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# The PAMPA NEWS

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## City, PEDC disagree on pool

BY BETSY PHILLIPS  
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Last week, Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes presented a study conducted by high-level city officials and a consultant from the contractor for a proposed new aquatic facility.

The proposal, after taking in citizen input and "most features for our buck" scenarios, concluded that the existing pool's

location was the best place for a new aquatic facility.

Tuesday during the city's regular commission meeting, Pampa Economic Development Corporation President Gary Sutherland told commissioners that the PEDC Board of Directors does not agree with that decision.

Sutherland said the board voted not to approve the site for the pool due to vis-

ibility and access issues. He added that the PEDC board is willing to work with the city on a location.

"We don't want to be crossways (with the city)," he said. "We're willing to try to help. We said we wanted some input and I guess we're exercising that." An alternative location was not proposed to the commission during the meeting.

The city granted the PEDC \$500,000 plus 20 percent of sales tax revenue for 12 months to help

pay for the water park project. With that grant, the commission agreed to

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## SAFETY FIRST



Staff photo by David Bowser  
 Silouetted in the shade of the Pampa Trap and Skeet Club porch, John Mitchell and his son Ajay discuss gun safety.

## 4-H trap and skeet program in second year

"They learn safety right off the bat," said Gray County AgriLife Extension Agent Brandon McGinty as shotguns popped in the background. "That's number one."

It's a little after 5 p.m. on a warm Tuesday afternoon at the Pampa Trap and Skeet Club next to Recreation Park, and five students are in firing positions as the club's David Broggin releases the brightly colored clay disks, sending them through the air for the 4-H kids. Others are lounging in the shade of the club's patio.

This is the second year for the 4-H trap and skeet program, McGinty said.

But last year, the pro-

gram was only two months long.

"Last year," McGinty said, "we didn't compete."

This year, he plans on having competitors at the district meet June 5 and 6 in Amarillo and the state meet in July in San Antonio.

"This will be out first year to compete," McGinty said.

The local 4-H trap and skeet program has 25 participants. There are 15 from Gray County and 10 from Roberts County.

"You can see their confidence level rising when they break the first target," said Brandon Dukes, Roberts County extension agent.

Wearing a stylish pink ball cap, Lariat Lowry yelled, "Pull" as another clay bird goes sailing out into space only to explode beyond the muzzle of her shotgun.

Dukes said that confidence carries over into a lot of other things the students do in their lives.

Gray County rancher Jeff Haley is the leader of the program. He had to undergo a 20-hour training program, McGinty said, to be certified.

"It was a pretty intensive deal," Haley said, his black cowboy hat pulled down to shade his eyes, earplugs dangling around his neck.

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## Harvester Street closed Thursday

Due to the Shattered Dreams program at Pampa High School, streets will be blocked off around the high school starting at 7 a.m. Thursday morning. Harvester street will be closed from Christine to Charles street beginning at 7 a.m. No parking will be allowed on Harvester street between Christine and Charles. The intersection at Mary Ellen and Harvester and the intersection at Charles and Harvester will also be closed. The two parking lots east of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will also be closed. Make arrangements to bring your child early and/or find alternate parking arrangements. The roads will be re-opened by noon on Thursday.

## Highlights from the Texas Legislature

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—The Texas Senate voted Tuesday to repeal a \$5-per-person admission fee on strip clubs that has been ruled unconstitutional and agreed to replace it with a new tax on sexually oriented business.

The bill now goes to Gov. Rick Perry for his consideration even as House members were poised to debate a competing bill favored by sexual assault victim advocates.

Passed in 2007, the strip club admission fee has been ruled unconstitutional by a judge and is currently under appeal. Money collected under that fee was sent to a fund to aid sex assault victims and a pool for uninsured Texans.

The new tax proposed by Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, would apply to adult movie theaters, adult video stores, adult bookstores and other sexually oriented businesses that charge admission fees. It would total 10 percent of gross admissions receipts.

According to a legislative analysis, the new plan would send 25 percent of the new fee to a state school fund and the rest to a sexual assault victims fund.

But some advocates for victims say the new bill is a ruse put forth by strip club owners, who would not be required to charge admission to their clubs, and would sharply reduce the money collected to help assault victims.

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault instead supports a separate House bill by Rep. Ellen Cohen, a Houston Democrat who pushed the original \$5 fee. Cohen's bill would reduce the club entry fee to \$3 and dedicate all the money to the sexual assault fund.

**STEROID TESTING**

Lawmakers have reached a deal to slash steroid testing of public high school athletes to less than half of the current program, but still leave it big enough to test thousands of athletes over the next two years.

The deal was struck by House and Senate members negotiating the 2010-2011 budget, lawmakers said Tuesday.

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## Five sentenced to prison terms

BY RACHEL STENNETT  
 rstennett@thepampanews.com

The following sentences were pronounced in Judge Lee Waters' 223<sup>rd</sup> District Court on April 28, through waivers of a jury trial.

Benjamin Eugene Crocker II was found guilty of possession of controlled substance less than one gram enhanced in the 223<sup>rd</sup> District Court on April 28.

Crocker was ordered to serve five years of confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for

the third-degree felony. He was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$140 in restitution.

Alice Cirginia Hooks was found guilty of arson of a building/habitat with intent to cause injury or damage.

Hooks was ordered to serve five years of confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for the third-degree felony. She was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, and \$209.74 in restitution to the victim.

Hooks was also found guilty of

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was ordered to serve seven years confinement in the TDCH Institutional Division, which is to run concurrently with her other sentence. She was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Steven Vaughn Bracewell was given a judgment of revoked community supervision on May 1. Bracewell was convicted of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony. He was sentenced to eight months in the TDCJ State Jail Division.

Bracewell was also ordered to

pay a \$1,000 fine, and \$4,578 with restitution for credit paid to the victim.

**31<sup>st</sup> District Court**

Isaias Chavez was found guilty, through the waiver of a jury trial, of driving while intoxicated, third or more in the 31<sup>st</sup> District Court on May 1.

Chavez was ordered to serve six years confinement in TDCJ Institutional Division. Chavez was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine on the third-degree felony.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 72 Low 54	High 79 Low 55	High 73 Low 49

**Thursday...**Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday...**Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning...then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

**Friday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

**Saturday...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

**Saturday Night...**Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

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## Mega Millions jackpot now \$38 million

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$38 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's \$28 million drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night. Although there was no grand prize winner, four players won second prize of \$250,000 apiece. One was in Texas. Another 39 players, including two in Texas, won third prizes of \$10,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: four, eight, ten, 14, and 51. The Mega Ball number was 31.

## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Pries quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$5.42
Milo.....	\$5.94
Corn.....	\$7.54

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 1 - 6 - 10 - 31 - 34.
- Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.
- Matching four of five: 45. Prize: \$785
- Matching three of five: 2,122. Prize: \$12
- Matching two of five: 23,451. Prize: \$2
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

## Daily 4 results evening drawing

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

- 7 - 5 - 0 - 4. Sum It Up: 16
- (seven, five, zero, four. Sum It Up: sixteen)

## Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

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

- 1 - 6 - 4. Sum It Up: 11
- (one, six, four. Sum It Up: eleven)

## Fatal crash deaf Smith county

Oldham County — Tina Howell of Clovis N.M. was killed as a result of a crash located on US 385 3.3 miles North of Hereford.

Howell was the driver of a 2009 Freightliner truck tractor semi-trailer traveling Southbound on US 385. She veered into the Northbound lane colliding with a 2007 Peterbilt truck tractor semi-trailer traveling North driven by Omar Wharton of Hereford.

Howell was ejected from the vehicle at point of impact and the vehicle burst into flames and burned until it was extinguished. Howell was pronounced dead at the scene. Wharton was treated and released from the Hereford Regional Medical Center. Wharton was wearing his safety belt and it was unknown if Howell was wearing her safety belt

## Obituaries

### Shanna Eve Tambunga, 46

Pampa, Texas — Shanna Eve Tambunga, 46, died on May 8, 2009 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Ben Corbitt, pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tambunga was born June 14, 1962 in

Pampa. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa, attending Pampa schools. She liked to handcraft jewelry, especially dream catchers. She was a strong willed nurturer who loved her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include five daughters, Evanna Allison, Melissa Smotherman, and Stacy Tambunga, all of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Crystal Tambunga of Wisconsin, Brittanie

Tambunga of Pampa; one son, Albert Tambunga of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

March of Dimes, 104 W. 6th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101, or Children's Miracle Network, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Tambunga

### Adam Mark Taylor, 26

Austin, Texas — Adam Mark Taylor, 26, died on May 6, 2009 in Austin, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa, with Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Borger, and Byron Potter, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Adam was born August 31, 1982 in Amarillo. He grew up in Methodist parsonages across the Texas

Panhandle with his little brother and best friend, Sean. Adam was a graduate of Dalhart High School. After graduation,

he enjoyed a stint as a DJ at KXIT Radio. He later moved to Austin where he attended and graduated from Capital City Trade School. Adam was employed by the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and worked at Emma Long Park where he received an award for projects and innovations at the park. He was a gifted musician and artist. He was a fan of Texas Tech football, Dallas Stars

hockey, and all things NASCAR. He was a hero to his younger brothers, and he will be missed by all who loved him.

Survivors include parents Rev. Jeff and Karen Taylor of Pampa; three brothers, Sean Taylor of Denton, Travis Taylor and Landon Taylor, both of Pampa; paternal grandmother, Kathy Taylor of Lubbock; maternal grandparents, John and Ann Ball of Georgetown; many aunts, uncles and cousins, including his great-aunt, Gloria Gammill of Lubbock.

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Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

### Clearcy Austin, 94

Wheeler, TX — Clearcy Austin, 94, died on Saturday, May 9, 2009 in Canyon, Texas.

Graveside Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 in Wheeler, Tx. in the Wheeler Cemetery. Jim Sinyard of

Amarillo, Tx. officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home

Mrs. Austin was a former long time resident of Wheeler, living here until she moved to California.

She was born July 16, 1914 in Oklahoma to Robert H. and Zaney Bradford Douglas. She later married Lawrence Cameron Austin who died in 1938.

She was a resident of Pampa for 35 years and worked at the Pampa

Nursing Center for 20 years. She had lived in Canyon for the past 2 years.

Immediate survivors include several nieces and nephews.

## Emergency Services

### PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Today.

**Tuesday**  
Officers conducted nine traffic stops.

A total of 13 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Highway 170 and 70.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Assaults were reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather, the 2200 block of Lea, the 100 block of West 30<sup>th</sup>, and the 400 block of Carr.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1500 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 200 block of East Brown, the 800 block of East Browning, the 1400 block of West Somerville, and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of North Yeager, the 1400 block of North Hamilton, the 400 block of Graham, and the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle call was reported in the 500 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Sloan, where four tires on a 1996 Chevy truck were flattened.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Duncan, and the 200 block of East Brown.

One alarm was investigated.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Sirroco Place.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1600 block of North Sumner.

**Wednesday**  
Officers conducted three traffic stops.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 100 block of West 30<sup>th</sup>.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

**Tuesday**  
Kenneth Dale Putman, of Farnsworth, 26, was arrested by the GCSO for bond surreder for driving while intoxicated, second, assault causing bodily injury, possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession/transport of a chemical with intent to manufac-

ture a controlled substance, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, three civil warrants including driving while license invalid, enhanced in Hutchison County.

Jason Lee McKinney, 23, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for insufficient bond-injury to a child/elderly, and insufficient bond on aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Christopher Lance Mirabella, 34, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for a civil warrant for no driver's license.

Jimmy Don Corely, Jr., 34, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for theft by check.

Daniel James Sears, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for civil warrants for non payment on credit card and fees.

Jennifer Lynn Coil, 22, was arrested by the GCSO for violation of probation for possession of marijuana in Hale County.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

**Monday**  
10:28 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Somerville on an investigation.

### AMBULANCE

ed to Northwest Texas Hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

He was pronounced dead on at 6:58 a.m. Ochoa was not wearing his safety belt during the crash.

## Fatal crash Lipscomb county

Lipscomb County — 5/ Luis Ochoa 66, of Higgins was killed as a result of a crash located on state highway 213 3.5 miles North of Higgins.

Ochoa was the driver of a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban traveling southbound on SH 213 in Lipscomb County. The vehicle veered off of the roadway and Ochoa overcorrected to the left. The vehicle then began to side skid and overturned twice ejecting Ochoa.

Ochoa was transport-

## Criminal activity report, Amarillo District

During the week of April 26 thru May 2 Texas State Troopers made the following seizures along I-40. Seized during this

period were 1,454 grams of cocaine and 24 lbs of marijuana total value of \$113,942. Also seized was \$56,500 in U.S. currency.

These seizures arise from three separate traffic stops along I-40.

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## Pool

allow the PEDC input into the planning process.

The master planning and grant consultant for Kimley-Horn and Associates, project managers for the facility, recommended that either the M.K. Brown site or the school property at Frost and Cook Streets had best chance for the aquatic park to open in the summer of 2010.

Discussions with Kimley-Horn's Elaine Dill, suggested these two sites would be most beneficial for grant requests to be submitted by the city for a \$1 million matching grant from the state.

During the May 5 public hearing on site selection, Stoke said the decision was reached after "quite an adventure." Stokes was a part of a team working on the issue that included City Manager Richard Morris, Public Works Director Donny Hooper and Mark Hatchel, vice-president of Kimley-Horn Associates.

Stokes said at that meeting, the city had heard

comments from residents about the site selection. Stokes said city officials had been considering a location further north, but after hearing from those residents and weighing the costs involved, they reconsidered.

"It is isolated (the north side location)," Stokes said at that meeting, "and surrounded by dirt and fields." Stokes said he didn't know how long the surrounding land would be vacant, or how future development might affect the water park.

The cost of putting in utilities would also be much higher at that location.

The lack of consensus on the location means the city won't make the grant application deadline for the present funding period. Without an approved site, the grant application can't be filed by the July deadline.

It also means the opening of the pool could be delayed by a year, according to Stokes.

## Session

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The current \$6 million program was designed to test up to 50,000 students by the end of the current school year. The tentative deal for the new program would slash funding to \$2 million over the next two years.

The House and Senate are still negotiating a final state budget. The legislative ends June 1.

Texas, New Jersey and Illinois are the only states testing high school athletes for steroids and the Texas program is by far the largest. But the first 29,000 tests produced only 11 confirmed cases of steroid use, causing some critics to say the program was a waste of time and money.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, one of the Senate budget negotiators, told The Associated Press those numbers persuaded lawmakers to reduce the funding and number of tests, but they didn't want to stop testing after only two years.

SIDS remains unknown, the agency makes several recommendations for parents, including placing babies on their back for sleep on a firm, flat surface with no soft bedding, pillows or stuffed toys in the crib, avoid overheating the baby and not allowing anyone to smoke near the child.

### PUPPY MILLS

Dog and cat owners who keep and breed many animals would be subject to regulation under legislation the House approved Tuesday. Advocates of the legislation say the measure would crack down on poor conditions in so-called puppy mills.

Those behind the legislation say it's not intended to affect people who breed dogs as a hobby.

The Humane Society and other animal welfare groups backed the bill. Several dog clubs testified against it in a House committee. The measure next goes to the Senate.

### DISABLED PROTEST

Some two dozen activists unfurled banners in the state Capitol rotunda and staged a vocal protest Tuesday over what they say is the Legislature's failure to fund services for disabled Texans.

Members of Community Now! and Adapt of Texas shouted "Equal Pay for Equal Work!" They said workers in state institutions make more money and have better benefits than attendants in homes for the disabled. And, they said, there are long waiting lists for services and that residents of state schools need better treatment.

The groups gave lawmakers a grade of "D" on several issues. Capitol security removed the big handmade banners after about 10 minutes. The rally broke up peacefully, and activists roamed the building to hand out their report card to lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry.

### SAFE SLEEPING

A state pamphlet given to new parents would include information on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and recommendations for infant safe sleeping conditions under a bill passed by the Senate and sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

According to the state Department of Family and Protective Services, SIDS is a leading cause of death for infants in Texas. Although the cause of

chased, under a bill passed by the Texas Senate on Tuesday. The legislation, establishing a "prepaid wireless 9-1-1 emergency services fee," would be used to help pay for the 9-1-1 emergency network.

The bill still needs another Senate vote before moving to the state House.

During the debate, Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, blasted telecommunications giant AT&T, saying the company's Austin lobbyists were blocking his own pre-paid phone proposal, to make the purchasers provide identifying information that law enforcement agencies can access when suspected crimes are committed using the devices.

Carona made a symbolic attempt to amend the pre-paid fee legislation, then withdrew it.

"Shame on AT&T," Carona said. "That is a big corporate giant in this state ... AT&T has been in here with its substantial lobby interests keeping this bill from getting a public hearing."

Afterward, Carona said AT&T was fighting against the legislation because "they don't want anything that will impede the

number of phones being bought."

### FIGHT CLUB

Responding to questions about a video of staged fights at the Corpus Christi State School for people with mental and developmental disabilities, Gov. Rick Perry called the incident "reprehensible."

"I think it's been described enough times to pretty well know what it is," he said Tuesday. "I think it's certainly reprehensible. Those that were engaged in that conduct will have the test of our law put upon them and appropriately so. That is not acceptable behavior in any environment but particularly in a place where you're supposed to be protecting citizens of this state, regardless of what reasons they may be in there. It's just not appropriate."

### Quote of the Day:

"There's nothing I like better than having somebody in my office on their knees," Gov. Rick Perry, joking to Patricia Marcouiller, as she played on floor with her dog Stump, winner of the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

## Trap

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In addition to the 4-H safety rules, McGinty said, the students also have to obey the range rules here.

"If they don't follow the rules," McGinty said, "they don't shoot."

The students range in age from nine to 18, he said. They generally shoot 12 and 20 gauge shot-

guns, although some of the smaller ones use .410s.

McGinty said the 4-H District I Trap and Skeet Shoot in Amarillo next month will serve as a good warm-up for what he expects to be stiff competition at the state level in San Antonio this summer.

## Senate passes bill to aid hunters

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has voted to allow some hunters who have vision problems use a laser-sighting device, sending the measure to Gov. Rick Perry.

The bill is authored by Rep. Ed Kuempel, a Seguin Republican who collapsed at the Capitol on Tuesday night and was in stable but guarded condition at a hospital.

Texas generally bans

hunting with an artificial light, including laser sighting devices. The bill allows disabled hunters to use the laser device if they are assisted by a non-disabled hunter and have a doctor or optometrist statement certifying the extent of the sight disability.

Supporters of the measure say it will improve the shooters' accuracy, reducing the likelihood the hunted game is only wounded.

## Cuban died while in federal custody

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A Cuban immigrant in the country illegally has died at a South Texas hospital after being hospitalized for complications related to cancer and leukemia, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In a prepared statement Wednesday, the agency said Arnaldo Cruz Silva, 59, had been receiving care at a Raymondville nursing home since February 4. His family was notified.

He died Sunday.

## Father: Army 'broke' soldier accused of killing 5

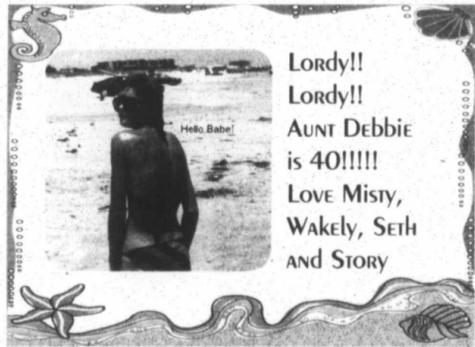
SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — The father of a U.S. soldier accused of killing five fellow troops in Iraq said his son "forfeited his life" but the military bears some responsibility for the rampage.

Wilburn Russell said Tuesday that 44-year-old Army Sgt. John M. Russell wasn't typically a violent person, but counselors "broke" him before gunfire erupted in a military stress center Monday in Baghdad.

"John has forfeited his life. Apparently, he said (to his wife), 'My life is over. To hell with it. I'm going to get even with 'em,'" said the elder Russell, 73.

His father said the younger Russell, an electronics technician, was at the stress center to transfer out of active duty. He said his son was undergoing stressful mental tests that he didn't understand were merely tests, "so they broke him."

"I hate what that boy did," said the elder Russell, speaking in front of the two-story house his son was buying with his German wife in a new subdivision. "We're sorry for the families, too. It shouldn't have happened."



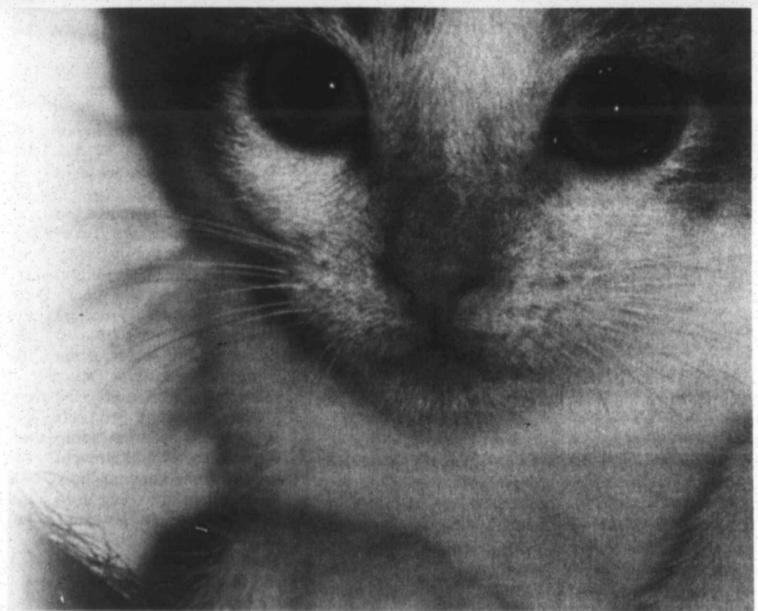
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

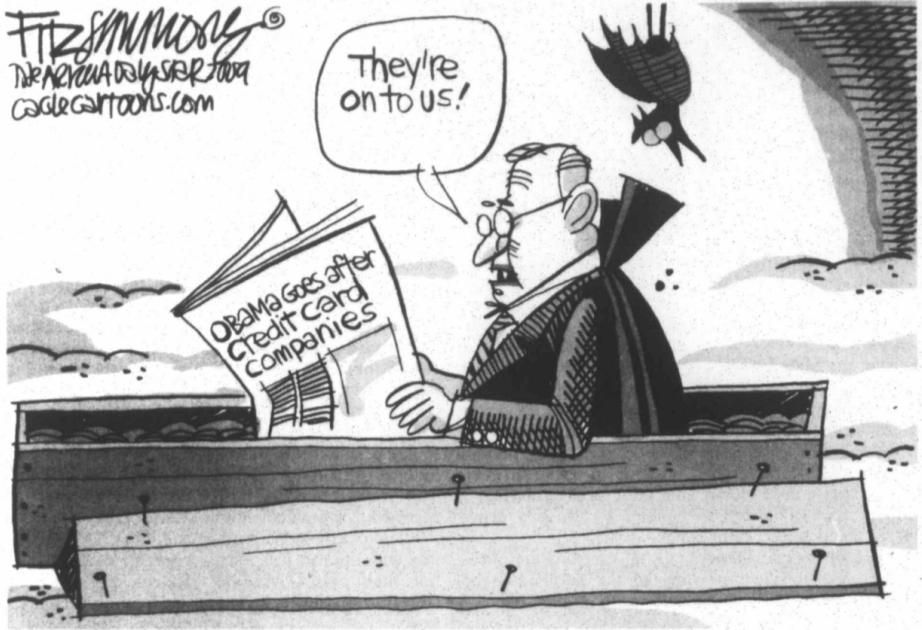
Today is Wednesday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2009. There are 232 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:**
- 1809 - French army under Napoleon Bonaparte takes Vienna.
  - 1871 - Law of Guarantees in Italy declares pope's person inviolable and allows him possession of the Vatican.
  - 1917 - Three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, report seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.
  - 1940 - In his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill tells the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."
  - 1968 - Peace negotiations open in Paris between United States and North Vietnam.
  - 1973 - Nineteen nations begin talks in Vienna aimed at cutting number of troops in Europe.

**'A nation is a society united by a delusion about its ancestry and by a common hatred of its neighbors.'**

— Ralph William Inge  
English religious leader/author

- 1981 - Pope John Paul II is shot and seriously wounded in Rome by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turk. Eastern European intelligence agencies are suspected to be behind the attack on the Polish-born pontiff.
  - 1985 - A confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the black radical group MOVE ends as police drop an explosive onto the group's headquarters; Eleven people die in the resulting fire.
  - 1991 - South African judge convicts Winnie Mandela of kidnapping four young men and being an accessory in their beating.
  - 1996 - Israeli helicopters attack Hzbollah guerrillas trying to infiltrate the Israel-occupied enclave in south Lebanon.
  - 1999 - With foreign reporters invited to watch, Yugoslavia withdraws 120 of its estimated 40,000 troops from Kosovo. NATO calls the pullout insignificant and airstrikes continue.
  - 2000 - The Vatican ends an enduring mystery, saying the third secret of Fatima, the Virgin Mary is said to have told three children in 1917, was a foretelling of the shooting of Pope John Paul II in 1981.
  - 2002 - The United States and Russia announce they have reached agreement on a pact committing both countries to cut their arsenal of nuclear weapons by two-thirds over the next 10 years.
  - 2003 - The Chinese government issues new rules that require local officials throughout China to accurately and promptly report threats to public health, such as disease outbreaks or epidemics.
  - 2007 - The Taliban's most prominent military commander, Mullah Dadullah, a one-legged fighter who orchestrated an ethnic massacre and a rash of beheadings, is killed in a U.S.-led military operation in southern Afghanistan.
- Today's Birthdays:**
- Pius IX, Italian pope (1792-1878); Dame Daphne du Maurier, English novelist/playwright (1907-1989); Joe Louis, U.S. former heavyweight boxing champion (1914-1981); Bea Arthur, U.S. actress (1922-2009); Stevie Wonder, U.S. pop singer (1950--); Kim Fields, U.S. actress (1969--); Stephen Colbert, U.S. comedian (1964--); Samantha Morton, British actress (1977--).



## A 110 day retrospective dealie

by Will Durst  
Raging Moderate

We sort of skipped past President Obama's first 100 days last week due to the looming horror of the dreaded SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC, which now looks about as lethal as your average bunny rabbit furbal contagion. Although people do continue to flip out, like Egypt, which slaughtered nearly every pig in the country. But fear not, Ann Coulter was nowhere near the joint at the time. All I'm saying is don't expect BLTs to show up on the daily specials menu at your favorite Cairo deli.

So let us belatedly jump into this whole 100-day retrospective dealie thing, which recently became a heavy duty benchmark of real importance, because, hey: TRIPLE DIGITS. The media has dutifully kept us informed upon the significance of this monumental occasion and have not used their indoor voice while doing so. But this space will address the first one hundred and TEN days of the Obama administration, hence OUR look back

will be 10 percent more accurate. Ten percent more comprehensive. Ten percent better. By being 10 percent later.

Exactly how has the fourth Democratic administration since 1968 fared in its first 110 days? Unh. Well. You know. About what you'd expect, I guess. Depends on whom you talk to. Not a lot of agreement. General consensus is: "Too early to tell." Or as my knock-off, discounted, Magic 8 Ball said when consulted: "Still not cleahr. Outlook cloudy. Try again alter."

Some experts proclaim the 44th president has done brilliantly under adverse circumstances. Others blame him for everything gone wrong with the planet in the last three months including the unusually high, late spring upper-Midwest humidity. Unfortunately, that vaunted Bipartisan Outreach Program was about as successful as barbed wire crib rails. As they say in Variety and exceptionally frantic frog restaurants: "no legs."

Neither is Barack getting what you would call

your major assistance from either side of the aisle. "We want to work with the president." Mmm-hmm. The same way a starving coyote wants to work with a nest of baby ducks. One discouraging word circulating the Beltway accuses the Chief Executive of being arrogant, but you know what, at least he's smart. Because we tried arrogant and stupid and that didn't work.

From a comedic standpoint, I'm severely disappointed. The foremost scandal thus far has been couple of Cabinet appointments that didn't want to pay their taxes. Which most of us can relate to. Problem is, Bush was a satirical motherlode and even Clinton hit the ground running as a corpulent womanizer. But Obama is smoother than liquid black velvet, affording little purchase to hook a barb onto. Besides, you can't mock hope. Too much like kicking a small furry whimpering thing with big eyes. Got to wait for hope to



scab over a bit.

Not to mention the economy being more fragile than a spun glass stepladder, so pretty much everyone not named Rush Limbaugh is rooting for him to succeed. But with pirates and pandemics and Pakistan all set on High Menace, the job ahead looks tougher than untying a centipede's shoe laces while wearing oven mitts. Which is bad for the nation, the world, the planet and the solar system, but good fodder for us political comics. Of course, at this point, we members of the CCJU (Comics, Clowns & Jesters Union,) just might be willing to take one for the team.

## Texas Newspapers Editorial Roundup

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

**Houston Chronicle on Texans' right to know:**

In these days of well-founded public nervousness over the possibility of terrorist attacks, few would dispute the need for security personnel details to keep public officials with a certain level of visibility safe as they go about their daily duties.

Fewer still would likely argue with the notion that the governor of Texas is among the select group deserving of such protection.

That's common sense in post-9/11 America.

But it's taking things too far to claim, as the Texas Department of Public Safety and a state senator from San Antonio do, that the specifics of how the tax dollars involved are spent have to be kept a big secret in the name of security. That's self-serving nonsense.

A bill by state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a San Antonio Republican, would prevent Texans from knowing how their dollars are being used to protect their governor how many officers were involved, where they stayed and for how long.

Wentworth and the DPS say making such details public would jeopardize the officeholder's security.

Wentworth's bill would make moot a state district court opinion opening such records to public access. The lawsuit was filed by Hearst Newspapers LLC and

Cox Texas Newspapers LP. Hearst owns the Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News. Cox Texas owns the Austin American-Statesman.

Ruling in the newspapers' favor last summer, the district judge found that the vouchers sought don't contain information that is highly intimate or embarrassing, and that they are newsworthy. Reporters had sought the records in connection with stories about Gov. Rick Perry's foreign travels and an out-of-state trip campaigning for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani for president.

The district court decision is on appeal. Wentworth's bill is flawed in concept. It wrongly mixes up security with something utterly unrelated to the public's right to know how its dollars are used.

Gov. Perry has made several trips abroad that deserve public scrutiny. He's campaigned out of state. The security bills for those trips were paid with Texans' tax dollars. We deserve to know how they were spent and if

that use was proper or not.

**Beaumont Enterprise on the Texas State Board of Education:**

The State Board of Education has forgotten the word "education" in its title and deserves the sanctions it is receiving from the Legislature. Regrettably, our region's representative, David Bradley, has been one of the prime reasons for this reaction.

So far in this session:

- The Senate has refused to confirm member Don McLeroy as chairman,
- The House has approved a constitutional amendment that would shift authority over investment decisions about the \$17.5 billion Permanent School Fund from the State Board to financial professionals.
- The Senate is considering a bill that would take away the board's authority over curriculum and textbooks.

All of this is unfortunate, but necessary.

There was a time in the 1980s when the public education establishment needed

a wakeup call, and conservatives on the State Board helped pull it in the right direction. In recent years, however, the board has gone too far in the other extreme. For example, earlier this year hard-line conservatives embarrassed the state with another effort to weaken the teaching of evolution in science classes.

Now, even many Republicans in the Legislature are disgusted with the State Board's pettiness and meddling. Keep in mind that these sanctions are happening even though Republicans control the House and Senate and the State Board has a GOP majority too.

Until the State Board gets its act together, the Legislature should shift more of its educational responsibilities to the Texas Education Agency and its financial duties to nonpartisan experts.

If the State Board has fewer opportunities to mess up, it might be able to focus better on its core mission of strengthening public education in Texas.

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# Around town

## Events and Opportunities

• 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.

• 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: April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• 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.

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

• Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

• 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.

• A working session of the Small Fry Fishing Tournament Association will be held this Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. at Lake Meredith NRA Headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch. Committees are being formed to help with various aspects of the tournament, which will be held in September at the Stilling Basin in Spring Canyon. Volunteers are needed to serve on the different committees and for day-of-tournament activities such as registration, cooking, and assisting youngsters who have never fished. All parties are invited to attend Sunday's meeting.

For more information, contact Win Bishop at 806-857-2541.

• Beaux Arts Dance Studio will present their 61st Annual Recital — Saturday May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the M. K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Students who will be performing are: Nicole Anderson, McKinley Begert, Erin Buck, Lacey Bilyeu, Kayla Cox, Kathleen and Hunter Cooper, Isabella Cabrelas, Jayci Carroll, Emma Doucette, Memorie Davis, Robin Fernuik, Abbie Gammage, Lydia Hampton, Makayla Hampton, Mary Katherine Haley, Caitlyn Herman, Destiny Jackson, Samantha Kelly, Amy Kotara, Kaylynn Kiker, Hannah McKean, Dacie McGill, Katherine Maxwell, Kayla Monds, Taylor May, Carlee Parks, Maci Pitner, Jordon Perry, Bailey Read, Brailey

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• The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 6, 2009. NEW HOURS THIS YEAR. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the gazebo on the north shore of the lake. There will be a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. The first 220 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole and t-shirt. However, last year we had more contestants than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!! Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 12:00 noon with prizes awarded at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: ages 1-5, ages 6-10, and ages 11-14. Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found In The Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Furthest. A special category prize will be given for anyone 80 or over assisting a contestant. For further information please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications 806-435-3231 during business hours or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249.

• Dr. Terry Tramel is preaching in revival services tonight through Sunday night at the Pentecostal Holiness Church., 1700 Alcock. Friday and Saturday evening services will begin at seven o'clock, with the Sunday evening service starting at six o'clock. Brother Tramel has been a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church for more than thirty years. He has preached and taught in camp meetings, Bible conferences, and local church revival meetings across America. He currently serves as the Chair of the Bible/Theology Department of Southwestern Christian University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a M. A. in Ministry from Mid-America Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma, and a D. Min. in Pentecostal Leadership from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. He is the author of the book, "The Beauty of the Balance - Toward an Evangelical-Pentecostal Theology". He and his wife Beckie reside in Norman, Oklahoma. A gifted evangelist, as well as a devoted student of God's Word, Terry Tramel comes to our city with a desire to be a blessing and to see the prayers for revival answered. Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard join with the congregation in welcoming everyone to these revival services. Pentecostal Holiness Church 1700 Alcock Pampa, Tx 79065-8192 Email: alandmary@nts-online.net

• Children's Fishing Tournament Lake Fryer Ochiltree County, Texas Saturday, June 6, 2009



## PHS student selected for scholarships

Two area high school seniors have been selected to receive a \$12,000 college scholarship from the ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program.

Selected as a winner is Diana R. Mechelay, daughter of Joe and Edie Mechelay, a senior at Pampa High School, Pampa.

Also selected as a winner is Colton I. Moyer, son of Clinton and Lisa Moyer, a senior at Cornerstone Christian Academy, Borger.

ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program is designed to recognize exceptional graduating seniors for their achievements both inside and outside of the classroom.

This year ConocoPhillips awarded 60 scholarships and named 30 alternates. A committee of independent educators selected the winners based on academic

excellence, community service and financial need. Winners may use their ConocoPhillips scholarship to attend any accredited college or university of their choice.

Selected as an alternate is Ashlyn J. McNeely, daughter of Lane and Janet McNeely, a senior at Pampa High School.

Also selected as an alternate is Jessica E. Stark, daughter of John and Laura Stark, a senior at Borger High School.

Each recipient will receive a \$3,000 award, renewable yearly based on scholastic achievement, for a four-year scholarship of \$12,000. A total of 399 students applied for scholarships this year.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father, who is a deacon at his church, has cancer. I have pitched in to help Mom take him to treatments out of town. Each time he has an outpatient treatment, the pastor of his church shows up and stays with us the entire time -- sometimes all day long.

Abby, he follows me around like a lost puppy, and it is clear that he's attracted to me -- even referring to me once as his "girlfriend." I am repulsed by this reference as I am happily married to a wonderful man. This man is married, too.

I want to be there for Dad during his treatments, but I don't want to make small talk with someone who is beginning to creep me out. How do I tell him to stay away without making a huge scene? -- MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL

DEAR MAKES: Ask your father whom he would like to have with him when he's getting his treatments -- you or his pastor. Then explain exactly why. If your father feels he needs the pastor's support during this difficult time, then the pastor can transport him and your mother to the treatment center. If your parents would rather have you there, then you, they or all of you together can inform the love-struck pastor that his services are appreciated but unnecessary.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently received my federal tax return refund and deposited the check into my personal savings account. Abby, that check is in my name only because I get that money for my daughter from a previous marriage. I have always put the refund into my own account.

When my husband discovered that I hadn't deposited the check into the joint account, he became furious. He behaved like a child throwing a tantrum, ranting and raving about

not having access to the money without my consent.

My husband is now threatening to sell the house if I don't give in to his demand. My husband has his own personal and business accounts. Should I give in and put the funds into our joint account or stand firm and let him play out his threats? -- DISCONCERTED IN DENVER

DEAR DISCONCERTED: Do not move the money without more information. Something has happened in your husband's life, and he has hidden it from you. Whether it is business-related or personal, I can't say. Under no circumstances must you give in to blackmail. You deserve to know the truth so you can deal with it as a couple. If your husband and his CPA are not forthcoming, then you should consult a lawyer.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been invited to two weddings on the same day. Both families are close to us, but they do not know each other. My son is in one of the weddings. One is in town; the other is two hours away.

We knew about these weddings prior to being invited, but one of the couples changed their date. We thought we could split up for the day -- I would go to one and my husband would go to the other. We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. I am stumped. Abby, what are your thoughts? -- WEDDING WOES IN ILLINOIS

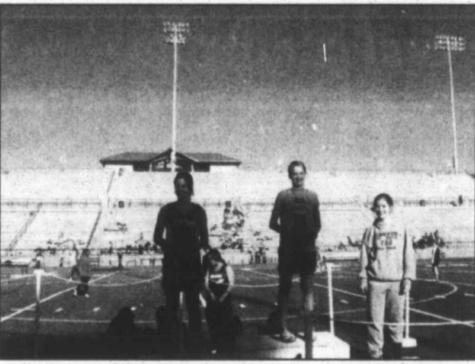
DEAR WOES: Thanks for asking. I think you and your husband should attend the wedding of the couple who invited you first. Because one couple changed their wedding date and created a conflict, you have a perfectly acceptable reason for being unable to attend.

## PJHS girls take third at Amarillo relays

The Pampa Junior High girl's track team had a strong showing in the 8th Grade Division of the Amarillo Relays recently at Dick Bivins Stadium. The team qualified two relays and three individuals for the Finals, but because of the blizzard that hit the area, the Preliminary results were counted as Finals. Pampa finished behind Canyon and Westover for 3rd place in the team results. There were 16 teams entered in the meet.

Maddie Fatheree led the team by winning three gold medals. In the Triple Jump, she had a leap of 32'2" for 1st place. Her 16.79 in the 100 Hurdles was a personal best and earned the gold. Her time was only two tenths of a second off the Amarillo Relays meet record. Maddie also won the gold in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 52.15 and was 4th in the High Jump, where she tied the best jump of 4'8", but had more misses. She was also a member of the 400 Relay, along with Kellie Taylor, Kristen Ladd and Claire Hopkins, that finished in 5th place with a season best 54.38.

The 800 Relay made up of Kellie Taylor, Jessica Kenney, Kristen Ladd and Claire Hopkins earned the silver medal with a time of 1:57.61. Also placing for the Pampa team were J'Cee Holmes, who finished 4th in the 2400 Meter Run with a time of 9:46.63, Kellie Taylor, who was 5th in the 200 Run with a time of 29.19, Taylor Morgan, who was 5th in the High Jump with 4'6", Destaney Vasquez, who finished 6th in the 2400 with a time of 10:03.08, and MaKayla Hampton, who was 6th in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 19.20.



submitted photo

Eighth grader Madison Fatheree on the podium at the Amarillo Relays after winning the Triple Jump with a jump of 32'2 1/2". She also won gold medals in the 300 Hurdles and the 100 Hurdles, where she narrowly missed the Relays record by .2 of a second. Fatheree is undefeated in both hurdle races.

## Club News

Members of Twentieth Century Club celebrated their final meeting of the club year with a salad luncheon and installation of officers for the club year 2009-2010. Pat Youngblood served as hostess. Dorothy Stowers, president, presided. Thirteen members attended.

Chleo Worley conducted the installation service with the Big Top as the theme. The following officers were installed: reporter, Faye Harvey; parliamentarian Dorothy Stowers; treasurer, Myrna Orr; secretary, Louise Bailey; vice-president, Pat Terry; president, ringmaster, Nancy Coffee.

Pat Terry, upcoming program chairman, announced the theme of next year's program to be World War II.

The next meeting, The Fall Coffee Event, will be held in September to open a new club year.

## America's top dog Stump visits Texas governor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Gov. Rick Perry welcomed a hairy, much-heralded visitor with a friendly rub.

A 10-year-old Sussex spaniel named Stump visited Perry's office Tuesday. Stump in February was named Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Stump, honored at Madison Square Garden in New York, had left the show ring in 2004 and later nearly died from a mysterious medical condition. Veterinarians at Texas A&M, Perry's alma mater, saved the friendly pooch.

Perry offered a proclamation welcoming Stump to the Texas Capitol and congratulations to America's top dog.

Stump was accompanied by his owner, Patricia Marcouiller (mar-kool-ier) of Houston.

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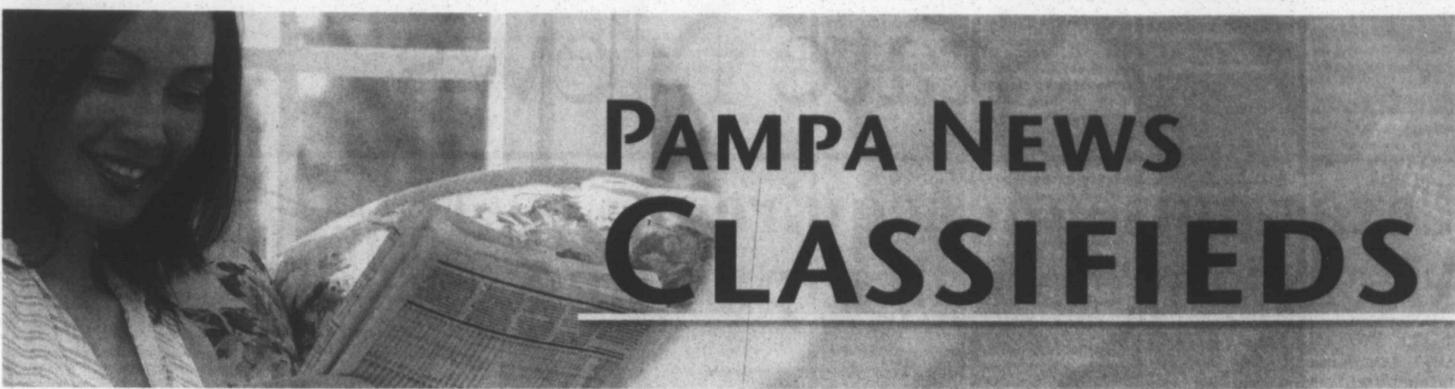
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This year, focus on your goals, revising them with some frequency. You are transforming and growing, and with that process, some of what you believe and stand for could change too. If you are single, you could be attracted to someone very different from your normal type. Certainly, your type has not worked for you up till now — a variation just might work. If you are attached, the two of you could finally go on that special trip. In another setting, you'll see each other through new eyes. Enjoy the passion this new perspective could rekindle. CAPRICORN, though a conservative sign, can teach novel approaches.

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)  
\*\*\*\*\* Maintain your strong sense of direction, and everything else will fall into place. You could be stunned by what comes up. You might not understand all the repercussions, but that might not be important. Tonight: Don't count on an early bedtime.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Continue opening up to different ideas and people. Just because you ask questions and grasp very different ideas doesn't mean you have to agree. Expanding your knowledge can never hurt you. News comes from someone at a distance. Tonight: Continue the theme of different.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* A partner feeds you a lot of information. Though you might not agree 100 percent, make it OK. You can quietly go on your own fact-finding mission later. If a boss is acting surprisingly strange, just accept the behavior rather than question it — for now. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Others listen well but also want to share. Information heads in your direction. A meeting proves to be quite dynamic, opening you up to new ideas. News could be surprising. Know that you can deal with it all. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Ask more questions and demand more. You often let others get away with a slack attitude or performance. You are doing neither you nor them a favor. A trusted partner could kick up his or her heels as if there is no tomorrow. Tonight: Take it easy. Don't push too hard.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination knows no limits. How you deal with the many people in your life might need some adjustment. Try hard to touch base with different people. The end results are that some key people could feel jeopardized. Tonight: Play as if there is no tomorrow.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Anchor in and stay in touch with key elements. A more exciting and dynamic approach to your daily life invigorates you. Changes are occurring where you least expect them. Relate to each person as individuals. Tonight: Relate individually.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep communication flowing. Worry less about a flub-up — yours or someone else's. How you handle a very different matter is being watched. Merge need with ingenuity, and delight many as well as yourself. Listen to a partner, even if you feel as if he or she is babbling. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous invitation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Maintain your budget. You know how to finish a project and not get involved in anything else. Use that skill right now and complete rather than initiate. A surprising event or news could surround a domestic matter or investment. Tonight: Treat time!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* You smile, and others react. Knowing you have this type of magnetism going for you right now, focus on key issues and projects. You could be delighted by the end results. Great surprises with a smile, even if plans change. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* Take in information, and don't make a decision about what you are hearing. You, more than most signs, know how many different perspectives there can be. Give yourself time. If you have a lucky hunch, go with it. Tonight: Take some needed personal time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Unexpected reactions could toss the whole apple cart over. Is that what you really want to do? Stay focused on the majority, not just you. A meeting proves to be instrumental in knowing what works. Express your ideas and feelings. Tonight: Take a friend's lead.

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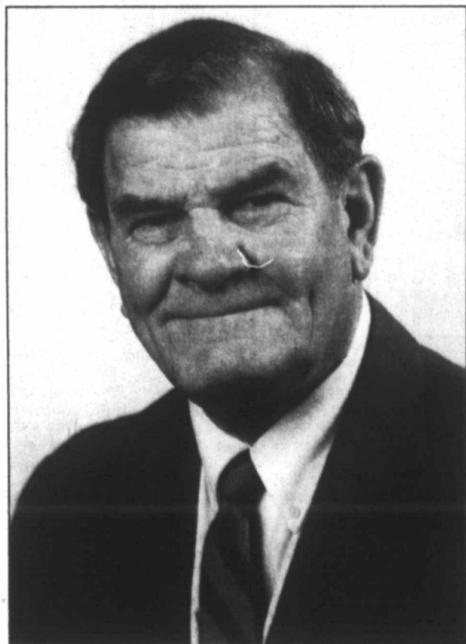
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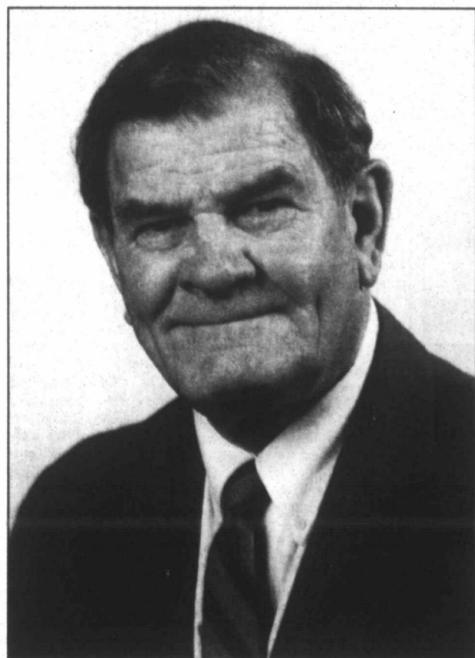
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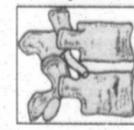
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