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Zaks cheese sales begin January 28 through February 11. All money earned goes to benefit all students at Travis Elementary. In the past Travis Boosters have used this money to purchase playground equipment, computer software, learning tools, books, as well as to help with funding for field trips and plays. Anyone who wishes to purchase can contact the school or a Travis student.

Fire Danger elevated

Pampa area residents are urged to be extra careful with fire, including cigarettes through Saturday evening. The National Weather Service has issued an Elevated fire alert for that time period. A burn ban is already in effect for Gray County. A burn ban means no burning is allowed outdoors. Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said Friday, "We want to bring attention to the level of danger and remind residents to be careful of even barbecue grills at this time." Chief Powell reminds citizens outdoor burning in the city is prohibited at all times.



Coming in the weekend issue of The Pampa News! Don't miss your chance to vote for your favorites!

Three plead guilty in District court

by Rachel Stennett
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Three local men pleaded guilty in separate cases in the 223rd District court recently. Van Johnson, 54, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, third offense or more enhanced. Johnson was sentenced to seven years of confinement for the felony, and fifteen years of confinement on another driving while intoxicated charge. Bond was set on the second degree felony for \$10,000. Johnson was convicted of driving a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on May 29, 2008. As part of the plea agreement, he waived a jury trial, agreed to seven years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division and agreed to pay a \$1,500 fine. He also waived the

right to appeal. The judgment was entered on Jan. 21. Johnson also entered a second plea agreement for the same offense which occurred on Sept. 10, 2005. He agreed to waive a jury trial and serve 15 years in TDCJ and pay a \$1,500 fine. He was also convicted of DWIs on Jan. 17, 2003, and Oct. 16, 2001 and was convicted of sexual assault of a child on Aug. 24, 1995. Brent Keith Crossman, 49, pleaded guilty to forgery with a financial instrument and was sentenced to 16 months confinement in TDCJ. Bond was set for the felony at \$2,500. On Oct. 22, 2007 Crossman intentionally defrauded Glenda Crossman by making a writing that appeared to be the act of Glenda Crossman, who did not authorize his actions. Crossman wrote a check for \$185.49 to United

Supermarkets signing Glenda Crossman's name. Crossman waived the right to appeal and the right to a jury in his plea agreement. He was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$185.49 restitution to Glenda Crossman. The judgment was entered on Jan. 23. Kenneth George Hipp, 53, pleaded guilty for possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia use/tamper with equipment, enhanced. He was sentenced to 10 years confinement in TDCJ. Bond was set on the second degree felony at \$20,000. On April 11, 2008 George possessed anhydrous ammonia in a container or receptacle that was not designed or manufactured to hold ammonia. Hipp was also convicted of possession. See Guilty, Page 3

Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Cyclist Lance Armstrong joined forces with anti-smoking groups Thursday, urging Texas lawmakers to pass a statewide ban on smoking in bars, restaurants and other indoor work and public places. "This is something that is very, very personal for me," Armstrong said. "Having lived this life as a cancer survivor for the last 12 years, I think I know it personally and deeply and I think I have a pretty good understanding of how you go about defeating cancer." According to the Smoke-Free Texas coalition, which

includes the American Cancer Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, second-hand smoke kills 53,000 non-smoking Americans every year and is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, low birth weight and chronic lung ailments. Two dozen states have already enacted some smoke-free laws with 14 others considering them, the group says. Last week, College Station became the 28th Texas city to pass a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance. The bill has met resistance from civil libertarians and

some restaurant and bar owners who worry their business will suffer. About 50 feet away from where Armstrong stood at the podium addressing the crowd, a small group held a counter-demonstration. Arthur DiBianca of the Travis County Libertarian Party held up a sign that said "Go Back to France, Lance." "Smoking bans in general and a statewide smoking ban are a further encroachment on the rights of business owners and property rights," DiBianca said. CLEAN AIR Texans could get rebates See Session, Page 3

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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 65 Low 32	High 44 Low 22	High 43 Low 28

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. North northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

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Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 25-4-26-27. Bonus Ball: 29.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$600,000

Winning ticket purchased in: Corpus Christi
Number matching four of four: 7. Prize: \$2,453.
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 32.
Prize: \$66.

Number matching three of four: 1,371. Prize: \$21.
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 936.
Prize: \$20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,454.
Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,767. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-12-21-20-2.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Matching four of five: 101. Prize: \$350
Matching three of five: 2,749. Prize: \$9
Matching two of five: 26,586. Prize: \$2
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Jan. 29
Officers conducted three traffic stops. A stop in the 100 block of West Oklahoma resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of six calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60, and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the intersection of Francis and Gray streets.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester, where a student was arrested for public intoxication.

Silent/abusive 911 call were received from the 800 block of North Dwight, and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

An assault by threat, was reported in the 1100 block

For the Record

Obituaries

Zebbie Lee Land

A Memorial Celebration of the life of Zebbie Land of Memphis, Texas will be held at the First Baptist Church of Memphis on Saturday, January 31 at 1:30 PM with Rev. Randy Land, son and Pastor of First Baptist Church of Brownfield, Rev. Jonathan Land, grandson and Pastor of First Baptist Church of Groom, Dr. O.K. Bowen of Amarillo, Former Pastor of First Baptist Church of Memphis and Daniel Downey, Present Pastor of First Baptist Church of Memphis officiating. Interment will follow at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley, Texas under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home in Memphis.

Zebbie was born in Hedley, Texas on October 4, 1925 to L.Z. and Ruth Land. He passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II where he served in the Pacific Front. He was a well known restaurateur,

caterer, inventor and entrepreneur. He also served as Minister of Music for numerous churches in cities throughout Texas including Marshall, Pampa, Amarillo, Memphis and Liberal, Kansas.

Zebbie was most renowned for his famous Zebbie's Bar-B-Que restaurants in Pampa, Perryton, Dumas, Shamrock, Amarillo and Memphis, and catered to events all across the Southwest. He also established Zebbie's Inc. which was famous for his Zebbie's Onion Ring Mix and other batter mixes which won three Gold Medals at the International Food Show in Rome, Italy. They were packaged and sold all across the United States, all military commissaries and exported to Japan and the Far East.

In the later years of his life he founded, along with younger son, Reg Land, The Land Company and Faux Pauts, located in

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He found no greater joy than meeting the needs of another person in need.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth of Memphis; three sons, Rick Land of Amarillo, Randy Land and wife Candy of Brownfield, and Reg Land of Dallas; daughter-in-law, Jan Bruton Land of Dallas; two grandsons, Randall

Zebulon "Zeb" Land and wife Casci of Justin, Texas; Jonathan Land and wife Shelby of Groom, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Cayde Ward and Hadlee Land of Justin, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, John and Lee Bond of Shamrock; two sister-in-laws, Jerrie Land of Clarendon, and Charly Ruth Bond of Prescott, Az.; numerous nieces and nephews, and a whole host of well-fed and satisfied friends, family, church members and customers.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Memphis, 121 S. 8th Street, Memphis, TX 79245, or the Stell Scholarship Fund of the First Baptist Church of Brownfield, 219 West Main Street, Brownfield, TX 79316.

Murl Allen Reeves, 94

Mrs. Murl Allen Reeves, 94, formerly of Pampa TX passed away Jan 29, 2009 in Houston TX.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed, TX under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reeves was born July 9, 1914 in Bertram TX, the daughter of William and Lucy Allen. She married John Graham Reeves in September,

1942. She was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church from the time she became a resident of Pampa in 1946. She was an active member of the Pampa Art Club and a gifted artist who created works in oil, acrylic and watercolor treasured by her family. She was employed as an executive secretary by Cabot Corporation's Research and Development division for a number of years.

She is survived by her three daughters; Cheryl Brockman of Houston, TX, Barbara Reeves of Houston, TX and Sharland Reeves of New Canaan CT, her grandchildren; Chad Brockman and his wife Carol of Houston, TX, Bonnie Bacon of Washington D.C., and Charles Bacon of New

Canan CT, her great-grandchildren; Chase and Chandler Brockman of Houston TX, her sister Katherine Taylor of Georgetown TX, and 14 nephews and nieces.

She is beloved by her family, and she will be missed by all whose lives she enriched.

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Yvonna Jean Bigham Smith, 84

Pampa, Texas—Yvonna Jean Bigham Smith, 84, died January 28, 2009 in Dumas, Texas.

Services will begin 2 p.m. Monday, February 2, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Borger, and Lynn Wilson, Church of Christ minister from Columbus, Texas, officiating.

Burial in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Jean was born December 31, 1924 in Waurika, Oklahoma. She married Virgil Henry Smith on October 21, 1943 in Battle Creek, Michigan. He preceded her in death on August 25, 2007, after 64 years of marriage. She was a retired manufacturing worker and homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandi Smith and husband Dennis of Durand, Illinois, one son, Jerry Smith of Amarillo, three sisters; Peggy Winegert of Pampa, Fay Wilson of Grove,

Oklahoma, and Melba Holland and husband Max of Houston, one brother, Melvin "Burly" Bigham and wife Fern of Lubbock, two daughters-in-law; Charlene Smith of Amarillo and Jan Oneal of Hobbs, New Mexico, two grandsons; Michael Smith and Jeremy "J. J." Smith, two granddaughters; Jami Len Mount and Michelle Hanna and husband Will; and four great-granddaughters.

Jean was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

MEMORIALS:



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Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd, Dumas, Texas 79029.

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Robert "Bob" Burrell, 74

Pampa, Texas—Robert "Bob" Burrell, 74, died January 29, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Don Stone, Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Kelton Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burrell was born March 20, 1934 in Kelton

where he attended Kelton schools. He married Katherine Kidwell on August 16, 1954 in Shamrock. Bob worked for Celanese for 33 years, retiring in 1997. He attended the White Deer Church of Christ where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He enjoyed rodeos and had a lifelong love of horses. Bob enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his son, Robby Burrell and wife Sue of Pampa; daughter, Lisa Jones and husband

Raymond of Sunray; five grandchildren, C. A. Jones and Carissa Jones, both of Sunday, Brendon Burrell, Bryson Burrell and Braydon Burrell, all of Pampa and one sister, Imajene Bradford of Amarillo. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; George and Bonnie Burrell, a daughter: Glenda Kaye Burrell on March 17, 2000 and three brothers; Harold Burrell, Johnnie Burrell and Jub Burrell.

MEMORIALS: Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens Trail Ride, P.O. Box 885,



Burrell
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Emergency Services

of South Christy.

Two alarms were investigated.

Fraud was reported in the 1700 block of North Williston.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Sierra, and Highway 152.

An accident was reported in 1900 block of Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of West Foster.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of North Sumner, and the 400 block of Crest.

Suspicious vehicle calls were reported in the 700 block of North Somerville, and the 1900 block of North Holly.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, and the 2200 block of West Alcock, which led to two arrests.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Robert Kirk Douglas, 21, of Amarillo was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

Jacon Crawford Harlan, 22 of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Jason Collin Harlan, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported these calls:

Thursday, Jan. 29
9:24 a.m. -- One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen on a lift assist.

11:31 a.m. -- One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Banks on a med assist.

11:38 a.m. -- One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Browning on a med assist.

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Legislative round-up

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when buying energy-efficient appliances and plug-in hybrid cars under a sweeping clean-air bill filed Thursday by Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco. The legislation, Senate Bill 12, also would set higher standards for efficiency in building codes and provide financial incentives for emissions-reducing technologies and the use of clean energy.

Averitt's bill would use up to \$300 million from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, funded by vehicle title transfer fees, officials said. The legislation calls for providing \$4,000 rebates for the purchase of a plug-in hybrid vehicles. The appliance incentive would apply to used air conditioners and refrigerators, and consumers would have to retire their old equipment to get the rebates.

"We are doing clean air even bigger and stronger," Averitt said. "This legislation gives us a whole new set of tools to accomplish that job."

Guilty

Guilty — cont. from page 1

sion with the intent to distribute 100 kilo grams and more of marijuana on July 24, 2002.

Hipp waived the right to appeal and the right to a jury in his plea agreement. He was ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine. The judgment was entered on Jan. 22

Glance at Texas money in House plan

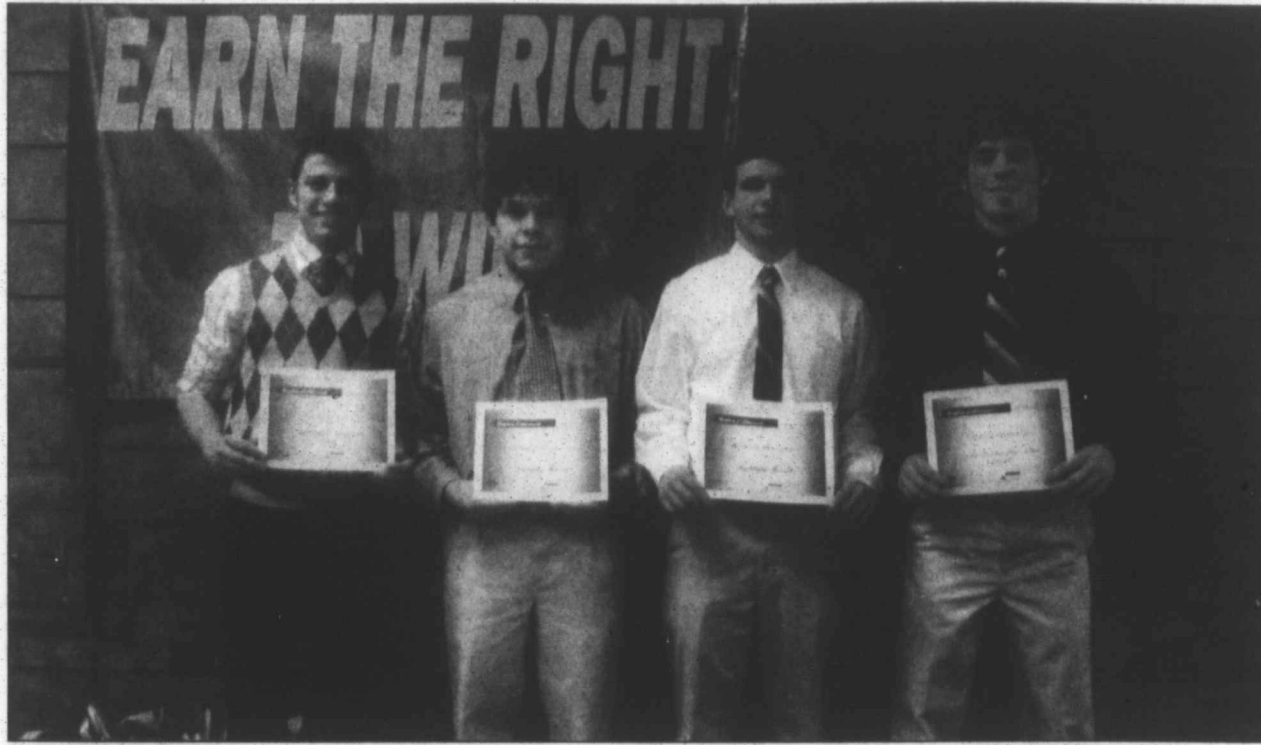
By The Associated Press

Some of the highlights from the U.S. House version of the approximately \$820 billion stimulus package. The amounts were provided by the office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and are subject to change by the House and when the Senate passes its version of the bill and before a final bill is signed into law. Numbers, which in most cases represent both 2009 and 2010, are rounded.

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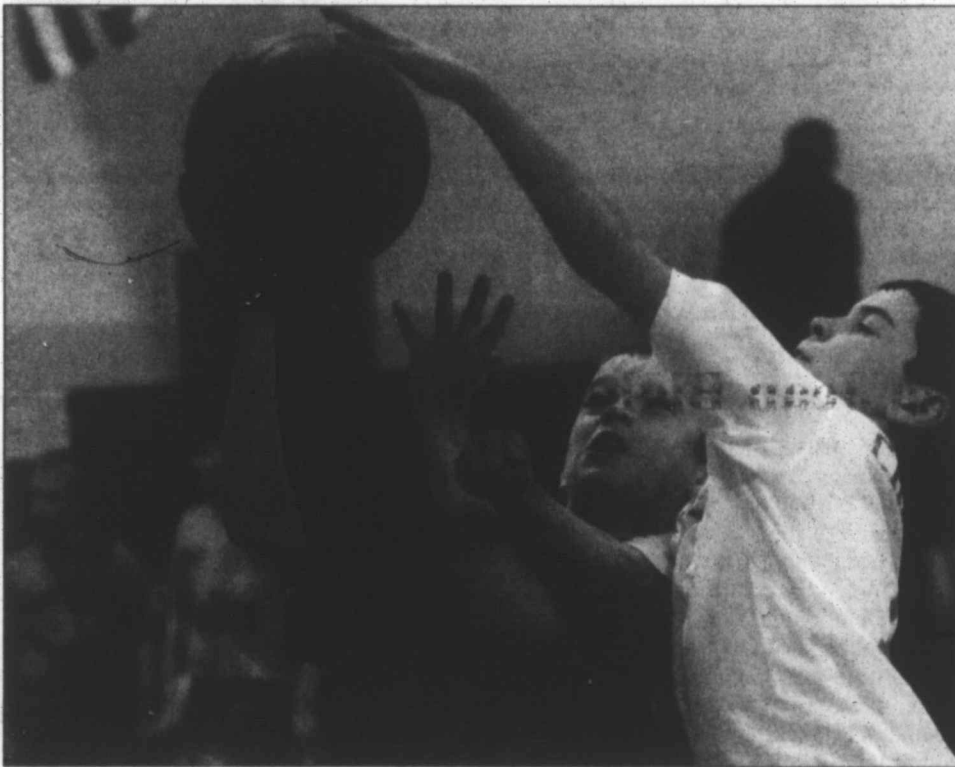
Highways and bridges: \$2.4 billion
 Mass transit: \$336 million
 Wastewater treatment and sewer: \$265 million
 School modernization (K-12 and higher education): \$1.7 billion
 Pell grant: \$1.9 billion (514,748 recipients)
 State budget aid: \$5.1 billion
 Head Start: \$60 million,
 Includes both fiscal years 2009 and 2010

FOOTBALL BANQUET HONORS



Pampa High School honored athletes at a football banquet on Jan. 7. John Luke Covalt- GT-EL Norma Leadership Award. Johnny Anguiano and Michael Alexander- Fighting Heart Award. Casey Trimble- first recipient of the Casey Trimble Perseverance Award. (Not pictured Jeremy Maxwell- Vance Bruce Spirit Award)

OPTIMIST BASKETBALL



Thunder player Gavin Lilly tries to block a shot by Spurs player Aaron Allen, 22, during the Spurs-Thunder game in the opening game of the season for the Optimist's boys basketball program Thursday night. The Spurs won 41-12.

Season schedule

Ice and snow this week postponed the start of the Optimists boys basketball play for the third and fourth grade and fifth and sixth grade leagues.

The Spurs played the Thunder in the opening game Thursday night followed by the Mavericks and Lakers and Pistons and Rockets.

Tonight, the Spurs and Lakers will play followed by the Mavericks versus the Rockets and the Irish versus the Cowboys.

Monday night, Feb. 2, it will be the Cowboys versus the Tarheels, the Irish versus the Longhorns and Raiders versus the Aggies.

Thursday, Feb. 5, it will be the Spurs versus the Rockets, the Mavericks versus the Pistons and the Lakers versus the Thunder.

Friday, Feb. 6, it will be the Aggies versus the Longhorns, the Cowboys versus the Raiders and the Tarheels versus the Irish.

Saturday, Feb. 7, will be a full day beginning at 10 a.m. with the Mavericks versus the Thunder, the Rockets versus the Lakers at 11 a.m., the Longhorns versus the Cowboys at noon, the Aggies versus the Irish at 1 p.m., the Tarheels versus the Raiders at 2 p.m. and the Spurs versus the Pistons at 3 p.m.

The make up games from Tuesday, Jan. 27, were rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8.

They will pit the Longhorns against the Raiders at 2 p.m., the Aggies versus the Tarheels at 3 p.m. and the Pistons versus the Thunder at 4 p.m.

• Monday, Feb. 9, it will be the Raiders versus the Irish, the Cowboys versus the Aggies and the Tarheels versus the Longhorns.

• Thursday, Feb. 12, it will be the Spurs versus the Mavericks, the Pistons versus the Lakers and the Rockets versus the Thunder.

• Monday, Feb. 16, it will be the Raiders versus the Longhorns, the Tarheels versus the Aggies and the Cowboys versus the Irish.

The make up games from Monday, Jan 26, were rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17. The Irish will play the Raiders. The Aggies will play the Cowboys. The Tarheels will play the Longhorns.

• Thursday, Feb. 19, it will be Thunder versus the Spurs again, the Lakers versus the Mavericks and the Rockets versus the Pistons.

• Friday, Feb. 20, it will be the Lakers versus the Spurs, Rockets versus the Mavericks and Thunder versus Pistons.

• Monday, Feb. 23, it's the Tarheels versus Cowboys, Longhorns versus Irish and Aggies versus Raiders.

• Tuesday, Feb. 24, it's the Pistons versus Mavericks, Rockets versus Spurs and Tarheels versus Irish.

• Thursday, Feb. 26, it's the Longhorns versus Aggies, Raiders versus Cowboys and Thunder versus Lakers.

• Friday, Feb. 27, it's Lakers versus Rockets, Pistons versus Spurs and Thunder versus Mavericks.

• Monday, March 2, it's Cowboys versus Longhorns, Aggies versus Irish and Tarheels versus Raiders.

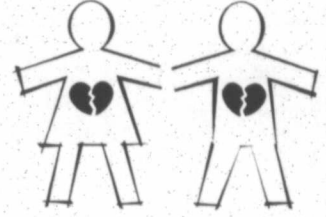
• Tuesday, March 3, it's Mavericks versus Spurs, Lakers versus Pistons and Thunder versus Rockets.

The Optimists' City Tournament is scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 4 and run through Monday, March 9.

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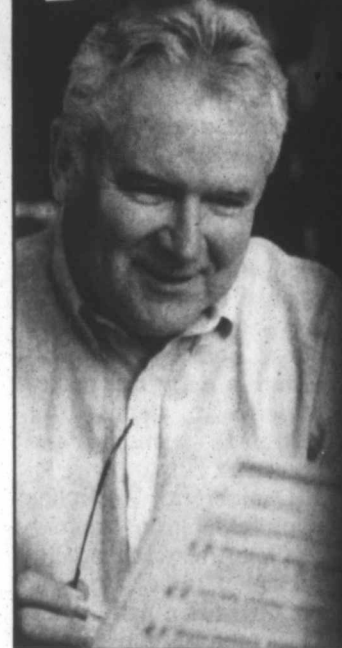
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Friday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2009. There are 335 days left in the year.
 Highlights in history on this date:
 1649 - England's King Charles I is beheaded.
 1781 - The Articles of the U.S. Confederation are adopted by Maryland, the last of the original 13 colonies to do so.
 1788 - Charles Edward Stuart, young pretender to British throne, dies in Rome.
 1835 - Demented painter Richard Lawrence tries to assassinate U.S. President Andrew Jackson.
 1889 - Crown Prince Rudolf and his lover Baroness Mary Vetsera, 18, are found dead in possible suicide pact at the Mayerling hunting lodge outside Vienna.
 1902 - Britain signs treaty with Japan providing for independence of China and Korea.

'It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know, and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything.'

— Joyce Cary,
 English author

1933 - Adolf Hitler is named chancellor of Germany.
 1948 - Mahatma Gandhi is assassinated by a Hindu nationalist in New Delhi, India.
 1957 - United Nations calls on South Africa to reconsider its apartheid policy.
 1964 - The U.S. launches Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras to crash-land on the moon.
 1968 - The Tet Offensive begins as Communist forces launch surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.
 1972 - Thirteen Roman Catholic civil rights marchers are shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what becomes known as "Bloody Sunday."
 1991 - Iraqi forces attack allied positions in Saudi Arabia near Kuwaiti border, holding abandoned coastal city of Khafji for a time. Eleven U.S. marines are killed, seven by friendly fire.
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 2007 - The United Nations' first women-only peacekeeping contingent, Ai made up of about 100 Indian policewomen, Ai arrives in Liberia to join the U.N.'s 15,000-strong peacekeeping force in the West African country.
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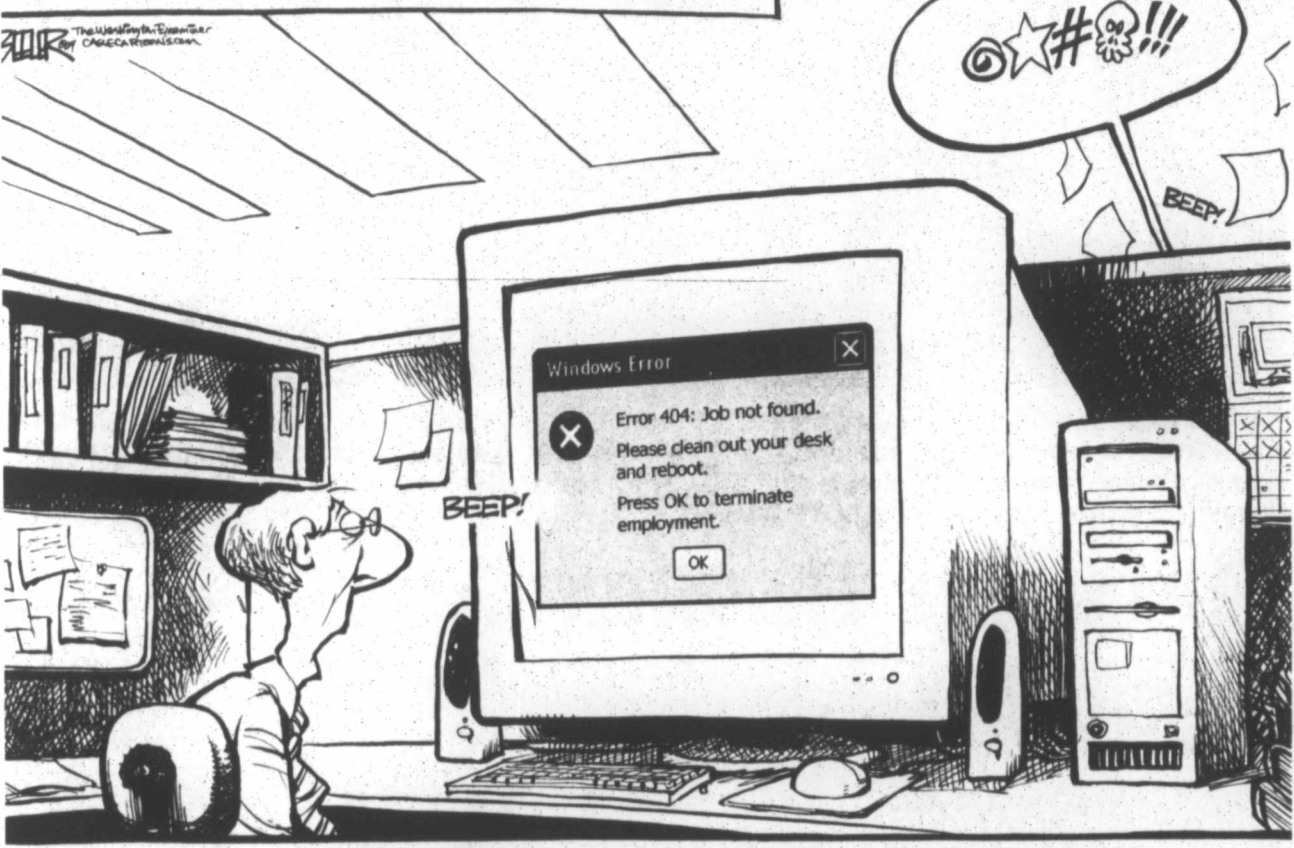
After reading the article a few days back concerning the changes happening with Pampa's EDC, I think there are some thank yous due.
 First, I thank City Commissioner Bob (Robert) Dixon for his courage and attentiveness in voting against rehiring the retired executive head of the PEDC for \$100 per hour for consulting fees!

Good job Mr. Dixon. I'm not sure of his accomplishments as a director, but that seems like a fee that Dallas or Austin could afford, but not Pampa.
 Second is a thank you to all involved in getting a man like Clay Rice to head the PEDC. He's a fine citizen, did a great job as leader of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

and is worth at least \$50 and hour. Congratulations Clay.
 And lastly, thanks to those who saw fit to hire a local, well experienced man for city manager like Mr. Morris. I don't personally know him, but at least he's a local that has been around a while. It seems that too often we get the out-of-towners for prominent positions, who just

don't stick around very long, then we're back to the search again.
 (And for sure The Pampa News would deserve a big ol' thanks if they went back to a little wider margin on the paper to where you felt you wasn't kinda bound up as you scanned the police report and want ads.)
 Gary Keller
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Analysis: Republicans run risk in Obama opposition

WASHINGTON (AP)— Eight days after Barack Obama took office as a "change" president, House Republicans have made a huge political gamble that could set the tone for the next election cycle in 2010.
 In unanimously opposing the massive spending bill that Obama says is crucial to reviving the economy, they signaled they are not cowed by his November victory or his calls for a new era of bipartisanship. Obama's popularity will slacken, they say, and even if it does not, voters will reward a party that makes principled stands for restrained spending and bigger tax cuts.
 Democratic officials think Republicans are misreading Americans' hunger for action. If they are right, the opposition party could face a third consecutive round of election setbacks next year.
 Eyebrows were raised on both sides by Wednesday night's 244-188 House vote, in which not a single Republican supported the stimulus package.
 Passage was never in doubt, even when 11 Democrats joined the Republicans in voting nay. The Democratic-controlled Congress is almost certain to enact some version of the measure soon, after senators make changes and work out the differences with the House of Representatives.
 Many congressional insiders, however, thought a dozen or more Republican House members would support the bill this week, especially after Obama met separately Tuesday with House and Senate Republicans in a rare presidential visit to the Capitol's two wings. The House vote makes it easier for Democrats to portray the entire Republican Party as a do-nothing, head-in-the-sand group, although

opposition party officials call that unfair.
 "I think the Republicans have painted themselves into a box," said David DiMartino, a former Senate Democratic staffer now in public relations. "If the stimulus package works, they were wrong. For them to be right, the economy has to tank. They seem to be rooting for a bad economy."
 Democratic strategists also think Republicans blundered by unanimously opposing Obama just after he made a high-profile show of bipartisanship. Not only was there his visit to the Capitol, but he agreed to drop two items from the bill that drew particular fire from the Republicans: money to reseed the National Mall in Washington and to expand family planning programs.
 Republicans began pushing back Thursday. The two concessions were small, they said, and Democrats ignored the party's alternative package that included more tax cuts and less spending, especially for programs with no obvious promise for stimulating the economy quickly. Having Congress do nothing is not an option, "although sometimes our Democratic friends would like to present the false choice," Republican Sen. Jon Kyl told reporters.
 If a Democratic measure fails to improve the economy, Kyl said, then in about six months Republicans will "be in the position to say, 'We didn't have the input into this that we needed, and that's why it hasn't worked.'"
 For now, at least, White House aides see Obama's outreach to Republicans as a win-win for him, no matter where the House and Senate votes end up. They calculate that Americans will give him credit for trying to win Republicans over, even if he should fail.
 Liberal groups and labor unions turned up the heat

Thursday. They announced a TV ad campaign meant to pressure moderate Republican senators to back the stimulus bill. The ad, financed by Democratic pressure groups, targets Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Charles Grassley of Iowa, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.
 White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama will continue to meet with Republicans and make changes to the bill in response to their concerns. However, Gibbs suggested in an interview, Republican lawmakers will pay a political price if they ultimately stand in the bill's way.
 "There will be people in districts all over the country who will wonder why, when there's a good bill to get the economy moving, why we still are playing gotcha," he said.
 Both parties point to polls that they say show support for their respective viewpoints. White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel told House Republican moderates this week that surveys find about 80 percent support for the stimulus legislation.
 House opposition leaders, meanwhile, cited a poll Thursday in which most respondents said the stimulus bill is too expen-

sive. It also found, they said, that 71 percent think it is unfair to give refund checks to people who do not pay federal income taxes.
 Many low-income workers already receive some benefits through the Earned Income Tax Credit, but the stimulus bill would expand refunds to help offset payroll taxes that these workers pay.
 Republicans' biggest complaint is that the package is loaded with items that they say seem more likely to promote liberal agendas than to stimulate the economy in the short run. They include \$1 billion for the Census Bureau and money to combat Avian flu and help people stop smoking.
 With such items being highlighted, "it's becoming an easier 'no' vote for all of us," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said in an interview Thursday.
 Many Republican lawmakers feel they were stampeded into voting late last year for a \$700 billion financial bailout measure that proved unpopular with voters and of questionable benefit, Graham said. They worry that the stimulus bill might have a similar fate.
 "Who wants to own an \$850 billion increase in the national debt," Graham said, "not knowing whether it will work?"

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Who doesn't want a happy ending? I want to see the bad guy punished, the hero and heroine together and everyone getting exactly what they deserve. Some call this a craving for justice. I prefer the proverb -- "All's well that ends well."

This is probably why I generally ask my daughter if I will like "this" book or "that" movie. (My daughter has her Master's in English Literature and is a book and movie connoisseur.) She knows what I'm really asking -- does it have a happy ending. If she answers "yes" to my question, then I know I can handle whatever problems the characters will face because I know the outcome will be good.

Even when I've been assured I will like the conclusion, the challenges characters face can seem so insurmountable that I begin to think my daughter's definition of a happy ending is somehow different than my own. But it always turns out as she promises it will, even if the course to the happy ending is completely different than I expect or want.

I've heard it said that Cinderella doesn't always get her happy ending, but I wonder if perhaps this is because she has concluded there is only one possible happy ending. And just maybe there is more than one way to find the happiness and satisfaction she seeks.

I recently finished reading Stephanie Meyer's Twilight series, and I must admit I read these four books faster than any books I've ever read. I had not read book reviews or commentaries, so I was completely in the dark about the story's finale. But my daughter assured me I would be happy with the conclusion.

Even still, I read as fast as I could because I wanted to see if she was right. And now that I've finished the books, I'm actually wishing I had taken more time to ponder the unfolding saga of the story.

This wish has me contemplating my own life story. I know without a doubt that the author of my story is the best writer of happy endings. Actually, since God promises us eternal life, our story doesn't exactly have an ending. "And this is the promise that He made to us -- eternal life." (1 John 2:25)

Believing in eternal life is perhaps the best ending we can hope for -- an ending that never comes. The promise of eternity pretty much dismisses the idea that it's ever too late or that there is no hope.

Many aspects of my life journey have not turned out as I first imagined them. But I've learned, and continue to learn, that there is more than one way to obtain the "happy ending" in any circumstance. This has always required that I remove my own preconceived notions and limited expectations and remember that God has happiness as part of His plan.

God said, "I have it all planned out -- plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." (Jeremiah 29:11)

I believe in a happy ending -- or future. It's just that simple. I don't want to ever buy into the idea that the world is cruel and dark and people are damned. So expecting and anticipating a happy ending gives me hope.

Lately I've been thinking I need to slow down and enjoy my journey more. What's my hurry anyway? If life is unending, then what's most important is the journey. I don't want to miss anything. Every moment needs to be cherished, every lesson treasured, every triumph celebrated.

So I guess I'm not really in search of a happy ending after all -- but rather a happy future and journey along the way. And I'm learning that the more I understand that happiness is a God-promised present possibility and not something obtainable only in the distant future, the more happiness is within my grasp right now. The future is tomorrow as well as the next hour or moment of our day.

I'm beginning a new book, and this time I hope to take more time to enjoy what I'm reading. Of course, my daughter says you know it's a good book when you can't put it down until you've finished it. But as part of my new goal to relish every moment in my life journey, I do plan to try.

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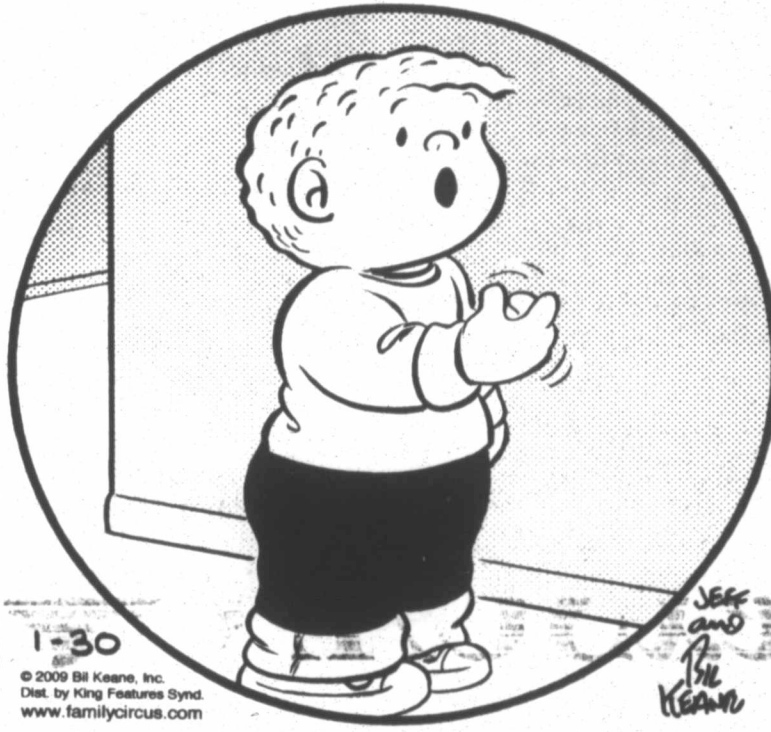
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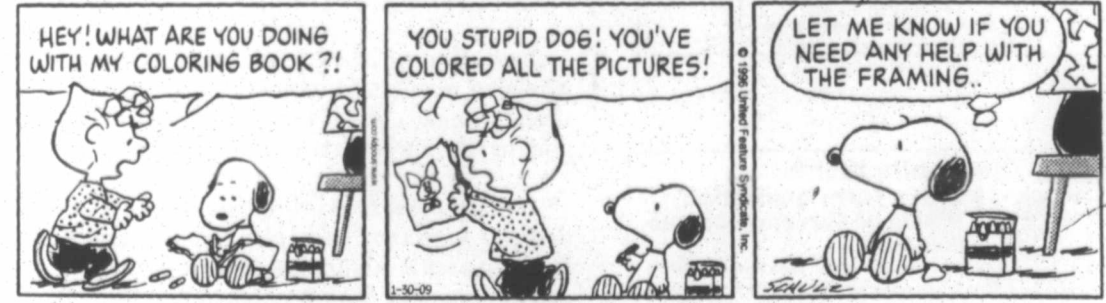
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Adam," is 24 and lives at home. He had some kind of mental breakdown at school -- no one will tell us what he had -- and he says he's too depressed to work or go back to school.

Adam stays in his room all day watching TV. He's on medication, but I don't think he's taking it regularly. His doctor refuses to talk to us because Adam won't give her permission to do so.

Abby, we don't know what to do. Should we let him stay in his room or make him go to work? How can we make him take his medicine? What if he kills himself? We love our son and want to help him, but we don't know how. -- FRANTIC MOM IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR FRANTIC MOM: Because you are involved in your son's care,

common sense dictates that you be involved in his treatment planning, and you should insist upon it. Make clear that you are not interested in the details of his therapy, only in what the treatment plan is and what you can do to help. If necessary, inform his therapist that you will pay for therapy only if she gives you some basic information.

It is especially important that you know whether or not your son is actually ready to go to work, and that there is an emergency plan in place should he become suicidal. If the doctor understands the extent to which family involvement helps, she will find a way to explain it to your son so that permission will be given.

Clear boundaries should be set on what you will and will not be told. At that time, you, your son

and his doctor will need to make a plan together so you are not put in the position of always having to remind him to take his meds.

If the doctor won't talk directly to you, remember that she is still permitted to LISTEN to whatever information you want to give -- so leave a voicemail. The therapist will share whatever you say with your son, but at least you will be on record with having given the information.

DEAR ABBY: What are your thoughts on a mother of five children, four girls and a son, ages 10 through 18, who is naked when she awakens them for school each morning?

It bothers them, and I am beyond shocked. Surely common decency hasn't changed that much.

Don't you think her behavior is bizarre and inappropriate? -- STUNNED GRANDMOTHER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: Not everyone feels as strongly as you do about nudity. However, because her relaxed attitude on the subject bothers your grandchildren to the point that they have complained to you, the mother's behavior is inappropriate. Considering the average temperature at this time of year in Pennsylvania, it could also be considered "bizarre."

Because these children are now old enough to get up for school on their own, why not give them each an alarm clock and suggest they start now?

DEAR ABBY: I have

three daughters, 2, 16 and 18. My 16-year-old, "Tracy," and I are having an ongoing disagreement. She feels it is my responsibility to make her lunch every day. I feel Tracy is old enough to do it herself, but she insists that all of her friends' mothers do this for their daughters. What do you think of this situation? -- A.B. IN BELMONT, CALIF.

DEAR A.B.: Your daughter may be trying to "guilt" you into doing a chore that she would rather not do, or she may feel emotionally needy. Until recently, Tracy was the baby in your family. Now she is the middle child. It is possible that she feels displaced. You need to talk to her about accepting responsibility and that the willingness to do so is a sign of growth and maturity.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

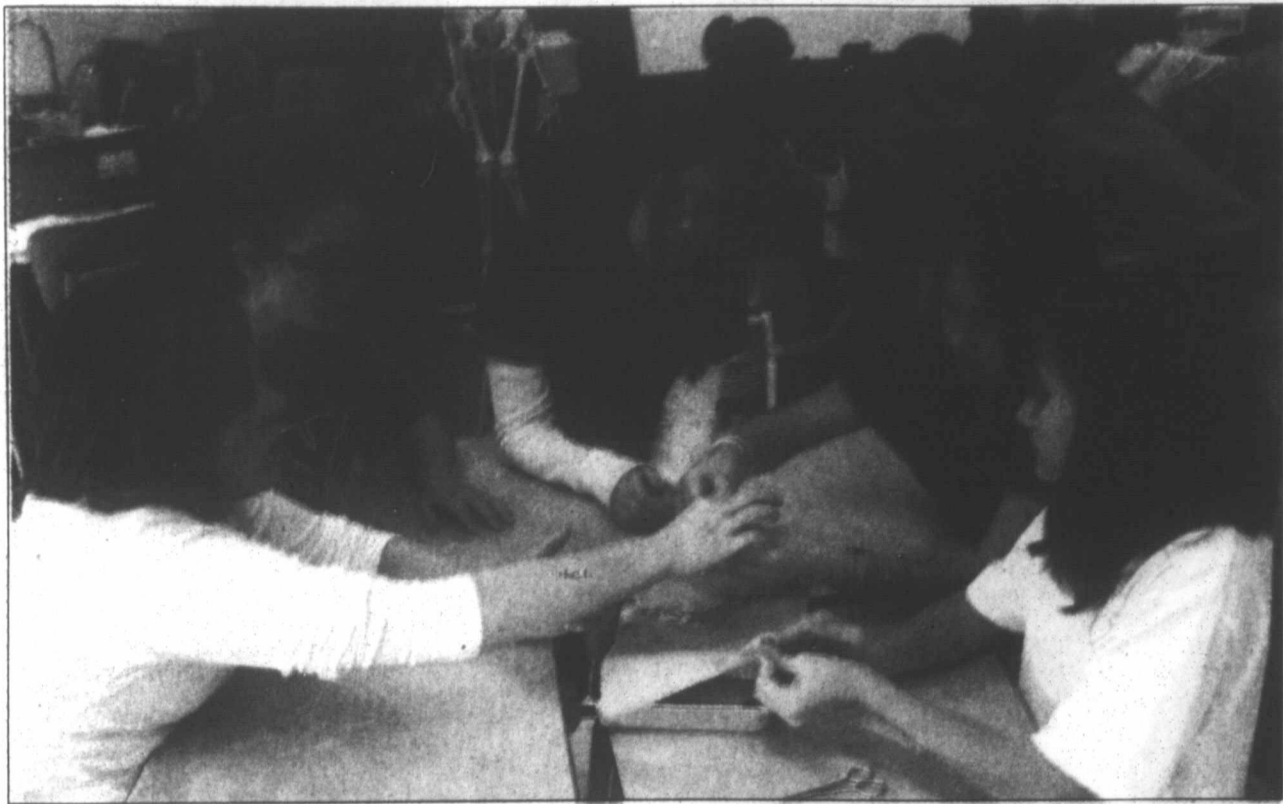
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** You go full steam ahead. Determine your plans, because you aren't about to drop this level of energy. Charisma abounds. A misunderstanding occurs, though it might take patience to clear the air. Tonight: In the center of the action.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Take your time if you'd like. Others don't seem to care if you act out the lazy Bull routine — sniff the flowers; share some news; lounge around. Everyone needs a lazy day — you included. Tonight: Vanish, and you'll add mystery. Is that so bad?
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Certainly surround yourself with people right now. Go off to a game, movie and a meal. A party can erupt at any given moment with you around. Tonight: Where the action is...
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** A must appearance makes all the difference. A parent, boss or older friend or relative appreciates your attention and caring. Why not invite this person for a day outing, if not today, then real soon? Tonight: Out and about.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Keep reaching out for others. You might be surprised by news. Planning a trip in the near future could be just what the doctor ordered. In fact, you might be very surprised at what comes down your path. Tonight: Follow the music.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Everyone seems to want you at the same time. How do you handle that type of popularity? Clearly someone will not be content without your exclusive attention. Talks could be confusing and difficult, but you'll get answers. Tonight: Evaluate what is happening in a key relationship.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Defer to others and listen. Confusion surrounds your domestic life. The way a situation looks right now is not necessarily the way it will be when it's resolved. Be patient and listen. Tonight: Where the action is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Get in some exercise, even if it is only a walk around the block. You might find that letting go of some stress proves to be helpful and rewarding. Listen to someone's thoughts, knowing they might be rigid or distorted. Tonight: Choose easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You are fiery and energetic. Others admire your get-up-and-go. Get into a favorite sport or pastime with or without a friend. You naturally meet people with your high energy and drive. Tonight: Fun and games ... and nothing less.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Stress mounts, even if you deny its existence. How you deal with this tension makes a big difference in your well-being. Get into a physical project, be it cleaning, racquetball or chasing the family pet. Tonight: You don't have to go far.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You say a lot, and others listen. But there could be mixed messages, so confirm what you thought you said and what you thought you heard from the other party. Caution could prevent a problem. Tonight: Talk up a storm.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Treat yourself well, and go off and splurge. Invite a friend or partner along for the ride. How you see a situation develop could change. Verify and confirm meetings and messages. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Relax, and others will relax with you.

BORN TODAY
Novelist Zane Grey (1872), author Norman Mailer (1923), pitcher Nolan Ryan (1947)

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DISSECTING THE CHICKEN



Students peel the skin off of a chicken leg in Larry Hannah's 7th grade science class. Pictured are l-r: Daniella Kirby, Fabiana Rossiter, Glenda Culver, Yesenia Hernandez, and Loretta Nelson.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will present a free class, "Parents' Guide to Internet Safety," at 2 p.m. Saturday January 31 and February 28, in the auditorium. Learn about Internet safety, resources for parents and the effects and signs of drug use.

Other free classes offered at the library include:
Origami Napkin Folding: 10 a.m. Saturday, February 28.

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 December. 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 "Pianofiddle," 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 Eubobck. 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.

• **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

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• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

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