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photo submitted by Della Moyer
Tonight is opening night for the Pampa High School Choir production of "Once Upon a Mattress." The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. The production is directed by Fred Mays, PHS Choir director with staging by assistant Choir Director Brianna Bailey. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for Students and younger children.

Pampa area real estate market fairing better than many in nation

by David Bowser
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Compared to the very gloomy news from other parts of the country, the housing market in Gray County is in pretty good shape, according to area realtors. If there is a problem at all, it's a slight shortage of medium-priced homes.

"We've got houses and we've got loans," Judi Edwards with Quentin Williams Realtors said. "It's not like it is in other states. We're really been a lot more fortunate. I think we were just smarter than some of those other states. We didn't get into a big mess like they did."

Jim Davidson with Century 21 Realty said the number of houses now on the market is up.

"There for a while," he said, "we didn't have but 50."

"We have a few more than we did," Edwards said. "This time about a year ago, we only had I'd say about 50 houses. We have 79 now. We do have a little more choice."

Edwards said the Pampa market will get short on listings, prices go up and everything sells quickly and then there are a few more listings and things level off.

"That's kind of where we are right now," Edwards said.

There has been some building activity in Pampa, but Davidson said that's slowing

down because of a lack of locations.

"We're back to the same old thing that we started out with," Davidson said.

The problem right now, Riphahn said, is the nationwide, indeed worldwide, financial crisis. Banks and lending authorities are waiting to see what's going to happen to the financial markets.

"I think everybody is waiting to see, and I think the builders are a little reluctant right now," Riphahn said. "I think when we get some firm commitments, we'll see a lot of housing go up."

Edwards said listings are up.

"It's a lot better now than even in July," Edwards said. "In July, we were so short, I felt badly about people coming into town and we didn't have hardly anything to show them."

Edwards said there is a better selection of homes now, but she said it is taking a little longer to sell them.

She said there doesn't appear to be any problem with mortgages, although some banks are apparently looking more closely at borrowers and in some instances requiring more down.



"Our local banks are making them," Edwards said.
She said people aren't being turned down like the national new reports.
"We're still getting good loans and good
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Church, Salvation Army team up for MOW

by Rachel Stennett
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Thanksgiving will feel different this year for Revered Jimmie Cole of the Church of the Nazarene and his family, who have set out to discover the real meaning of thye holiday, and in turn help a large number of

Pampa families this holiday season.

Cole and eight other members of his family decided to do something different with the holiday after his niece said she wanted to teach her children about the real motive behind Thanksgiving - helping other people.

Through a turn of con-

versations with Captains Mark and Laura Martin of the Salvation Army, Cole will be teaming up with them to provide Thanksgiving meals to Meals on Wheels clients, as MOW is closed on that day.

In a unique, first-time joined effort, Cole and the Salvation Army will take

over the clientele MOW list for a day, and use donated food from the organization to deliver food to homes using the Salvation Army vans, and a Church of the Nazarene vehicle. Even more, the joint venture will offer more opportunities for the MOW clients, and then can choose to come to a

family-style sit down meal served at the Church of the Nazarene, followed by a Thanksgiving themed service.

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Sunny

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 11 and 21 early. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 56. South-southeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 61. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. North-northeast wind around 10 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Eighteen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 900 block of South Sumner.

An accident occurred at the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1900 block of North Grape, the 1500 block of North Dogwood, the 400 block of South Cuyler, the 400 block of North Carr, the 2100 block of West Montagu, the 500 block of South Cuyler, the 1100 block of South Huff, the 700 block of South Barnes, the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 900 block of West Twifford, the 700 block of South Barnes, the 1100 block of North Terrace, the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of East Francis.

A burglary occurred in the 800 block of North Lefors, where an unknown amount of money was taken.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of North Magnolia.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby, where a check was reportedly taken.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of West

Brown, where \$5,533 worth of diesel fuel was reportedly charged on a false account; Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles, where makeup and teeth whitener, valued at \$80, were reportedly stolen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of 19th and Hamilton streets. Forgery was reported in the police department lobby, where \$540 of fraudulent charges were reportedly made on a debit card.

Assaults were reported in the 1100 block of Terrace and the 700 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville and the 2800 block of North Charles.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 500 block of South Cuyler.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1100 block of Huff.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Twelve traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

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Services tomorrow

GILBREATH, Lindsey Wayne — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Lindsey Wayne Gilbreath, 73

KERRVILLE, Texas — Lindsey Wayne Gilbreath, 73, died Nov. 17, 2008, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with military rites courtesy of U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Gilbreath was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Pampa, Texas, to J.C. and Ruby Clemmons Gilbreath. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1956 to 1958.

He married Londa Thomas on Sept. 12, 1959, at the First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Lindsey worked for El Paso Natural Gas Company for 35 years, retiring in 1995.

In 1997, he moved to Kerrville, Texas, where he was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather to his wife, children and grandchildren who will miss him dearly.

Lindsey's hobbies were gardening, hunting, fishing, and snow and water skiing. He enjoyed RVing, listening and dancing to country western music, spending time

with his grandchildren and having coffee with his friends at Rio Robles retirement community in Kerrville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Sidney

Gilbreath. Pallbearers will be Richard Gilbreath, Timothy Gilbreath, Christopher Gilbreath, Gary Bolch, David Allen Bolch and Matthew Bolch. Honorary pallbearers will be T.W. Bolch, David Thomas, John Thomas and Bob Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Londa Thomas Gilbreath, of the home; two sons, Michael Gilbreath and wife Mary of Farmington, N.M., and

Steven Gilbreath of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Richard Gilbreath and wife Amanda, Melissa Gilbreath and Timothy Gilbreath, all of Farmington, N.M., and Christopher Gilbreath of Garland, Texas; two great-grandsons, Andrew Gilbreath and Zakkariah Gilbreath, both of Farmington, N.M.; one sister, Norma Bolch and husband Travis of Pampa, Texas; one brother, Norman Gilbreath and wife Elaine of Farmington, N.M.; and a sister-in-law, Jean Gilbreath of Enid, Okla. MEMORIALS: Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

James Clayborne Edwards, 70

ELIZABETH JEWELL Edwards, 70, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, in Abilene. Arrangements for cremation were made by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Celebration of life services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, at South Georgia Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas, with the Rev. Bob Miller, pastor, officiating.

Jim was born in Pampa, Texas, on May 25, 1938, to Eric C. and



Edwards

stockbroker for Merrill Lynch before moving to Costa Rica, where he lived until August 2007.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eric Edwards.

He is survived by two sons, James Clayborne II and wife Denise of Nashua, N.H., and

Christopher Joel of Abilene; his mother, Elizabeth Edwards of Amarillo; and three brothers, Robert Edwards of Amarillo, Eric C Edwards II of Las Vegas, Billy Mack of Corpus Christi. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter of Nashua, N.H.

The family requests memorials be to Minter Lane Church of Christ, 2502 Minter Lane, Abilene, TX 79603.

Maria 'Vicki' Ortega, 48

P A M P A schools. She married Danny Smith on April 28, 2000, in Angel Fire, N.M.

Mrs. Ortega was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa. She



Ortega

was preceded in death by her parents, Cruz and Maria Ortega.

Survivors include her husband, Julio of Pampa; a daughter, Rosie Soto of Pampa; a sister, Estella

Ortega of Pampa; a brother, Francisco Ortega of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Hospice of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Teresa Joy Smith, 49

and attended Pampa schools. She married Danny Smith on April 28, 2000, in Angel Fire, N.M.

Mrs. Smith worked for Allsup's for eight years, serving as manager and supervisor trainee for stores throughout the Panhandle.

She was preceded in death by a brother,

Larry Shaw.

Survivors include her husband, Danny Smith, of the home; a son, Samuel Wayne Ledford of Japan; a daughter, Rachel Michal Cyphers of Raytown, Mo.; her mother, Bina Shaw of Pampa; her father, Frank Shaw of Piedmont, Mo.; a brother, Mike Shaw of Cedar Park; two sisters,

Brenda Clason of Lubbock and Martha A. White of Wolforth; and two granddaughters.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Texas creating disaster response commission

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is forming a commission that will oversee coastal rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Ike and develop recommendations for responding to future storms.

At a news confer-

ence in Houston on Thursday afternoon, Perry is also expected to ask the Texas Department of Transportation to help finish removing tons of debris left behind when Ike struck the Southeast Texas coast two months ago.

The governor's office said preliminary estimates from Ike and hurricanes Gustav and Dolly — which struck Texas within a period of two months this summer — is at \$29.4 billion and likely to grow.

Perry will reiterate that Texas wants the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover all of the debris removal costs for the next 18 months or risk bankrupting the state's hard-hit coastal communities. Without full coverage, FEMA pays 75 percent of

the state's estimated \$2 billion cleanup and local governments pay 25 percent.

FEMA officials said no decision has been made on whether to extend the full coverage, which expired late last month. And they don't know when to expect an answer.

In a closed-door meeting with coastal county judges last week, Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff and his staff indicated Texas should dig into its own budget surplus to cover the coastal counties.

Amy Kudwa, a Department of Homeland Security

spokeswoman, said she couldn't comment on what went on in the agency's conversation with Texas county officials last week.

Former Harris County Judge Robert Eckles will chair the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal, which Perry is creating by executive order to prepare a long-range plan for dealing with similar, future disasters.

"This is looking at how we can build a blueprint, so we are not reinventing the wheel after each disaster," Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle said.

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Houses

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rates," Edwards said. Sales prices are moving up, she said, but that's because the cost of building his risen.

"To get the same house a few years ago for \$70,000," Edwards said, "you'll now have to pay over \$100,000."

She said that right now there is a strong demand for almost all housing in Pampa.

There are only 10 homes on the market now for less than \$10,000.

"We have had some investors buy some as rentals," Edwards said.

She said that's what she thinks happened to the city's lower priced housing.

"We have 26 listed from \$50,000 to \$100,000," Edwards said. "From \$100,000 to \$150,000, we have 25."

There are 13 homes for sale in the market between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

She said most of the listings now on the books are in that middle range.

Edwards said that today's buyers appear to be Pampanos who are trading up or new residents moving into town.

Since mid to late summer, she said, the housing market started slowing.

"The average house is taking 109 days to sell," Edwards said.

Of course, she said, there are some places in the country where it takes more than a year.

"If they're priced right and in good condition, they'll sell," Edwards said.

She said that the housing market in Pampa is slowing, but it's a seasonal slowdown.

"It does slow down a little bit," Edwards said, "but this has been one of the best years that we've had in our office."

Edwards said she is

optimistic about Pampa's future.

"It's not like you see on national TV," Edwards said. "We are getting loans."

But she thinks there's another reason that the housing market in Pampa has slowed.

"People are afraid," Edwards said.

While projections for Pampa's growth vary, Edwards said she doesn't expect to see a big influx of new residents with housing prices doubling.

"I think it's going to just be a good steady growth," Edwards said.

Although home values have risen over the last couple of years as Pampa's economy has turned around, they're not rising as rapidly now.

"I feel like we're leveling out on prices right now," Edwards said.

Davidson said the community could use more housing, but he's disappointed in the lack of direction from the city.

"It's about like it was 10 years ago," Davidson said. "The city's never arranged any more utilities or lift stations out north of town to do anything."

At that time, people were leaving Pampa and the city was in the doldrums. Since then new residents have started moving here, the economy has turned up, but new residents can't find a place to live.

Davidson said the city should have started preparing for the housing situation in 2003 or 2004.

"We've lost a lot of time, and there could have been a lot of houses built," Davidson said. "We could handle pretty easily another 25 or 30 houses."

He said a few new homes are being built, but developers are running out of space.

"We don't have any place to put them," Davidson said.

The lots with access to

water and utilities not to mention paved roads are rapidly disappearing.

"Until the city puts a lift station out north of town or the east side,"

Davidson said, "that's it. We won't have any more development."

"It's going to take the city doing something to be able to go any further north," Edwards agreed.

But she's happy to see some new home construction.

"For years," she said, "we didn't see any. We couldn't go any further north because we needed a lift station. I'm hoping with that junior high going in that it will open up and some utilities will at least be available."

The three bedroom, two bath and two car garage is still king when it comes to single-family dwellings, but the key is pricing.

"Mostly, if we can keep them between \$140,000 and \$170,000, they'd sell pretty quick," Davidson said.

Many of the many moving into Pampa are looking for such homes, but Davidson said there are also a number of people living in town that would like to move up. That, in turn, would free up some smaller homes.

"That would open up some of these \$50,000, \$60,000 or \$70,000 homes," Davidson said.

Riphahn said that while

most homeowners are looking for the three-bedroom home, she thinks there is also a market for duplexes and multi-family homes.

She said the duplexes on Dwight Street are full all the time.

"A lot of people like to buy those and live in them," Riphahn said, "and rent the other side."

Riphahn admitted, too, that Pampa needs more housing.

"Until we can get some more development, some places to develop," Davidson said, "we dead in the water."

A new development on the northwest corner of town where the new junior high school is sup-

posed to be built would help. The housing subdivision around the new junior high is expected to be help provide housing into Pampa's future.

"If they ever do anything out there," Davidson said, "it will help, but again the city has to make services available."

He accuses the Pampa Economic Development Corporation of sitting on \$3 million in funds and not taking the initiative to start any infrastructure projects.

"They can put turf on the football field," Davidson said. "That really brings in a lot of people."

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Viewpoints

Our readers write

Initial vote results in deadlock

Dear Editor,
The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 appreciates The Pampa News' continuing coverage of the Groundwater Management Area #1 meetings.

However, the Nov. 11 article, "PGCD to discuss aquifer future Wednesday," may leave readers with an incorrect impression.

The article states that "Gray County Rancher John R. Spearman ... was rebuffed last week when he suggested that the three other members of the Groundwater Management Area board take a proposed future condition of 50 percent of the water in storage at the end of 50 years back to their district boards for discussion ..."

A motion for such action was made by Mr. Spearman, chairman of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District,

and seconded by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. The subsequent vote resulted in a 2-2 deadlock with the Panhandle and High Plains District voting in favor.

Groundwater Management Area #1 representatives will meet next month to continue deliberations regarding the setting of desired future conditions.

The article also states that "Groundwater Management Area No. 1 consists of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District ..."

Actually, only portions of Armstrong, Potter and Randall counties within the High Plains Water District are in GMA #1. The majority of the district is in GMA #2.

Sincerely,
Jim Conkwright,
General Manager & GMA #1 representative

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 2008. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

On this date:

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1908, Anglo-American journalist and broadcaster Alistair Cooke was born in Salford, England.

Texas professors weigh-in on evolution education debate

Oh, the hypocrisy of scientists-slash-educrats. They want their "beliefs" trumpeted throughout the public education system, but not that of opposing views. "Views" being the operative word in this seemingly never-ending dispute.

Earlier this week, an Associated Press article titled "Majority say teach evolution in Texas" came across the wire. The report states that a large proportion of Texas science professors want absolutely no challenges to evolution taught in Texas public schools.

"A new study finds 95 percent of science professors at Texas' public and private universities," the AP article read, "are against a state policy requiring weaknesses in the theory of evolution be covered in public school science classes."

Forgive me if I'm wrong, but isn't science supposed to be dedicated to logic and honest debate?

The study, the AP article states, included 464

university biologists and anthropologists and was commissioned by an entity the AP dubbed "the progressive group Texas Freedom Network."

Study author Raymond A. Eve appears somewhat overwrought in the study's wake.

The AP article lifted the following quote from Eve off the web site of The Dallas Morning News: "Many of these science faculty members help determine who gets into our state colleges and universities. Their responses should send parents a clear message that those who want to play politics with science education are putting our kids at risk."

No wonder Eve's overwrought. His comments haze the Texas scientific community in a rather Gestapo-esque light, though I'm sure that wasn't his intention. No, his intention evidently was to

frighten and belittle parents.

Raymond's hysteria furtively castigates mothers and fathers for daring to expect their children receive non-biased instruction at taxpayer schools.

I could perhaps find Eve's stance somewhat valid if

the implication here for state education policy was to scrap and completely reject the teaching of evolution for that of intelligent design, but no such scenario is being suggested.

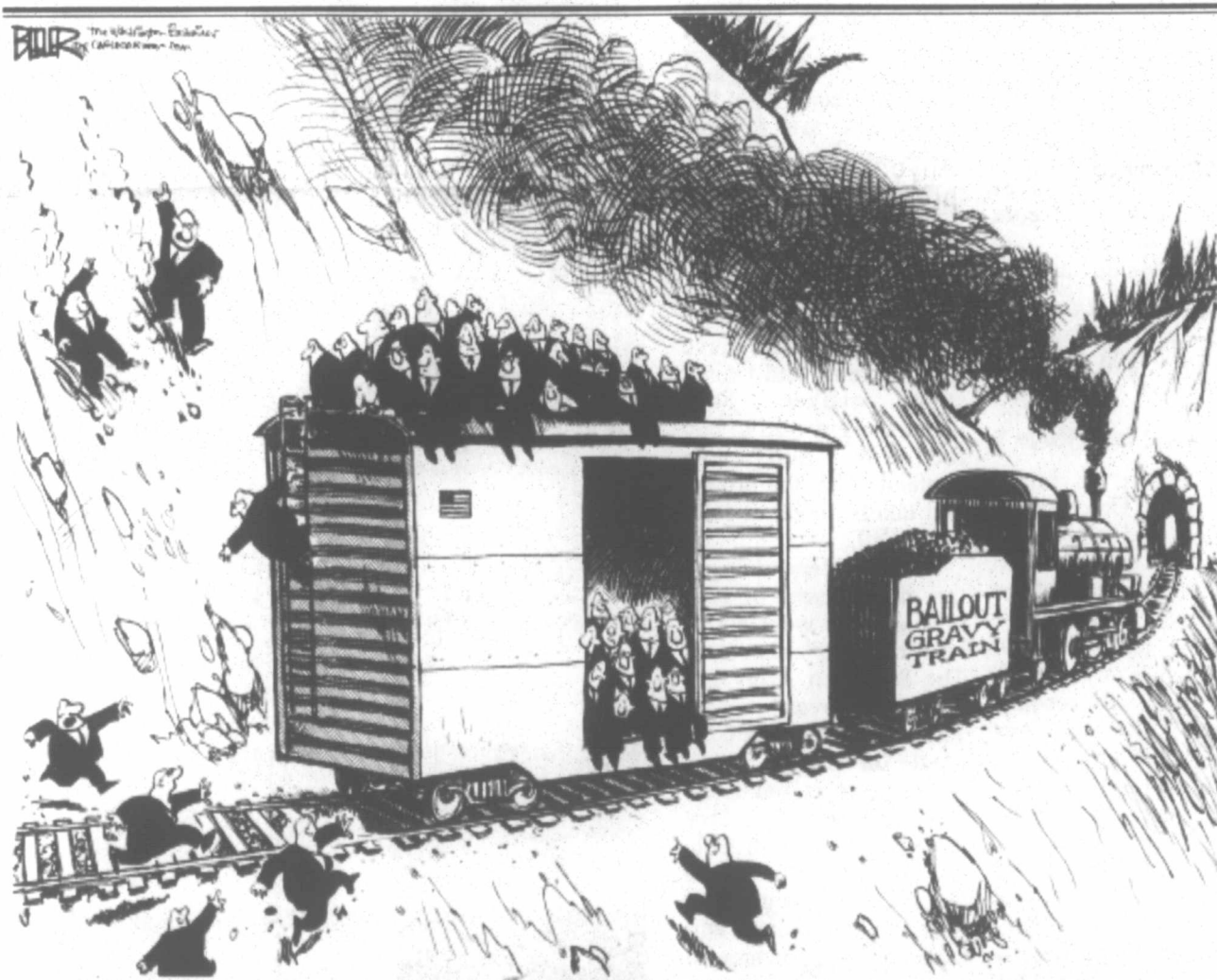
In my opinion, Raymond's statement is more indicative of the dogged perseverance of a select few (in this case, a collection of scientists) to limit the education of Texas schoolchildren to one theory when more than one theory exists.

The difference between fact and theory, of course, is that one is true while the other is merely possible.

It is a subtle form of dictatorship, a menacing arrogance, to disperse knowledge in such a partisan fashion that valid points are neglected and students are taught to accept without question that which is not proven by science's own rigorous standards.

Exactly what is the scientific community in Texas so afraid of? If evolution is such a salient cause for the creation of all species, why are these scientists intimidated by other mind-sets? Could, perhaps, the answer to this question be that the arguments these scientists don't want heard bare cracks in evolution that no ironclad theory can withstand for long? Such a point certainly bears scrutiny, especially by parents with young minds to safeguard and nurture.

After all, what parent wants his or her child to grow up without the mental prowess to question that which is opinion? And, furthermore, what child can determine opinion from fact without learning to question?



Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Nov. 9

Houston Chronicle on financial education in schools:

Next to election results, the most important numbers for many Americans may be their credit scores.

There's at least one very simple lesson for average Americans in the Wall Street/subprime mess: Some of us are pretty clueless about how credit works, and we need to fix that.

As a nation, maybe we need to add a "C" to the traditional curriculum of the Three R's. That's "C" as in credit and how to use it wisely and well. Flunking this financial basic helped land us in our current predicament.

To be sure many of us do handle credit responsibly. Most of us pay off our credit card balances each month. A majority of U.S. households (55 percent) owe nothing at all on credit cards, according to the MSN Money Web site.

What's worrying is that more than a third of those who do carry

balances of more than \$10,000 on their cards have annual incomes under \$50,000, according to MSN Money columnist Liz Pulliam Weston.

The Chronicle's Shannon Buggs preaches on this topic quite regularly. Recently, she featured some eye-catching advice from a flamboyant billionaire, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. Cuban has a boot camp approach: Forget about investing. Pay off your debt now. That idea may not work for everyone but it certainly points us in the right direction.

While we're at it, a word to the credit card pushers: You helped get us into this, too. You should do your part to help get us out.

Enough of the weasel wording on credit offers that is specifically designed to push less-than-careful consumers into usurious interest rates. Enough of the offers to high school students with no work history.

Now, the credit card industry is shutting off credit even to those with perfect credit scores because it's no longer a license to print money.

This won't do, either.

As the nation wakes up to a new day politically and continues its climb out from under the economic rubble, let's make sure our children know better.

Just as Sputnik launched a generation of scientific and mathematics education in this country in the 1950s, the debt debacle should provide the painful boost to lift financial education to greater emphasis in our schools.

That is the long-term answer and a wise investment in our future.

URL: <http://www.chron.com>

■ Nov. 10

Bradenton (Fla.) Herald, on saluting veterans:

Duty, honor, country.

Those words form the foundation for the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Those words could also serve as the core values for all members of our military forces.

Today, on Veterans Day, we honor all of our military veterans. Their numbers are legion — almost 24 million strong, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. ...

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Wall of Honor



Several Travis Elementary students recently read their essays on what Veterans Day means to them on-air at KGRO/KMOX radio stations. The students are pictured in front of "The Wall of Honor" at Travis school. Above: Justin Timmons, Jacie Studebaker, Austin Odell, Trevor Turner, Kathlyn Cummins, Drew Miller, Carson Eubank, Alexis Munguia, Mrs. Pittman, teacher, Braden Kidd, Jennifer Leal, Jordan Archibald, Justin Beck, Jared Lake, Lauren Pingel, Dylan Franklin, Austin Stone, Braxton Snell, Doris Ramos and Lindsey Thompson.

Events calendar

Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre Co. will present "The Christmas Doll" by Joan Cushing at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21-22 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22-23 on stage at AC. Set in London in the 1840s, "The Christmas Doll" is a musical drama. The cast includes 54 youth between 7 and 18 years of age. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for college/senior citizens and \$5 for children. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

Artist Rita Sanderson will host two Native American pottery-making demonstrations Nov. 22 at Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch. Registration for the morning class are still being taken. The class will be conducted from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Donations to the museum will be accepted. For more information, call (806) 857-2458.

"Harvest Baskets" are being accepted at Tralee Crisis Center to benefit needy families of domestic violence

and/or abuse. The baskets must arrive at the Tralee office the morning of Nov. 24 for delivery by organizers the next day. Donation baskets can be filled with frozen turkey or ham, dressing, pies, rolls, cranberry sauce and dessert. This year 20 new families will receive a basket. Donations to fill the basket will be accepted. More than one basket can be submitted by donors. Anyone wishing to prepare and provide a donation basket or make a donation to purchase a basket, may contact Tralee at 669-1131.

Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 25 in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical

Center. Beth Kean will present the program, "Living to Thrive." All cancer survivors and their supporters are welcome.

Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa will launch its annual Tree of Blessing program Dec. 1 to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee beginning Dec. 1. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can

purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

Wesley United Methodist Church will stage its 28th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Community Center in Hereford. Limited booth space is available for a \$10 fee. To obtain an application, call (806) 364-0774, (806) 364-5789 or (806) 364-4419.

Eatery in E. coli outbreak to reopen

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma health officials and a restaurant at the center of this summer's deadly E. coli outbreak have signed an agreement to reopen the eatery.

The two-page document, obtained by The Associated Press through an open records request, lists several conditions that must be met before the Country Cottage restaurant in the small town of Locust Grove can reopen.

They include disconnecting a private well on the property in the northeastern corner of the state, allowing for environmental testing in the restaurant upon request and implementing a monitoring system for employee hand-washing.

The August outbreak became the largest in the nation's history for the rare E. coli strain O111, killing one man and sickening more than 300 people. Investigators have yet to identify the exact cause of the outbreak.

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This year, as we prepare to inaugurate a new commander-in-chief come January, is an especially important time for us to unite as Americans and honor the members of our armed forces.

Beyond this one day, the many sacrifices of both our veterans and their families merit our ongoing appreciation — ever greater as we enter the holiday season and families endure the hardships of separation.

We're heartened by the ceremonies observed by school-children. Instilling a sense of honor and respect among our youngest citizens will help create the strong-willed patriots of the future. ...

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Marmaduke



"The obedience school will give Marmaduke an honorary degree if he won't attend any more classes."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Cause the guy who wrote the song got 25 cents for each one of them."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Cavalry weapon
- 6 Appalling
- 11 Steer clear of
- 12 Racket
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- 14 Famous
- 15 Tooth layer
- 17 Army cops: Abbr.
- 19 Upper limit, briefly
- 20 Basketball's Ming
- 23 Pencil part
- 25 How Boone carved his name
- 26 Store staff
- 28 Hearty dish
- 29 Jug part
- 30 Word of accord
- 31 Pilot's place
- 32 Rep.'s colleague
- 33 Pre-euro Spanish coin
- 35 Duel count
- 38 Island dances
- 41 Precise
- 42 Lifeless
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- 44 Scrumptious

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- 1 Determined
- 2 One of Frank's wives
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Yesterday's answer

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- 21 Tibia's end
- 22 Hall-of-Famer Merlin
- 24 Put in stitches
- 25 Comfy room
- 27 Grounds for a
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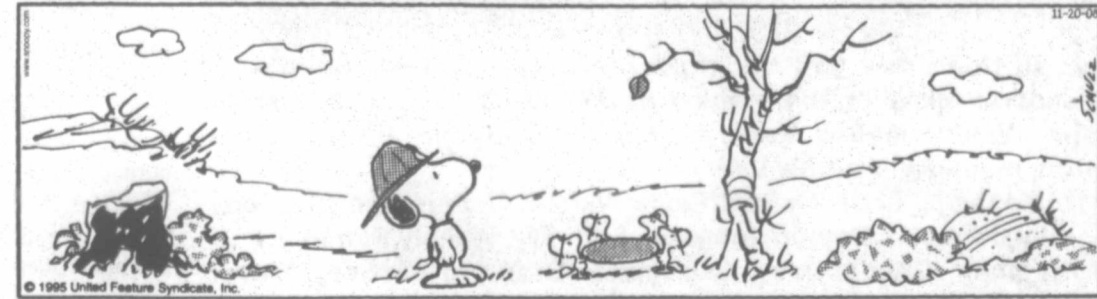
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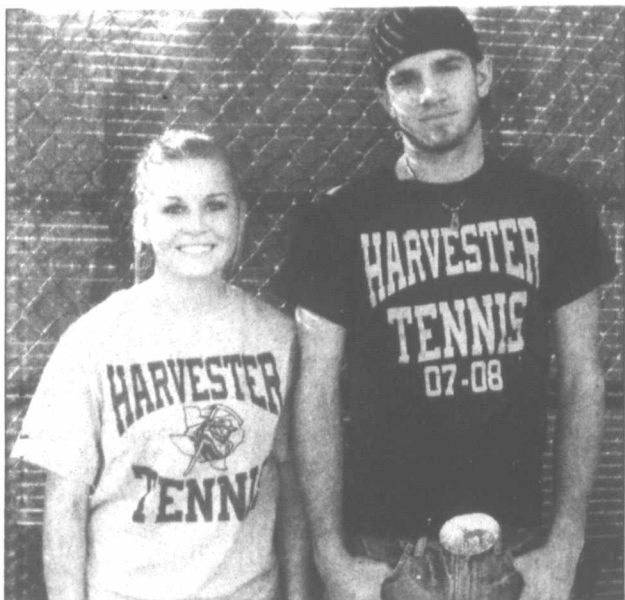
Flo & Friends



Sports

Pampa Harvester Fall Team Tennis

Doubles



Tennis 1-Mixed Doubles, second team all district. Rachel Lee, left and Jack Ware, right.



Honorable mention, number one, girls doubles. Lauren Coutts, left and Holly Gage, right.



Number three team, honorable mentions in girls doubles. Hilary Acker, left and Mikala Furgason, right.

Singles



Number seven girls singles, second team. Hilary Acker



Honorable mention at number two, boys singles. Miles Foreman



Number six girls singles, honorable mention. Lauren Coutts

Lefors district and bi-district 2008 champs



Picture Bottom row left to right: manager Amber Shephard, Cheerleaders: Misty Pairsh, Ashley Shephard, Story Pairsh, Ashlyn Johnson, Valerie Miller, Emily Jackson, Kaitlynn Porter, Lacie Johnston, manager: Andrew Laury
2nd row Manager: Brian McBee, Reice Warner, Dennis Spouse, Cody Hess, Joey Johnson, Payton Johnson, Seth Fry, Wakely Pairsh
3rd row Head Coach Joey Czubinski, Brandon McBee, Trevor Czubinski, Taylor Ray, Dustin Forsyth, Keenan Lott, Nick Hess, Seth Scully, Assistant Coach Tory Peet

There will a community breakfast Saturday Nov 22nd at Shaw field in Lefors in support of the Pirate football team. Breakfast burritos will be served to the community starting at 9 am till gone. Following the breakfast there will be a send off for the Pirates who will be escorted out of town lead by the Lefors Fire Dept and community. Anyone wanting to support the Pirates is encouraged to come out and be involved in the breakfast and send off. There will be a bus available to take fans to the game. It will leave at 1 pm from the football field. It will cost \$2.00 to ride. Call the school at 835-2533 for more information about riding the bus. Travel together with us in our caravan. Departure to Valley will be at 1pm from Shaw Field in Lefors. The game will be aired live on the radio station KOMX 100.3 or the KOMX web site.

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POYC Bball

November 17th game finals.

Girls 3rd and 4th division, B&G was defeated by Giles Construction 4 to 16 and the Red Riot defeated Panhandle Perforators 7 to 3. In the 5th and 6th grade division Niccum Electric defeats Pampa Concrete 22 to 7. Next games are Thursday November 20th starting at 5:30 featuring Giles Construction vs Red Riot, Pampa Concrete vs Shuttebug and Niccum Electric vs Culligan of Pampa.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: "Silent Supporter, Benson, N.C." (Aug. 26) cannot say the Pledge of Allegiance because of religious reasons. I support his or her right not to participate. However, I disagree with "Silent's" interpretation that standing is participating. I work overseas in a U.S. Department of Defense school attended by students from 13 NATO countries. Every morning, the Pledge is recited and the non-American students stand respectfully. By standing, they are not pledging their own allegiance but behaving appropriately while those who choose to participate do so. I do not believe that standing during the Pledge, or a similar pledge in any other country, implies consent or support. Standing quietly and allowing others to participate shows respect for the citizens, nation and our right to believe as we choose. Remaining seated is, in my opinion, disrespectful on many levels. -- **MAUREEN IN MONS, BELGIUM**

DEAR MAUREEN: Your point is well-taken, and interestingly enough, many readers agree with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I think "Silent Supporter" may be confusing the Pledge of Allegiance with the singing of the National Anthem at sporting events. Standing is a sign of respect, not one of commitment. If sitting causes others to react unfavorably, simply show up a few minutes after kickoff or the first pitch. That way, no one will have any problems with you and your beliefs. -- **LET'S PLAY BALL IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: I am a Quaker. We also find oaths, including the Pledge of Allegiance, contrary to our Quaker faith and practice. However, we still stand silently, considering it to be politeness, not participation. -- **TOM IN REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: On Flag Day, June 14, 1943, right in the middle of the greatest patriotic war in history, the U.S. Supreme Court passed a resolution, which is still in effect today, that no man, woman or child shall be required to stand for or salute the flag of this country, or to stand for the singing of the National Anthem. Anyone who berates another for not standing or participating in

either is denying that person his legal rights as given by the U.S. Supreme Court. Therefore aliens, visitors, religious believers and dutiful citizens have the right to stand, salute and sing -- or NOT. -- **NATIVE AMERICAN CITIZEN AND WWII VETERAN**

DEAR ABBY: Remember the saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do"? A person who does not stand draws the attention and the ire of the crowd. Far better to arrive after the ceremony and avoid a scene. -- **QUIET BYSTANDER IN N.C.**

DEAR ABBY: As an educator, I teach all of my students to stand for the Pledge, whether they participate or not. If they are entering a room or a stadium, they should stop walking and remain still as a sign of respect. I am not a person unto myself but a part of a larger community. "Respect" should cross all boundaries that divide us. Whether one chooses to be respectful or not should not even be questioned. Having said that, however, those who taunted "Silent" should remember that respect goes both ways. -- **BEV IN STEILACOOM, WASH.**

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Detroit automakers' rescue stalls in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan to give troubled U.S. automakers billions of dollars in government-backed loans is on life support, leaving the fate of hundreds of thousands of workers and Detroit's once-venerable car companies hanging in the balance.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., canceled plans Wednesday for a vote on a bill to carve \$25 billion in new auto industry loans out of the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund. The Bush administration and congressional Republicans have rejected the Democrats' plan to dip into that pot of money.

Warning of economic disaster, a bipartisan group of senators from

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., canceled plans Wednesday for a vote on a bill to carve \$25 billion in new auto industry loans out of the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund.

auto industry states are trying to reach a deal on an alternative package. Even if an agreement can be reached, Reid signaled Thursday that the Senate would likely not be able to consider the bill until after Thanksgiving.

"We have some procedural roadblocks," Reid said.

With all sides sensing doom for a Big Three automaker rescue, the fin-

ger-pointing began. White House press secretary Dana Perino said that if Congress "leaves for a two-month vacation without having addressed this important issue ... then Congress will bear responsibility for anything that happens."

Congressional Democrats countered that the Treasury Department already had the power to grant emergency funds to

the automakers, but the Bush administration opposed the approach.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney stood steadfastly behind forces opposing the bailout.

Speaking Thursday morning amid growing signs of gridlock in Congress, Romney said, "There's no question but that if you just write a check, you're going to see these companies go out of business ultimately."

He told CBS's "The Early Show" that he doesn't want to see the car-makers go out of business,

"but we don't want them to continue business as usual."

The leaders of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC painted a grim picture of their financial position during two days of congressional hearings, warning that the collapse of the auto industry could lead to the loss of 3 million jobs. Detroit's automakers, hurt by a sharp drop in sales and a nearly frozen credit market, burned through nearly \$18 billion in cash reserves during the last quarter, and GM and

Chrysler both said they could collapse in weeks.

"I don't believe we have the luxury of a lot of time," GM CEO Rick Wagoner told a House hearing.

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The Halliburton Volunteer Council is collecting stuffed animals for its "Share-a-Bear" project. The council members are collecting stuffed animals for donation to Child Protective Services, Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office. Above, from left, Shonda Ledbetter of CPS, Patricia Squires, Liz Petka, Mary Frazier, and Melissa Petka, all of the Halliburton Volunteer Council.

Jobless benefits extension in works

WASHINGTON (AP) — With weekly jobless claims benefits at a 16-year high, the White House said Thursday that President George W. Bush would quickly sign legislation pending in Congress to provide further unemployment benefits.

The Senate this week is expected to take up a bill, already passed by the House, that would extend unemployment insurance checks for up to 13 additional weeks for jobless people whose benefits have run out. The Senate vote could occur as early as Thursday evening and would require support from 60 senators to pass.

White House press secretary Dana Perino, discussing the worsening economic environment with reporters, said that Bush is "always concerned" when people lose their jobs and is eager to help.

More than 1.2 million jobs have been lost so far this year. The White House earlier had threatened to veto a much broader, \$61 billion stimulus bill that included aid to help states maintain Medicaid benefits and new spending for public works projects, in addition to the jobless benefit extension.

Bush's advisers had taken no position on the stand-alone jobless benefits bill costing about \$6 billion, other than to say they were firmly opposed to Democratic efforts this week to combine it with a \$25 billion bailout of the auto industry that would be drawn from the financial rescue package.

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