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A leak in ductwork from a floor furnace over the years caused a decomposition of material around a floor joist that started a fire at this home at 1029 Twiford Saturday morning. Chong Janeway, 47, died in the blaze.

## Fire fatal to woman caused by duct leak

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A faulty connection in the ductwork venting a floor furnace has been determined as the cause of a fire early Saturday which took the life of a Pampa woman.  
Seven units and 11 personnel from Pampa Fire Department responded to a call at 7:32 a.m. Saturday concerning a fire at 1029 Twiford. Once inside the home, firefighters encountered thick smoke and discovered the body of Chong Janeway, 47, just outside a bedroom.

"It was a bad fire. We fought it defensively," Tomaschik said.

Resuscitation efforts were determined to be of no avail for Janeway, who was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:30 a.m. by Precinct 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.  
An autopsy was ordered, and no results had been received by Martinez' office as of press time. Full autopsy results can take as long as eight weeks, Martinez said.

Janeway was carried out of the burning structure and no other victims were found inside, said PFD Capt. Jerry Tomaschik.

It is not known when the fire had started in the home, Tomaschik said. The state fire marshal's office was called in to investigate the incident. The fire appeared  
See FIRE, Page 3

## World music Grammy used Guthrie's music

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Nearly 40 years after Woody Guthrie's death, the American folk musician's work won a Grammy award Sunday.  
A New York-based band, the Klezmatics, won the award for best contemporary world music album with "Wonder Wheel." This album is of never recorded Guthrie compositions that were given to the group by the composer's daughter, Nora.  
Speaking backstage at the awards show Sunday, Klezmatics lead

singer Lorin Sklamberg said receiving this award was a real honor for the group.

"If Woody were still around, I think we'd be friends," Sklamberg said. "We believe in the same things: in making the world a better place and making our bid through music."

The Klezmatics have been together since 1986 and have traveled the world, playing on numerous television and radio shows.

See GUTHRIE, Page 3

## Tax rules have changed

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Many taxpayers wait until April 15 each year to file their income tax returns, but the Internal Revenue Service has already started processing tax returns from early birds.  
"The Internal Revenue Service has started processing tax returns that claim key tax provisions renewed by legislation enacted in December and urged taxpayers not to overlook the one-time telephone tax refund," stated a news release from the IRS dated Feb. 6.

adjustment to income.  
E-file and paper tax returns began to be processed Feb. 3 after the IRS completed planned updates to its systems to accommodate the "extender" changes.

E-file is the easiest and most accurate way to file a return, including any return claiming extender-related benefits, according to the news release. Makers of tax preparation software have updated their products to incorporate these reinstated tax breaks.  
"As we always do, we encourage taxpayers who think they may claim these deductions to file electronically," said IRS Commissioner Mark

The provisions enacted for 2006 returns are, in addition to the telephone excise tax refund, a state and local general sales tax deduction, higher education tuition and fees deduction, and educator expense

See TAX, Page 3

## Cookie time



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
D'Asia Smith with Brownie Scout Troop 222 was out selling Girl Scout cookies this week. Making a call on Lois Thompson, D'Asia offered some Lemonades, but Thompson said she wanted some Thin Mints.

## Authorities warn of lottery scam aimed at consumers

The Clorox Company has issued a warning about a lottery scam targeting consumers throughout the United States.

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the organization a personal check in order to obtain their winnings.  
They are falsely advised that they will receive their winnings by certified cashier's check within 24 hours after the fees are paid.

They have also alerted the Better Business Bureau and the American Association of Retired Persons, since these types of scams often prey on the elderly.

Victims of the scam report receiving a letter from the International Clearing Commission House in Ottawa, Ontario, saying they have won a large cash prize in the




The letter victims receive is accompanied by a fraudulent check in the name of The Clorox Company to cover lottery fees. The consumer is instructed to pay a fee by mailing

Clorox has notified the FBI in an effort to identify the perpetrators as quickly as possible.

Individuals who receive the fraudulent notice or have information about the scam should call Clorox at 510-271-2966 or the FBI.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly sunny

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 23. Wind chill values between 2 and 12. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 14. Wind chill values between 3 and 8. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Billy Neal Stovall, 76, of Pampa, died Feb. 12, 2007, at St. John's U.S. Virgin Islands. Services are pending.

Funeral services will be held with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Corn	7.25
Soybeans	6.26

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	46.32	+0.33
BP PLC ADR	62.15	-0.03
Cabot Corp	47.00	+0.15
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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**HEFLIN, Carroll Arthur** — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.  
**JANWAY, Chong Ae Kim** — 4 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.

**Lyda J. Darsey, 73**

ALANREED — Lyda J. Darsey, Pampa. Services are pending with McLean 73, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of

**Carroll Arthur Heflin, 74**

OLTON, Texas — Carroll Arthur Heflin, 74, died Feb. 11, 2007, at Olton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Heflin was born Nov. 21, 1932, in Pampa, to Arthur and Bertha Heflin. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving in Japan and Korea.

In 1955, he was injured in a car accident, resulting in his disability.

He was a member of the VFW, the Disabled American Veterans, and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

He loved Pampa and lived there until 2000, when he moved to Olton to be near his sister. He was a Christian and loved to sing. He was a good brother and uncle. He will be missed.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Faver of Olton; one niece, Suzanne Carmichael and husband Richard of Arlington, Texas, and their children Derek, Calie and Morgan; one nephew, Sam Uptergrove

and wife Terra of Portland, Texas, and their children Haylee and Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Bertha Heflin.

MEMORIALS: St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065, or Runningwater Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 409, Olton, TX 79064.

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**Chong Ae Kim Janway, 47**

Chong Ae Kim Janway, 47, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 10, 2007, at Pampa.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Janway was born Nov. 5, 1959, in South Korea. She came to the United States in 1984. She had been a resident of Pampa

since 1987. She was employed by the Pampa Country Club for 10 years. She was later employed by National Oilwell-Varco in November of 2006.

She attended Calvary Baptist Church. She loved to spend time growing flowers in her garden. She enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley and

Patsy Cline. Her pride and joy was her son, Tommy.

Survivors include one son, Tommy Ray Janway of Grants, N.M.; her parents: Chun Bin Kim and Su Chun Kim of Korea; three sisters, Chang Hwi Herrod of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Yong Hwi Howeth of Pampa, and a sister in Korea; two

brother in Japan; three nephews, Jerry Howeth, John Howeth, Jamie Howeth, all of Pampa; and special friends, Lisa Wilson and husband Joe and their children, Jessica Cortez and husband Mike Shelton, and Lauren Gamble and husband Sam, and their son Alec "Honey" Gamble, all of Pampa.

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**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fourteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Harlem, the 400 block of North Perry, and on two occasions at an unreported location.

Welfare checks were made in the 1800 block of Coffee and the 1600 block of North Sumner.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Barnes and the 100 block of North Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Forgery was reported in

the police department lobby. Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Lefors. A bicycle valued at \$89 was taken.

Theft was reported at Frank's Thriftway, 300 E. Brown. Cat food and fabric softener were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$18.

Theft of services was reported by the City of Pampa in the 500 block of Lowry. City water was taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$29 was taken.

No injuries were reported. Shorter was cited for no valid Texas driver's license and no insurance. Thornburg was cited for backing without safety.

**Sheriff**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

**Monday, Feb. 12**

David Gee, 41, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for driving while license is invalid; driving while intoxicated, third or more offense; and a warrant for making a false report to a peace officer.

Leon Daniel Phillips, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a grand jury indictment out of 100th District court in Childress for engaging in organized criminal activity.

Jeffrey Gwynn Rash, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a grand jury indictment out of 100th District court in Childress for engaging in organized criminal activity.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department

reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, Feb. 12**

12:07 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 200 block of North Price Road on a vehicle accident with injuries.

2:17 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 100 block of North Sumner on a structure fire.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, Feb. 12**

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 and Price Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Scirocco and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Veterans Medical Center in Amarillo.

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# Teen gunman guns down 5 in Salt Lake City shopping mall

By JENNIFER DOBNER  
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The trench coat-clad gunman who killed five people and wounded four at a shopping mall before being fatally shot by police calmly fired a shotgun at his victims and had a handgun, authorities and witnesses said.

Detectives were trying to determine what sparked the rampage at

the Trolley Square shopping mall on Monday night.

Salt Lake City police Detective Robin Snyder said the shooter was an 18-year-old from the Salt Lake City area, but she did not release his name. She said he used a shotgun and had a handgun and several rounds of ammunition.

As investigators interviewed 100 to 200 witnesses, people left candles and flowers at two memorials

outside the mall for the victims.

Many people forced to leave their cars overnight returned today to pick them up and reflect on what happened.

"I've worked here for 28 years. It's been the safest place to be," said Steve Farr, who saw pools of blood and broken glass throughout the mall when he was allowed in to check his jewelry store.

Marie Smith, 23, a Bath & Body

Works manager, said she had seen the gunman through the store window. She watched as he raised his gun and fired at a young woman approaching him from behind.

"His expression stayed totally calm. He didn't seem upset, or like he was on a rampage," said Smith, who crawled to an employee restroom to hide with others. He looked like "an average Joe," she said.

Killed in the attack were two 28-year-old women, a 52-year-old man, a 24-year-old man and a 15-year-old girl, Snyder said. Four people were hospitalized — a man and a woman in critical condition and two men in serious condition, Snyder said.

The victims were found throughout the 239,000-square-foot shopping mall.

# Powerful storm rips New Orleans, killing one

By KEVIN MCGILL  
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A powerful storm and likely a tornado hit the New Orleans area early today, killing an elderly woman, injuring at least 15 other people, and damaging dozens of business and homes in a region still trying to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

An 85-year-old woman died in the city's Gentilly neighborhood, one of the areas hit hardest by Katrina 18 months earlier.

Another storm cell hit south-central Louisiana, damaging buildings in New Iberia and on the outskirts of

Breaux Bridge in St. Martin Parish, but it did less damage and there were no reports of injuries.

In the New Orleans area, FEMA trailers were tossed around, homes collapsed, and the wind tore the roof off a hotel across the river in Westwego. At least 10 structures were destroyed in New

Orleans, said James Ross, a spokesman for Mayor Ray Nagin. Dozens of other homes and businesses were damaged in Westwego, Mayor Robert Billiot said.

"There is just so much destruction," Billiot said.

In New Orleans' Gently neighborhood, Stella Chambers died after the

twister slammed into her FEMA trailer, ripping it and their newly renovated home apart and scattering debris about 200 feet to the Industrial Canal levee.

Neighbor Helean Lewis said Chambers' daughter banged on her door. "Her face and head were covered with blood.

## Tax

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W. Everson in the release. "They will get their refunds in half the time, and e-file greatly reduces the chance for making an error compared to using a paper return."

Taxpayers using software will fill out their returns as normal, but taxpayers claiming one or more of the four extender provisions on paper returns will have to take special steps.

Because the extender legislation was enacted after the new tax forms went to print last year, separate lines for the affected deductions were omitted from 2006 individual income tax forms. As a result, people who fill out a paper return must use existing lines on the current Form 1040 and Schedule A to claim the extender provisions.

Instructions on how to claim the extender provisions are:

**State and Local General Sales Tax Deduction:** Claim this deduction on Schedule A (Form 1040), line 5, "State and local income taxes." Enter "ST" on the dotted line to the left of Line 5 to indicate that the general sales tax deduction is being claimed, instead of the deduction for state and local income tax.

The new on-line sales tax calculator which was launched last month on IRS' web site, IRS.gov, can help taxpayers figure this deduction. Also available in Publication 600, which includes the state and local sales tax tables, and worksheet and instructions for figuring the deduction. Publication 600 was mailed last month to six million filers of paper 1040 forms.

**Higher Education Tuition and Fees**

**Deduction:** Claim the deduction for up to \$4,000 in higher education tuition and fees on Form 1040, Line 35, "Domestic production activities deduction." Enter "T" on the blank space to the left of that line entry if claiming the tuition and fees deduction, or "B" if claiming both a deduction for domestic production activities and the deduction for tuition and fees.

Those entering a "B" should attach a breakdown showing the amounts claimed for each deduction.

**Educator Expense Adjustment to Income:** Educators claim the deduction for up to \$250 of out-of-pocket classroom expenses on Form 1040, Line 23, "Archer MSA Deduction." Enter "E" on the dotted line to the left of that line entry if claiming educator expenses, or "B" if claiming both an Archer MSA deduction and the deduction for educator expenses on Form 1040.

If "B" is entered, attach a breakdown showing the amounts claimed for each deduction.

Form 1040A cannot be used to claim either the tuition and fees deduction or the educator expense deduction.

**Telephone Excise Tax Refund Request:** A one-time refund of the telephone excise tax on long-distance and bundled service is available on 2006 returns, regardless of whether the taxpayer is claiming the other deductions.

"One in three early filers are failing to request this special refund, and although many of them are likely not eligible, others may qualify and not know it," stated the release.

Use the Telephone Excise Tax Refund section on the front page of IRS.gov to learn more about the refund.

## Marketing meeting turns deadly

By DAN ROBRISH  
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Three men were shot to death in a marketing company conference room and another was critically injured by a gunman who killed himself as police closed in, authorities said.

Police found a scene of "utter chaos" Monday night at the offices of Zigzag Net Inc., city police Deputy Commissioner Richard Ross said.

Two victims were on the floor and another was in a chair, all with "wounds to various parts of the body," Ross said. He said two other men had been bound with duct tape but not attacked. One of those men told officers the gunman had shot himself after exchanging fire with police officer, Ross said.

"The officer mentioned to me that he had to take a knife out to cut this person loose," Ross said. None of the police officers was hurt.

Police identified the victims as Robert Norris, 41, of Newark, Del.; Mark Norris, 46, of Piles Grove, N.J.; and James Reif, 42, of Endicott, N.Y. The injured victim, whose name was not released, was taken to Thomas Jefferson Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition this morning.

## Guthrie

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Their roots are Jewish and they thought by doing this project with Nora Guthrie it would broaden their audience. The band has brought its klezmer music, which is sung in both English and Yiddish, to many fans across the globe.

Wonder Wheel, the band's first album to be sung entirely in English, features the lyrics of 12 previously unreleased Woody Guthrie songs.

The band feels this album is a fitting tribute to the legendary singer and his timeless songwriting.

After her father's death in 1967, Nora Guthrie wanted to keep her father's music alive. She created the Woody Guthrie Archives in the hope to reveal new and exciting glimpses into the life of her father.

Nora is not only the daughter of a legend, but is the granddaughter of poet Aliza Greenblatt and the sister of folk singer Arlo Guthrie.

## Fire

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to have started in the front room of the house, Tomaschik said.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be a leak in a 90-degree bend in ductwork running under the floor which vented heat and carbon monoxide from a floor furnace to the outside air, said Pampa Fire Marshal Keith Fisher.

"The ductwork made a 90-degree turn near or at a floor joist. It was letting heat escape out of the connection," Fisher said.

The heat affected the floor joist over a long period of time, causing a condition called pyrolysis, a chemical decomposition of a substance through the action of heat, Fisher said.

The condition finally reached the point of allowing the escaping heat to ignite the decomposed wood and the fine carbon particles which had been built up on the wood as a result of the long-term leak.

Estimated value of damage to the home caused by the fire is \$15,000 to \$20,000, Tomaschik said.

Funeral services for Janeway are pending.

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# Viewpoints

## When do we say enough is enough?

I was trying to find something to watch on television recently on a cold, snowy day and was struck by the choices I had.

It seemed rather sad that among well over 180 channels to pick from, I couldn't find a single thing I really wanted to watch.

One series episode which was shown that day on one of what I call the "teaching channels" (Discovery, History Channel, History International, Learning Channel, and so on) dealt with the history and development of plastic containers. Other episodes of that series have dealt with such topics as the history and development of shovels and marbles.

I guess I should have

watched the one on marbles. Maybe they told why so many broadcasters seem to be losing theirs.

Either I am getting too picky and spoiled due to the large selection of channels available nowadays, or the quality of television shows is not exactly what I would call "sterling."

Perhaps a show on, say, the history of dirt is meant to be a counterbalance to the so-called "reality" shows in which groups of people are pitted against their environment.

These "reality" shows may involve a type of global treasure hunt, with several pairs of people in a race against each other to see who finishes the race first. Another has a Robinson

Crusoe theme, wherein a group is left in a remote, primitive place and must do all sorts of strenuous, sometimes disgusting things to survive and meanwhile run the risk of getting voted off the group and thus losing their chance at winning.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



It makes me wonder if we're taking steps backward toward the ancient Romans, who used to love to pit wild beasts against hapless prisoners. Needless to say, the beasts usually won, to the great entertainment of the watching Romans.

I don't find much enjoy-

ment and entertainment in what I call "gross-out" scenes. The last thing I want to watch is someone eating live worms and bugs, or even just shoving their hand into a container full of the things.

I may be in the minority of television watchers, however. These "reality" shows have

enjoyed great popularity, prompting my comparison of today's entertainment choices with those of the ancient Romans.

I also don't enjoy seeing animals tearing other animals limb from limb. But

that seems to be a regular part of the viewing on some channels. Incidentally, that was also an entertainment option for the ancient Romans.

I do not mean to condemn everyone who watches such shows. But it does make me wonder what our society classifies as "entertainment" these days.

Are we so jaded and desensitized that we must be shown ever-more-intense "gross-out" scenes in order to have our attention captured? Is our shock level so high that this trend will continue to become ever more graphic?

Words and scenes that were once big no-nos on televised shows are now commonplace. It was once

unthinkable to show a man and woman lying in the same bed, even if they were husband and wife. It was once taboo to utter certain words on the air -- there was a big row, for example, over Rhett Butler's most-famous line in "Gone With the Wind". You know the one: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a d--n."

Now, those types of scenes are considered tame and not worthy of anyone's concern. Instead, they seem rather laughable and depict an innocence that has been either lost or greatly outvoted.

What's next for "reality" TV? Humans pitted against wild beasts? Maybe we should start worrying about what it takes to entertain us.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2007. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

In 1960, France exploded

its first atomic bomb, in the Sahara Desert.

In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Ten years ago: Discovery's astronauts hauled the Hubble Space Telescope aboard the shuttle for a 1 billion-mile tuneup to allow it to peer even deeper into the far reaches of the universe.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average broke through the 7,000 barrier for the first time, ending the day at 7,022.44.

Five years ago: John Walker Lindh pleaded not-guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II made former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani an honorary knight. In a startling development at the Salt Lake City winter games, the head of the French Olympic team said the French figure skating judge had been pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted to give the gold medal to the Russians in pairs. Country singer Waylon Jennings died in Chandler, Ariz., at age 64.

*'The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack.'*

— Anne Sophie Swetchine  
Russian-French author (1782-1857)



## What economic freedom does for poor

If you're looking for a map of world poverty, check out the "2007 Index of Economic Freedom" jointly published by the Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal. You might think that's a strangely titled source for a poverty map.

The 13th edition of the "Index of Economic Freedom" examines 10 economic characteristics of 157 countries. Among those characteristics are property rights, monetary stability, and freedom from government, trade restrictions, business regulations and government corruption. Using these measures of economic freedom, countries are ranked.

Hong Kong and Singapore, as they have for 13 years, rank as the world's two economically freest countries, with freedom scores of 89 and 86 percent free. Rounding out the top 10 most free economies are

Australia (83), United States (82), New Zealand (82), United Kingdom (82), Ireland (81), Luxembourg (79), Switzerland (79) and Canada (79).

At the other end of the list are the least free countries. Ranking 157th, North

Korea, with a freedom score of 3 percent, is the world's least free country. Ranking 156th is Cuba, 30 percent free, and in ascending order are: Libya (34) Zimbabwe (36), Burma (40), Turkmenistan (42), Congo (43), Iran (43), Angola (43), and Guinea-Bissau (45).

The "2007 Index of Economic Freedom" displays a color-coded map showing countries that are free, mostly free, moderately free, mostly unfree and

repressed. Guess where one finds the world's most miserably poor people? If you guessed the mostly unfree and repressed countries, you guessed correctly.

Some people claim that some countries are rich because of abundant natural

resources. That's nonsense! Africa and South America are probably the richest continents

in natural resources, but are home to some of the world's poorest people. By contrast, countries like England, Japan and Hong Kong are poor in natural resources, but their people are among the world's wealthiest. Hong Kong even has to import its food and water. Some people use the history of colonialism as an excuse for poverty. That's also nonsense. The

United States was a colony. So were Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong, but they're rich countries.

The reason some countries are rich while others are poor is best explained by the amount of economic freedom its peoples enjoy and the extent of government control over economic matters. Don't make the mistake of equating economic freedom with democracy. After all, India, politically, is a democracy, but economically it is mostly unfree and poor, ranking 104th in economic freedom. There are countries on the economic freedom index that do not have much of a history of democracy, such as Chile, ranking 11th, and Taiwan, 26th, and yet these countries are far wealthier than some of their more democratic counterparts. Why? It's

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Feb. 5  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on President Bush's energy proposals:

The energy proposals that President Bush offered last month in his State of the Union message are, in some cases, modest steps in the right direction. On the whole, however, they generally are disappointing and don't put enough stress on greater energy conservation.

Bush's proposal to raise fuel economy standards is too muddled and indefinite, particularly considering that he has foolishly neglected during the first six years of his presidency to support substantially higher standards.

While commendably urging that America attempt to reduce gasoline consumption by 20 percent within 10 years, the president appears to be over-

relying on corn-based ethanol as an alternative fuel to achieve that goal. There are limitations as to how much corn America can feasibly produce, and it is in heavy demand as a food product for humans and livestock. Furthermore, ethanol production consumes considerable amounts of fossil fuel.

Bush inexplicably proposes doubling the size of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1.5 billion barrels of oil in 20 years, a costly measure for which there is no demonstrated need.

The current fuel economy standard requiring car fleets to average 27.5 miles per gallon was put in place in 1985. Since then, technological improvements have greatly increased engine efficiency and made higher standards eminently feasible.

The Bush administration, through the U.S. Department of Transportation, has in recent years administratively approved very modest increases in the

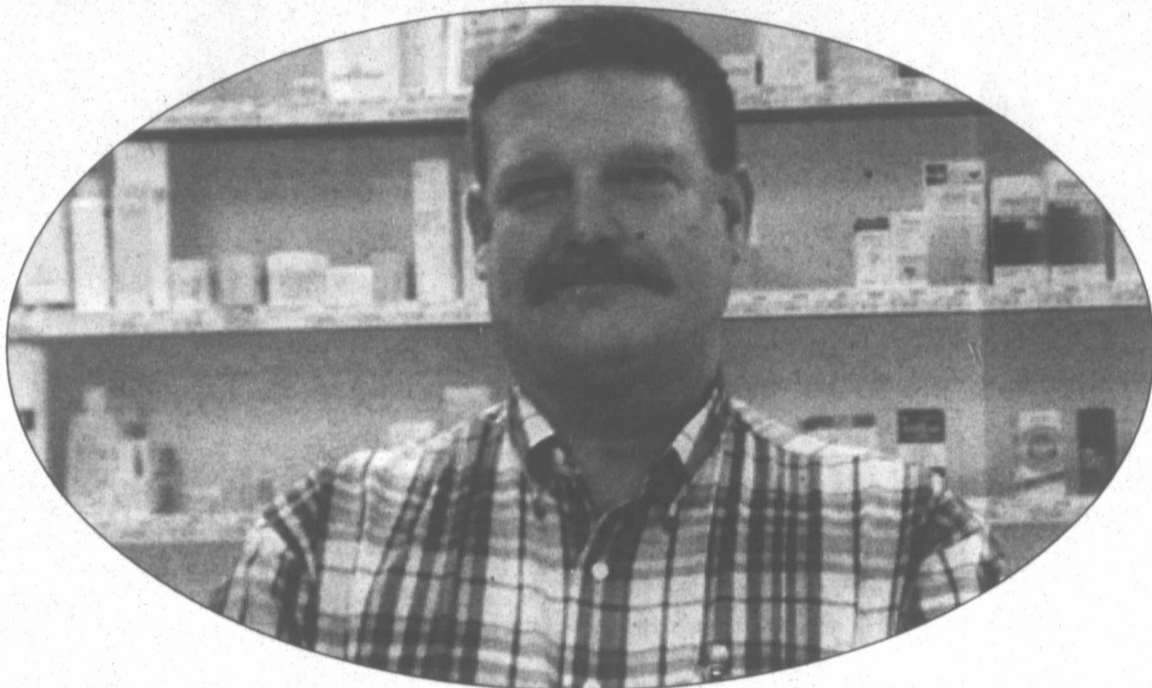
mileage standards for light trucks, which include pickups, sport utility vehicles and minivans. The standard will rise to 24 mpg by 2011.

Bush wants Congress to give the transportation secretary similar authority to approve new standards for cars, using a formula that probably would be based on individual models' weight and size, rather than preserving the simple single-number average for vehicle fleets known as the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standard.

Bush's proposal is more complicated, could prove tougher to regulate and appears less certain to produce a big savings in fuel consumption than would a robust increase in the traditional single-number fleet standard. Clarence Ditlow, director of the Center for Auto Safety, labeled Bush's method a "license for obfuscation."

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# BUSINESS REVIEW



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

## B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including, ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with any concerns

about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

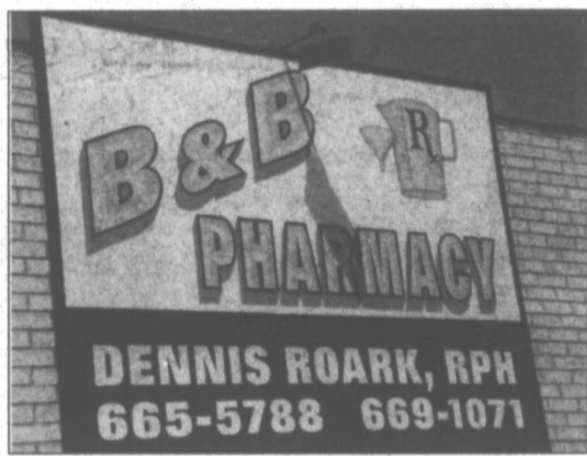
The store covers almost all insurance

plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Vince in Vallejo" (Jan. 3), the construction worker who is suddenly afraid of heights, reminded me of a similar experience I had at about his age. I, too, suddenly found myself afraid of things that had never bothered me before. I was nervous if my husband drove too fast. I became frightened of heights. I think that, at a certain age, death suddenly becomes real, either because of the death of someone we know or just awareness of how time is passing. We are not immortal, and for a little while we become self-protective. It passed for me, and I'm sure it will for him, too. — **ALICE IN TROOPER, PA.**

**DEAR ALICE:** You could be right. However, I advised Vince that he should consult his doctor to make sure his problem wasn't of a medical nature. Sometimes a stitch in time ...

**DEAR ABBY:** You were right on about "Vince" going to see his doctor about his fear of heights. It may not be a lack of courage on his part, but rather his inner ear. I began having problems with heights several years ago and mentioned it to my doctor in passing. After he ran a few tests, it was discovered that I had inner-ear problems. The slight, subconsciously noticed balance problems I was having were translating into my fear of heights. When I got my balance back, the fear disappeared. — **SARA IN CHICAGO**

**DEAR ABBY:** I was a daredevil in my youth, but it all changed when I became a parent. My fear of heights is also painful, embarrassing and pretty noticeable because I live in the mountains. I guess caring about someone more than myself made me realize how important my own mortality was. — **AFRAID TO LIVE ON THE EDGE IN COLORADO**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 52 and have been in the building trades all my life. I have been

on my share of roofs and high places in my time. My body is also now telling me that it's no longer the place for me to be. We don't have to show off for the younger dudes -- just share our knowledge with them. At this point in life, our knowledge is a lot more important than our sense of balance. "Vince in Vallejo" should stay on the ground and teach the next generation how to do it right. That's how I learned when I was young. — **"ZAC" OF ALL TRADES IN CINCINNATI**

**DEAR ABBY:** My experience is similar to "Vince's," and I'm about his age. I believe that the loss of flexibility in my knees, which began with the onset of osteoarthritis, has made me less comfortable working at heights -- especially the slope of a roof. Your advice to him was right on. He should not be concerned about any loss of courage. — **BOB IN COOPERSBURG, PA.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I was a construction worker as a young man; now I am a recreational therapist who works extensively with seniors. I have also been a martial artist most of my life and own a small chain of martial arts schools. My training and personal experience show that as we age, the large nerves in our legs that give us information about our balance, timing and position become less effective. Much of my current teaching is to help seniors reduce their chances of falling. You can help get the message out that as we age, our balance begins to go, but by building up our leg strength and being mindful of our stepping, we can ameliorate these effects of aging. Muhammad Ali observed that "the legs go first." At 52, my own legs and balance are not what they once were, and neither are Vince's. No more jumping kicks for me, and Vince needs to stay off the walls. — **SILENT DRAGON IN CONNECTICUT**

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rome raiders  
6 Oozes  
11 Rainy month  
12 Dark

13 Anti-inflation measure  
15 Tie on the feedbag

16 Fantasy character  
17 Interstice  
18 Stalk bundles  
20 1040 org.  
21 Kitten call  
22 Number line center

23 They may be counted  
26 Brick worker

27 Kitchen sight  
28 Party staple  
29 Music's flitter  
30 Throat masses  
34 Curator's concern  
35 Saucer, perhaps  
36 Deep groove  
37 Slushie-drinking pain  
40 Jousting weapon  
41 Church code

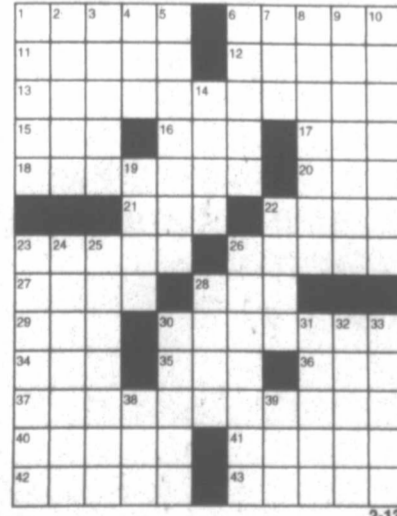
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1 Stares in shock  
2 Name in talk shows  
3 Stale  
4 Here (Lat.)

5 Jacket parts  
6 Rides the waves  
7 Hydrocarbon suffix  
8 Sorrowful songs  
9 Lima's founder  
10 Nero, to Augustus

14 Went by plane  
19 Church part  
22 Shoots with a ray-gun  
23 Famous island  
24 Invaded  
25 Navigating aid  
26 Mediteranean island  
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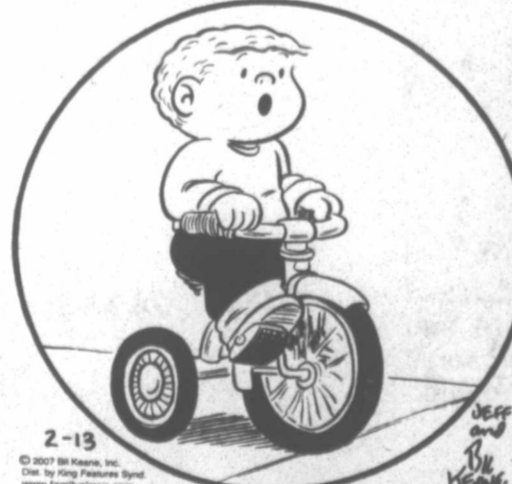
## Marmaduke



"Why are you whispering?"

## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

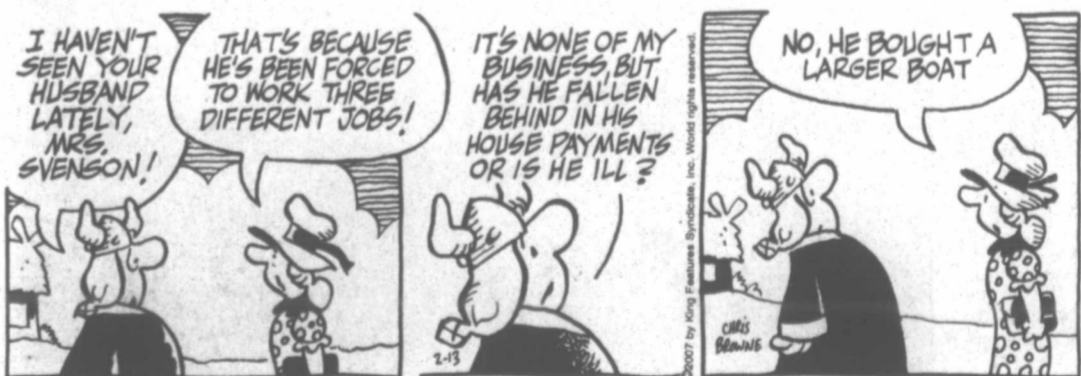


"How come Disney made a movie about cars, but hasn't made one about trikes?"

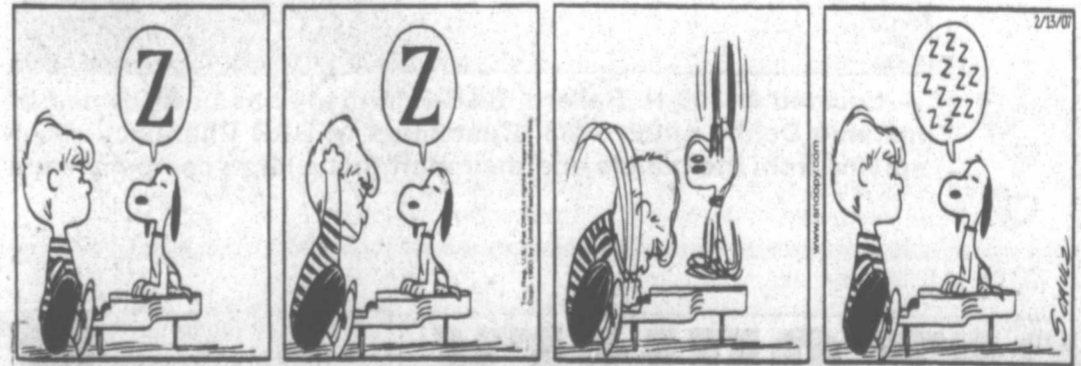
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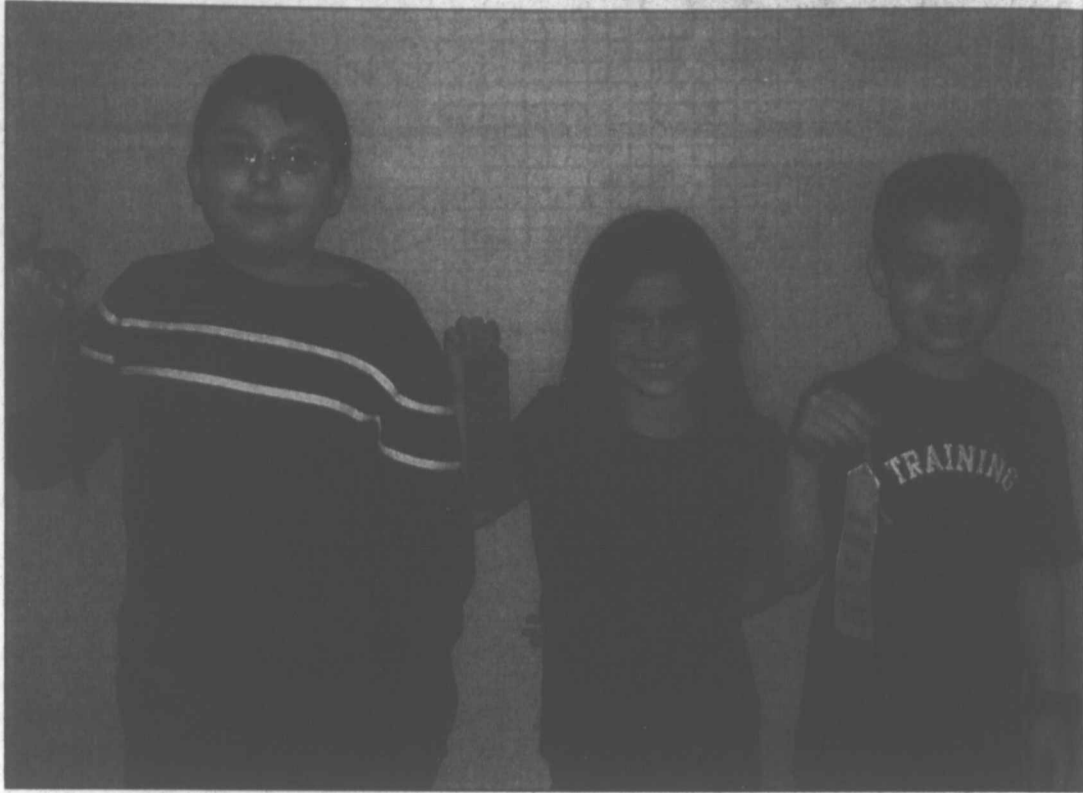
## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



# Science fair



COURTESY PHOTO  
Winners of Travis Elementary School's recent science fair included fourth graders Luis Chavez, first place; Victoria Robles, second place; and Shattner Reeve, third place.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Winners of Travis Elementary School's recent science fair included fourth graders Maggie Hayes, first place; Selena Munguia, second place; and Kelsey Henry, third place.

## Events calendar

• The Center for Cultural Interchange, a foreign exchange service, is currently seeking host families for

exchange students. For more information, call 1-800-605-2341.  
• Red Hat Dollies of Pampa will meet

at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the private meeting room of Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Members will present valentines

to senior citizens at lunch. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

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# Blood

In Valentine's Day, you'll see lots of hearts — heart-shaped candy boxes, balloons and cards are everywhere. But your own heart is really something to love.

Your heart beats about 100,000 times every day, pumping blood through your body. Your blood contains red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma, each with different functions.

**Why is blood red?**  
Blood is made up of tiny cells. Most of them are red, which is why blood looks red.  
Red blood cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body. A single drop of blood contains millions of red blood cells which constantly travel through your body delivering oxygen and removing waste. Blood is made up of other kinds of cells, too.

**What is plasma?**  
Plasma is a yellowish liquid that carries nutrients, hormones, and proteins throughout the body. Plasma is mostly water, absorbed from the intestines from what you drink and eat, with the liver supplying important proteins.

**What are some other kinds of blood cells?**  
• White blood cells battle germs that invade the body.  
• Platelets are cells that get sticky and thick when they come into contact with air. When you get a cut, the platelets get gooey and plug up the cut.

**How much blood is in my body?**  
Use the code to find out how much blood is in each of the kids at left. Which one is closest to your weight?  
How many hearts can you find on this page?

**SECRET CODE**  
0 = ♥ 5 = ☆  
1 = ♥ 6 = ☆  
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1 tablespoon = 3 teaspoons  
1 fluid ounce = 2 tablespoons  
1 cup = 8 fluid ounces  
1 pint = 2 cups  
1 quart = 2 pints  
1 gallon = 4 quarts

**Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that multicellular organisms have specialized cells to perform specialized functions.**

**The Kid Scoop Puzzler**  
**Blood Bank**  
Sometimes when people are sick or in an accident, they lose blood faster than their bodies can make it. Doctors get blood for these people from a blood bank.  
The blood bank is a place where blood that people have donated is saved until it is needed. Healthy adults can donate blood anytime.

Help the driver get the blood to the hospital.

**Standards Link: Character: Students know that performing good deeds in a community helps build good relationships.**

**Double Double Word Search**  
Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

BLOOD  
PLATELETS  
DONATE  
ACCIDENT  
PINT  
PLASMA  
SICK  
QUART  
SINGLE  
DROP  
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LIVER  
HORMONES  
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R E O A D T N I P V  
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B U E L D P T L S R  
T T R A U Q E I P O

**Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.**

**FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY**  
**Ouch!**  
Find a news story about an accident. Was somebody injured? Read to find the who, what, when, and where of the event. Could this accident have been prevented? How?

**Standards Link: Health: Know essential concepts and practices concerning injury prevention and safety.**

**Write On!**  
**Silly Science**  
Use your imagination!  
Come up with five or more silly reasons why blood is red.

**Kid Scoop Together: Strange Blood**  
Not all blood is red. Do the math to discover the color of each of these creature's blood.

**15 = Blue**  
**9 = Green**  
**11 = Yellow**

Lobster  
3 + 3 + 9 =

Earthworm  
2 + 5 + 2 =

Sea Star  
5 + 3 + 3 =

Crab  
7 + 4 + 4 =

Whether red, blue, green, or yellow, all blood performs the function of carrying oxygen to body cells.

**Standards Link: Life Science: Know that there are similarities and differences in the appearance and behavior of plants and animals.**

**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**  
This week's word: **CELL**  
One meaning of the noun cell is a tiny unit of plant or animal life.  
Human blood is made up of different kinds of blood cells.  
Try to use the word cell in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# Sports Day



Photo courtesy of SHEILA WINTON

Seniors Andrew Winton and Tyler Hall play defense against Dumas Friday night.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Freshman Carlyn Teichmann helps move the ball around Caprock in Clarendon Friday night.

## Harvesters hope for wins tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters will play against Caprock at 7:30 p.m. tonight here at McNeely Field House.

With a current record of 3-6 for district, the boys hope to improve with a win over the Caprock Longhorns.

The teams last faced off on Jan. 26, when Pampa lost by 12 points, 83-71.

Pampa has since experienced that good teamwork skills play a key role in winning games.

Hopefully, for the Pampa Harvesters, teamwork will come through tonight just as

it had during the majority of their big wins this season.

To follow up their big win over Caprock this weekend, the girls will face Plainview at 6 p.m. tonight at Canyon High School.

Having yet to face Plainview this season, the girls will go into this game doing exactly what they've been doing in order to come out with a win.

Pampa's solid offense, with Britteni Rice leading the scoring and several others who often get up into the double digits, will undoubtedly give Plainview a run for their money.

## Cosby's dog moves on at Westminster

NEW YORK (AP) —

Erinn Cosby called her famous dad, then ran onto the green carpet at Madison Square Garden for more pressing business: Kissing one lucky dog smack on the mouth.

Co-owned by Bill Cosby, a 6-year-old Dandie Dinmont named Harry won the always tough terrier group at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show Monday night.

"They were all beautiful dogs out there," Erinn Cosby said, "but there was only one."

Harry entered the No. 1 dog show in America as the country's top dog. But favorites often fall at this event, perhaps the reason the comedian stayed away.

"Bill thinks he has bad luck here in New York. But I want to change that," said Bill McFadden, Harry's han-

dlar.

Cosby originally was going to miss the show. After the win, however, plans may have changed.

"I just called him. Can you imagine anyone being more excited than him?" his 40-year-old daughter said. "And I'm not saying anything about where he'll be tomorrow."

Clipped and combed right before showing, Harry charmed judge Richard Meen — "he was the epitome of the breed standard," he said. Constantly wagging his tail as if he'd spied a liver treat, his big black eyes lit up at the crowd's cheers.

"He's a natural clown," McFadden said.

Dandies are a rare breed and, in fact, the pepper-and-white Harry was the only one of his kind among the 2,628 entries at Westminster.

## Schottenheimer fired by Chargers president

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Marty Schottenheimer performed well enough to go 14-2 last season despite what team owner Dean Spanos called a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and his general manager.

The relationship got so bad in the last month that Spanos fired Schottenheimer on Monday night, another shocking development for a team that thought it was Super Bowl-worthy but lost its playoff opener.

Spanos said the exodus of assistant coaches — the two

coordinators became NFL head coaches and two assistants became coordinators — contributed to a difficult situation that resulted in the coach being fired. Schottenheimer is due more than \$3 million for the final year left on his contract.

While confirming he had no working relationship with general manager A.J. Smith, Schottenheimer seemed puzzled that Spanos made the coach take the fall for his assistants leaving.

"That is absolutely unfair, in my view," Schottenheimer

told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We had no control over two guys who became head coaches in this league. We gave two guys an opportunity to be coordinators in this league. We've added a couple of guys that people should be very pleased with. The future coach will be very pleased, as well."

Schottenheimer did praise Spanos for making a difficult decision. "I don't disagree with it," the coach said. "I always put the team first."

Asked if Smith should

share the blame, Schottenheimer said: "Uh, I'll leave that judgment to others."

Schottenheimer added: "There is and has been no relationship" with Smith.

Since when? "How long's he been here?" Schottenheimer said.

Smith was promoted in April 2003 after John Butler died of cancer.

Schottenheimer tightened up the time frame a bit, saying: "In the last couple of years, there has been very little, if any, dialogue."

## Celtics, Blue Devils need something sweet Valentine's Day in Boston

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Columnist

If misery truly does love company, Mike Krzyzewski and Doc Rivers will be in the right town together Wednesday night.

Unfortunately, their teams can't play each other. At least that way, one of them would be guaranteed a win.

Rivers needs it the most, though there are surely some in Boston who would question whether these Celtics could even beat a college team, much less the Milwaukee Bucks. For those counting at home, the once-proud franchise has now lost 18 straight and is closing in on an NBA record that won't be celebrated by hanging a banner in the rafters of the TD Banknorth Garden.

Things have gotten so bad that the owner has taken to leaving inspirational books in player lockers.

The only problem is, no one is reading them.

That's not the case at Duke, where players are not only expected to read books but actually go to class, too. And the Blue Devils won't lose 18 games this season, much less 18 in a row.

But who would have ever expected

Duke to be coming to town hoping to break a four-game losing streak when it plays Boston College? An unranked Duke at that, out of The Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in 11 years.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. At least Krzyzewski has an excuse. He lost his top two scorers from last year's team to graduation, and his eight-man rotation includes four freshmen and three sophomores.

Even great teams occasionally have to rebuild, and even great coaches sometimes scratch their heads at something they don't quite understand.

"Whether you have a veteran team, a young team, whatever you do, if you don't do it well or it is not successful for a series of times, you kind of wonder 'Will I be able to do it again?'" Krzyzewski said.

The Celtics have to be wondering just that. That is, of course, if they can even remember what it was like to win.

When they take the home court against the Bucks, it will have been 39 days since they last won a game. This is a team so bad that other teams are afraid of them.

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IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— F.S. XWBSXR

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONLY TWO THINGS IN THIS WORLD ARE TOO SERIOUS TO BE JESTED ON: POTATOES AND MATRIMONY.

— IRISH SAYING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007.

Much occurs behind the scenes this year. Many will make assumptions about your choices and direction. As you zoom in and grab what you want, others might not always understand the planning and forethought involved. Easily, you could veer in a new direction. Networking might be key. Learn to express your anger before it becomes a problem this year. If you are single, romance could include some mystery or someone who could be quite different. Make no commitments until you are sure you know each other well. If you are attached, expect some strange, if not awkward, moments with your sweetie. Don't make a big deal out of it. CAPRICORN can be your worst enemy or your best friend.

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)

★★★★ Take a step forward. You are responsible and want to smooth out a problem. You understand much more than you realize about an authority figure or someone in charge. Act on your inner knowledge. Tonight: Hop on your appearance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ The unexpected earmarks your day. Someone you least expect remembers you. Reach out for someone you really care about. Detach and gain perspective. Tonight: Hop on the computer. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Someone wants your attention and only yours. You'll radiate with happiness if you follow your heart. A close

associate could be off about something he or she feels strongly about. Tonight: It's Valentine's Day, so act like it! CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deferring to others could make a big difference. You cannot always have situations your way. Your sense of direction could easily be thwarted by someone who acts as if he has a fire under him. Tonight: To be happy, go with the flow. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ If you are focused properly, your achievements could be many. Right now, while others flirt with what Leo knows and understands well — romance — you seem determined to clear your desk. What gives? Tonight: Your favorite spot. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity could astound some, maybe even you. You have a way of handling what could be an awkward situation. Your lively style and happy manner draw many right now. Tonight: Make the most of the mood. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Basics count. If you are comfortable with someone, you'll be happy. Check out an investment with care, especially if real estate is involved. There might be a lot more going on with this proposition than you realize. Tonight: Entertain at home. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Sometimes your well-intended gestures fall flat. At other times, you hit the mark and delight not only you but also others. You might flip from one mode to the other if you don't stop and think. Romance and caring will build if nurtured. Tonight: With the apple of your eye. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You of all signs can easily go overboard. You do need to understand, though, the act or gesture might go a long way, and it might not be worth the long-term damage. Think positively about a family member. Tonight: Make an effort rather than a gesture. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Though you might have an uncomfortable moment or two, you hit one of your power days where your magnetism emerges, as well as your happier side. You do make a difference — just look around! Tonight: What would make this time perfect? Follow through. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keeping your opinions and feelings private could be most appropriate, especially if you feel uncomfortable with the intensity. Still, let a key-loved one know what's up if you don't want him or her to withdraw even more. Schedule a private talk. Tonight: You don't need to tell everyone what you are up to. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A meeting or conversation helps you keep your eye on the big picture. How you deal with someone could radically change because of a different perspective. Realize how changeable others see you. Tonight: Exactly what you want.

BORN TODAY

Singer Rob Thomas (1972), football player Drew Bledsoe (1972), makeup artist Kevyn Aucoin (1962)

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## CREATE-a-Beat!



Sidney Armendariz broke out into a mild sweat trying to keep up with the Dance, Dance Revolution game at CREATE-a-Beat's "Fantastic Behavior Party" recently.

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### Banderas to direct 'Summer Rain'

BERLIN (AP) — Antonio Banderas returned to the southern Spain of his youth and found things much improved for "Summer Rain," his second film as a director. "Summer Rain" is a coming-of-age tale set in Malaga in the late 1970s as Spain emerged from the decades-long dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco. "The engine of what I have been for good or for bad in my life ... started there when I was 17, 18, 19," Banderas said Monday of his decision to return to Malaga for the Spanish-language movie, which was presented outside the main competition at the Berlin film festival. The movie, based on a novel by his childhood friend Antonio Soler, follows the lives, loves and dreams of a group of teens growing up in the Mediterranean resort.

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## Williams

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because their economic systems are free or mostly free, which is not guaranteed by a democratic political system.

The economic development lesson is clear: Have a system of economic freedom and grow rich. Extensive government control, weak property rights and government corruption almost guarantee poverty. A country's institutional infrastructure is critical to its economic growth and the well-being of its citizens. The most critical are protection of private property, enforcement of contracts and rule of law.

To help our fellow man around the world, we must convince him to create the institutional infrastructure for wealth creation. Foreign aid, International Monetary Fund bailouts and other handouts are not substitutes. They just make political survival possible for the elite whose self-serving policies keep a nation poor. Except for immediate disaster relief, foreign aid is probably the worst thing the West can do for poor countries. After all, how much foreign aid is necessary for a country to create the foundations for growth: rule of law, enforcement of contracts and private property rights protection?

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

## Energy

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We have urged that CAFE standards be raised by five to 10 mpg miles per gallon over a decade, which vehicle manufacturers could achieve merely with existing technology.

Bush also is urging that, by 2017, America replace 35 billion gallons of gasoline annually (about 15 percent of projected gasoline use) with renewable or alternative fuels. That would be seven times the amount of ethanol produced in 2006.

As for Bush's call to swell the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the logical response is: "Why?"

It would cost tens of billions of dollars, perhaps \$50 billion or more. But the reserve already has a capacity of 750 million barrels and currently holds 691 million — the equivalent of 55 days of oil imports to the United States. The money spent buying more oil for the reserve could be much better employed in developing alternative energy technologies and providing incentives for greater energy conservation.

We generally have agreed with Bush that the United States should attempt to increase domestic oil and

natural gas production to help reduce our reliance on foreign oil. But America's biggest need is for increased energy conservation and efficiency, coupled with development of alternative energy technologies ranging

from wind power to plug-in hybrid vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The president still isn't focusing enough on those forward-looking approaches.

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