bill Hieronymus said parts for the old buses were difficult to get. He told the school board he had inspected the used buses.

"I think they're good buses," Hieronymus said.

"They are in good shape," Haynes told the school board.

Haynes said he expected them to last eight to 10 years, perhaps longer.

In other business, PISD Supt. Barry Haenisch told the board that a committee that had been appointed to study the use of the portable buildings the district has been using at different campuses would have their report ready next week, and it would be presented to the board at

their Feb. 19 meeting.

Haenisch said the board basically had three options. They could move the buildings to Lamar, where more space is needed for pre-kindergarten and head start classes. They could move the buildings at Travis to Wilson for more classroom space, or they could use the portables for science classrooms at each campus.

The superintendent said questions had arisen about equipment from the district's technology department, but the inventory had been reconciled. The questions involved the location of some small computer accessories that would not normally be tagged.

The board recognized five campuses for receiving 11 Gold Performance

Awards from the Texas Education Agency. They were Austin, Pampa Junior High, Travis, Lamar and the Pampa Learning Center.

District officials also awarded certificates to students for scoring highly on Advanced Placement tests. Those getting the awards for English were Jessica Baggerman, Libby Dyson, Cole Guyer, Andrew Hatcher, Christa Holt, Courtney Linn, William McKay, Diana Mechelay and Blake Sieck.

Alina Kuehne received a certificate for her scores in Spanish.

Brenna Albracht received two certificates, one for English and one for chemistry.

## 10 wins in a row

Swim— cont. from page 1

was thinking during the race, he responded, "There really isn't time to think with only 22 seconds. I just kept watching the people next to me and tried to stay ahead of them."

Neef did it again in the 100-yard freestyle by replacing teammate Colby Dennis' 2008 record of 51.52 with a new record of 51.03. Dustin says his success is the result of hard work, his new suit, "and Coach and my Dad pushing me."

This success brought Neef the coveted District Male Competitor of the Year Award. Members of the Texas UIL Swimming and Diving Coaches Association (TISCA) decide this award by comparing times with national swimming times.

Boys freestyle relay team of Dennis, Guyer, Neef and Stoffle continued their incredible run of setting records this year with district records in both the 200 and 400 yard relays. Neef said, "The strategy in the relay is to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible from starts to flips to finishes."

The team was fortunate to have a large crowd of supporters in attendance, including family, friends and PHS Athletic Director Stuart Smith. When asked about his impression of the meet, Smith said, "I have been very impressed with our swimmers and divers the past few years. There is a great deal of teamwork and sportsmanship exhibited with all the swimmers. It's great to watch them support and encourage each other with enthusiasm."

"Coach Garvin has done a great job keeping the team pulled together working and competing hard. He has

built good relationships with the kids and really gets them to perform at their best. Earning their 10th district title is really an accomplishment we should all be proud of especially considering the challenges they've encountered over the past few years: limited pool time, 3rd coach in 3 years and having a state qualifier teammate move. Just like their motto says-Step Up or Step Aside-they have stepped up."

Coach Garvin is very optimistic about the team's chances at Regionals, commenting, "Dustin has a chance of going to state in the 50-free and Kelly has a chance in the 200 IM. And the relay team has a chance in both races as well. In order to qualify for State, swimmers must finish first in their regional events."

All 21 Swimming Harvesters are now qualified to compete at the UIL Region 1 Swimming and Diving Competition in Andrews on February 13-14, 2009. There they will face fierce competition from 25 teams from El Paso, Amarillo, Bushland, Lubbock, Seminole, Midland, Big Spring, Abilene, Andrews, Monahan and Pecos.

**Boys Meet Results:**  
Team Totals: 1. Pampa, 191.  
2. Caprock, 73. 2. Seminole, 73. 4. Lubbock Estacado, 9.  
200 Medley Relay: 1. Pampa  
200 Free: 1. Colby Dennis-Sr  
2. Cole Guyer-Sr  
200 IM: 1. Kelly Stoffle-Jr  
3. Christian Hinkle-Jr  
50 Free: 1. Dustin Neef-Sr

3. Jaden Payne-So 6. Spencer Estes-Fr  
7. Jonathan Taylor-So  
100 Fly: 2. Kelly Stoffle-Jr  
3. Jaden Payne-So  
100 Free: 1. Dustin Neef-Sr  
5. Cody Hudson-So 6. Jonathan Taylor-So  
500 Free: 1. Colton Sweatt-Fr  
200 Free Relay: 1. Pampa  
100 Back: 1. Cole Guyer-Sr  
2. Christian Hinkle-Jr 3. Spencer Estes-Fr  
100 Breast: 1. Cody Hudson-So 2. Ethan Addy-Jr 3. Colton Sweatt-So  
400 Free Relay: 1. Pampa

**Girls Meet Results:**  
Team Totals: 1. Pampa, 164.  
2. Seminole, 94. 2. Caprock, 84. 4. Palo Duro, 3.  
200 Medley Relay: 1. Pampa  
200 Free: 1. Lindsay Cole-So 5. Tonya Kiper-Sr  
200 IM: 1. Abby West-Sr  
50 Free: 2. Ana Saucedo-Sr  
3. Jessica Gutierrez 5. Carmen Saucedo-Fr 7. Brittany Covil-So  
100 Fly: 1. Jessica Covil-Fr  
100 Free: 2. Jessica Gutierrez-So Brittany Covil-So  
500 Free: 1. Kendle Ramey-Fr 3. Carmen Saucedo-Fr 6. Tonya Kiper-Sr  
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400 Free Relay: 1. Pampa

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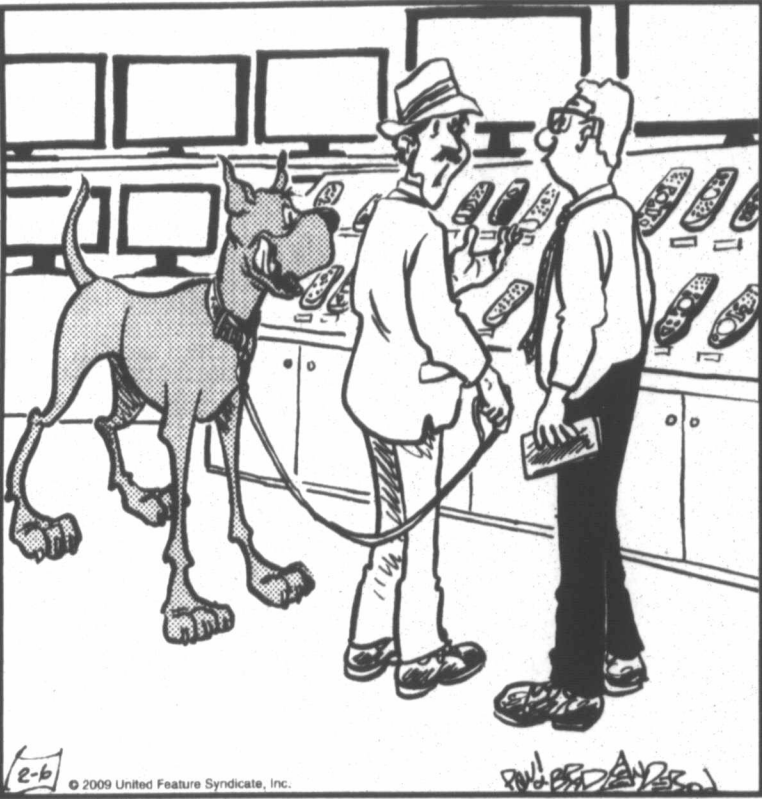
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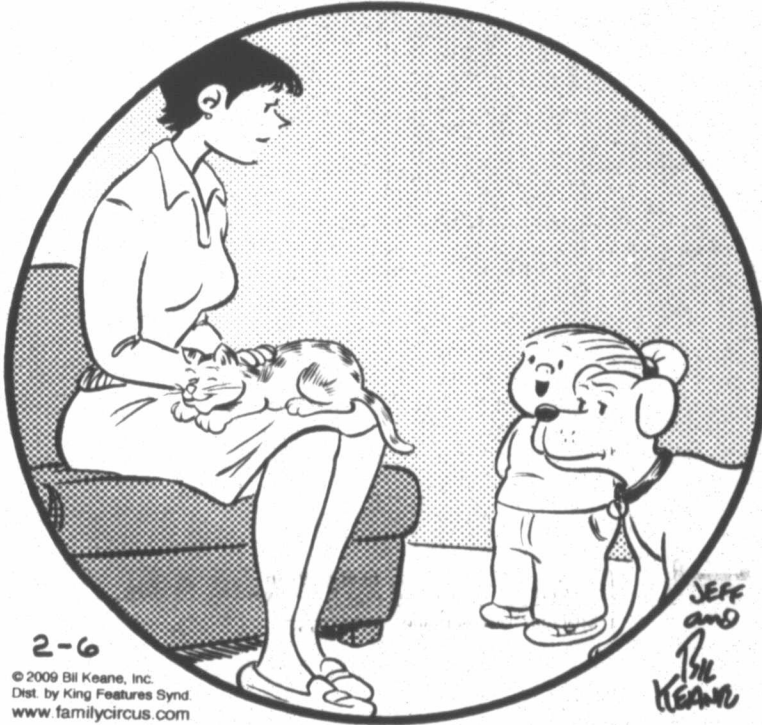
## Marmaduke



"Do you have any TV remotes that are not edible?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I bet Barfy wishes he didn't grow too big for laps."

## For Better Or Worse



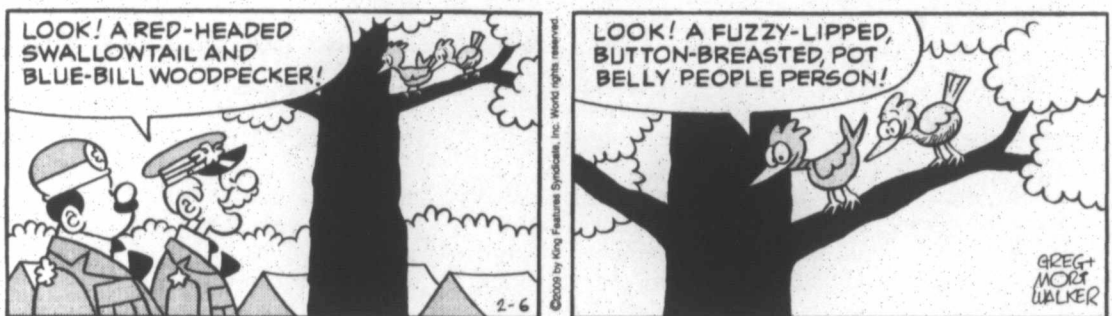
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## Garfield



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## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 39 Chop up
  - 1 1908 World Series champs
  - 5 Int. receiver
  - 9 Profit
  - 11 Less common
  - 13 Relish
  - 14 Sleep sound
  - 15 TV's "— Stone"
  - 16 Takes in at the box office
  - 18 Masked mammal
  - 20 Compass pt.
  - 21 Portly
  - 22 ERA, for one
  - 23 Scoundrel
  - 24 Fragrant tree
  - 25 Dapper
  - 27 Fizzy drinks
  - 29 Bordeaux buddy
  - 30 Adds up
  - 32 Donuts, in slang
  - 34 Forty winks
  - 35 UFO flier
  - 36 Sheeplike
  - 38 Script makeup
- DOWN**
- 1 Basketball player
  - 2 Throat danglers
  - 3 Re-cruit's activity
  - 4 Plop down
  - 5 Bad lighting?
  - 6 Soup units
  - 7 Versatile gym activity
  - 8 Opera's Stratas
  - 10 Exit a banking site
  - 12 Stop-watch button
  - 17 Hogwash
  - 19 Winter wear
  - 22 Pie-cooling spot
  - 24 Prison in Johnny Cash song
  - 25 Twangy
  - 26 Designer Pucci
  - 27 Train unit
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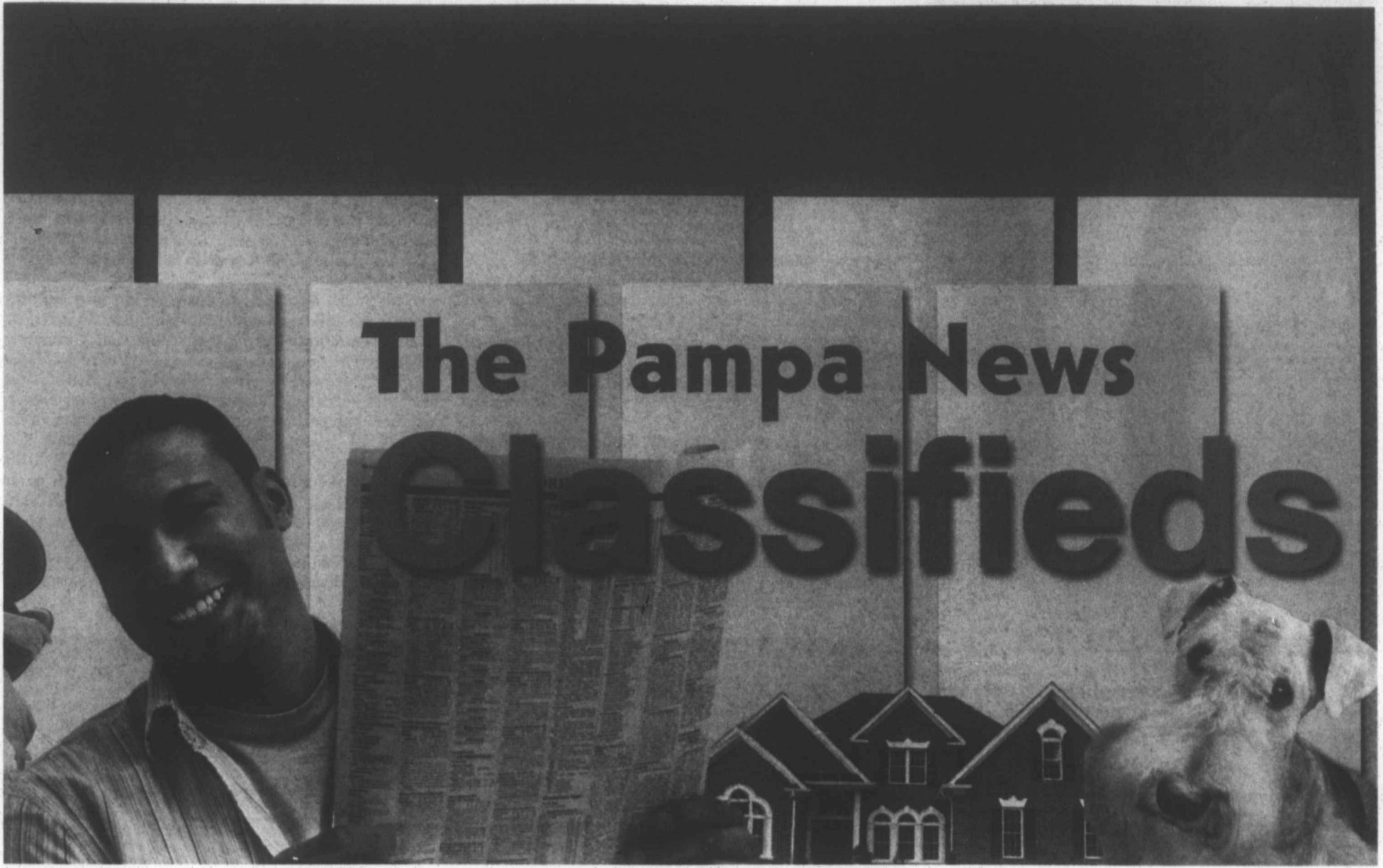
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### Yesterday's answer

- 8 Opera's Stratas
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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



submitted photo  
Travis Elementary second graders celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like they were 100 years old. Pictured is Riley Patterson

• **The Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club** will meet at 7 p.m. February 10, at the country club. It will be guest night, the menu is prime rib. The program will be "Magic in Motion— Keep Your Eye on the Ball."

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will present free classes: Microsoft Excel: Tuesday, February 3, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, February 10, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Microsoft Powerpoint: Tuesday, February 17, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, February 24, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

For more information call the library, 669-5780.

• **Gray County Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decemebr. Visitors are welcome.

• Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989 are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

• **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa's** final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett

Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **Confidential heart health screenings** are being offered free of charge from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, February 20, at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, by Accolade Home Care as part of Heart Health month, a national initiative of the American Heart Association.

For information, call Accolade Homecare in Pampa at 806-665-9700.

• **The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference** will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.



### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, I married a 40-year-old woman I'll call "Phyllis." We had dated for eight years. My problem is, after all this time Phyllis still has not moved into my home. She has never moved any of her personal belongings in either. And she runs home to her mother's house six days a week.

When I try to talk to Phyllis about this, she tells me she will bring her "stuff" over, but then she returns to her mother's and nothing changes. Please tell me what to do. -- LONELY SPOUSE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LONELY SPOUSE: It appears your wife is having an unusually hard time severing the umbilical cord with her mother, who may not even be aware that her daughter has a husband. Because you and Phyllis are so far apart on the amount of togetherness it takes to nurture a successful marriage, offer her the option of marriage counseling. If she refuses, you should consult a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I have a set of beautiful rosary beads I received after my mother's passing. I brought them to work and put them on to show a co-worker, and I received comments from three different people about how they never saw anyone wear rosary beads as a necklace.

I would not want to be disrespectful. Could you find out if it is appropriate to wear rosary beads as a necklace? -- VAL IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR VAL: While putting the rosary beads on may have made you feel closer to your mother, rosaries are not an item of jewelry, and they are not intended to be worn.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Protective Lioness" (Dec. 3) and to you, regarding the man who took his 13-year-old son to lunch at a restaurant that features "scantly clad waitresses." You said you wondered what "other indiscretions" he would have his son hide.

Sorry, Abby, but you both overreacted to the situation. Her husband may have asked his son to keep it to himself because he knew his wife would react the way she did. If my husband took one of our teenage sons to such a place once and didn't tell me right away -- so what?

"Protective Lioness" doesn't sound so much "protective" as she does insecure. -- A MOM IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR MOM: You're right. I did react strongly to that letter. I viewed the problem through the prism of my own experience. To me the important issue wasn't the amount of flesh that was showing in the restaurant. It was the husband telling his son not to disclose something to his mother. It didn't strike me as off-base that the woman would be upset -- not at the choice of restaurants, but at the idea that the father would instruct his son to "take sides" and keep her in the dark.

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### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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9	1	8	6	4	2	3	5	7
4	3	2	7	9	5	6	8	1
8	5	6	2	7	9	1	3	4
3	2	4	5	6	1	8	7	9
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
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