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# P&Z Commission denies request for rezoning

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

A few residents spoke and gave their opinions on a rezoning request at a Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Monday evening.

The commission was considering a request to change God's Plateau Subdivision, which is near the corner of Price Road and 23rd, from residential to commercial. During a public hearing on the matter, Martha Mackay asked that five of the 10 acres that she recently purchased be rezoned to commercial so she could construct a storage facility at that

"We would like to build a storage rezoned.

facility on five of the acres and possibly keep the other five acres as residential with the possibility of subdividing it for more homes in the future," Mackay said. "We plan on putting in water and sewer at this facility so that might make this location more attractive to others. We did check the zoning restrictions when we purchased the land, but we thought it best to go ahead and buy the land before someone else bought it out from under us and then ask that the land be rezoned."

Doug Hixson, pastor at Cornerstone Baptist, spoke to the commission and told why he was opposed to this property being

on the corner of Price Road and 23rd, we understood that this area would remain residential," Hixson said. "We tried to abide by all of the city's coding restrictions when we build our current building and we are planning future expansions that may cost up to \$1 million. We request that this area remain residential since we feel like people would rather build homes close to churches rather than next to a storage facility or any other commercial business."

One other resident also spoke and said she too opposed this area being rezoned to commercial.

After the public hearing was closed, the commission voted on a

"When we purchased our 20 acres motion to rezone the five acres to residential. All of the members present voted opposing this motion so the request was denied and the area

will remain zoned as residential. Danny Winborne, Pampa's building inspector, attended the meeting to give the status of current projects around town.

"The housing market looks great right now because we have four new houses under construction," Winborne said. "The upcoming year should be very busy with new projects. A new social security office, which will be approximately 2,000 square feet, is being built close to

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### Rain clouds



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

Despite a few drops in Pampa Monday afternoon, most of the rain moved off to the north of Gray County like these showers northwest of Pampa. Still, Carson, Hemphill and Wheeler Counties reported only a trace of moisture overnight. Skies for today should be clear with temperatures in the lower 50s.

# Drugs seized on I-40

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Two men were arrested and drugs were seized in two different traffic stops recently along Interstate 40 near Conway.

According to reports from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the first stop occurred on Saturday when a 2006 Ford pickup traveling eastbound was stopped for a traffic violation just east of Conway. A DPS K-9 alerted to the back of the vehicle where troopers found 266 pounds of marijuana hidden inside a false compartment built into an after market fuel tank in the bed of the pickup.

James Duncan Galusha, 58, of Telluride, Co., was arrested on drug related charges and booked into the Carson

County jail in Panhandle. Investigators estimate this marijuana to be worth \$111,986 and they believe the load originated in Telluride and was headed for Joplin,

The second stop occurred vesterday approximately two miles west of Conway when a 1998 Ford Escort traveling eastbound was stopped for a traffic violation. After consent to search was given, troopers found 8,000 grams of methamphetamine inside the front and rear bumpers of the vehicle.

Carlos Arturo Torres-Perez, 22, of Oklahoma City was arrested on drug related charges and booked into the Carson County jail in

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# Genesis House needs house parent

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Genesis House has been in Pampa for a long time and throughout the years this program has helped hundreds of teens, but the past six months have been rough for the organization. The boy's home was forced to close in September and no boys can be accepted into the program again until a house parent is hired.

According to Executive Director Sharon Braddock, Genesis House has pursued all possible avenues to hire a house parent but they have been unsuccessful in finding anyone for the position.

"In order for our in-house program to be a success, we have to have house parents willing to live on our property and be role models and basically parents for the teens that are referred to us," Braddock said. "We used to have these house

parents live on site for five days and then be off for two days, but lately we've been short staffed so we've been having these people work shift work.

"We've advertised in the newspaper, on the radio and with the local Workforce office. We've contacted all of the United Way agencies and churches in this area, but we have just been unsuccessful in finding anyone for our boy's home. So, in September, we had to close that home."

Braddock said the main qualifications for the position are to enjoy kids and be a very patient person. She said the job is not physical in nature, but can be emotional many

The house parent lives with the teens to make sure all of the rules are obeyed and the chores the kids are assigned are completed. Each home, the boy's and girl's, can house eight teens between the ages

of 13 and 17. Most of these teens are placements from Child Protective Services

"The main focus of Genesis House when it started 36 years ago, was for substance abuse," Braddock said. "Most of the teens that came here had problems with alcohol and marijuana. Now, most of these kids have family problems, either by their own bad choices

or by bad choices of their families. Some of them have substance abuse problems, but it has changed over the years. The main problems we see now are meth, cocaine and prescription medications."



Sharon Braddock, executive director

Since Genesis House is unable to accept the eight possible boys into the program, they are losing

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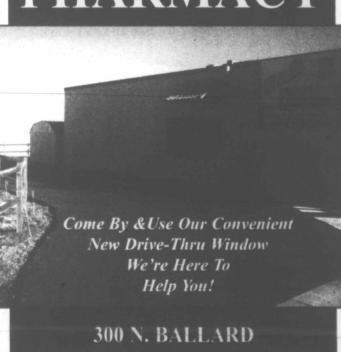
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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

BOLIN, Sally Cole — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa. MOORE, Leslie T. Sr. — 10:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, Miami.

#### Sally Cole Bolin, 72

Sally Cole Bolin, 72, of later moved to Amarillo, died Jan. 5, 2008, Hedley, Texas and at Pampa. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. at Hall County Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at Hospital Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Minister Robert Locher of the Philadelphia Church of God Amarillo, in Edmond, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Mrs. Bolin was born Aug. 13, 1935, in Saltillo, Texas. She graduated from Saltillo High School where she played basketball on the varsity team. She attended nursing school in Plainview. She

T. Moore, Sr., 82, of Miami,

died Jan. 7, 2008, at Pampa,

Services will be at 10:30

a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9,

2008, at the United

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with Mindy McLanahan,

pastor, Tom Stribling, pastor

of the United Methodist

Church of Happy, and Scott

Moore, pastor of the

Westwood United Methodist

Church of Palestine, officiat-

Whatley Funeral Directors.

worked as a nurse Memphis, Texas, for several years. After moving to started her own housekeeping business that she Bolin owned for 35 years, retiring in 2006.

Sally was a member of the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Okla. She loved spending time with her family, sewing, working crossword puzzles, baking for her great-grandchildren and listening to Irish music. She will be remembered most as a wonderful loving mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, aunt and friend. She was a faithful servant to God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome and Ivey Cole and one brother, Jerome "Jerry' Cole.

Survivors include three sons, David Bolin and wife Lanita of McLean, Daniel

Bolin of Hedley, and Ricky Bolin and wife Lisa of Independence, Mo.; two daughters, Nicki Fulfer of Louisburg, Mo., and Kim Voss and husband Mike of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one nephew; two nieces and a host of great-nephews and great-nieces.

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He was preceded in death

by a son, Leslie Moore, Jr.; a

#### Leslie T. Moore, Sr., 82

MIAMI, Texas — Leslie

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

Mr. Moore was born May 1, 1925, in Gray County. He was a lifelong resident of Miami.

Leslie married Billie Patterson on Nov. 27, 1947, in Wheeler. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami and had been a member of the Miami

Masonic Lodge #805 AF & AM for over 60 years.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Moore, of the home; one son, Jim Moore and wife Debbie of Rowlett; one brother, Gene Moore of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Michelle Throckmorton, Courtney Sanders, Todd Moore, Cody Greenlee, all of Amarillo,

Scott Moore of Palestine, Jas O'Malley and Rae Ann O'Malley, both of White

sister,

daughter, Fran O'Malley; and an infant child, Baby Moore.

children.

MEMORIALS: United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059.

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#### James M. Quary, 89

James M. Quary, 89, of War II, serving in Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 7, the 2008, in Pampa. Services are Theatre of War for pending with Carmichael- 32 months. Whatley Funeral Directors:

Mr. Quary was born Nov. 22, 1918, in Hopkins charge in 1946 County, Texas, to Nathanial "Nat" and Minnie Lou Holcomb Quary. He moved with his family to Quanah in 1926 and came to Pampa in 1938 from Quanah.

James married Clara Lincycomb on March 31, 1940, in Pampa. He entered the U.S. Army during World

European He received his

honorable disand then began a career with the Pampa Coca-Cola Bottling Plant where he worked Quary for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

James was a member of Central Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his



Mays. Survivors include his wife of

68 years, Clara home; a daughter, Clarice Doss and husband Bob of Pampa; three grandchildren, Robert Doss and

wife Jeannie of Amarillo, Deborah Youngblood and husband Dave of Seadrift, Texas, and Jimmy Doss and

reported in the 2800 block of

parents and by a wife Jennifer of Woodland Lavern Park, Colo.; four greatgrandchildren. Dustin Youngblood, Daniel Youngblood, John Robert Doss and Brian Brown; and Quary, of the three great-great-grandchildren, Derek Youngblood, Raven Doss and Dalton Doss.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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# **Emergency Services**

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

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& white Chihuahua. Her

name is Sweetie. I lost her

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Thirty-two traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest.

Traffic complaints were

Charles, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, and the 300 block of Francis.

An accident was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart and the 300 block of West Foster.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1200 block of Finley, the 600 block of Carr, the intersection of 23rd and Chestnut, the 500 block of Perry, the 800

block of North Dwight, the 400 block of Graham, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 1400 block of East Browning, the 1600 block of North Nelson, the 900 block of Jordan, and the intersection of Russell and Kentucky.

Found property, a red bicycle, was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee.

Lost property, a white gold princess cut ring valued at \$2,250, was reported in the police department lobby.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells. Warrant service was made at one location where an arrest

was made. Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block of Wynne.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and the 300 block of East Brown, where an arrest was made.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Charles and the 2200 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Dwight where a car mirror

valued at \$350 was broken. A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of Campbell.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of North Hobart and near the intersection of 21st and Nelson.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight.

A prowler was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Darby, where mail was removed from a mailbox; in the 2800 block of Charles; and in the 1200 block of Hamilton, where tools and wire valued at \$1,250 were

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

stolen.

Monday, Jan. 7 7:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded west of Pampa on

Highway 60 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 1:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU

responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1100 block of Russell.

7:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 4:05 a,m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

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# Zoning

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Mrs. Baird's bread store and the car wash on North Hobart. The strip mall which is planned for the corner of Hobart and 18th appears to be moving along also. Culberson-Stowers is close to starting their remodeling project."

Donny Hooper from the

city's engineering office also told the commission that a new hotel is a possibility in the future of Pampa.

"We can't give out the name of this hotel or the possible location because we are in the very early preliminary stages, but there is a good possibility of Pampa getting another new hotel," Hooper said. "All of the hotels in town currently are filled to capacity, so there is a need for more hotel rooms.'

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# Genesis

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half of their revenue. This program depends on United Way funds, which only "account for approximately one percent of the budget, grants and tax-deductible donations from churches and individuals. All of the staff is paid and the overhead for the buildings and utilities are

All of the needs for these teens are taken care of while they are living at the home. They not only have shelter, but also have food, clothes, medication and medical care provided. The kids file for Medicaid so they can see doctors and dentists for check-ups since many of them have not had regular medical care at home.

While staying at Genesis House, the kids attend public schools. Braddock said the teens need to learn social skills and how to interact with others. They also receive counseling for sub-

stance abuse and general life

"We want these kids to walk away from our program with better tools to manage their lives," Braddock said. "We try to address every aspect such as anger management, decision making, impulse control and good work ethics."

She said it is hard to measure success with this program because success is different for every teen. One may just want to get a GED, while others want to actually graduate from high school and some strive to go to college. Many times, Braddock said she and the house parents receive letters from the kids that lived at Genesis House thanking everyone for their guidance and patience. Many say that without Genesis House, they probably would not have succeeded in life.

For more information about Genesis House or becoming a house parent so the boys home can be opened back up, contact Braddock at 665-7123 or go by the office at 615 W. Buckler.

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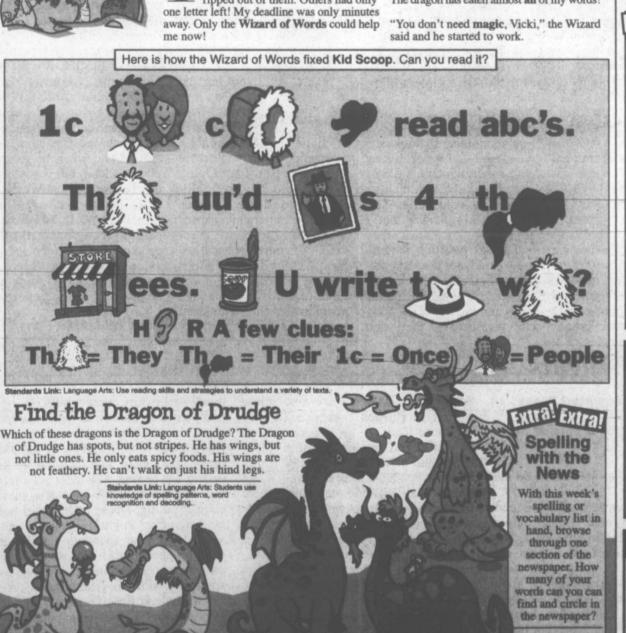
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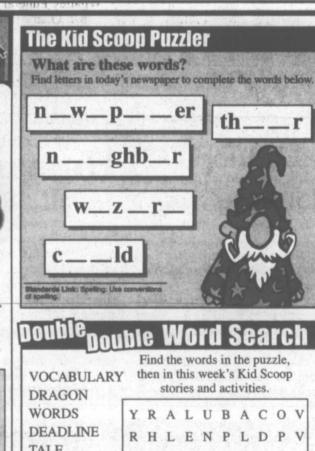
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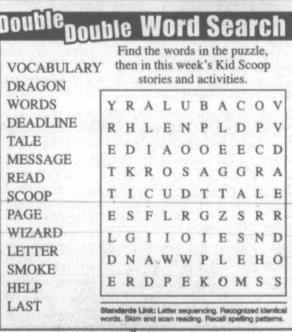
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DRUDGE One meaning of the noun drudge is a person who works hard at unpleasant or boring tasks.

Try to use the word drudge in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members

# Viewpoints

# The label that doesn't make my top 10 list

Read any good labels lately?

One that doesn't rank high on my top ten list is "Made in China.

I began paying extra attention to where things were made when it became known and publicized that a number of toys imported from China contained unacceptable levels of lead.

For awhile, it seemed that each week there was another toy to add to the growing list of dangerous imports.

I started looking at the origin of things that had been bought in recent months, and also that of others which had been around for awhile.

When I was decorating for Christmas, for instance, I discovered that a lot of the ornaments for the Christmas

tree were made in China. I that had been bought last began to get a little uneasy at handling them; virtually all from China were painted.

I also looked at where the strings of lights for the tree were made. You guessed it. China.

The newer lights, at least, included a label wrapped around the cord that warned that anyone handling the cord should wash their hands thoroughly after handling it because it contained lead. The same warning was present on a lighted Halloween decoration I placed in a window in October.

Not only were lights and ornaments made in China; even a small artificial tree which was bought recently was made in that country.

I next checked a pillow

year. I also looked at the label on a plush "throw," or small blanket, that is new. Both were made in China.

The more things I discovered that came from China, the more upset I became, in view of the

problems Marilyn found with imports **Powers** from that Staff Writer country.

What really got my goat

was the food. I found Christmas tins of cookies labeled "Made in China" at a local store during the holi-

What was made in China? The container? The cookies? Both?

would be wise to pass up a metal container of food that was made in a country that has been shown repeatedly to include dangerous levels of lead in its products. What's more, that country

was also the point of origin for the wheat gluten used in pet food that found to be contaminat-

ed with plastic and blamed for a number of pets' deaths and illnesses in the recent

Therefore, it seems possible that the cookie tin might have lead, which could also contaminate the cookies, with inferior wheat gluten. A double whammy, perhaps.

It seems strange that a country which is only the third in history to send a man into orbit around the Earth could produce such inferior, dangerous goods.

Why is it that China, which plans to launch its third manned spacecraft this year with plans to attempt its first-ever space walk, nevertheless turns out shoddy merchandise that can hurt people?

It is no secret that China is ambitious and wants to be the next superpower. They are striving mightily to take the place of the now-defunct Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, with the United States as their only signifi-

It stands to reason that it which might have been made cant competitor for world dominance.

The U.S. and China have a number of trade agreements, resulting in our markets being flooded with their goods. But why buy things which are potentially lethal to our children and dangerous for our pets and ourselves?

Agreements between the U.S. and China were signed last month which are supposed to safeguard the quality of goods from China which are imported to this

I wonder if anyone in government or business has considered a different solution. If I remember correctly, Japan refused to buy beef

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2008. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss. On this date:

In 1798, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared in effect by President John Adams nearly three years after its ratification by the states; it prohibited a citizen of one state from suing another state in federal court.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War

of 1812.

World War I.

Prohibition.

In 1918, President

Wilson outlined his

"Fourteen Points" for

lasting peace after

became the first state

to ratify the 18th Amendment to the

Constitution, which established

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of

In 1918, Mississippi

\*Curses are like processions. They return to the place from which they came.'

— Giovanni Ruffini Italian writer (1807-1881)









France's Fifth Republic. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" in his State of the Union address.

In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New

In 1973, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

In 1976, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai died in Beijing. In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25

Ten years ago: Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life imprisonment. Air traffic control over the Pacific broke down for 16 hours; officials said the outage posed no real danger. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, Michelle Kwan received seven perfect presentation marks out of nine for her short program.

Five years ago: A commuter plane crashed at the Charlotte, N.C., airport, killing all 21 people on board. A Turkish Airlines jet crashed in Turkey, killing 75 people.

One year ago: A Moroccan man convicted of aiding three of the four suicide pilots who had committed the 9/11 attacks was sentenced by a German court to the maximum of 15 years in prison for his role in the terror plot.

## Human behavior: Greed, need and money greedy rich people or greedy corporate executives being

paid 100 or 200 times their workers' salaries is a key weapon in the politics of envy. Let's talk about greed, starting off with Merriam-Webster's definition: "a selfish and excessive desire for more of something (as money) than is needed.'

That definition is a bit worrisome because how does one know what a person really needs? It's something my economics students and I spend a bit of time on in the first lecture. For example, does a family really need one, two, three or four telephones? What about a dishwasher or a microwave oven? Are these excessive desires? If you say these goods are really needed, then I ask, how in the world did your great-grandmother and possibly your grandmother, not to mention most of today's world population, make it without telephones, dishwashers and microwave ovens? "Need" is a nice emotional term, but analytically, it is vacuous.

"Selfish" is a bit more useful term, and it's the human

motivation Columnist that gets wonderful

Walter

Williams

things done. For example, I think it's wonderful that Alaskan king crab fishermen take the time and effort, often risking their lives in the cold Bering Sea, to catch king crabs that I enjoy. Do you think they make that sacrifice because they care about me? I'm betting they don't give a hoot about me. They make it pos-

sible for me to enjoy king

crab legs because they want

more money for themselves. How much king crab would I, and millions of others, enjoy if it all depended on human love and kindness?

What about complaints about CEOs earning so much more

than the average worker? Before looking at CEOs, let's look

another area of huge pay differences. According to Forbes' Celebrity 100 list, Oprah Winfrey earned \$260 million. Even if her makeup person or cameraman earned \$100,000, she earns thousands of times what they earn. Among the celebrities earning hundreds or thousands of times more than the people who work with them are: Steven Spielberg (\$110

million), Tiger Woods (\$100 million), Jay Leno (\$32 million) and Dr. Phil (\$30 million). According to Forbes, the top 10 celebrities and athletes earned an average of \$116 million in 2004 compared to an average of \$59 million earned by the top 10 corporate CEOs.

When Jack Welch became General Electric's CEO in 1981, the company was worth about \$14 billion. Through hiring and firing, buying and selling decisions, . Welch turned the company around and when he retired 20 years later, GE was worth nearly \$500 billion. What's a CEO worth for such an achievement? If Welch was paid a measly one-half of a percent of GE's increase in value, his total compensation would have come to nearly \$2.5 billion, instead

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## Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: n Dec. 29

Austin American-Statesman on the

Economically, at least, 2007 is ending on a down note. Stock market indexes have fallen the last few months, taking a lot of 401(k)s and IRAs with them. Housing prices in 20 large metro areas have fallen by about 6 percent compared with a year ago. Locally, though, the median housing price in October was 3 percent higher than a year ago.

Some of the nations biggest, most prestigious banks and investment firms were shocked to learn this year that

theres a real-world reason for calling certain mortgages "subprime." They are more likely to go into default, as they did, and the wealth of a lot of banks and investors tanked as a result. Heavily damaged was the Wall Street theory that dazzling new investment strategies make it possible to have high returns on riskier investments without running a higher risk of loss.

Apparently, too, quite a few homebuyers were shocked to discover that adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs, really are adjustable - monthly payments can go up, sometimes by a lot as interest rates rise and grace periods expire. That leads to an increasing number of defaults on subprime mortgages (see banks, above).

All of this would be academic for

most Americans, particularly in still prosperous areas such as Central Texas, if it werent for the escalating damage to the larger economy. Even if you feel pretty good about your own job security and are paying your bills promptly, the bad news about subprime mortgages, falling stock prices and soft housing prices might well cause you to slow down your spending - as apparently happened this Christmas shopping season, according to retailers disappointed with this years sales.

The Federal Reserve Bank - perhaps satisfied that a disaster it could have prevented or at least lessened has, in fact, happened - this month moved to adopt new mortgage lending rules to

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# Sports

# Lady Harvesters host Caprock tonight in second district game

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Following a disappointing loss in their district debut, the Pampa Lady Harvesters will host the Caprock Lady Longhorns tonight at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters, who currently stand at 2-12 on the season and 0-1 in district after a 36-28 loss to Dumas Friday, are hoping to turn things around tonight in their second district match-up and come out with an even record in dis-

Caprock has had more success throughout the regular season than the Lady Harvesters with a record of 8-10 overall, but are in the same boat as Pampa as far as district is concerned as they also stand at 0-1 following a 66-45 loss to the Randall Lady Raiders



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN Pampa's Jasmaine Moore is cornered by two Dumas defenders late in last Friday's district debut against the Demonettes.

the court at 6 p.m. today, and will be followed immediately by the JV girls, who

Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Harvesters will The varsity girls will hit are hoping to pick up their continue their district sea-

second district win over the son later this week as they travel to Amarillo Friday to take on the Lady Dons.

# LSU humbles No. 1 Ohio State 38-24 in **BCS** championship

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Well past midnight, Les Miles wanted to make one more stop.

So when the LSU coach left the Superdome, he made a beeline for Bourbon Street. With his wife, he climbed onto a crowded hotel balcony, hoisted a glittering trophy and gave

Let others claim they could've won the crystal football that goes to the BCS national champion. No matter, it belongs to his Tigers.

Matt Flynn threw four touchdown passes and LSU made it look easy Monday night with a 38-24 win over No. 1 Ohio State, turning the title game into a horrible replay for the Buckeyes.

Now the debate begins: Is LSU tops?

"Certainly there will be some argument as to who's the best team. But I think the national champion has been crowned tonight," Miles said.

In a season of surprises, this was hardly an upset: Ohio State once again fell apart in college football's biggest game, having lost 41-14 to Florida last year in the Arizona desert.

But this was unprecedented. Playing at their home-awayfrom-home in the Big Easy, the Tigers (12-2) became the first two-loss team to compete for the title.

Still, LSU was a runaway No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. The Tigers received 60 of 65 first-place votes from a national media panel. Georgia, Southern California, Missouri and Ohio State rounded out the top five. Georgia had three first-place votes while Southern Cal and No. 7 Kansas each had one.

The top six teams in the final AP poll all had two losses and Kansas had one.

# Joe Gibbs resigns as coach of Washington Redskins

the toughest season of his Hall of Fame career, one that tested his leadership like never before, Joe Gibbs is stepping down.

He resigned as coach and team president of the Washington Redskins on Tuesday, three days after a playoff loss ended an inspirational late-season run that followed the death of safety Sean

Gibbs will remain as a special

WASHINGTON (AP) — After adviser to owner Dan Snyder and was to discuss his resignation at an afternoon news conference at Redskins Park.

> The Redskins will search for a new coach immediately. Among the certain candidates are two former head coaches on Gibbs' staff, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders. The new coach will be the sixth since Snyder bought the team in

in the playoffs, after emerging from NFL retirement and his NASCAR career to sign a five-year, \$27.5 million contract in 2004. He had always maintained he intended to fulfill the contract, but the 67-yearold coach wavered from that stance Monday when asked if he would return for the final year of his deal.

Gibbs' resignation brings an apparent end to a coaching career in which he twice raised the Gibbs went 31-36, including 1-2 Redskins from mediocrity into a

playoff team, although he failed in his goal of bringing the team back to the Super Bowl during his second stint in Washington. Gibbs won three NFL titles during his first stint from 1981-92; the second time he took the team to the postseason in two of his four seasons.

His decision to leave follows perhaps the best coaching performance of his career. After the death of the Taylor on Nov. 27, the Redskins lost a game to Buffalo in which Gibbs was flagged for a vital 15-yard penalty for trying to call back-to-back timeouts in the final moments. Gibbs said he wasn't aware of the rule, giving more fodder to the argument that his game management skills had waned.

But, following Taylor's funeral, Gibbs and his team rallied to win won the final four regular-season games, going from 5-7 to 9-7 to claim the final playoff berth in the

# Optimist boys basketball registration, tryouts to continue through Friday

the first day," exclaimed Chris Engle, the Optimist Basketball

Commissioner, on Monday. Registration and tryouts will continue Wednesday, in the fifth and sixth grade Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Optimist have all of our third and

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weekend so that practices can begin Monday.

"We are expecting to have six teams in the third and fourth grade division and six division," Engle said. "We Gym. A draft of players is fourth grade coaches, but we

"We had 35 boys register expected to be held this need some volunteers in the fifth and sixth grade division."

Games are scheduled to begin the week of January 28 with the season to conclude on March 7.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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## Clemens calm toward accuser, emotional when discussing steroid abuse accusations

HOUSTON (AP) During the 17 minutes Roger Clemens spoke with friendturned-accuser Brian McNamee, he kept his emotions in check. He did an even better job during the 17 minutes he listened again to the phone call in a room filled with reporters.

Then it was Clemens' turn to talk. And out came the emotion.

In his first news conference since McNamee accused him of using steroids and human growth hormone in the Mitchell Report, Clemens' eyes watered during his opening statement and again during what proved to be his closing remarks. The whole thing lasted about 2 1/2 minutes less than his chat with McNamee, ending with Clemens abruptly leaving.

Clemens sat expressionless as he listened to the conversation taped last Friday, when his former personal trainer repeatedly asked, "What do you want me to

do?" McNamee said those words, or a close variation, 21 times. No matter whether McNamee's tone was angry or pleading, whether he was talking about his ailing 10to jail, Clemens never fired back with anger or accusations that McNamee was

Instead, Clemens offered his own repetitive theme: "I just want the truth out there." The next steps in this

year-old son or offering to go unfolding saga might help discover that elusive truth.

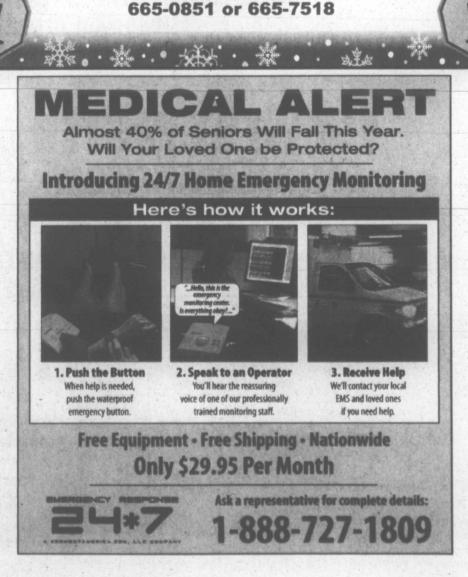
> A week from Wednesday, Clemens and McNamee are scheduled to testify under oath before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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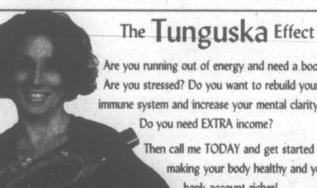
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# Dog triggers shotgun blast, killing owner in hunting mishap

HOUSTON (AP) — A tracking about 60 miles east of Houston, dog apparently stepped on a loaded shotgun in the bed of his owner's pickup truck, firing a fatal blast into the man's thigh during a goose hunt, officials said.

Perry Alvin Price III died Saturday at a hospital from severe blood loss from his femoral artery shortly after the freak accident in southeast Texas.

Chambers County sheriff's investigators said Price, 46, was

when he shot down a goose.

Price then set the gun in the back of his truck and was about to open the tailgate to release his tracking dog when the shotgun fired, investigators said. The blast penetrated the truck's tailgate before hitting

Paw prints from the dog, a chocolate Labrador retriever named Arthur, were found on the muddy shotgun, Sheriff Joe hunting on a lease near Stowell, LaRive said. Daniel Groberg,

tried to stop the bleeding with clothing before driving him to seek

"It's the strangest case that I've seen," LaRive said. "We couldn't talk to Perry and Groberg was at the front of the truck when he heard the shotgun blast and didn't see what happened."

Price's sister, Patricia Payne, said her brother was always very

careful while hunting.

Price's hunting partner, said he said. "He was jumping all around, because he was about to get out and go get that goose.

"That gun had to be knocked around just right to fire. I believe the dog knocked the safety off and hit the trigger, too," she said.

Price, who taught math at Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, was known for his love of hunting and dogs, friends and family members said.

Earlier this school year, Price "His dog was so excited," she developed an award for especially

determined students that included a T-shirt naming them "Bird Dog of the Week," said Melanie Turner, a fellow teacher.

"His loss will be felt for quite some time," Turner said.

LaRive said hunters should be extra careful to make sure the safety is enacted on any gun that's not immediately being fired and that barrels should always be pointed away from people when guns are stored.

# Forget hotels, NYC comedian finds lodging at Ikea store

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — When Mark Malkoff thought about where he could stay while his New York City apartment was being fumigated for cockroaches, he quickly ruled out friends' places (too small) and hotels (too expensive).

Instead, the comedian and filmmaker decided to move into an Ikea store in suburban New Jersey, where on Monday he unloaded two

bedroom at the store.

At night when the store is closed, he says he'll play laser tag with security guards and even plans to host a housewarming party.

"The fact that Ikea is letting me do this is mind-boggling," said Malkoff, lounging on a bed in his new room. "There's no way I'm going back. I love this way too much."

Malkoff, who works for suitcases into a spacious Comedy Central's "The

Colbert Report" as a ticket handler, is allowed to stay until Ikea closes at about midnight on Saturday; the store, famous for its low-cost do-it-yourself furniture, is closed on Sundays.

Malkoff, 31, is known for his 2007 video "171 Starbucks" which documents his visits to all of the coffee chain's Manhattan stores in a single day.

Deputy store manager Julie Mott said Malkoff contacted the store about three lems: The sinks don't work, weeks ago and presented a and neither does the toilet, proposal to move in.

"We thought it would be a lot of fun and interesting," Mott said. "We're not really sure what this week holds."

He is being followed by a camera crew documenting his stay for a video, which will be shown on his Web http://www.marklivesinikea.com.

But despite the hospitality, Malkoff did find a few prob-

refrigerator, flat-screen television or the washer and dryer.

"Is anything real in this place?" he asked.

He must shower in the staff locker room and will have access to the staff cafeteria to cook his own meals, if he chooses, Mott said.

However, the Ikea display does offer more spacious living than his two-bedroom

Queens apartment.

"I feel like I'm on the set of 'Friends," he said, adding that he has met a few new faux friends — customers who wandered into his new apartment.

His wife of 2 1/2 years, Christine, isn't as thrilled with his new digs and has instead opted to stay with relatives in upstate New York.

## Family of child left at restaurant comes forward

(AP) — No criminal charges will be sought against family members of a 2-year-old girl who was left at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Police picked up the child who called herself Mimi on Saturday night after people at the restaurant realized that no adult was with her, said Lt. Dan Draper. The family of the girl did not report her missing until seeing her picture in news media reports two days later, authorities said.

On Monday after police alerted the media to the situation, her father contacted authorities, saying his sister

FORT WORTH, Texas had taken her to a birthday party at the restaurant and thought another sister had brought her home after it was over, Draper said.

The father said his sisters often keep toddler Almedia James for days at a time, and he does not have a phone so he did not call them over the weekend, Draper said. The situation appears to be a misunderstanding, Draper said.

The girl remained in foster care Tuesday morning. Child Protective Services officials planned to meet with her relatives later in the day but may discuss the case with a judge before deciding custody, Draper said.

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had no calls for the 24-hour with a fire hydrant in the period ending at 7 a.m. 500 block of East 25th Ave. today.

Gray County Sheriff's to control speed. Office reported the following arrests.

Monday, Jan. 7

Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for violation of prointent to deliver.

less than \$500.

Judy Shook, 39, of Pampa than \$500.

less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Mark William Holmes, 52, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxica-

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Bryan Humphrey, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a probation violation for burglary of a habitation and possession of more than 1gram but less than 4-grams of a controlled substance.

Kenyon James Kendall, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of more than 1-gram but less than 4-grams of a controlled substance.

reported the following acci-

Friday, Jan. 4

5:31 a.m. — A 2003 Toyota Camry, driven by Cole' Allen, Guyer, 16, of for failure to control speed.

Pampa Fire Department 2621 Dogwood collided No injuries were reported. Guyer was cited for failure

1:30 p.m. — A 2003 Dodge Ram 1500, driven by Pablo Marco Cabellero, 18, Marland Miller, 44, of of 432 Hughes, and a 1997 Buick LeSabre, driven by Vonda Denise Higgins, 47, of 2132 N. Dwight, collided bation for manufacturing a at the intersection of controlled substance with Kentucky and Hamilton streets. No injuries were Patti Villareal, 39, of reported. Cabellero was Pampa was arrested by cited for failure to yield Pampa Police Department right of way at a stop sign for theft more than \$50 and and no proof of liability insurance.

4:42 p.m. — A 2004 was arrested by PPD for Victory Polaris motorcycle, theft more than \$50 and less driven by Luther William Brogdon, 47, of 345 Jean, Christian Parker, 31, of ejected its driver after the Juneau, Ark., was arrested driver reportedly moved to by DPS for possession of avoid other traffic. Brogdon was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS Ambulance Service with possible injuries. No citations were given.

5:45 p.m. — A 1994 Christopher Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Chad Raymond Griffith, 17, of 716 N. Gray, and a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Trishelle Deon Miller, 30, of 2309 Cherokee, collided in the 300 block of East Francis. No injuries were reported. Griffith was cited for following too

Sunday, Jan. 6

11:59 p.m. — A 1999 Chevrolet 1300, driven by Whitney Renee Brummett, Pampa Police Department 17, of 1505 Plum, left the roadway in the 2600 block of West Kentucky. Brummett was transported by private vehicle with possible injuries. She was cited

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I completely agree with your reply to "Sorry No Vacancy" (Nov. 2), advising the writer to stand her ground regarding the vacation house. It appears she was raised in a household with brothers who were used to bossing their sister around, and a mother who allowed the boys to do it. They had their chance to work on the house, but lacked the vision and work ethic their sister had. They sold her their share and contributed nothing to the final result. They have no right to now claim ownership privileges. If the mother thinks her sons need a second home to vacation in, she should pass out keys to her own house. As you may have guessed, I grew up in a home where boys were more valued than girls, and I remember how hard it was to strive for equal respect. -KATHRYN B., BETHEL, ARK.

**DEAR KATHRYN:** Many readers had the same reaction as yours: The problem is the brothers' greed, and the "key" to her dilemma should be to remove the welcome mat. "Sorry" should enjoy her vacation home because she deserves to. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Sorry's" situation reminded me of the story of "The Little Red Hen," in which the cat, dog and mouse slept all day while the little red hen planted, sowed, watered and milled the grain. Then when the bread was baked, the dog, cat and mouse all wanted to "help" eat it. The little red hen wouldn't give them one bite because she had done all the work. Those jealous brothers need to back off and let their sister have her house. I wouldn't even invite them for a picnic. Perhaps then they'd learn their lesson like the animals in that famous children's story. Stick to your guns, girl! - HOPING YOU DO IN

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired banker and have dealt with a number of family situations similar to the one in "Sorry's" letter. Her brothers are deadbeats. They are more than happy to enjoy the benefits of the completed project, but were nowhere to be found when the planning, expense and work were being done. "Sorry" has tried to handle this correctly from the beginning. Each brother was given the opportunity of equal ownership. They all opted to take the money and run. What "Sorry" should do now is what she did in the beginning: have the property appraised in its improved condition, then offer to let each brother buy -at current market value -- an equal position or buy the property in full. By the way, I have never seen one deadbeat pay up. These guys ran the first time, and they'll run again. People like them always do. -**BOB B., DESTIN, FLA.** 

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, our family cottage passed on to the second generation. It was rundown and needed costly repairs and renovations. My husband and I lived closest to it; consequently, we won the "work lottery." I made my brothers an offer through an attorney: "I'll pay each of you your fair share of the assessed value of the cottage, and you will always be welcome for overnight visits." Everyone agreed, and my checks were sent out. It has been a grand open house ever since -- reunions, parties, etc. Twenty years have passed, generations of relatives still come and go, and I couldn't be happier. - VISITORS WELCOME IN WISCONSIN

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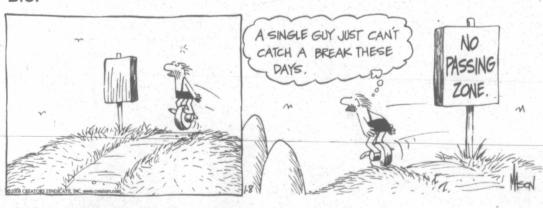
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than you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You might know more than you think you do about a situation; however, the confusion that surrounds this issue

could force you to rethink. What might

be obvious to one person might not be to

another. Listen to others with great care. Tonight: Think positively. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\* You might not want to think in the same way or handle a situation in the manner that you have been. In fact, you might decide just to assume responsibility, whether others like it or not. You feel you have the control you need. Tonight:

A must appearance. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Clearly you don't see eye to eye with others. Observe and understand what makes them tick. Walk in their footsteps. Imagine what it would be like to be them. If you do this, you might be well on your way to finding answers. Tonight:

Keep on smiling CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Allow greater give and take. As

interest. Investigate what needs to happen with an eye to positive change. Listen to what is going on more carefully with a close friend or associate. Tonight: Someone wants to be heard. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* You might want to rethink an alliance. If you do something in a very

different manner, you might find the

other person difficult. Step back from the

a result, you will see life with renewed

situation and enjoy possibilities. You see life with renewed hope and interest. Tonight: All smiles. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Intention is half the game. If you hit a problem — especially one that impacts your daily life - you might want to step back some. Answers arrive

when you are past immediate confusion.

Sort through facts. Tonight: Make it LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Creativity flows, even with an

element of confusion or a change of mind. Use your imagination, and you'll come up with answers. Lighten up and discuss a problem. Laughter proves to be healing. Tonight: Time for a well-earned midweek break. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Whatever you say gets turned

around. Try as you might, the right words

might not be forthcoming. Examine

questions others ask. Is there an implicit

agenda being revealed? Learn from using

good listening skills. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a

personal matter more carefully. Your ability to move through hassles will make a substantial difference. Listen and understand someone better. You want to break through present barriers. Tonight: Ever playful. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* What starts out as a confusing sit-

uation could reverse itself as quickly as it

happens - if you stay mellow. Listen to

others and find out the purpose of certain

actions. Investigate and understand. Grow and evolve. Tonight: Your treat. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Your energy might be admirable, but think before you launch into action. You might not be getting the whole or complete message. You smile, and others respond. Listen to your sixth

sense with someone close. Tonight: Your decision to make. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You might feel like you can't hold yourself back any longer. Any action you take could backfire. Realizing

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# Kenya: Obama calls opposition leader

By KATHARINE HOURELD **Associated Press Writer** 

ELDORET, Kenya (AP) U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama phoned Kenya's opposition leader as diplomatic attempts to end Kenya's political crisis intensified Tuesday.

The death toll from a week of violence after President Mwai Kibaki's disputed re-election has reached nearly 500, according to the government, though the opposition claimed the death toll could be up to 1,000. On Monday, Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga made key concessions under U.S. pres-

Obama – a Democratic Party candidate who is of Kenyan descent - called Odinga late Monday or early Tuesday, said Odinga's spokesman, Salim Lone.

"He called to express

grave concern over the election outcome," Lone told The Associated Press. "He also said he was going to call Mr. Kibaki."

The top American envoy to Africa said Monday that the vote count at the heart of the dispute was tampered with but that both sides could have been involved. The Dec. 27 election returned Kibaki to power for another five-year term. Odinga came in a close second.

"Yes, there was rigging," the U.S. envoy, Jendayi Frazer, told The Associated Press in an interview Monday in Nairobi, where she had met with Kibaki and Odinga over the past three days.

"I mean there were problems with the vote counting process." She added: "Both the parties could have rigged." She said she did not want to blame either Kibaki or Odinga.

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Kenya's electoral commission chairman Samuel Kivuiti has himself said he is not sure Kibaki won, though the chairman officially declared Kibaki the winner in the closest presidential election in Kenya's history.

Both sides softened their tones amid the U.S. intervention. Kenya is crucial to the war on terrorism, having turned over dozens of people to the U.S. and Ethiopia as suspected terrorists. It also allows American forces to operate from Kenyan bases and conducts joint exercises with U.S. troops in the region.

The U.S. also is a major donor to Kenya, long seen as a stable democracy in a region that includes warravaged Somalia and Sudan. Aid amounts to roughly \$1 billion a year, said embassy spokesman T.J. Dowling.

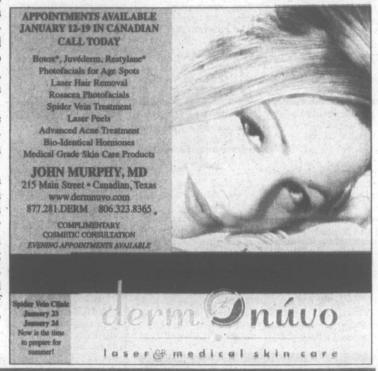
Frazer said the violence "hasn't shaken our confidence in Kenya as a regional hub."

Three former African heads of state also arrived in Nairobi. Mozambique's Joachim Chissano said they would tour troubled slum areas Tuesday but would not say whether he, Zambia's Kaunda Kenneth Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania intended to try to mediate.

"It's like seeing a neighbor's house on fire," Chissano said. "We are shocked by the events."

The violence has marked some of the darkest times since Kenya's independence

from Britain in 1963, with much of the fighting degenerating into riots pitting other tribes against Kibaki's Kikuyu, long dominant in politics and the economy.



#### **NEW FINDINGS**

# Hope glows red in special light

WASHINGTON (AP) — The famed Hope Diamond glows a mysterious red when exposed to ultraviolet light, a finding that scientists say can help them "fingerprint" blue diamonds and tell the real ones from the artificial.

The phosphorescence comes from boron in the gem, the same element that makes it appear blue in normal light, explained Jeffrey Port, curator of the National Gem Collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

But while all blue diamonds glow in ultraviolet light, most glow blue. The Hope glows red, indicating a different mix of boron and nitrogen, Post explained in a telephone interview.

He said researchers, by measuring the different glows, have been able to tell real blue diamonds from artificial ones as well as real ones that have been "enhanced" in laborato-

The research was done at the Smithsonian

and Naval Research Laboratory and their findings are reported in the journal Geology.

Some historians believe the Hope Diamond was cut from a larger gem first found in India and later part of the French crown jewels before the French Revolution.

If that is the case, Post said, the tests could also be used to identify other stones from the

The 45.52-carat blue Hope Diamond is on display at the Natural History museum, but Post said lighting conditions there don't allow it to be shown in ultraviolet light. He said the museum hopes to make a video of the stone when it glows - which continues for some time after the light is turned off so visitors can see that.

"People typically think of the Hope Diamond as a historic gem, but this study underscores its importance as a rare scientific specimen that can provide vital insights into our knowledge of diamonds and how they are formed in the earth," said Post.



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# **Powers**

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from the U.S. for awhile when there was a scare about mad cow disease in this country. Perhaps we could try the same thing concerning questionable imports from China.

I know that China turns out products that are relatively cheap compared to

This time, I'd rather pay more and worry less.

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# Williams

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of the few hundred million that he actually received.

If a corporate board of directors could buy a \$1,000 computer that could do what a CEO does, it wouldn't pay him millions of dollars. If an NFL owner could hire a computer to make decisions that star quarterbacks make, why would he pay some of these guys yearly compensation packages worth more than \$10 million? If just anybody could have played the lead role in "The Da Vinci Code" and have it earn \$758 million at

the box office, why would the film's producers have paid Tom Hanks \$74 mil-

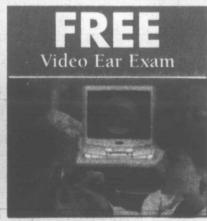
There's another important issue: If one company has an effective CEO or a team has a star quarterback, it is not the only company or team that would like to have him on the payroll. In order to keep him, he must be paid enough so that he can't be lured elsewhere.

You say, "Williams, what about those golden parachutes for failing CEOs?" Paying a failed CEO, or a spouse in the case of marriage, enough money to go away quietly might be much cheaper than litigation.

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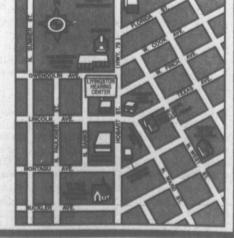
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# **Economy**

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prevent a repeat. They would require lenders to show that their subprime borrowers have a realistic chance of affording their monthly payments. The lender also would have to disclose all fees and be barred from some kinds of advertis-

Take heart, though, not all the economic news is bad. Despite the recent stock market dip, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up about 7 percent

for the year, the S&P 500 up about 4 percent, and Nasdaq up almost 11 percent.

The national unemployment rate in November was 4.7 percent and 4.2 percent in Texas - a 31-year low. Nationally, 94,000 jobs were added to payrolls last month; 12,300 were added in Texas, though that was a drop from 24,000 jobs added in October. The dollar has declined in value, making imports more expensive, but that also means American exports are more affordable overseas.

Still, given Wall Streets overall record this year, we hope political candidates will refrain from promising, if elected, to run the government like a business. We have enough trouble as it is.