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By Betsy Phillips editor@thepampanews.com

Construction is moving along quickly, in fact ahead of schedule, on projects at the city's landfill. Public Works Director Donny Hooper told the Pampa City Commission yesterday during its regular meeting that there are eight contractors working on various projects at the facility.

Work has begun on the scale house and footings

for the new shop have been poured. Hooper said if the weather cooperates, the concrete floor of the 40 x 80 square foot building could be poured next week

Hooper also reported that work on Cell 4 at the landfill is way ahead of schedule. Excavation has been completed and that excavated dirt is being used to help cover other cells at the landfill.

Wild fires

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell reported that there have been six grass fires inside the local fire district so far this year. Some were caused by embers from fireplace debris placed outside, one was caused by an electrical short and a few more were caused by barbecue grills. The fire chief cautioned residents to make sure, especially on windy days

that all materials are com-

pletely extinguished.

Powell said that citizens can look to the flagpoles at city fire stations for red flag warnings. When the National Weather Service determines that a warning is in effect for our area. meaning the wind speed is over 20 mph and the humidity is less than 15 percent, a red flag will be flown at Pampa fire stations. Commissioner Neil Fulton asked if the marquee at MK Brown Center

could be used to warn the public as well. Powell said that it was a fantastic idea and will contact the facility.

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Recently the Pampa Fire Department assisted Roberts County on a wildland fire behind Walnut Creek. During suppression efforts, a Miami fire unit stalled, leaving its crew with no way to leave if they were threatened by flames. Pampa's Booster 1

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hearings by David Bowser dbowser@thepamapnews.com The Pampa Economic

Development Corporation will hold two public hearings Thursday morning at 11 a.m.

The first one concerns giving an \$18,630 grant to Gerald and Monica Urban of Hidden Acres RV to install a 6-inch water line and fire hydrant to comply with city regulations for an expansion of the RV park at 1708 W. Kentucky.

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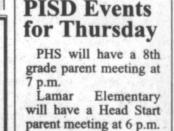
The \$18,630 would go for 20 hook ups and is dependent upon the Urbans getting financing for another 30 hook ups and starting construction.

The second public hearing concerns a cooperative agreement between The Entrepreneurial Alliance, Inc., and the PEDC for up to \$35,000 a year to finance a project to help existing and new businesses succeed in retail.

Assistant Pampa City Manager will talk to the PEDC board members about the city's proposed family aquatic park, improvements to park playground equipment and improvements to Inez Carter Park.

PEDC Executive Director Clay Rice will report to the boardon the organization's strategic plan, insurance, the state's basic economic development course in Austin, the PEDC grant subcommittee, wind energy and upcoming events.

The PEDC will meet at 11 a.m., Thursday, in the Nona Payne Room of the Community Building at 200 S. Ballard.



in the cafeteria. Travis Elementary will have a first grade Valentine Party at 1:15



by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com The Local Emergency Planning Committee yesterday (Tuesday, Feb. 10) installed officers for 2009 Linda Stanton, member of the Lefors Fire Department, was approved Emergency 28 Management Coordinator for Gray County.

Stanton replaces Joe Millican in the position in part of a new effort from LEPC to rotate chair memannually. bers Fred Courtney, who works with **Emergency** Management was approved as treasurer for the second year, and Carol Trolinger, Plan Operations Risk Management coordinator Pampa Regional for Medical Center, was nominated and sworn in as the new vice chairperson for the committee.

The meeting featured guest speaker Rick Tull with the Department of State Health Services . Tull spoke of his experiences with emergency situations through recent Hurricanes in Galveston.

In the crisis, PODs were

used (point of dispensing sites), which provide releif for large numbers or entire populatioons in who have been effected by a crisis situation. PODS normally provide appropriate medications those effected in a population.

Pampa has been trained utulize and create to PODS if an emergency were to happen, Tull said, but more people still need training. Public health, emergency management, law enforecement, cheif elected officials, hospitals and clincs all play a role in making successfull PODS. Tull said DSHS is making an effort to train most of the panhandle to use including PODS, Shamrock, Wheeler, Borger, and Clarendon, which is next in line for PODS training. Tull also discussed the

use of CHEMPACKS in the region. CHEMPACKS are a part of a program launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which contain antidotes for chemical spills or other potentially chemically hazardous situ-

ations in the natuion. The packs have been placed in the region, and are available for use in emergency situations, but the antidote must arrive on the scene quickly in order to be effective, Tulls said.

"(They) have to get to victims quickly or they won't work," Tull said. "PRMC and Pampa will play a big role in making

that happen."

Last, Tull discussed the "panhandle crud" sickness effecting many people in the area, which consists of flu-like symptons, which has been keeping PRMC and doctors busy. Efforts to create a public flu clinic at Clarendon College are underway. In other meeting items,

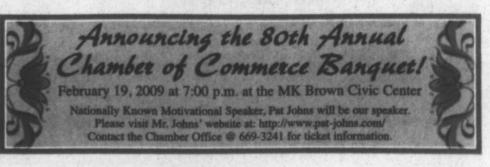
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Newly sworn in Local Emergency Planning Committee officials, from left to right, Fred Courtney, treasurer, Linda Stanton, emergency management coordinator for Gray County, and Carol Trolinger, vice chairperson.

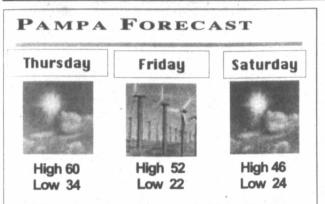




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Julie Schuneman, left, and Brian Jones sell a valentine cookie to Brenna Albracht at Pampa High School to to raise money for the school's DECA program. The cookies are to be delivered on Friday during home room.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-13-27-28-19. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$11,785 Winning ticket purchased in: Dallas, Houston Matching four of five: 115. Prize: \$92 Matching three of five: 2,997. Prize: \$8 Matching two of five: 27,609. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by

For the Record

Obituaries

Roberta Montgomery Pugh

Pampa, Texas-Roberta Montgomery Pugh, 93, died February 10, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, and Rev. Jacob Clemmens, former rector, officiating. Burial will be in

Fairview Cemetery under direction the of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Pugh was born

October 5, 1915 in Roberts County and had been a lifelong resident of Gray and Roberts counties.

She was a graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas State University. Roberta married R. L. "Dick" Pugh on

April 12, 1958 in Clayton, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1977

She was the owner and operator of Roberta's Flowers from 1955 until her death. Her shop received the FTD award for 25 straight years from 1957 until 1982. She received the Teleflora award in 1981 and 1983 for the top one thousand members outstanding sales achievement. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Roberta was preceded in death by a sis-Juanita "Sis" ter, Massengale in 2003.

Survivors include one sister; Minnie Olive Jackson of Pampa, two

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Pugh

The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 PM Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com

Pampa, Texas — Jose Silva, 77, died February 10, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Vigil services will be at 6:00 PM Thursday, February 12, 2009 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday, February 13, 2009, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Rev. Church, with Francisco Perez, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Silva was born March 19, 1931 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico to Gregorio and Gudelia Silva.

He married Natalia Villalon on January 29. 1955 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She preceded him in death on September 17, 1997. He moved to Roswell, New Mexico in family and friends. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by a sister, Vacilisa Aguilar.

Survivors include three sons, Noe Silva and wife Aqueda, Pas Silva and wife Rosalva, Jose Silva, Jr., and wife Chrissie, all of Pampa, two brothers; Raul Silva and wife Eva of Friona, and Carlos Silva and wife Irma of Pampa, five grandchildren; Jaime Silva of Dallas, Christina Silva of Amarillo, Jessy Silva of Fort Worth,

Jose Silva, 77 Fabian Silva of Lubbock, and Jeannette Garcia and husband Armando of Pampa, four great-grandchildren; Natalie Silva, Kenzie Silva and Lucas Ernesto Garcia, all of Pampa, and Amaya Carver of Amarillo and many nieces and nephews.

and husband Mart of

Georganna Briggs and

Amarillo, one great niece;

Cara Tomlinson of Austin,

one great nephew; Cliff

Briggs and wife Melanie

of Amarillo, one great-

great nephew; Chase

Briggs of Amarillo, one

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Briggs of Amarillo and

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Tuesday, Feb. 10 A total of 15 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Harrassment was reported in the 800 block of North Wells, where bologna was stuck on a vehicle.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 1800 block of North Fir, the 300 block of South Tignor, and the 600 block of North Hobart.

Narcotics violations were reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester, where a juvenille was arrested for public intoxication, and a juvenille was caught in possession of tabacco.

Disorderly conducted was reported at PHS, where a juvenille was arrested for public intoxication; the 500 block of Yeager, and the 800 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Soccer Association, 248 South Naida, where damage to a driveway was reported, estimated value \$200.

Theft was reported in the lobby of the PD, where a check was written for services on an account that was closed.

Suspicious persons were reported in the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets, and the intersection of Francis and Cuyler streets.

A burglary was reported in the lobby of the PD.

A traffic complaint was received in the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 Officers conducted a total of 12 traffic stops. A stop in the 1400 block of South Barnes resulted in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of West Crawford.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service responded to following the calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today. Monday, Feb. 9

9:39 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of East Fredrick and transported a patient to the VA Medical Center.

10:30 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of HIlton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:16 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:58 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road 13 and transported a patient to PRMC. Tuesday, Feb. 10

12:41 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dogwood and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:50 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC. 12:08 p.m. -- A mobile

1966 and moved to Pampa in 1978. He retired from Construction Zachary

in1993. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his

Saundra **Brown** Norton, 56

Pampa, Texas Saundra Brown Norton, 56, February 10, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

ICU responded to the 400 block of East 17th and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:48 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:23 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC. 2:23 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:26 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No patients were transported.

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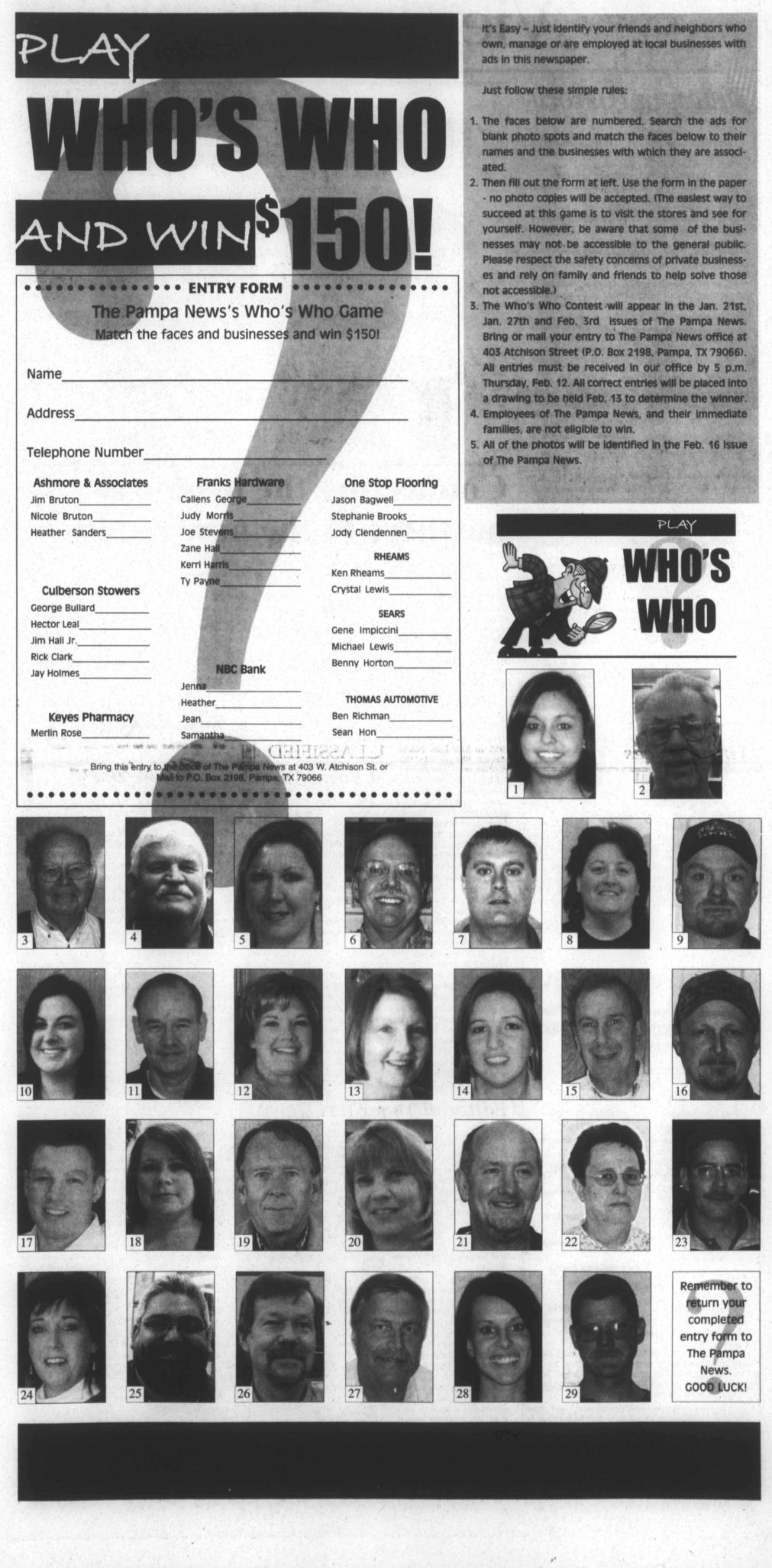
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2009. There are 323 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1254 - The British Parliament first convenes. 1531 - King Henry VIII is recognized as Supreme

Head of the Church in England.

1798 - French forces take Rome.

1812 - Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry signs a redistricting law that favors his party, Aî giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

1889 - Constitution is granted in Japan, with twochamber Diet, but Emperor retains extensive powers

1922 - Nine-power treaty is signed in Washington for securing China's independence and maintaining "open door" policy; United States and Japan sign naval agreement.

'We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived."

1929 - Italy signs the Lateran Treaty; establishing an independent Vatican City

1944 - U.S. carrier planes strike heavy blows against Japanese positions in Marshall Islands in Pacific during World

- Paul Bourget, French author

War II. 1945 U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British

Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

1956 - Referendum in Malta favors integration with Britain.

1967 - Military rule is imposed in Beijing during civil strife in China.

1968 - Communist troops execute 300 civilians in South Vietnam and bury them in a mass grave during fighting for city of Hue.

1971 - Treaty banning nuclear weapons from ocean floor is signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and Moscow.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher becomes the first. female head of the British Conservative Party

1989 - Barbara Harris becomes the first consecrated female Episcopal bishop in United States.

1990 - African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is released after 27 years in South African prisons

1993 - A Somali gunman hijacks a Lufthansa Airbus over Austria with 104 people aboard and orders it flown to New York, where he surrenders peacefully and releases his hostages unharmed.

1996 - Powerful car bombs kill 17 people and wound 93 in Algiers.

1999 - The U.S. Justice Department closes the books on a \$1.6 billion reparations program for eth-Japanese interned in American camps during World War II. Today's Birthdays: Thomas A. Edison, U.S. inventor (1847-1931): Sidney Sheldon, U.S. author (1917-2007); Lloyd Bentsen, former U.S. senator and vice-presidential candidate (1921-); Burt Reynolds, U.S. actor (1936—); Tina Louise, U.S. actress (1934—); Sergio Mendes, Brazilian musician (1941-); Sheryl Crow, U.S. singer (1962-); Jennifer Aniston, U.S. actress (1969-); Brandy, U.S. singer/actress (1979-).



Connecting the bridge to nowhere to the new reality

By Hector Garcia

Taxpayers around the globe have paid over \$13 trillion (more than a quarter of the gross global product) to bail out financial, insurance and other organizations as well as investors. Was this global crisis -which with each passing hour is casting millions of Americans out of their jobs, out of their homes, and into a deep well of debt -- truly inevitable?

In 1993, the gross global product represented about \$20 trillion and derivatives traded in the world markets, \$12 trillion. Although derivatives have appropriate functions, such as making hedging possible and lending liquidity to markets, they are instruments whose value is not intrinsic but derived from that of mortgages, securities and other assets. Yet by 2008, while the gross global product had grown to \$56 trillion. derivatives had reached approximately \$530 trillion! When the derivatives' underlying value was eroded by reckless mortgage loans, the huge excess in speculation and the artificiality in the financial edifice were revealed. As far back as the early 90s, books such as When Corporations Rule the World; hearings by the House Banking Committee on the derivatives market; leaders in academia such the former president of Harvard University, Derek Bok; and reporters, such as Thomas Friedman, laid out different consequences of the practices and policies unfolding in global markets. Economists of the stature of Joseph Stiglitz and a handful of prudent, long-time investors including Warren Buffet called attention to the growing dangers. The outcome was foreseen by those who were willing to see. If there's any hope of full recov-

ery, we must look at the mythical mindset, symbolized by the infamous Bridge to Nowhere, which blinded us to that outcome as a means of connecting us to a brighter future.

Many believed that "the end of history" had been reached, that capitalism -- not on the basis of enlightened self-interest but unregulated and unrestrained self-interest -- was infallible, and that the U.S. had become the only "indispensable nation," free to disregard others. Meanwhile, over 40 million Americans did not have a bank account, approximately 45 million did not have health insurance, and 30 million adults were considered illiterate.

The need for inter-connectedness with our own poor and with other nations means that Americans' image

of ourselves, and our aspirations --

the essence of what defines "the

American Dream" -- must undergo

the identity of the nation from the

reality of its own marginalized com-

munity and from the international

reality, during a period of rapidly

evolving globalization, our mindset

became dysfunctional. We manifest-

ed our own loss of faith in the prin-

struck by the cleverness of those

who have been intent on succeeding

power alone do not necessarily

translate into ethical, moral, or

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We the people need to ask what

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mental health profession-

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paired with the National

Institute of Mental Health

for a long-term study of

Fashioning a solution to

a problem with so many

variables won't be easy.

Adding to the challenge is

a warrior culture that does-

n't like to admit weakness

and discourages treatment.

The Army needs to address

in a serious way, not just

with words and orders the

stigma attached to soldiers

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the suicides.

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in bringing about the current crisis.

at the expense of everyone else. Intelligence, knowledge and

Now, it's time to stop being awe-

ciple of broadly-shared prosperity.

When Americans disconnected

radical change.

changes and sacrifices are required in order to move in a worthwhile direction. The future of our country demands that all of us build a bridge back to reality. A good start is recognizing that the necessary flows of capital, products and services of globalization are not sustainable in a ruthless system of commerce that relies on low- or no-pay for work, and the assumption that our natural and human resources are expendable. The notion of unending, increasing affluence, and of lax or nonexistent accountability, must be abandoned.

It is not too late and our history holds the answers: a return to honoring the truths that are "self-evident," 'a decent respect for the opinions of mankind," and the full, educated, responsible engagement of the peo-



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Editorial Thoughts

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Austin American-Statesman on the increase in suicides in the U.S. Army:

The U.S. Army has a serious problem with suicides in the ranks. More soldiers killed themselves last month than died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, a shocking fact that has the Army reeling.

In January, 24 soldiers may have committed suicide. Some of those cases are still being investigated, but most investigations result in a ruling of suicide. That would be by far the most suicides in one month ever recorded for the Army.

It had been reported earlier that more soldiers committed suicide in 2008 than any year on record. Last year there were 128 confirmed cases of activeduty soldiers killing themselves. But further investigations will likely push that number up to 140 at

That compares with 115 suicides in 2007 and 106 in 2006, a continuing rise that has everyone from generals to privates concerned. Army officials are puzzled about the cause or causes of such a high number of suicides and are casting about for ways to combat the disturbing surge

Only about a third of those who killed themselves were deployed in a war zone. Another third had returned from a deployment, and another third had never been deployed. Without a common set of factors, the Army is struggling with ways to attack the problem.

Reasons for the soldiers killing themselves vary from financial and relationship problems to the stress of combat and poor mental health care in the Army. A soldier struggling with problems and facing a ple. This is the essence of modern democracy and the source of the longstanding success of our country.

The timing is favorable. President Obama has been a bridge between those in power and the rest of the country on a platform built on hope and inclusiveness. The economic crisis has placed us outside our comfort zone, which makes a revolution of thought possible. We can all help replace the paradigm built on the fantasies of self-proclaimed masters of the universe with one based on the profound realities that the founders of the nation modestly disclosed. This paradigm shift will reveal the new 21st century frontier. It is a challenge to be grasped now. As candidate Obama observed, this is our and the peoples of the world's moment

Garcia is a consultant on international trade and investment and on intercultural communications.

> Army brass should focus, too, on post-traumatic stress syndrome and the problems veterans face after they leave the service. Thousands of veterans kill themselves, but no one has a handle of how many or why.

There is no magic cure for the Army as it tackles this difficult issue, no single solution that will work for every soldier contemplating taking his or her life. But the more attention to the problem, the more things the Army tries as a way to help soldiers, the better the chances of curtailing this shocking increase in suicides.

These men and women serve their country in its most dangerous ventures, and they deserve the best care including mental health care the country can provide them. URL: http://www.statesman.com

15-month deployment to a war zone, maybe a second combat tour, would be under tremendous stress. To its credit, the Army

is facing the problem help. Army Secretary Pete this month to help soldiers recognize the signs of trouble among the troops.

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Resident suggests water park approval be placed on May ballot

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help and put themselves in harm's way to come to their aid. The smoke was so thick, Pampa's

firefighters had to follow a fence line to avoid becoming lost. They used their engine to pull Miami's unit out of harm's way. Powell told commissioners, "We're here, we're ready to go."

Citizen comment

unit heard their call for Meaker spoke to the city commission at Tuesday's meeting regarding the Certificates

of Obligation the city has indicated it will soon incur. Meaker began his com-

ments by saying he approves of the job the commission is doing. "You are doing a job that

most citizens won't do," he told them.

Meaker said he realizes the city's infrastructure is Pampa resident Cleo in dire need and he

supports the part of the bond issue that is related to water and sewer, but he doesn't support the construction of a water park a this time.

"I would like to see it postponed or placed on the city ballot (for public

approval in the May 9 election)," Meaker told the commission. He added that he would like to see an upgrade to the city's animal shelter, which is not in good condition.

"It (the shelter's condition) says a lot about our community," Meaker said, "and far precludes the need for a water park. It's in abysmal shape.

He asked that the city "make this money stretch." Meaker said he would also like the city to consider buying American made vehicles for its fleet. **Police Chief**

Robin Bailey, city financial director, announced the posting of a job description for Pampa Chief of Police. The position will first be opened to

internal applicants, then posted on the Texas Municipal League Web site and the Texas Police Chief's Association's Web site. Documents must be received by the city's Human Resources Director, Room 304 by 5 p.m., Friday, March 13 for

applicants to be considered for the position.

Bailey said members of Police Chief's the Association would assist in screening the applications and there would be committees formed to help with the interview process. She said the hiring process is expected to take about two months.

Carrillo chosen Officers intalled to lead railroad commission

Austin, Texas - Members of the Railroad Commission of Texas today elected Commissioner Victor Carrillo to serve as chairman of the state's

oldest regulatory agency. Carrillo last chaired the Commission from September 2003 through September 2005.

Much of the Commission's work is overseeing the Texas oil and gas, surface mining, and pipeline industries, including exploration, production, and product transportation. The Commission helps keep Texans safe, especially those who live and work around oil and gas facilities and pipelines, and also protects Texas land and water by plugging abandoned wells and cleaning up old oilfield sites.

"I commend Commissioner Williams on his good work as our chairman over the last two years, and I am honored to follow him in this important role," said Carrillo. "Working as a team with Commissioners Michael Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones, we will continue to make certain that Texans have affordable, clean, reliable, and safe Texas energy. Texas remains the premier energy producing state in the nation and a critical element of our nation's domestic energy security."

Carrillo pledges to continue to promote a strong, yet balanced state energy policy that encourages responsible development of the state's natural resources in a safe and environmentally protective manner for the benefit of all Texans

Carrillo serves as chairman of the Outer Continental Shelf advisory board to the Secretary of the Interior advising on all aspects of oil and gas leasing of the nation's offshore areas. He is also a member of America's Energy Coast Honorary Leadership Council a group educating the public on the national importance of the energy producing states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He formerly served as vice chairman of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), and he was recently named to the Committee on Gas of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Chairman Carrillo is also on the Board of Advisors of the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law at the University of Texas School of Law.

Kelly Rushing from the Gray County Sheriff's Office reported improvements being made to patrol cars and radios, as well as new hand-cranked radios to provide communication in emergency situations. Fred Courtney reported the budget as \$8,179.86, and he reported on cameras, in Pampa and other cities, which have been worked on for technological upgrades. The exisitng burn bans in effect for Carson, Wheeler, Gray, and Roberts counties were re-emphasized.

The next LEPC meeting will be on May 12.

New pipeline safety rules approved

All Texas AUSTINthree Railroad Commissioners-who oversee the

state's top energy and pipeline regulatory agency-the Texas Railroad Commission-today approved rules that will place natural gas production and flow lines in heavily populated areas under the state's safety jurisdiction.

Production and flow lines typically are low-pressure pipelines that transport natural gas from a well to a gathering line. A gathering line gathers natural gas from several wells and delivers it to a gas plant or transmission pipeline. Previously, production and flow lines in urban populated areas were unregulated under federal law and had no safety requirements.

The rules, which become effective on March 2, will now require that production and flow lines in populated areas be operated and maintained according to state pipeline safety rules. These rules address several factors including design, construction, operating pressures and testing, emergency response and damage prevention.

Additional pipeline rules also became effective on Feb. 4 that will require natural gas distribution pipeline operators to submit leak reports every six months to the Railroad Commission. These rules were adopted by the three Railroad Commissioners at a Jan. 15, 2009 conference.

The new rules require natural gas distribution pipeline operators to submit online reports covering all leaks repaired on their pipeline systems every six months beginning in July 2009. The reports also must list leaks identified and the number of unrepaired leaks remaining on pipelines.



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"I am honored to again serve as chairman as we strive to solve complex policy and regulatory issues and as we constantly adapt to the ever changing landscape of the Texas energy sector."

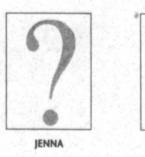
A native of Abilene, Governor Rick Perry appointed Victor Carrillo to the Texas Railroad Commission in 2003. In 2004, Carrillo won his first statewide election garnering almost 3.9 million votes and making him the highest-ranking elected Hispanic official in Texas.

Under the new rules, new pipeline construction reports also will now be required to be filed with the Commission on new liquefied petroleum gas (LPGpropane) distribution systems. Previously, new construction reports were only required for new natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems.

In addition to new rules adopted this year, the Commission also adoptedrules last year that increase the frequency of natural gas inspection leaks and shorten natural gas leak repair time frames.



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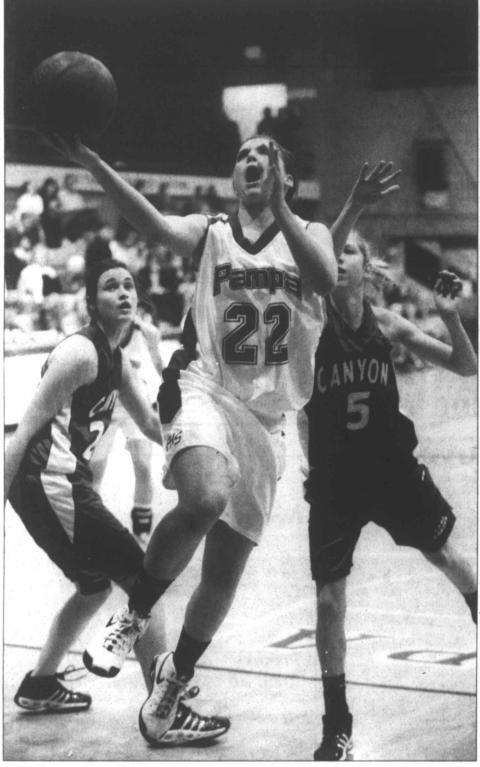
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PHS varsity shoots down Eagles FINAL GAME FOR MINER by David Bowser the Parma Harvesters Tuesday night the Parma Harvesters Tuesday night



staff photo by David Bowser

In the final game of her high school career, Senior Lady Harvester Jessica Miner, 22, drives in for a lay up during the Pampa-Canyon game Tuesday night at McNeely Field House. Canyon won 59-22.

Ladies overpowered in season's final outing

The Pampa Harvesters shot down the Canyon Eagles Tuesday night in McNeely Field House 62-40.

The Harvesters took a commanding lead in the opening minutes of the game and never looked back. The Harvesters led at the end of the first period 20-9. By the half, Canyon had narrowed Pampa's lead slightly to 31-22.

The Harvesters put another 12 points on the scoreboard to Canyon's six to end the third quarter with a 43-28 lead.

Harvester Alex Clendening was high point man for the night with 18 points.

Hayden Skinner followed closely behind with 17 points.

Clendening made 14 two point baskets and one three pointer. He was one for two from the free throw line.

Hayden Skinner had four two points baskets for the night and two three pointers. He was three for five from the foul line.

Alex Torres was the third

JV cages Eagles 57-46, JV Ladies fall 53-22

by Bob Ericson Lately it seems that if the Harvesters lose a game, the Lady Harvesters win and vice versa. Tuesday night was no different.

Pampa began the contest better than in previous games, scoring 15 in the first quarter.

Pampa would take a slim 25-24 lead into half. Coach Snelgrooes must have said something to jump start the team— they put up 14 points in the quarter.

Jonathan Polasek would hit a three pointer, Slaughter hit a two pointer and Ericson put up 9 of his 26 for the game. leading scorer for the Harvesters Tuesday night against Canyon with nine points. Torres had two two point baskets and one three pointer. He was two for two from the free throw line.

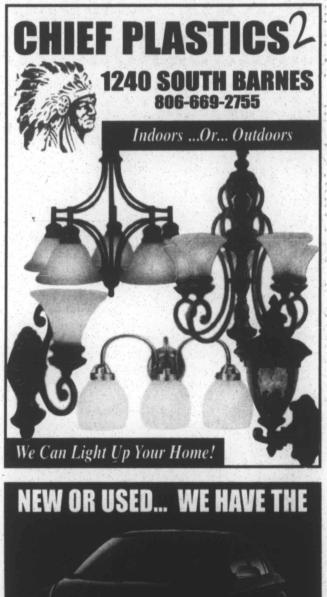
Blake Sieck, Heath Skinner and Ryan Jimenez each had six points for the night.

Sieck made a three point shot in the opening period of the game and made a two pointer in the second quarter. He was one for two when he went to the free throw line in the third quarter. Heath Skinner made two two point baskets in the fourth quarter and was two for two from the foul line in the final quarter.

Ryan Jimenez made two two point baskets in the second quarter and was two for four for the night from the free through line.

The Harvesters play their last home game of the regular season Friday against the Randall Raiders.

Next week, the Harvesters close their regular season on the road, traveling to Amarillo to face the Palo Duro Dons.



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The Lady Harvesters ended their season Tuesday night in McNeely Field House against the powerful Canyon Lady Eagles with a 59-22 loss.

Although the Lady Harvesters outscored the Lady Eagles nine to seven in the final quarter, Canyon's lead after the first three quarters proved insurmountable.

At the end of the first period of play, Canyon led 18-7. By the half Canyon led 31-11.

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Canyon exploded in the third period with 21 additional points to close out phree quarters with a 52-13 lead.

Ashley Facio led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with six points on the scoreboard for the night with two three point baskets. One in the opening quarter, and one in the final quarter.

Andi Hutto made five points for the night. She had a two-point basket in the first quarter and one in

HEATHER SANDERS

the third quarter. She was one for two in the final period from the free throw line.

Carlyn Teichmann and Taryn Eubank each had four points in the game.

Teichmann was four for four on two trips to the foul line. She had one trip in the first quarter and one in the fourth.

Eubank made two baskets in the second quarter.

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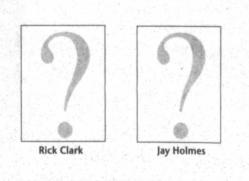
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Pampa would close the deal winning 57-46. The Harvester JV will play Randall Friday at 6pm.

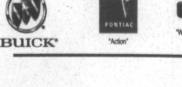
The Lady Harvesters took on the Lady Eagles in the season finale. In the first quarter Kirsten Kuhn would hit back to back three pointers and Kailyn Troxell would make a two point basket as Pampa would trail 11-10 after one. Pampa would continue to play tough defense but trailed at half 20-16. The second half would not be as kind and the Lady Harvesters would fall 53-22 to end their season.

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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.

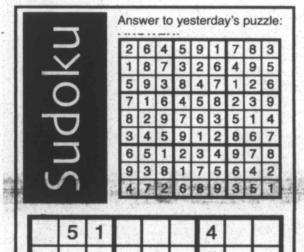
 "Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa's final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. 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. Accolade screenings take roughly five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure: blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to participant. Accolade will also provide individuals with informational sheets explaining their numbers from the screenings.

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. • 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.

• T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.



DEAR ABBY: I have tried to have cordial relations with my neighbors, but do not have particularly close friendships with any of them.

A little over a year ago, a young man started coming to my home on a regular basis whenever my wife was out of town. After a while, he began spending the night with me when she was away.

Evidently, some of my neighbors noticed these visits and started gossiping about it, spreading the rumor that I am gay and that this young guy is my lover. More recently, however, he has spent the night when my wife is present, so now my neighbors think something kinky is going on

At times I am puzzled by this. At other times I am angry at their arrogance and gall. The explanation is simple: The young man is my son from a previous relationship. Because we were prevented from having contact when he was a child, we are now trying to establish a relationship -and we are making progress. My wife and other children have been wonderfully supportive in all this.

I really don't want to tell my neighbors what's going because it will on inevitably lead to a disclosure of some things that are really none of their business. But I am troubled by the rumor that I have a young male lover. What do you think I should do? --I'M HIS DAD IN VIR-GINIA

DEAR ABBY: I started working in a medical office a year ago. I handle the financial end of the practice and, because of that, I have a private office. I have six co-workers who assume that I am antisocial because I stay in my office most of the time.

When I come out to socialize, they ignore me and have given me unpleasant vibes. I tried recently to transfer to another medical office, but my boss counter-offered so that I would stay. Out of loyalty to him, I stayed.

Now I have to continue going to lunch alone and sitting in my office all day without anyone saying a word to me. What can I do to feel more accepted? -- EXCLUDED IN ALABAMA

DEAR EXCLUDED: Try a little harder to integrate into the group by bringing some treats to the office for "the gang" and offering to share, or inviting them all out to lunch.

However, if that doesn't melt some ice, have a talk with the office manager because you have described a hostile work environment. If you are the office manager, then let the doctor know what's going on. There are steps your boss can take to rectify the situation. And if it doesn't happen, take the other job and let the doctor know why.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a Send your group's event to editor@thepampanews.com



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DEAR DAD: If you don't want to let your neighbors know the truth, then you will have to tolerate the fact that they have active imaginations and have drawn their own (mistaken) conclusions. If I were in your shoes, however, I think I'd come "out of the closet" on the paternity issue and put the gossip to rest by having your wife introduce your son around as exactly who he

"debate," and I hope you can help. When dining out in a restaurant, is it proper etiquette to ask for a taste from another person's plate? -- WHAT'S MINE **IS MINE IN MAINE**

DEAR W.M.I.M .: I have never heard of any rule of etiquette that forbids asking for a bite. If you're afraid your husband will take too much, place a small portion on your bread plate and pass it to him.



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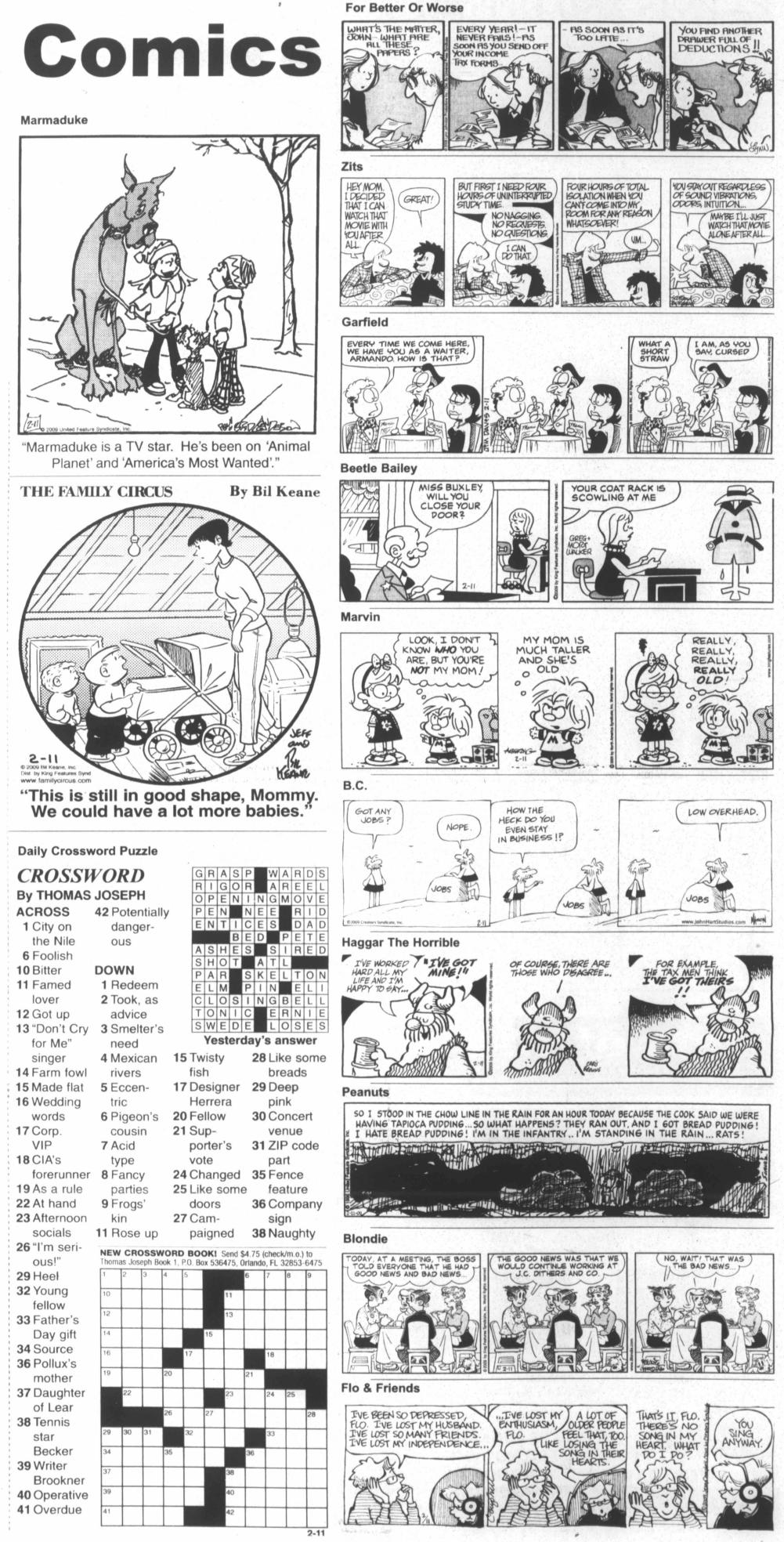
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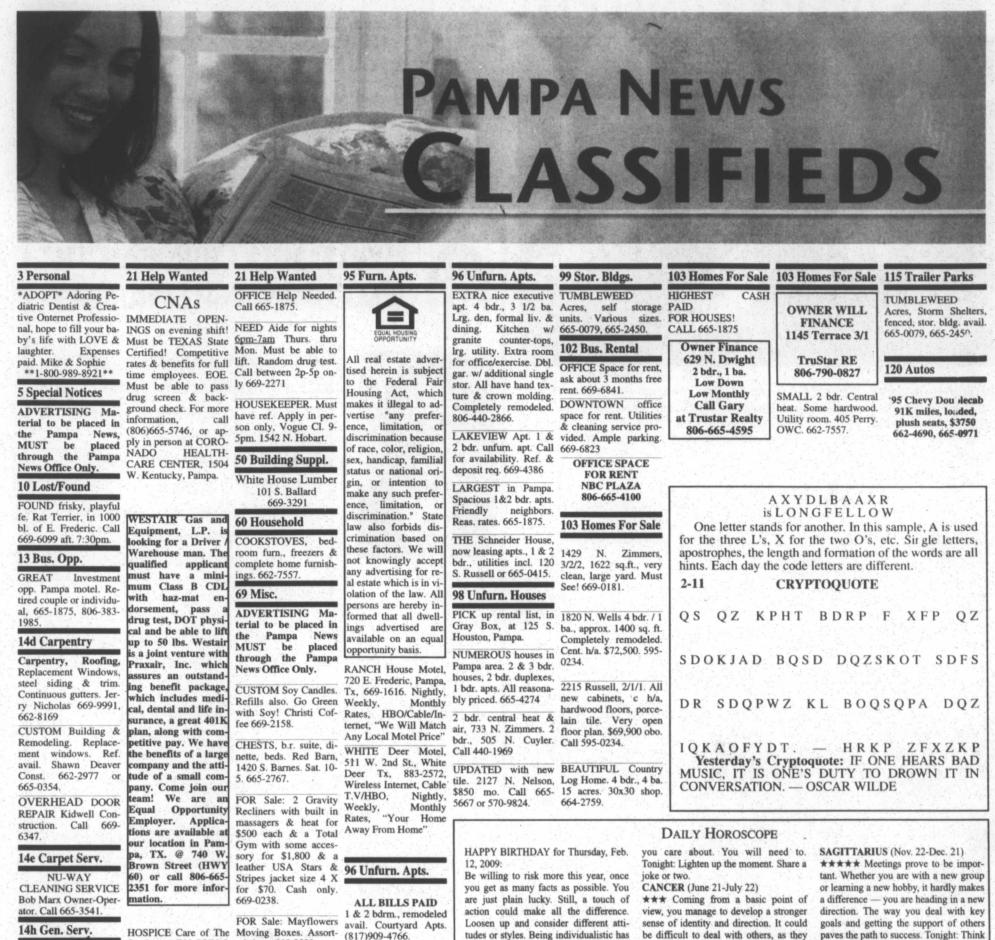
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be difficult to deal with others, as they push you quite hard. A partner pitches in, allowing greater give-and-take. Tonight: At home

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** New beginnings become possible if you relax and keep conversations moving. Pressure builds from out of nowhere - so it seems. Consider a reorization of your daily life. Your fiery

paves the path to success. Tonight: Think weekend," even if it's early. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might want to do some thing very different. The problem remains that someone in charge has some very different ideas. Review a situation with a bit more care and directness. Try to walk in another's shoes. Tonight: A

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Defer, and you'll get results. You'll understand a lot more if you relax and go with the moment. Someone you look up to pressures you beyond the norm. Think about what is happening and be willing to establish what is enough. Tonight: Catch up on another's news

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Focus on getting the job done and getting ahead. You might be baffled by all the pressure around you and others' demanding ways. You don't need to push

someone or feel forced to make a decision. Tonight: Easy works. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You come up with answers where others might draw a blank. How you deal with the many people in your life reflects your true nature. You could have a problem saying no to someone

side emerges when dealing with a partner. Careful. Tonight: Hanging out is fun. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Continue to process a new rush of emotional possessiveness or material envy. You understand that this won't help you in any way, shape or form. Build your own sense of identity and security, and this type of issue won't bother you the same way. Tonight: Treat yourself to something special.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You feel as if everything is

working as you feel it should. Bathe in the moment, but don't get too secure, as surprises could easily pop up. Your easy side, with the additional ammunition of creativity, makes you a sure-bet winner. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Continue to remain cool, calm and collected. Though you are sure you don't have all the answers, you don't need to ask anyone for help at this point. You will gain more through centering and eyeing a key goal or different path. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your ability to see past the obvious could make a big difference. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Sometimes observation takes on a bigger role and more significance than asking questions. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Relate on a one-on-one level, and you'll succeed in communicating some very basic and significant points. You don't need to know everything, so stay on topic. You don't want someone resenting your interests. Tonight: A close encounter.

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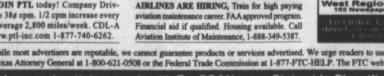
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Pampa High School Principal Tanya Lakin, behind the desk, meets with Assistant Principals Janet Hancock, left, and Michael Stovall in the new principal's office at PHS. Lakin and her staff moved into their new offices earlier this month as renovations continue at the high school.

WELCOME



ELECTED OFFICIALS



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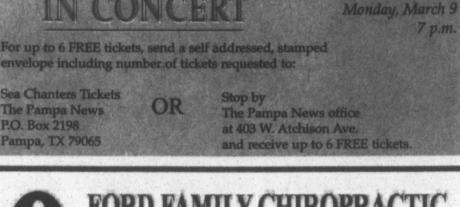
was born to Tracy and Kim Peet of Pampa January 26, 2009 at 8:19 p.m.

She weighed 7lbs 2.6 oz and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Ellizabeth was born at Pampa Regional Medical Center. She was welcomed by her brother, Kyler Rand Peet, grandparents; Jay and Margaret Grubb of Derby, KS, Paul and Beth Bagwell of Amarillo, and Judge Richard and Carol Peet of Pampa.

Great grandmas are; Maxine Smith of Denver, CO and Mary Ida Grubb of Wichita,KS.

Uncles and aunts include; Tory and Jennifer Peet of Pampa, Tarin and Emilee Peet of Olathe, KS, Jason and Meredith Bagwell of Pampa, Kelli and Travis Bird of Amarillo, Justin Bagwell of Lubbock and Paul and Melissa Bagwell of Las Vegas, NM.



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FORD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC WELCOMES JOSH LINK, MSPT



In a continuing effort to accommodate practice growth and demand, Ford Family Chiropractic is pleased to welcome Joshua Link, MSPT, who has recently joined our practice and will be providing full service physical therapy procedures.

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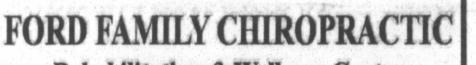
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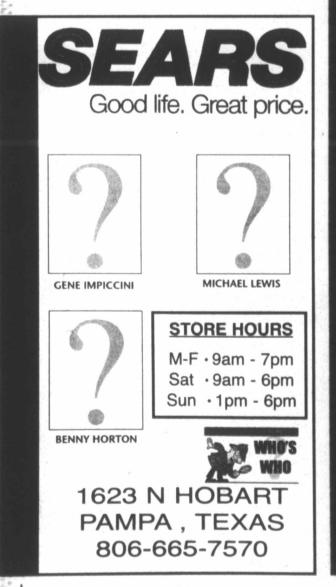
Joshua J. Link, MSPT

> Josh is a native of Texas and received his MSPT degree from Walsh University in Canton, OH and is licensed by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Call to set up an appointment to discuss a care program for you that may include specific spinal adjustments, exercise recommendations, nutritional advice or other conservative methods of care based on your health history, age, current condition and lifestyle.



Jr. High Spring Semester Mayor and Vice Mayor— Jessica Kenney, mayor and Taylor Woods, vice mayor for the spring semester at Pampa Junior High.



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