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## Tax freeze discussion on July 1 agenda

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Jim Brashears asked the Gray County Commission to put a property tax freeze for citizens over 65 years old on next November's ballot.

Earlier this year, the commission talked about the possibility of a tax freeze, but feared that it would shift more of the tax burden

on younger property owners and businesses.

In his request Monday morning at the commission's meeting, Brashears said that freezing the taxes on property owners 65 or older in the county would affect only 1,966 people.

While the U.S. Census Bureau shows the population of those 65 or older in the county as 17.7 percent, Brashears said that includes

those in nursing homes and apartments who are not subject to property taxes.

Gray County Appraisal District figures indicate that property owners 65 or older in the county total only 11 percent.

Brashears said the impact to county tax revenues would be only about 0.4 percent, or about \$75,000.

Brashears asked that the coun-

ty commission put the question of freezing property taxes on the ballot of the general election in November.

Under Texas Proposition 13, the Freeze Property Taxes Act, an amendment to the Texas Constitution that garnered 81 percent of the statewide vote in 2003, counties, cities and junior college

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## TWO FIRES IN TWO DAYS



## Fire damages auto repair business

BY LESLI ABBOTT  
 labbott@thepampanews.com

A local business owner has reason to be very grateful to the departments that provide emergency services in the Pampa area.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Dennis Ellis was patrolling the area of Price road and Highway 152 Monday night about 11:25 p.m. when he noticed a large amount of smoke coming from the building of Southwest Collision Repair. He called dispatch and at 11:33 p.m.,

Pampa Fire Department responded with four units and eight personnel to the location.

Lieutenant Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's office said Tuesday morning, "We are very proud of Deputy Ellis and his quick response to the situation, Hoard said. "He is responsible for catching the fire early enough to prevent the fire from spreading to the remainder of the

**FIRE** cont. on page 3

staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**

Firefighters responded to a blaze at 1032 Charles Tuesday evening that may have been intentionally set. Fire Marshall Michael Ryan said that witnesses indicated they saw two white males in a white SUV near the residence about five minutes before they saw smoke coming from the home. If you have any information regarding this incident, call Fire Marshall Michael Ryan, 669-5800. The home was also the scene of a January 18, 2008 fire that took the life of 91 year-old Connie Faye Pipkin.

## 6th annual Mud Bog is Saturday

BY BETSY PHILLIPS  
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If you want to have some good clean fun watching others get really dirty, Recreation Park is the place to be this Saturday.

The High Plains Off-road club is presenting their sixth annual mud bog.

High Plains president Nick Harvill is proud to say it's the largest event of its kind in the area. Last year 98 contestants entered the bog.

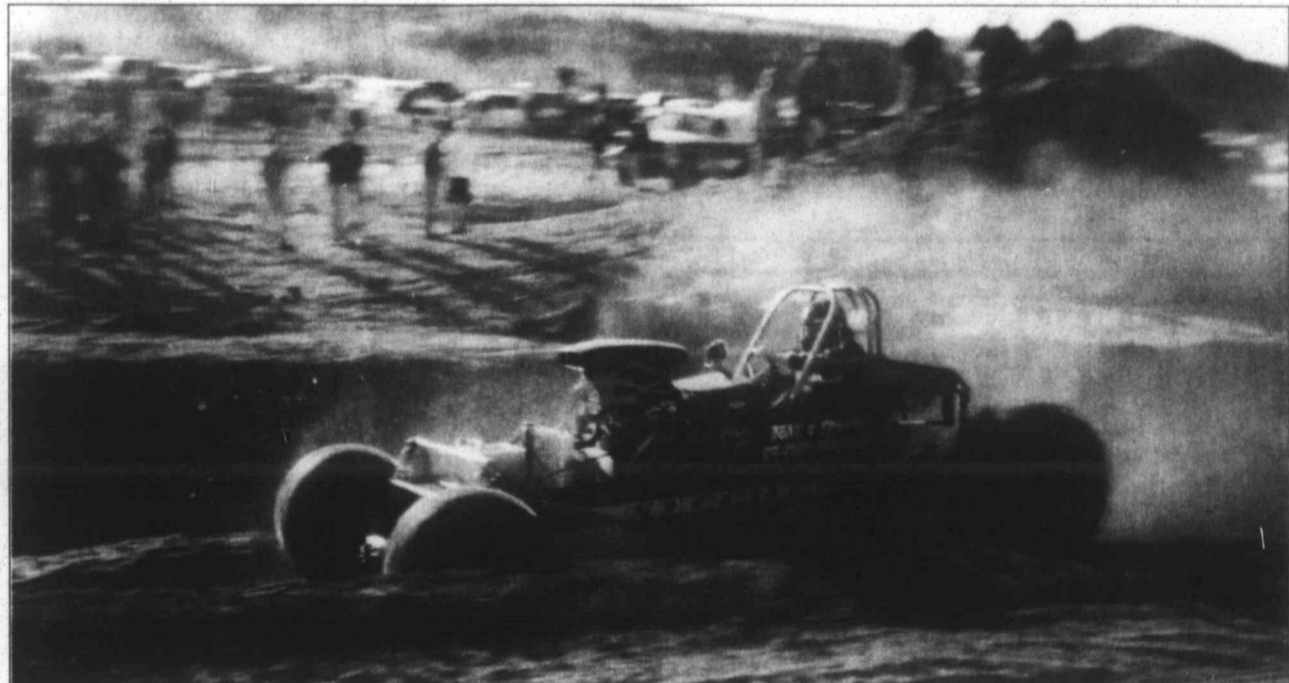
The technical check begins at 7 a.m., with races at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$30. There will be nine classes, with trophies through third place.

Admission is free.

The proceeds usually go to scholarships for local vocational students, but this year the club has a special goal.

One of their members, "Catfish" Kennedy died last year. "He has no tombstone," Harvill explained and any money we make beyond that will go to a trust for his two boys.

There will be a benefit dance, beginning at 9 p.m.



Submitted photo

The sixth annual Mud Bog will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at the rodeo grounds in Recreation Park.

Saturday night at the Lone Star dance hall, with the Steven Lewis Band from Panhandle performing. Those proceed will go to the same purpose.

"The club never keeps a dime of the proceeds, according to Harvill. There will be no side-by-side racing this year. The races will be timed events— if racers get that far.

"It's a four-foot deep pit," Harvill explained. "We will measure how far they get through it. Then if the cars start making it all the way through, we'll time them." Each racer will make two runs.

The Lefors Boosters and Community Day Care will have concession booths at the event and there will be face painting and giveaways. The Cancer Society will have snow cones for sale.

Harvill said Prestige Auto Body is providing all the trophies for the bogs, and West Texas Landscape is donating the digging of the pit.

"We've got a great group of guys," Harvill said.

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High 94 Low 70	High 89 Low 66	High 86 Low 62

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

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## Obituaries

### Betty B. Nichols, 83

Pampa— Betty B. Nichols, 83, died June 17, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

### Georgia Johnson, 87

Pampa— Georgia Johnson, 87, died June 16, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009, at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson was born February 19, 1922 in Merkel. She was the valedictorian of the 1940 graduating class of Lefors High

School. She attended Texas Tech University, Wayland Baptist University, and graduated from West Texas State University in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in business. She married Maynard Johnson on February 8, 1946 in Pampa. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. Georgia was an insurance agent for Fraser Insurance for over 40 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Altrusa International.

Survivors include her husband, Maynard Johnson of the home, one son, Paul Maynard Johnson of Pampa, two daughters; Suzanne Hudman of Post and Julie Henry of Houston, two brothers; Kenneth Browning of Puyallup, Washington and Fred Browning of Lovington, New Mexico, one sister, Joy Hurst of Stillwater, Oklahoma, eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.



Johnson

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### Billy K. "Bill" Potts, 74

Pampa— Billy K. "Bill" Potts, 74, died June 16, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Potts was born March 12, 1935 in Paradise, Texas to Joseph Tatman Potts and Anna Atkins Potts. He was a 1953 graduate of Paradise High School and received a B.S. degree from TCU in 1958. He later received an M. Ed. Degree in 1971 from West Texas State University. He was an algebra and math teacher for 25 years, including years at Pampa Junior High, Robert

E. Lee Junior High and Pampa High School. At Pampa High School, Bill was student council sponsor for 6 years and finished his career as chairman of the math department. He also coached junior high basketball for several years. He married Jane Cheyne on June 1, 1961 in Amarillo and they have lived in Pampa for more than 30 years. He was a life member of NEA and TSTA where he worked as a regional consultant for 8 years in Plainview. Bill was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and was a veteran of the

U. S. Army and Texas National Guard for 6 years.

Survivor include his wife, Jane Potts of the home, a son, Parrish Kelley Potts and wife Kathryn of Heath, Texas, four grandchildren; John Brennan, Michael, Andrew, and Caroline Potts, all of Heath, a brother, Bob Potts and wife Mary of Paradise and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

**MEMORIALS:** First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas



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## Emergency Services

### SHERIFF

Continued from Tuesday

Jennifer Nichole Jones, 18, of McLean, was arrested for no valid drivers license.

Henry Palacios, Jr., 34, of Pampa, was arrested for no valid drivers license.

Kimberlie Dawn Mouser, 26, of Pampa, was arrested on a warrant for violation of

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the period of 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 16 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17.

**Tuesday**  
 Candace May Velasquez, 19, of Pampa, was arrested on a warrant for running a stop sign, no valid drivers license and failure to appear.

Leslie Derle Mize, 47, of Lefors, was arrested on a warrant for injury to an elderly person, aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon.

Detria Ray-Don McIntosh, 31, of Canadian, was arrested on a fugitive warrant.

Johnny Lee Roe, 19, of Pampa, was arrested for theft under \$50, failure to appear, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ricky Winfred Nation, 50, of Chandler, Tx, was arrested and sentenced for driving while intoxicated.

Jeanette Ann Young, 49, of Pampa, was arrested on a warrant for terroristic threat.

### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period from 7 a.m. Monday, June 15 to 7 a.m. Wednesday June 16.

**Monday**  
 6:08 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo and transported one patient to a residence in the 2700

block of Navajo.

11:42 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the intersection of FM 2300 and Davis road, no transportation was necessary.

3:47 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1400 block of west Somerville, no transportation was necessary.

**Tuesday**  
 8:19 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut and transported one patient to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

8:54 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 100 block of south Russell and transported one patient to PRMC.

11:54 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to North West Texas Hospital.

1:47 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the intersection of Price road and Highway 60, no transportation was necessary.

3:29 p.m.—An MICU

unit responded to the 1100 block of Neal Road and transported one patient to PRMC.

3:30 a.m.—AN MICU unit responded to the 600 block of Bradley and transported one patient to PRMC.

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, June 15 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17.

**Monday**  
 Animal control officers responded to 20 calls or stops.

Police officers made six traffic stops. Officers responded to four requests for information.

A total of seven follow up investigations are ongoing.

An automobile accident **EMERGENCY** cont. on page 4

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## COLOR GUARD



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Members of VFW #1657 presented the colors for the Burnin' of the Bricks in June last weekend. Representing the United States Marine Corps was M/Sgt Dennis Boyd, the United States Army, Sgt Rick Dunn, the United States Coast Guard, Seaman First Class Gene Jeffers, the Navy and Army, Sgt E-7 Clayton Lock, The United States Navy, E-2 George Poole, the United States Army, SP-4 Dannie Miller, the United States Army Cpl Tommy Hester, and carrying the U.S. flag and representing the United States Navy, Chief Petty Officer William Mann.

## Freeze

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districts can freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

Brashears said that vot-

ers in the City of Pampa had passed the measure on an 87 percent vote. He said Potter and Randall County by a similar margin.

County Judge Richard

Peet indicated the measure would be on the commissions' agenda for their next meeting, Wednesday, July 1.

## Fire

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building." Pampa Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham said was proud of the firefighters on scene. "The guys did and excellent job. They knocked the fire down within just a few minutes."

Jim Schoonover co-owner of the business, said, "The fire was contained to one paint booth and only one vehicle sustained minor damage." The building is insured. Southwest Collision was

open for business as usual Tuesday morning. The Pampa Fire Department stayed on the scene until 1:05 a.m. No injuries were reported.

## 2 girls put on wrong Continental flights

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines said Tuesday it has taken steps to ensure that proper procedures are followed after two unaccompanied girls were placed on wrong Continental Express flights over the weekend.

An 8-year-old College Station girl erroneously ended up in Fayetteville, Ark., and a 10-year-old Massachusetts girl was mistakenly sent to Newark, N.J., after boarding planes operated by ExpressJet, which is under contract with Continental.

On Sunday, Jonathan Kamens said he put his daughter, Miriam, on a Cleveland-bound flight at

Logan Airport in Boston to visit her grandparents. Shortly after the plane landed in Ohio, his father-in-law called saying she had not arrived.

Kamens said for 45 minutes no one could tell him where his daughter was. She was finally located unharmed in Newark.

Kamens said the number of people who failed to do their jobs is "mindboggling."

Continental spokeswoman Kelly Cripe said in an e-mailed statement that in both instances flights with different destinations were being loaded at the same time from the same doorway and there was mis-

communication among staff members.

"In both circumstances the children were supervised throughout the entire process," Cripe said in the statement.

Kamens said on his blog that the airline offered him a \$75 refund.

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## Bog

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"They're all Pampa guys and I think we're doing a good job of bringing people into town, as well as providing some good clean

fun in Pampa." There has been a rumor that this will be the last year for the mud bogs. Harvill was surprised. He

said it is absolutely not true. "As long as the city will let us dig a hole, we're going to keep this going," Harvill said.

## Mega Millions jackpot grows to \$57 mil

ATLANTA (AP) — Without a big winner in the latest drawing, the Mega Millions multistate lottery game has rolled over its grand prize to \$57 million.

No player matched all the winning numbers to win the \$46 million jackpot Tuesday. The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night.

Although there was no grand prize winner, four tickets were worth second prizes of \$250,000. None were sold in Texas. Another 31 prizes, including one in Texas, won third prizes of \$10,000 each.

The winning numbers from Tuesday were: 9, 15, 21, 26 and 45. The Mega Ball number was 25.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 30, 2009 in Pampa ISD Administration Office, Carver Center, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.04000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.29500/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget	
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:	
Maintenance and operations	2.24% increase
Debt service	(0.45)% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.95% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)		
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,296,255,755	\$1,305,331,577
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$11,017,199	\$13,497,410
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,083,009,134	\$1,091,331,248
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$11,017,199	\$13,497,410

\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(6), Tax Code.  
 \*\* New property is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness	
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$52,301,291	
* Outstanding principal	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04000	\$0.28500	\$1.32500	\$4,384	\$3,653
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.00976	\$0.29500	\$1.30476	\$4,410	\$3,751
Proposed Rate	\$1.04000	\$0.29500	\$1.33500	\$4,604	\$4,185

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.  
 The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay these bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$41,872	\$46,552
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$26,872	\$31,552
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.32500	\$1.33500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$356.05	\$421.22
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$65.17

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.0401.

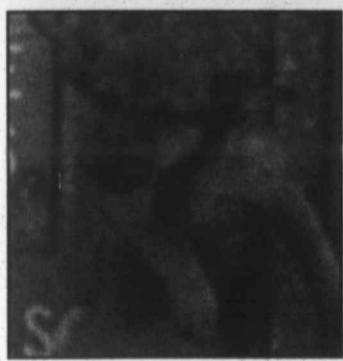
Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 17, the 168th day of 2009. There are 197 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:
- 1397 - Erik of Pomerania is crowned king of Norway, Denmark and Sweden in Kalmar, Sweden, marking the beginning of the Kalmar Union that unites the three countries until 1523.
  - 1567 - Mary Queen of Scots is imprisoned by Scottish rebels in Lochleven Castle in Scotland.
  - 1579 - Sir Francis Drake proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).
  - 1665 - Spanish are defeated by Portuguese and British at Montes Claros, and further victory at Villa Viciosa secures Portuguese independence.
  - 1698 - Peter the Great's foreign mercenaries scatter rebel Streltsy troops in Moscow.
  - 1701 - Sweden's King Charles XII relieves Riga from Russian occupation and subsequently invades Courland and Poland.

**'You may prove anything by figures.'**

— Thomas Carlyle, Scottish writer

- 1843 - Maoris revolt against British in New Zealand.
- 1848 - Austrian troops under Prince Windischgratz suppress Czech revolt in Prague.
- 1953 - Workers begin a strike against increased production quotas in East Germany. It later spreads through the country and is put

- down by Soviet troops.
  - 1967 - China explodes its first hydrogen bomb.
  - 1971 - United States and Japan sign agreement to restore island of Okinawa to Japan.
  - 1972 - Five men hired by the Republican Party are arrested while breaking in at the Democratic party headquarters in the Watergate building in Washington, D.C. The scandal ultimately leads to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.
  - 1991 - South Africa's parliament abolishes the last major apartheid law.
  - 1997 - Fighting erupts in Phnom Penh between police and bodyguards loyal to Cambodia's feuding prime ministers Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen. At least one is killed.
  - 1999 - Nelson Mandela bids farewell to the country he led into democracy and hands over power of South Africa to its second freely elected president, Thabo Mbeki.
  - 2001 - The 15-member European Union announces it will open its doors to new members from the formerly communist east by 2004.
  - 2002 - A judge rejects a request to move the trial of John Walker Lindh, a U.S. citizen who had joined Afghanistan's Taliban militia, from Virginia to his native California.
  - 2004 - Car bombers target Iraq's security services, killing at least 41 people and wounding at least 142, as Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz says Iraqi security forces are not yet ready to operate without U.S. military support.
- Today's Birthdays:
- Charles XII, soldier-king of Sweden (1682-1718); John Wesley, English founder of Methodism (1703-1791); Jon Sigurdsson, Icelandic statesman (1811-1879); Charles Gounod, French composer (1818-1893); Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer (1882-1971); M.C. Escher, Dutch artist (1898-1972); Barry Manilow, U.S. singer (1946--); Greg Kinnear, actor (1963--).

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## Analysis: Republicans accuse Obama of socialism

**TOM RAUM**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are lining up behind a pointed political attack line: President Barack Obama is nationalizing American industry and socializing medicine.

Drawing on the government's ownership stakes in auto giants, insurance companies and banks — and the billions of tax dollars at risk — the Republican Party is trying to develop wedge issues in the national debate over how to repair the economy and expand health insurance.

It's a strategy they hope will pay off in campaigns for Congress next year and, in the process, help rein in the Democratic president's outsized influence.

Democrats dismiss it as conservative sloganeering.

Outnumbered, Republicans are trying to tap into negative public attitudes toward "socialism" and taxpayer bailouts.

Government meddling in the private sector is "a bridge to socialism," asserts Republican Sen. James Inhofe. "It's time to get the government out of the bailout business once and for all," says House Republican leader John Boehner.

Demonstrators outside Obama appearances are waving signs denouncing his supposed embrace of "socialism."

The Republican Party is portraying the health care effort — which Obama has made a top priority — and government bailouts as two faces of what they portray as a dangerous burst of governmental activism by Obama and a supportive Democratic Congress.

No matter that the bailouts and nationalizations were begun under the Republican administration of George W. Bush. Or that the word "socialism" may not evoke the same degree of alarm among the public it once did, especially among younger voters.

Still, Republicans point to polls that show that Obama's handling of the economy isn't his strongest card, even though his overall approval ratings remain high.

Republicans have been doubling down on the strategy — used in the 2008 national election campaigns — that Democrats in general and Obama in particular are seeking to vastly expand government control over Americans' lives.

Republican consultant Frank Luntz, who wrote a

detailed strategy plan on the language of health care, suggests that Republicans use the term "Washington takeover." While vague, it "grabs attention," he says.

"The vast majority of Americans who like the health care they have risk losing it when a government-run system takes over," says Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

Although the government does provide health care coverage to the poor and elderly, most Americans have private insurance, usually provided by their employers. However, 50 million Americans don't have any health care insurance at all.

Obama ridicules the notion that he favors a step toward European-style socialism.

"When you hear people saying, 'socialized medicine,' understand I don't know anybody in Washington who is proposing that, certainly not me," he said at a town-hall meeting on health care.

"Socialized medicine would mean that the government would basically run all of health care. They would hire the doctors, they would run the hospitals. They would just run the whole thing. Great Britain

has a system of socialized medicine. Nobody is talking about doing that, all right?"

Obama is leaving it to Congress to take the lead in designing a health care plan. He has endorsed broad proposals, supported by many Democrats, to create a government-run health plan to compete with private insurers.

Republicans claim such a system would lead to government rationing and denial of care and could drive the private companies out of business.

Ross Baker, a political scientist at Rutgers University, said Republicans may be misreading how their evocations of "socialism" will resonate with the public.

"I really don't think fear of socialism is gripping Americans by the throat," Baker said. "I think there's a feeling in some ways that the government was asleep at the switch for the past eight years. I think people see steps taken by Obama as a healthy compensation for that inactivity."

Meanwhile, the administration is pushing back hard against Republican criticism over its activism in trying to combat the worst recession in decades.

## Emergency Services

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was reported at 109 south Ward and in the 2800 block of north Charles.

Fingerprints were taken in the 1100 block of north Hobart, in the lobby of the Pampa Police Department, and in the 1900 block of north Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of east Browning, in the 1400 block of north Russell, in the 2600 block of north Hobart, and in the 2100 block of north Lea street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of south Huff.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of north Lea street, in the 400 block of north Ballard, in the 2800 block of north Charles, in the 1000 block of west Wilks, in the 400 block of Kingsmill, and in the 100 block of south Faulkner.

A report of found property was made in the 2200 block of north Russell.

A report of lost property was reported in the lobby of the PPD.

A civil matter was reported in the lobby of the PPD.

A motorist assist was

made in the 200 block of north Naida.

Forgery was reported in the lobby of the PPD and in the 200 block of west twenty eighth where a fake \$20 bill was passed.

An harassing phone call was reported in the 1100 block of north Russell and in the 1600 block of north Fir.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 800 block of south Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 1800 block of north Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of east Atchison, in the 300 block of north Hobart, at the intersection of Starkweather and Foster, and in the 800 block of east Brunow.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of north Faulkner.

An assault was reported in the 200 block of south Miami.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of south Dwight and in the 2900 block of Rosewood Lane.

Tuesday Animal control officers responded to 16 calls or

stops.

Police officers made 11 traffic stops.

A total of five follow up investigations are ongoing. A report of lost property was made in the lobby of the PPD.

Officers responded to a request for information.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of south Christy and in the 100 block of south Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of north Ballard, at the intersection of Somerville and Cook street, in the 300 block of north Hobart, in the 1100 block of west Alcock, and in the 700 block of north Gray.

An agency assist was made in the 1000 block of east Kingsmill.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of north Dogwood.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of west Foster and in the 600 block of north Bradley.

Offense against family and children was reported in the 100 block of west Thirtieth.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block

of Wells.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of north Perry.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of south Christy.

A civil matter was reported in the 1500 block of north Russell.

A report of a threat was made in the lobby of PPD.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of north Somerville.

## FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call between 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 16 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17.

4:40 p.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to a medical call in the 700 block of N. Gray.

6:58 p.m.— Five units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire at 1032 N. Charles. anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan, 669-5800.

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**HOME COOLING BREAKTHROUGH:** Everyone wants to stay cool and save money on their energy bills. The Cool Surge has been confirmed to use just pennies of electricity a day. That makes it energy efficient, eco-friendly and a real steal at just two-hundred ninety-eight dollars and shipping because all those who beat the deadline by calling the National Toll Free Hotline at 1-866-428-2484 to order the first Cool Surge are actually getting their second one for free.

# Public staying cool for just pennies

## Free giveaway launches the home cooling breakthrough that uses about 96% less electricity than air conditioners

Just 48 hours remain to snatch up your second Cool Surge FREE; it easily rolls from room-to-room to quietly blast out cold air for just pennies a day and uses no windows, no vents and no freon

By R.K. BERRY  
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) - Everyone wants to keep cool this summer. But just turning on your air conditioner sucks the money right out of your pockets.

The Cool Surge® eco-friendly air cooler helps solve both problems. It blasts out ice cooled air but runs for just pennies a day. That's because it uses about 96% less electricity than a typical air conditioner.

And here's the best part, readers of this publication who beat the 48 hour deadline get one FREE when they order one, and cover shipping on each.

This is all happening to announce the Cool Surge portable air cooler that easily rolls from room-to-room so you can take the ice cooled air with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately turn down the air, save on their electric bill and beat the sweltering heat.

The Cool Surge uses the same energy as a light bulb, yet throws off ice cooled air to keep you cool all day and night. The potential energy savings are absolutely incredible.

During the day, keep it in your living room and at night, just roll it into your bedroom and

enjoy a cool, comfortable night's sleep.

The good news is the Cool Surge portable air cooler is not an air conditioner, so it only costs about a penny an hour to operate and it cools an average sized room up to ten degrees.

"Everyone can use this eco-friendly home cooling technology," says Christopher Gallow, Operations Director. "Air conditioners can cost thousands of dollars. And with a central air conditioner you are paying to cool areas of your home that you're not using. Window air conditioners are even worse because they weigh a ton so they're a hassle to move," confirms Gallow.

So at only two-hundred ninety-eight dollars and shipping, the Cool Surge is a real steal because if you beat the deadline, you'll get a second one free, just cover shipping.

The Cool Surge is as easy to use as a baby's vaporizer and it even comes with two sets of the reusable glacier ice blocks. That gives you a total of eight hours of extra cooling power.

"We can only afford to give away a free Cool Surge to everyone who beats the 48 hour deadline to order one because we've cut out the middleman. That's why you won't find the Cool Surge in the national chain stores," says Gallow.

"People everywhere will be racing to get one

and get their second one free. Our phones will be ringing off the hook," added Gallow.

"That's because owning a Cool Surge is like having your own personal shade follow you around your home," said Gallow.

Consumers have been wishing there was a way to take the coolness with them from room-to-room for decades. Now the Cool Surge portable air cooler makes it a snap.

It effortlessly rolls from room to room and is unbelievably lightweight. "But don't let its light weight fool you, this is one serious piece of equipment," added Gallow.

Getting the Cool Surge is the smart way to slash summer electric bills and still stay cool all summer long. And getting the second one free is like putting three hundred bucks in your

pocket.

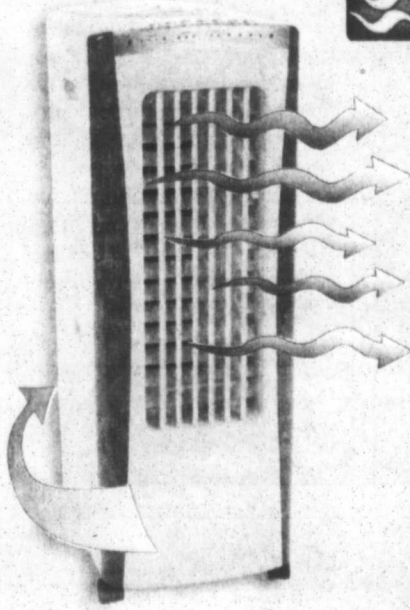
"We're bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone wants to save on their electric bills and stay cool this summer. But those that really want to save a ton will be telling our operators they want two and they'll get two free," said Gallow.

"So when the lines are busy keep trying or log onto [www.coolsurge.com](http://www.coolsurge.com). We promise to get every call. Then we'll have a delivery truck out to you in no time at all so you can stay cool and start saving on your energy bills right away," Gallow said.

"You'll instantly feel the ice cooled air in any room. You will never have to be hot and miserable again," he said.

On the worldwide web: [www.coolsurge.com](http://www.coolsurge.com)

### COOL SURGE® Portable Air Cooler



**HOW IT WORKS:** The Cool Surge portable air cooler is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced that no windows, vents or freon are required. It's as easy to use as a baby's vaporizer and even includes two sets of the reusable glacier ice blocks. That gives you a total of eight hours of extra cooling power. It uses the same electricity as a light bulb, yet it blasts out ice cooled air. The hi-efficiency motor cools the air in an average sized room up to ten degrees so you'll instantly feel cool and refreshed. The 3 cooling levels and auto shut off timer put all the comfort controls at your fingertips. It's so impressive that all transactions less shipping are backed by a full year limited warranty and a 30-day Satisfaction Guarantee.

## How to get your free Cool Surge

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48 hour deadline to order their Cool Surge portable air cooler get their second one free, just cover shipping on each.

They have imposed a strict limit of 2 free Cool Surges per household. Dealers will have to be turned away, but everyone else should be able to get all they need.

Use the map below to locate the weather zone you live in and call the Hotline number for your zone.



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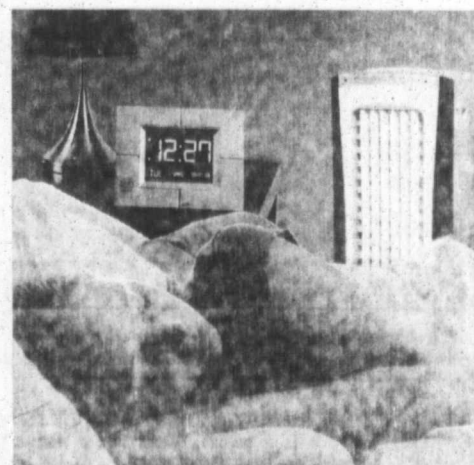
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# Comics

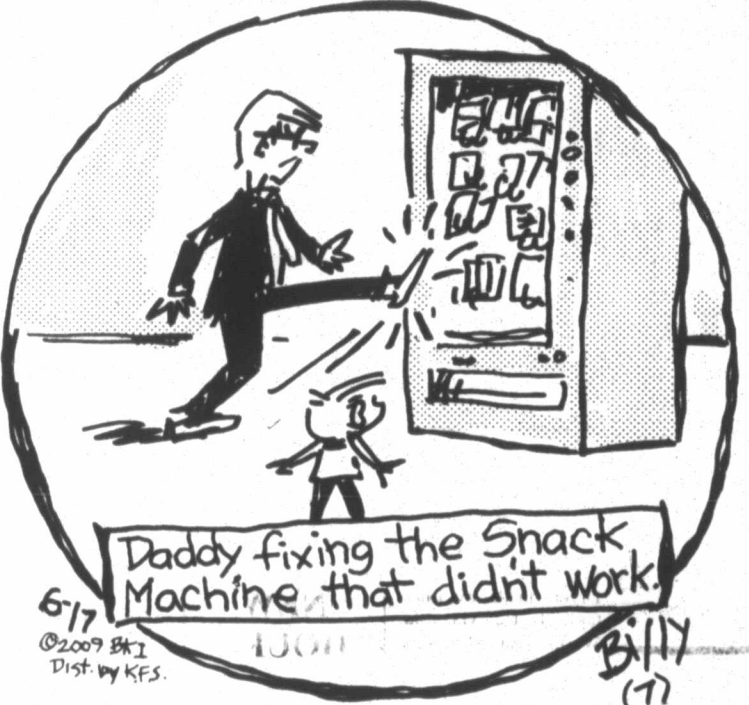
Marmaduke



"Can you keep a secret?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Seven-year-old Billy continues to fill in with his family observations.

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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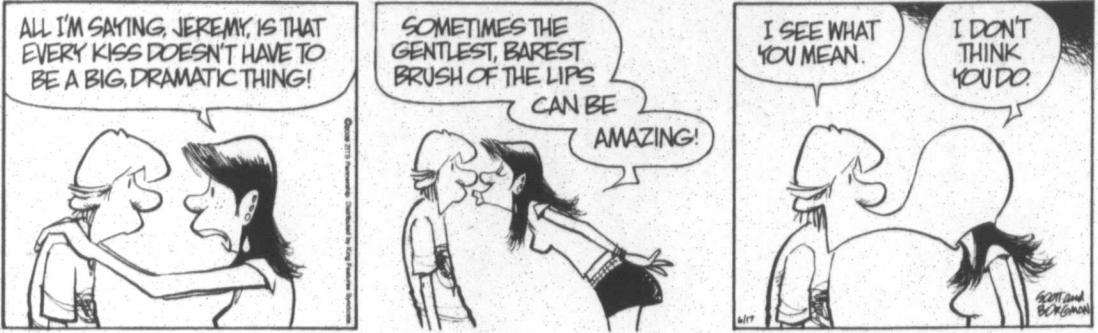
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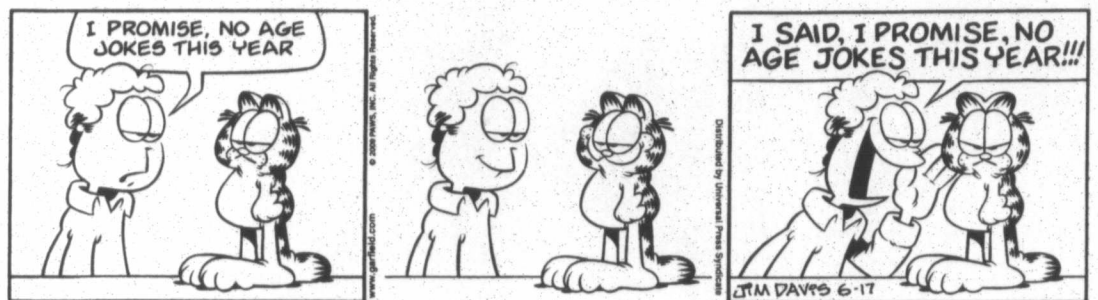
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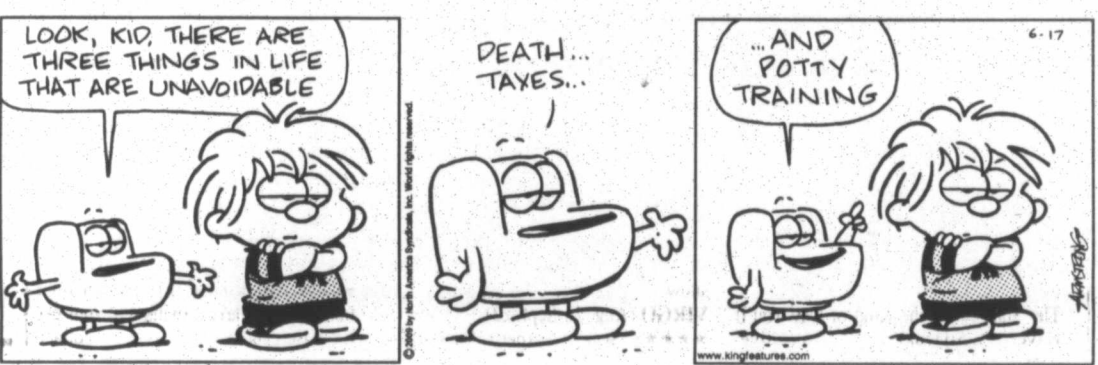
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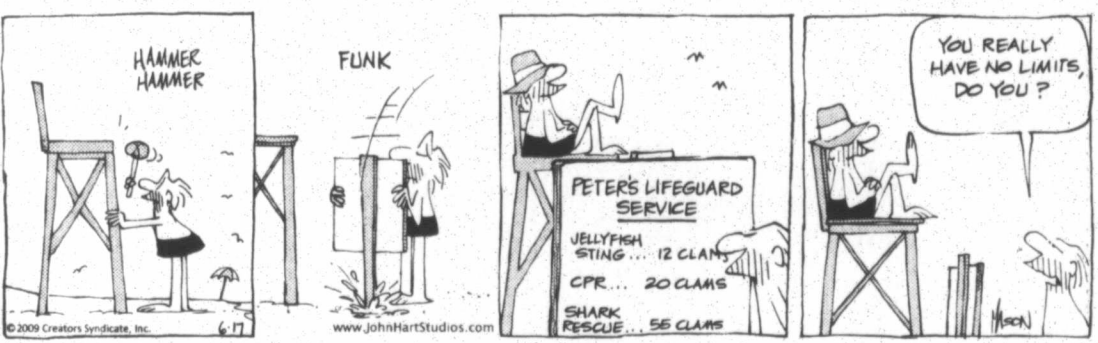
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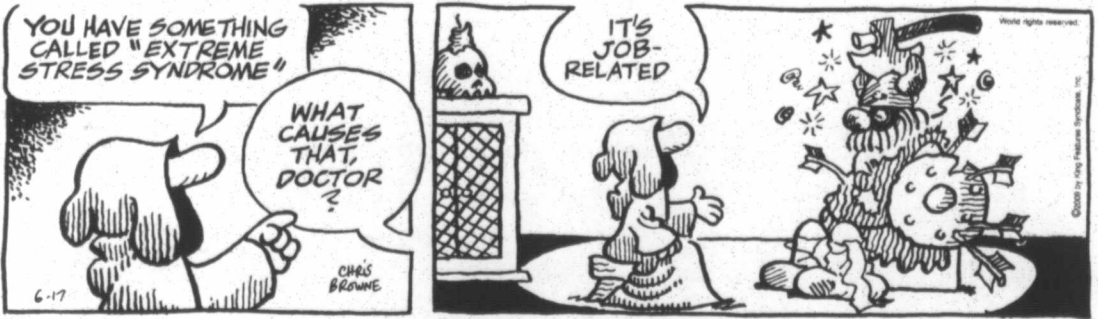
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Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends





## Rotary wins wild game over Glo-Valve 21-14

A sixth inning which featured 22 runs capped off a wild 21-14 win for Rotary Club over Glo-Valve Service in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League City Tournament Tuesday.

Rotary scored 12 runs in the top of the inning on 10 walks and five hits. Glo-Valve came back with 10 runs in the bottom of the inning on six walks and two hits.

Ethan Hunt, who pitched four and one-third innings for Rotary was credited with the win. He allowed two runs on two hits. He struck out 11 and walked one.

Cade Engle was hit by a pitch to lead off the top of the first inning for Rotary. Blayne Troxell's smash to left was knocked down in the infield. Hunt followed with a massive home run over the left center field wall. A walk to Julian Silva, singles by Andreas Losoya and Rance Tipps and a Glo-Valve error gave Rotary a 4-0 lead.

Glo-Valve got one of the runs back in the bottom of the first. Aaron Allen singled, stole two bases and scored on a passed ball.

With one out in the second inning, Troxell and Hunt singled.

Luis Chavaez was safe on an error which scored Troxell. Aaron McKinney singled home Hunt, and Silva doubled to bring in Chavez making the score 7-1.

In Glo-Valve's half of the second, Casey Martindale drew a walk and stole two bases. He scored when Chance Douglas' sacrifice fly was dropped. Douglas stole two bases and came home on an error to narrow the score to 7-3.

Rotary added another run in the third on a walk to Losoya, a stolen base and Tipps' second hit.

Glo-Valve got the run back in the bottom of the fourth. Douglas walked, stole two bases and scored a second time on an error.

Rotary led after four innings 8-4.

Silva walked to start the top of the fifth for Rotary. He took third when Losoya was safe on an error and scored on a ground out by Tipps to give Rotary a 9-4 lead.

Rotary sent 18 batters to the plate in the top of the sixth inning. Engle and

Troxell walked and singled and scored twice. Hunt reached base on an error and singled while scoring twice. Chavez walked and singled and scored once. McKinney walked and scored. Silva and Losoya walked twice and scored once. Tipps doubled, walked and scored.

Aron Avila walked and scored. Glo-Valve countered with 12 batters in their half of the sixth.

Ryan Powell led off with a home run high over the left center field fence. He later walked. Gaines walked. Erick Kuehne walked twice and scored once. Martindale, Douglas and J. T. Skinner reached base on errors and scored. Colton Thompson walked and scored. Allen was safe on a fielder's choice and scored. Jason Velasquez scored after getting on base with a single.

Hunt was the leading hitter for Rotary. He had a homerun and two singles. He scored four times and had three RBI. Troxell also had three hits for Rotary. He tallied four times and had two RBI. Tipps also contributed three hits to

Rotary's offensive efforts. He scored once and had four RBI.

Allen, with two hits and two runs scored paced Glo-Valve.

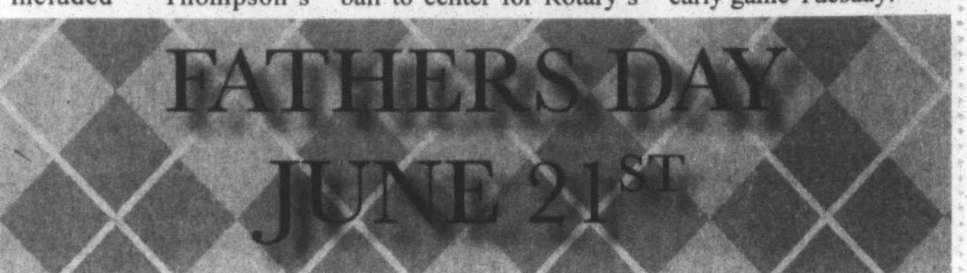
Powell caught two runners trying to steal for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive plays. Other outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Valve included Thompson's

throwing a runner out trying to take second on an overthrow, Powell's hustling into right field to get a ball and nab a runner straying off first, Hill's throwing a runner out at home and Martindale's throwing a runner out trying to stretch a double into a triple.

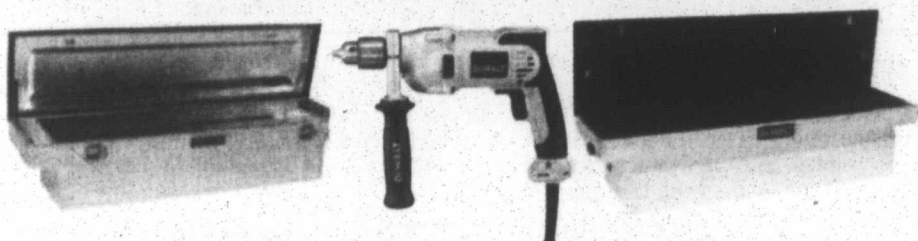
Silva grabbed a high fly ball to center for Rotary's

outstanding defensive effort.

Glo-Valve will play Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Thursday at 7 p.m. for the right to play Rotary for the city championship on Friday in the double-elimination tournament. DFB defeated Cabot Corporation 15-5 in the early game Tuesday.

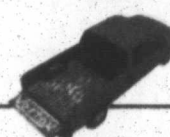


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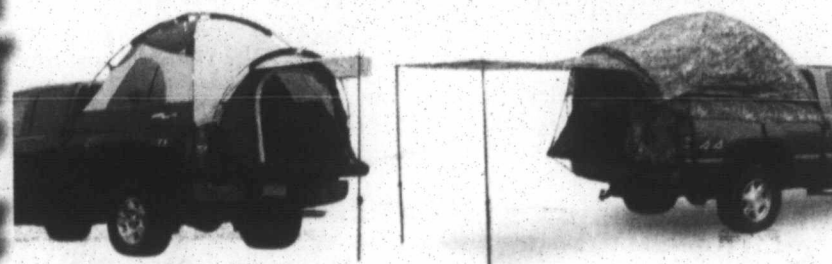


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### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend, "Travis," and I are having a disagreement. When I get home around 5 p.m. I lock the door behind me, especially when I'm home alone. Travis gets home between 4:40 and 8 p.m.

If I arrive first, he gets upset that he must unlock the door because he often takes his laptop and other things to and from work. I told him I don't feel comfortable leaving my door unlocked when I'm here by myself. I try to get to the door to let him in if I hear him outside, but I'm usually too slow.

Travis believes I am just insecure and think the worst of the world around me. He says I am choosing my irrational feelings over upsetting him. I told him if the alternative was for me

to be robbed, raped or murdered, then I would hope his having to use his key every day would be worth it. I know it's unlikely that anything will happen to me, but it only takes one time.

Abby, am I paranoid or can you help me convince Travis of the importance of locking the door, especially when I am home alone? -- SAFETY CONSCIOUS IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR SAFETY CONSCIOUS: I wish I could count the times I have turned on the evening news and heard someone say after yet another bloody tragedy: "But we live in a safe neighborhood. These kinds of things never happen here!" And how many times have we all heard the police issue a warning to the community to keep

your doors and windows locked?

Of course you're not paranoid. You are acting responsibly. Unfortunately, your boyfriend is so self-centered he would rather jeopardize your safety than have his key ready when he gets out of his car. Bottom line: Either he adjusts his attitude or you should seriously consider upgrading the quality of the men in your life.

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