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## PGWCD to hold public hearing at next meeting

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors will hold a public hearing on the weather modification program during their monthly meeting here Wednesday morning.

Drip irrigation, a tax increment reinvestment zone, out of district transportation reports, tax delinquent property and redrawing precinct lines will face the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board when they meet during regular session.

The board is expected to discuss whether or not to include drip irrigation equipment in their agricultural water conservation equipment loan program.

To date, they've only loaned on sprinkler irrigation systems because sprinkler systems can be repossessed if the need arises. Drip systems are buried in the ground so other means of securing loans for drip irrigation systems have been discussed.

The groundwater district board will also hear district transportation and production reports from the City of Amarillo, ConocoPhillips, Degussa Engineered Carbons and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The board will also consider a bid See PGWCD, Page 3

## Hidden Hills plans to trade in old golf carts, buy new

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

David Teichmann, pro at Pampa's Hidden Hills Golf Course, is spending a little more money this year on electric golf carts, but he hopes to get a lot more value.

"We've in a four year cycle," Teichmann said.

The golf carts that Hidden Hills bought in 2004 are looking at their fourth season.

"Every four years we trade in a certain number of carts for new carts," Teichmann said.

He said that EZ-GO has come out with a new cart, the RXV. I runs on both AC and DC power. It has an automatic brake system that doesn't require a heel brake.

"It's really top of the line," Teichmann said.

The golf pro said he thought it would be out of the city's price range, but the company is allowing a lot more trade-in value than he anticipated.

"They're basically giving us \$1,725 on our old Club Car models," Teichmann said, "and they're giving us \$985 on four EZ-GO carts that we had."

The total trade is \$62,590. "It's almost unbelievable," Teichmann said.

The total cost before the trade-in is \$156,000, or \$3,900 for each cart.

The other company, Club Car, had lower prices but didn't allow as much for trade-ins.

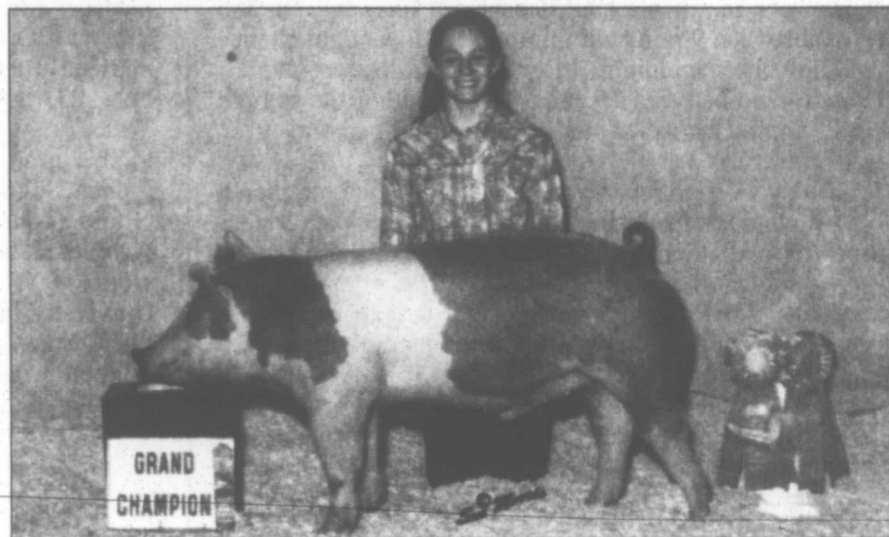
"They only allowed us \$43,650," Teichmann said. "EZ-GO is definitely trying to get our business."

The batteries in the new EZ-GO carts are guaranteed for the full four-year period, he said.

In the past, Pampa City Manager John Horst said, there have been problems with other manufacturers and battery warranties.

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## Livestock Show



Courtesy Photos

The Gray County Junior Livestock Show was held this weekend at the Clyde Carruth Pavillion at Recreation Park. Above - Elizabeth Terry, from Pampa FFA, is pictured with her grand champion barrow. Below - Emily Licklider, also from the Pampa FFA, is pictured with her reserve champion barrow, along with Alan, Jennifer and Zach Licklider.



## Fire victims start over

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Looking at the smoldering ruins of Tetta Brown's home two days before Christmas, one Pampa firefighter was deeply touched by her reaction. She rejoiced that her family had been spared and there had not been any injuries.

Mrs. Brown and her family, two daughters and six grandchildren, had been at church that morning and had not yet returned to their home in the 500 block of Harlem when the frame structure broke out in flames about noon. There was little that fire fighters could do. The cause of the blaze

was traced to the cook stove that the family had been using to heat the house.

"They lost everything," said Karen Price, a friend of Mrs. Brown's.

The family is now living with relatives.

Members of the Macedonia Baptist Church, which is presently without a pastor, Mrs. Brown and her family have been taken under the wing of Rev. Darrin Willis, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. Willis said that while friends and neighbors have donated

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## Pie reward



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Walker Kyle, a 4th and 5th grade teacher at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, recently challenged his students to make a 100 on their spelling test. When this feat was accomplished, all of his students (and all of the others in the school who made a 100) got to smear whipped cream pies in his face. Kyle said he plans to continue offering challenges throughout the year with different rewards for the students.

## Stock market struggles after Federal Reserve cuts interest

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street struggled to steady itself Tuesday, climbing back from an early plunge after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates in hopes of restoring stability to a faltering U.S. economy. The Dow Jones industrials, down 465 points at the start of the session, recovered to a loss of about 175 points.

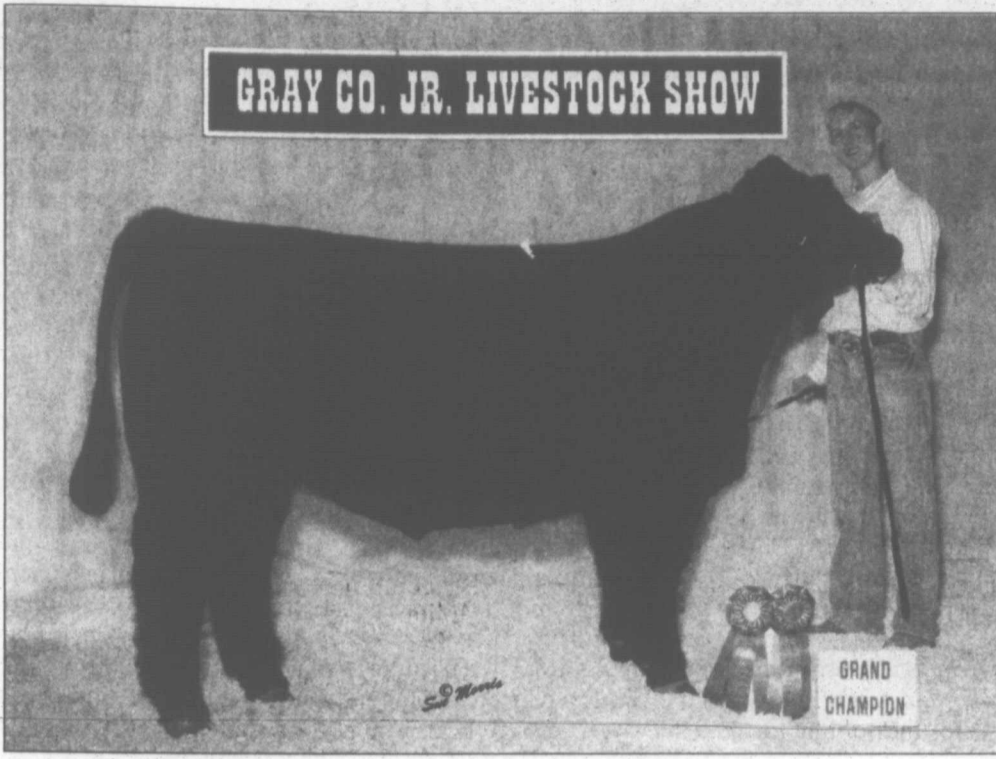
The U.S. markets joined a global selloff amid growing fears that a recession in the United States could send economies around the world

into a downturn. Though stocks regained ground as investors digested the Fed's move to cut the key interest rate by 0.75 percentage point and bargain-hunters entered the market, trading remained volatile and the major indexes fluctuated sharply, at times approaching the break-even point before heading down again.

Analysts saw little, if any, optimism driving the market, particularly in the United States. See STOCK, Page 3



## Gray County Junior Livestock Show winners



Courtesy Photos  
Winners from the Gray County Junior Livestock Show were named Saturday.

▶ Reserve champion steer and Jr. Showmanship Champion was awarded to Bobby Haley, from Gray County 4-H.



◀ Garrett Coutts, from Pampa FFA, shows off his grand champion steer.

## PGWCD

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for tax delinquent property in Donley County and appoint a member to the newly formed tax increment reinvestment zone in Amarillo.

They could take action on changing precinct boundaries for the board members during the meeting and bring the boundaries into line with other political boundaries such as county lines. Several

of the board members now represent parts of two different counties, and district officials say that can be confusing during elections.

The water district board of directors will consider drilling permits for a two-inch well for Midstream Energy Services, LLC, in Carson County south of Borger; for a one-inch well for Lynn Willis east of Pampa, and a one-inch well for Glenn Estates north of Amarillo.

They will also consider a permit for a one-inch stock

well for Mike Clay south of Pampa.

The board will consider two four-inch irrigation wells for Bob White in Donley County and one four-inch irrigation well for Mike Newhouse, also in Donley County.

They will consider a five-inch industrial well for Cabot Corp. south of Pampa.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday at their offices at 201 W. Third in White Deer.

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ed clothing, the family needs money to try to rebuild that home.

Friday, the Southside Senior Citizens Center, where Mrs. Brown was active, donated \$500 to the newly established fund at FirstBank Southwest.

## Golf

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"We will not be out any battery replacement cost as we have been in the past," Horst said. "That's been a substantial expense in the past."

Teichmann said the new carts have full warranties, including on the brakes.

"These new EZ-GO carts guarantee you four years of no cost if anything happens," Teichmann said. "Club Car for their best cart will do most things for two years, some other things for three. Almost no part except for the chassis is warranted for four years."

Teichmann said that's

about standard in the industry.

"With the new EZ-GO contract," Teichmann said, "there would be 100 percent warranty."

The East Go carts also have windshields where the other carts don't, Horst said. "That's a new feature," the city manager said.

"We've never put windshields in there because you had to bolt them and unbolt them," Teichmann said. "They were always an additional cost of about \$100."

This year, we decided to bid them with a windshield that folds up. You can fold it down in the summer and still leave it on the vehicle."

Most golf carts come with windshields now, Teichmann said.

"It's just part of their standard price," he said.

Allowing for trade-ins, Teichmann said the last time they bought golf carts, the city paid out about \$20,000.

With the trade this time, the cost would be about \$22,000 to \$23,000, Teichmann said.

"That's about two to three thousand dollars difference," Teichmann said.

He said he thinks that four years from now that premium would hold up when they are traded in.

Teichmann said he's trading 34 of the old carts in.

"We would keep six Club Cars and buy 40 new EZ-GO carts and raise our fleet to 46," Teichmann said.

He said they have run out of carts at busy times during the last year, particularly on weekends and holidays.

"We'll keep the six best

ones," Teichmann said.

It used to be more economical to rent extra carts, Horst said, but rental prices have gone up.

"We have the barn capacity to store them all inside," Teichmann said.

Last year, Hidden Hills Golf Course generated \$146,954.98 in golf cart fees. The year before, it generated \$154,549.13. Most of those fees are generated from May to September.

## Stock

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larly since Tuesday's drop followed months of losses on Wall Street.

"Sometimes market bottoms are not made by specific events, but by exhaustion," said Peter Boockvar, equity strategist at Miller Tabak.

Stocks have plunged, with frequent triple-digit drops in the Dow, as investors took in a stream of weak economic data and reports that financial firms had lost billions of dollars due to the housing and mortgage crisis. With the housing and credit markets unlikely to turn around soon, and more disappointing economic news expected, investors were likely to keep shying away from stocks.

No one expected an interest rate cut alone to erase investors' concerns. For the market to truly gain a foothold, investors need to see strong economic data in the coming weeks and solid earnings reports and forecasts this week from big multinational companies like Microsoft Corp., AT&T Inc., Caterpillar Inc. and Honeywell International Inc.

"If that doesn't happen, then all this is a short-term bottom before a resumption of selling," Boockvar said.

U.S. bonds were mixed, with investors seeking safer investments as stocks declined. The price of oil, meanwhile, fell amid expect-

tations that a downturn would depress demand for energy.

The Fed lowered the target federal funds rate, or the interest banks charge one another, for overnight loans, to 3.50 percent and the discount rate, the interest the Fed charges banks directly, to 4 percent. The decision came a week before the central bank's regularly scheduled meeting, a sign that it acknowledges that the world's financial situation is

serious.

It can take months for an interest rate cut to work its way through the economy. In the short term, it makes borrowing cheaper, but the billions of dollars in failed mortgages over the past year have made lenders wary of writing loans to almost anyone — consumers or corporations. And the heavy losses that banks and other financial institutions have suffered have raised questions about their stability.

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# Viewpoints

## Land of the free: Americans are so blessed ...

Have you ever wished you could buy an expensive new car and had to settle for a less luxurious or older one? Well, cheer up. In Siberia, many people still use horses for transportation rather than horsepower under a hood, because they cannot afford to own cars or buy the fuel to keep them running. Besides, few streets and roads are paved in Siberia. Some of these dirt roads are considered major highways, and when it rains or otherwise precipitates, vehicles get bogged down in axle-deep mud.

Do you ever get tired of going for routine checkups at your doctor's office? Having a doctor and being able to afford to go to one would be especially beneficial in certain areas of Siberia where 50 percent of the population has tuberculosis. That's right, 50 percent. Don't agree with all the doctrines of a particular church or religious denomination? You're free to shop around for the church that has a doctrine closest to your personal beliefs. That would be a lot tougher to do in

Siberia, where churches were destroyed and ministers were murdered during the Communist regime. Christianity is making a comeback there, but the process is slow and laborious. My point here is that we have become complacent in the U.S.—We are still the richest land on earth and have been for most of our country's relatively brief existence. We have freedom

and rights that others cannot imagine. We tend to lose sight of those facts and think of ourselves as being deprived, unfortunate, needy and poor if we can't afford to buy all the latest electronic gadgets, cosmetic procedures and huge homes stuffed with high-dollar furnishings. That point was brought home to me Monday

evening as I listened to a Lutheran bishop from Siberia address a local congregation. He presented a slide show of scenes from his homeland and spoke on conditions there in a matter-of-fact manner, which I found to have more impact than a tear-jerking style. We complain about our government and bemoan the choice of candidates we are presented with for a particular elective office. Imagine what it would have been like to live in a country where its citizens have no choice and face punishment up to and

including loss of life if they express dissatisfaction or try to change things for the better. It is easier to lose something if we have lost sight of the fact that we have it. We should be grateful for all the advantages that living in America offers, and we should be vigilant lest those advantages start to slip away. We should also remember that no matter how bad things get in our own lives, there is always someone else who is much worse off. By reaching out to those in need, we also help ourselves.

**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2008. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach.

On this date:

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81. In 1905 (New Style calendar), thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1908, Katie Mulcahey became the first woman to run afoul of New York City's just-passed ban on females smoking in public. (Declaring, "No man shall dictate to me," Mulcahey served a night in jail after being unable to pay a \$5 fine.)

*'Praise undeserved is satire in disguise.'*

— Henry Broadhurst  
English politician  
(1840-1911)

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time, in Princeton, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1968, the fast-paced sketch comedy series "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1973, former President Lyndon Johnson died at age 64.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.

Ten years ago: Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, Calif., to being the Unabomber in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole. On the first full day of his visit to Cuba, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass, preaching the message, "Be not afraid."

Five years ago: Countering blunt talk of war by the Bush administration, France and Germany defiantly stated they were committed to a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis. Opponents and supporters of abortion rights rallied on the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's "Roe versus Wade" ruling. Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who had immortalized World War II soldiers with his characters Willie and Joe, died in Newport Beach, Calif., at age 81.

One year ago: A car bombing of a predominantly Shiite commercial area in Baghdad killed 88 people. Iran announced it had barred 38 nuclear inspectors on a United Nations list from entering the country in apparent retaliation for U.N. sanctions imposed the previous month.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 80. Actress Piper Laurie is 76. Actor Seymour Cassel is 73. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 71. Actor John Hurt is 68. Singer Steve Perry is 59. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 56. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 55. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 51. Actress Linda Blair is 49. Actress Diane Lane is 43. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 43.

## ACLU: SEX in PUBLIC RESTROOM STALLS is CONSTITUTIONALLY O.K. ... WHAT'S NEXT?



## Tyranny update: Energy czar starts small

Last December, President Bush signed an energy bill that will ban the sale of Edison's incandescent bulb, starting with the 100-watt bulb in 2012 and ending with the 40-watt bulb by 2014. You say, "Hey, Williams, what's wrong with saving energy, reducing our carbon footprint and stopping global warming?" Before you get too enthused over governmental energy-saving efforts, you might ponder what's down the road.

The California Energy Commission has recently proposed amendments to its standards for energy efficiency (www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-400-2007-017/CEC-400-2007-017-45DAY.PDF). These standards include a requirement that any new or modified heating or air conditioning system must include a programmable communicating thermostat (PCT) whose settings can be remotely controlled by government authorities. A thermostat

czar, sitting in Sacramento, would be empowered to remotely reduce the heating or cooling of your house during what he deems as an "emergency event." Say you disagree with the czar's temperature setting for your house, the California Energy

now California's energy Nazis are simply testing how much intrusiveness Californians will peacefully accept. I can easily imagine California's Energy Commission requiring remotely controlled breaker boxes that control all of the electricity coming into your house. That would enable the energy czar to better manage your electricity use.

Say you're preparing a big dinner. The energy czar might decide that you don't need so much heat in the rest of the house. Or, preparing a big dinner might mean the energy czar would turn off the energy to your washing machine and dryer while the electric stove is on.

There's no end to what the energy czar could do, particularly if he enlists the aid of California's Department of Health Services. Getting six

to eight hours sleep each night is healthy; good health lowers health costs. So why not make it possible for the energy czar to turn the lights off at a certain hour? California's Department of Education knows children should do their homework after school rather than sit playing video games or watching television. The energy czar could improve education outcomes simply by turning off the television, or at least turning off all non-educational programs. Of course, there could be a generous provision whereby if an adult is present, he could use a password to operate the television.

You say, "Williams, you must be mad. All that would never happen." That's the same charge one might have made back in the '60s, when the anti-tobacco movement started, if someone predicted that the day would come when some cities, such as Calabasas, Calif., would outlaw smoking on public

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**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 13  
Herald-Zeitung (New Braunfels, Texas) on citizen's right to public information:

Democracy is not known for being the most efficient form of government. The debates, the election process, the rights accorded to citizens, especially when their views oppose those of the majority, often frustrate many private citizens and public servants.

This past week, Comal County Commissioners established an hourly fee for providing documents and information if the time taken to retrieve those documents requires more than 36 hours from one or multiple requests in any given year from the same person.

The commissioners were empowered to take such a step by a law passed in the most recent legislative session. The bill, by our own State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, was a response to a situation near Austin where a disgruntled parent filed hundreds of open records requests to a school district, resulting in what school officials said were of thousands of dollars in expenses.

While explaining his support of creating such a charge for retrieving public documents, County Judge Danny Scheel said "We have people in this county who seem to take out their frustrations by trying to create work for county government."

Scheel was referring to a Comal County resident who has filed numerous open records requests since his fireworks business was affected by a fireworks ban invoked in 2005 when a

drought had created concerns about public safety because of the possibility of wildfires.

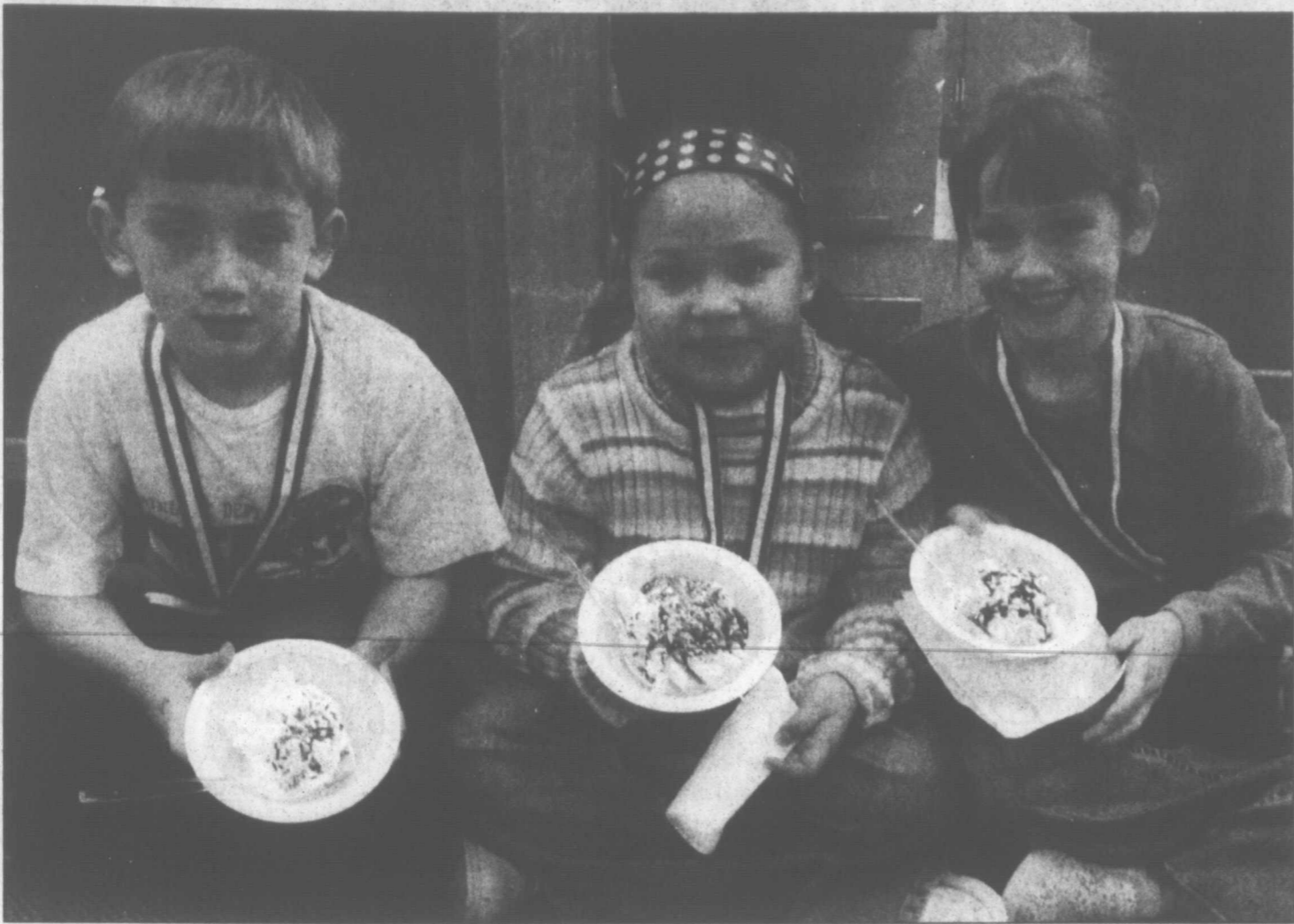
Scheel said he believed the open records requests were punitive because after the documents had been copied, the requester often declined to pay and often decided to not pick up the documents at all.

If Scheel is correct, then this citizens use of the Public Information Act as a weapon to punish or intimidate elected officials or government agencies is regrettable.

This citizen, besides being in the fireworks business, also publishes three free distribution weekly publications. He claims, however, that his requests were made to gather information for articles in his publications.

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## No misses



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## Winter farmers markets grow in three states

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ken Ruegsegger struggled after he sold his dairy herd a few years ago and concentrated on raising animals for their meat.

A coalition of religious groups stepped in and paid

an electric bill for his farm near Blanchardville in southwestern Wisconsin. Now he's paying them back and earning a profit as he sells his wares at indoor markets that have become popular in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa

in winter months.

"It's a real good feeling," Ruegsegger said.

The markets in church halls, which began in December 2003, are being coordinated by the Churches' Center for Land

and People, a coalition headquartered at Trinity Episcopal Church in Janesville. It is composed mostly of religious denominations and orders in the three states.

The indoor markets provide farmers with a place to sell until outdoor markets reopen in the spring, said Tony Ends, the coalition's executive director. The farmers are asked to donate 10 percent of their market proceeds to the Harvest of Hope emergency fund to help farm families get through financial difficulties.

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## Schott to speak at meeting

The January regular meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will convene Jan. 24 at Pampa Country Club.

The meeting will kick-off with social time at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The featured speaker will be Rob Schott of International Lift Systems.

The focus of Schott's presentation will be gas well deliquification techniques — plunger lift applications in particular.

The dinner, a chicken fried steak meal, will cost \$15 per person. Memberships will be available at the door. Door prizes will be awarded courtesy of D.E. Chase.

## Williams

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streets. Back in the '60s, had someone predicted that there'd be bans on restaurants serving foie gras; citations for driving without a seatbelt, that the government said would be unnecessary if cars had airbags; and school bans on kids having peanut butter sandwiches in their lunchbox, I'm sure people would have said that would never happen.

California's Energy Commission,

along with its legislature, has the power to mandate that all existing — as well as new — heating and cooling devices have programmable communicating thermostats by 2009. After all, it's never too early to start saving energy or prepare for an "emergency event." The reason they won't is because they would encounter too much political resistance. Their agenda is far more achievable using techniques dear to all tyrants: There's less resistance if liberty is taken away a little bit at a time.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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Scheel said he found the financial costs of complying with the requests "personally offensive as a taxpayer, and I think a lot of other people do also."

As a taxpayer, the county judge has a right to an opinion on whether the cost of complying with these requests is "offensive."

But as an elected official, he has a higher obligation to the citizens he represents to preserve and protect the right of any citizens access to government.

Consequently, the commissioners must be careful not to punish all citizens seeking information because they believe one citizen is abusing his right to access public information.

As frustrating as it might be for a government official to see resources diverted to comply with requests for documents and information, that obligation is both the cost and blessing of a democratic and accountable government.

As a matter of law, the Public Information Act prohibits a government official or employee from asking a citizen why he or she is seeking documents. The law clearly indicates that a citizen need not explain his motives, other than to clarify what documents are needed. So a

government official should never allow his or her concern about motive to figure into a decision about whether to release documents.

The Public Information Act already offers remedies to ensure the requester understands the costs involved before the research and compilation of the data and documents are completed, which should reduce the burden and costs on the government agency involved and help stop so-called frivolous or punitive requests for information.

The commissioners approved a \$15 per hour rate, which is not excessive, and they also allowed for the fee to be waived, which was an important inclusion. The waiver provision and the relatively low hourly rate for retrieval seem to indicate that Judge Scheel and the commissioners understand the importance of being committed to the public's right to know.

So, much like the guilty defendant who goes free on a technicality, the higher obligation is to protect the rights of all citizens in this situation.

The citizens right to access government-held information is a vital component to preserving and protecting the integrity of a "citizen-centered," open government, even if it means an occasional burden to elected officials, government agencies and public employees. URL: <http://www.herald-zeitung.com>

## Events calendar

• **Harrington Cancer Center's Pampa support group** will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 on the second floor of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Beth Kean of the cancer center will present the program on "Care-giving and Self-care." The meeting will be cancelled if inclement weather occurs.

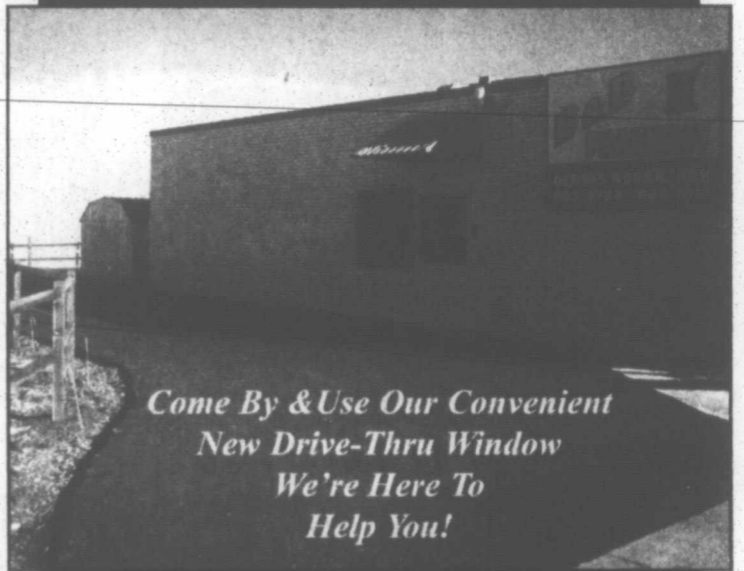
• **Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild** will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 at Christian Church Disciple Center in Guymon, Okla. Quilt shop proprietors Bonnie Vann and Crystal Owen will make a presentation. For more information, call (580) 338-7977.

• **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, Feb. 13;

"Night" by Elie Wiesel, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'Amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **Miss Texas International Pageant System** is currently seeking entrants for the Miss Pampa International 2008 Pageant. The deadline for applications is March 1. Contestants will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. To find out more or to request an application, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto [www.misstexasinternational.com](http://www.misstexasinternational.com) on the Internet.

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## SHEPARD'S CROOK NURSING AGENCY

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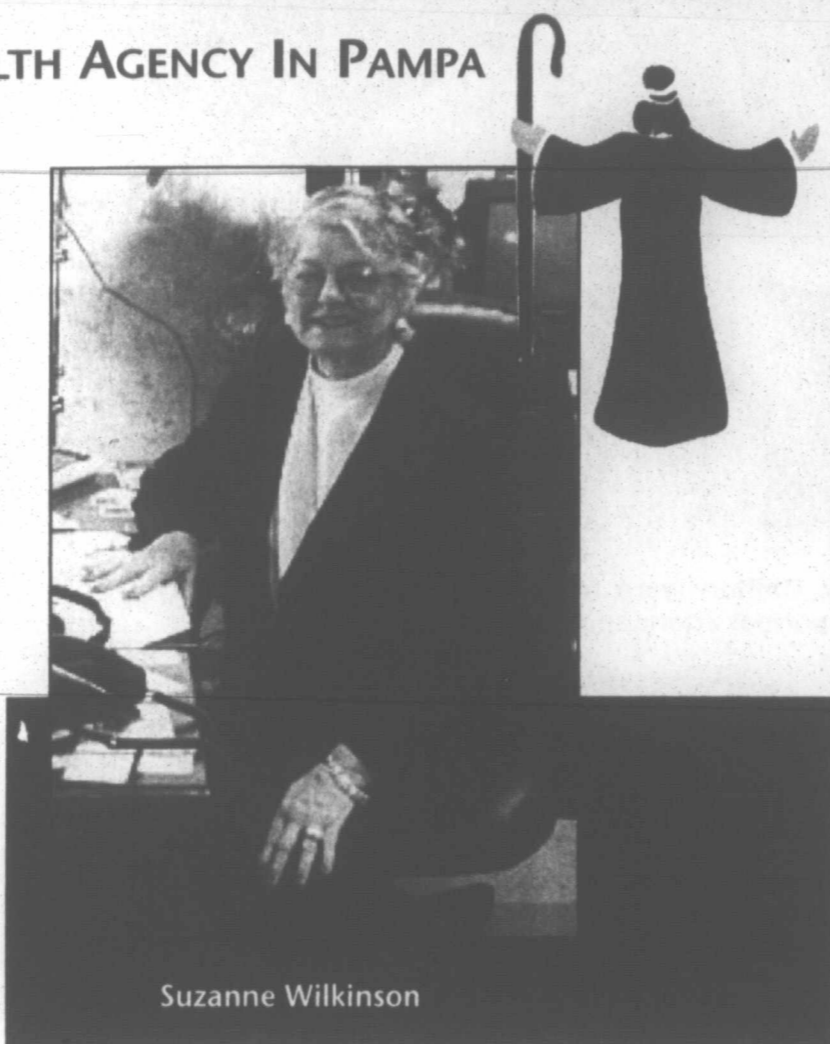
LaGayla Wheat and Matthew Kirkpatrick



Dauna Wilkinson



Pam Dalton



Suzanne Wilkinson

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant, and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

Dedicated to meeting the needs of their individual clients, the Wilkinsons believe a successful business should give back to the community.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** To be honest with you, if I had a gun, I could shoot either myself or my ex-boyfriend. I was in love with him from the first day we met. We talked about everything in life and also about our relationship. Now he says he's "not ready" for a relationship! I don't understand men. Don't they know that we have hearts? How could he just wake up one morning and make a decision without considering my feelings or how it will affect me? Abby, I have a child, and my breasts are not that attractive. I even told him I would go under the knife to make them just the way he wants them. Now I'm left wondering if I should still go for the surgery so maybe he'll be attracted to me again and come back. I can't bear the idea that maybe he has found someone else who is more attractive. I need your help because sometimes I feel so much hate for him that I feel like getting revenge and doing something to him so no woman will ever be attracted to him anymore, and he'll feel what I'm feeling now. I will wait upon your answer so I'll know what to do next. — **RAGING IN DUBAI**

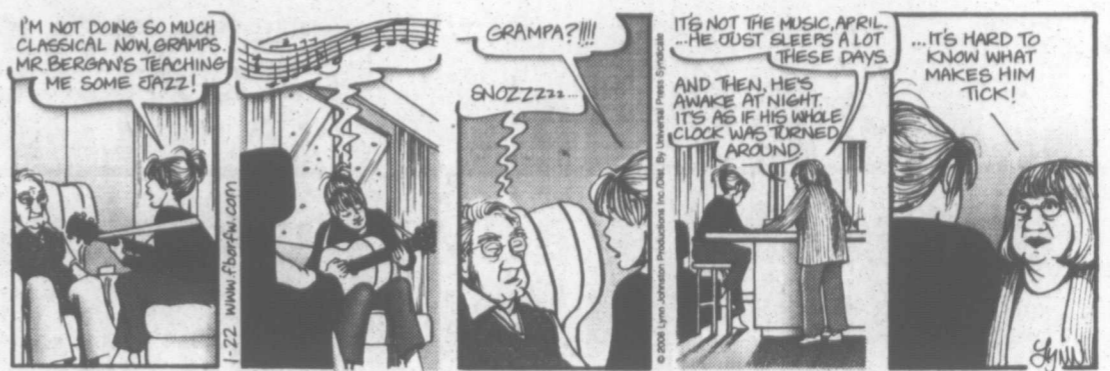
**DEAR RAGING:** The first thing you must do is calm yourself. Do nothing until your anger subsides and you are again thinking clearly -- which you aren't right now. I know you are hurting, and your disappointment and anger are palpable, but you have something far more important to consider than "getting revenge," and that is the welfare of your child. How would your actions affect your child? A man who would criticize your breasts was not truly interested in you -- the person attached to them. Having plastic surgery in the hope that a man who rejected you will return is the wrong reason

for having it done. You could have breasts like the Venus de Milo, and it wouldn't win the heart of a man who simply craves variety. I am not familiar with the mental health services that are available in Dubai. If you lived in the United States, I would urge you to talk to a psychologist because I feel strongly that you have underlying issues that predate the experience you have described in your letter. If that is not possible, then please talk to some older women you can trust so they can share their wisdom with you. You are in my prayers.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law lives alone, but comes to our house every day to eat lunch and dinner. She has a son who lives in the same town as my wife and me, but she never goes to his house. My wife doesn't like this arrangement either, but she doesn't know how to tactfully tell her mother to stay away once in a while. We're both in our late 40s; her mother is 82. We would like to spend some time alone. When I say my mother-in-law is here every day, I mean EVERY DAY! Please tell me if this is normal, and how we can tell her we need some alone time. — **PAUL IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR PAUL:** No, it is not "normal." You have described a woman who appears to be isolated and friendless. Could she also have money problems or a physical disability that prevents her from shopping and preparing her own meals? If you and your wife would like some time alone, then you both are going to have to find the backbone to say so. And, if necessary, you or your wife should prepare a dish that her mother can eat in her own home.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



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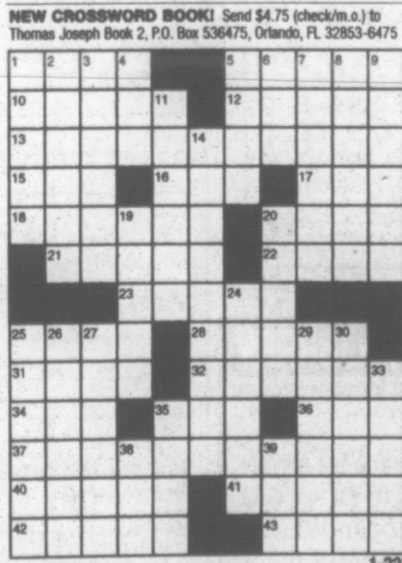


## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bargain country
  - 5 Opera's Callas
  - 10 Goofed
  - 12 Add a change to
  - 13 Disloyal sort
  - 15 Language suffix
  - 16 Clinic cost
  - 17 Golfer Trevino
  - 18 Airport car
  - 20 Lusty look
  - 21 Gasp, perhaps
  - 22 Bookie's concern
  - 23 Inclines
  - 25 Galley worker
  - 28 Garden pests
  - 31 Battle group
  - 32 Trio of myth
  - 34 Use deceit
  - 35 Director's cry
  - 36 "King" Cole
  - 37 Deadly foe
  - 40 Singer John
- DOWN**
- 1 Put off
  - 2 Pencil part
  - 3 Francis of TV
  - 4 Trumpeter Elgart
  - 5 Stable mother
  - 6 French pal
  - 7 Staggered
  - 8 Poor
  - 9 European vipers
  - 11 Mar
  - 14 Was deeply
  - 19 Loquacious
  - 20 Chump
  - 24 Like the German "das"
  - 25 Placated amount
  - 26 Red-and-black bird
  - 27 Mario Puzo book
  - 29 Cash
  - 30 Sailor
  - 33 Flair
  - 35 Soup buys
  - 38 Ship ping
  - 39 Bolt connector

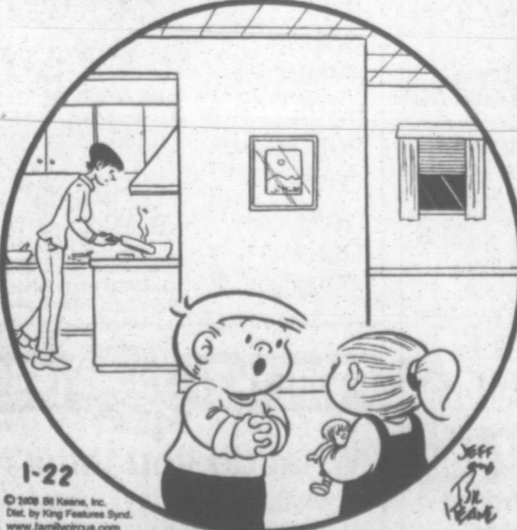


## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

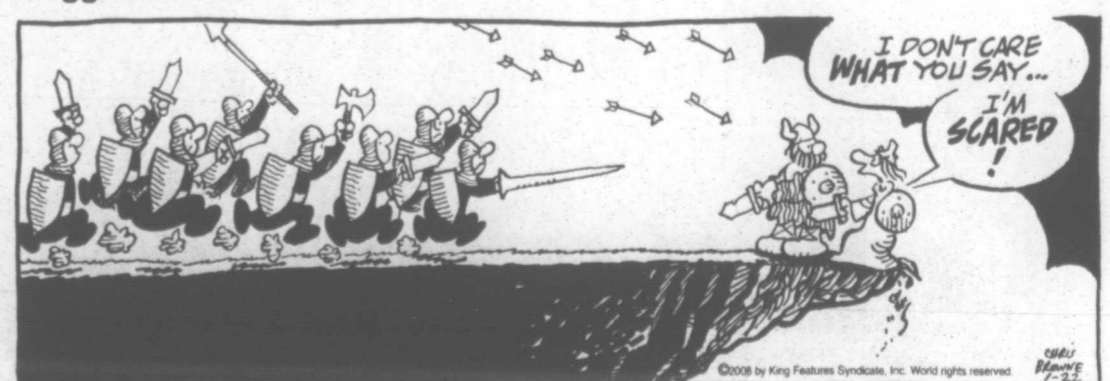
By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



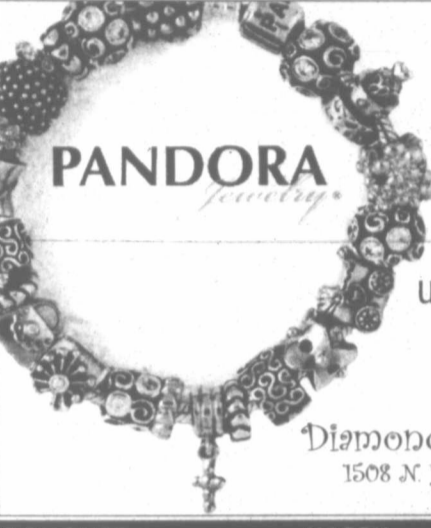






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