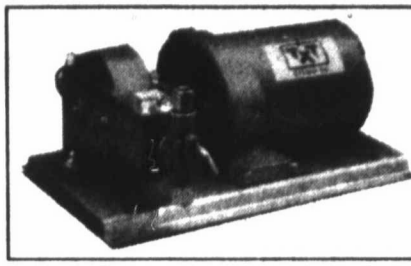


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PHS sets meetings on state report card

Two meetings for Pampa High School parents to discuss the state school report card and to answer any questions about the high school's testing or education plan have been set for Thursday, Jan. 15.

One meeting is set for 11 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m., Thursday. Both meetings will be conducted in the PHS library.

DEATHS

Karen Sue Belt, 52, services pending.
Katie Haney, 99, retired school teacher.
Robert L. McDonald, 80, Church of Christ minister.
Fred E. Urbanczyk, 86, rancher, businessman.

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Child found asleep by leaking tank

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

One thing often leads to another, as Pampa police officers can confirm. In this case, a warrant for injury to a child led officers to a residence where they discovered a child sleeping within 12 feet of a tank leaking anhydrous ammonia.

Four officers arrived at 1112 Lincoln at about 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, to serve the warrant, and became suspicious of the behavior of

the persons present at the house.

The officers gained permission to enter the home, "as it was believed persons were hiding in the house," according to a police department news release, and saw drug paraphernalia.

A 4-year-old boy was found sleeping in a bedroom at the back of the house. A pressure-type tank was found in a closet less than 12 feet from the child. The tank contained anhydrous ammonia and was leaking.

All subjects were evacuated from the home, and Pampa Fire Department

was called to secure the tank. Child Protective Services was called and a representative was at the scene. The child was released to a relative, police said.

Misty Dawn Pritchard, 31, 1112 Lincoln, was arrested and taken to Gray County Jail, where she was booked in at about 2:50 p.m. Friday for a warrant on a charge of injury to a child, along with charges of possession or transportation of anhydrous ammonia and possession of a dangerous drug. She remains in jail as of press

time today in lieu of \$7,000 bond, set at \$3,000 each on the charges of injury to a child and possession or transportation of anhydrous ammonia, both felonies, and \$1,000 on the charge of possession of a dangerous drug, a misdemeanor.

A member of the Amarillo narcotics task force joined the Pampa officers at the house during the activity Friday. Officers involved in serving the warrant and subsequent events were Tommy Pickering, Seth Chittavong. (See TANK, Page 3)

Traffic stop leads to lab

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A traffic stop led to discovery of an alleged methamphetamine manufacturing lab in the 1200 block of South Hobart last Thursday night.

At about 11 p.m. Jan. 8, a Gray County sheriff's deputy asked for assistance from Pampa Police Department officers during a traffic stop in the 1200 block of South Hobart. The officers arrived at the location and detected a pungent odor similar to ether mixed with anhydrous ammonia. Both chemicals are elements in the manufacture of methamphetamine and are very volatile, according to a news release by Lt. Fred Courtney, program coordinator of Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers.

Officers believed the odor

was coming from a house at 1244 S. Hobart, and, having probable cause to believe hazardous chemicals were venting at that location, asked for assistance from Pampa Fire Department. Firefighters arrived and used equipment designed to detect hazardous chemicals. Based on their investigation, firefighters determined that there was a significant risk of the chemicals venting into the neighborhood, and declared the scene a hazardous materials site. They then secured the residence, which was reportedly occupied by two men at the time.

Police officers discovered additional evidence that led them to believe an active meth lab was operating inside the residence. They obtained a search warrant which was executed jointly by police

(See LAB, Page 3)

Workin' on the railroad tracks



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Sparks fly as Jason Turney of Springfield, Mo., repairs a switch turnout on the railroad tracks just west of the Starkweather Street crossing this morning. The turnout had a horizontal crack which required welding and grinding, according to Turney's co-worker, Randall Young of Groom, not shown.

IBP trial could change way cattle sold

By DAVID BOWSER
FOR THE PAMPA NEWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- Opening statements were expected to begin this afternoon in a class action lawsuit that could change the way cattle in the Texas Panhandle and other parts of the country are bought and sold.

In a class action lawsuit that could include as many as 35,000 plaintiffs, cattlemen are accusing IBP beef packers (now Tyson Fresh Meats, a subsidiary of Tyson Foods) of using its marketing muscle to hold cattle

prices down.

Six cattlemen initially filed suit in 1996 accusing IBP, the country's largest beef packer, of manipulating the cattle market to the packer's advantage. The case has since ballooned into a class action suit involving cattlemen and feedyards who sold cattle to IBP between Feb. 1, 1994 and Oct. 31, 2002.

The case is being heard by U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom in federal court in Alabama because one of the initial plaintiffs lives in the state.

"The outcome of this case will directly affect everyone who sells fed

cattle in this country," said David Domina, the lead attorney for the cattlemen suing IBP. "Our goal is to change the way cattle are marketed industry wide."

The plaintiffs are calling for an end to packer ownership of cattle, an end to long-term packer contracts with producers and for bidding on cattle in an open market.

IBP officials said such changes would limit the sales of cattle, damage the meat-packing industry and raise retail beef prices.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said that damages could total more than \$2 bil-

lion, about 10 percent of Tyson's 2003 sales. Half of Tyson Foods' revenue comes from the sale of beef.

Domina, a Omaha, Neb., attorney representing the cattlemen, is also suing Cargill's Excel Corp. and Swift & Co. the second and third largest beef packers in the country on similar grounds.

The complex case is based on the Stockyards and Packers Act. Congress passed the act in 1921 as an antitrust move when five major packers controlled about two-thirds of the market.

(See TRIAL, Page 3)

City commissioners face full agenda on Tuesday

Pampa City Commissioners will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the second floor commission chamber of City Hall.

Action items listed on the agenda include the following:

- schedule for U.S. Highway 60 clean-up;
- resolution denying rate relief requested by Atmos Energy;
- declaring firearms surplus property and authorizing proper disposition;
- a proposed agreement regarding the R.L. Franklin Project at Lovett Memorial Library;
- list of bills dated Nov. 30, 2003, in the amount of \$552,701.61; and

• bids of \$100 each from J.D. Mullens for delinquent tax properties at 520 S. Barnes and 514-516 S. Barnes.

An executive session is scheduled to discuss property acquisition and municipal court judge appointment.

The city manager is scheduled to give a report on a request from the city of Lubbock to purchase unused water allocation for next year, the personnel policy, and a GFOA Certificate of Achievement.

John Horst, city finance director, plans to give an update on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Panhandle Revenue Recovery Association.

Bush, Fox push to mend strained relationship at Americas summit

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox's meeting, just days after the White House announced a new U.S. immigration initiative, is a chance for the two leaders to mend their strained relationship — and earn political capital as well.

Bush annoyed Fox when he put immigration reform on the back burner after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Their relationship further soured when Mexico failed to back the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

But the two were expected to be smiling — at least for the cameras — when they met Monday in Monterrey, Mexico, at the Summit of the Americas, a gathering of 34 democratically elected leaders in the Western Hemisphere.

"Fox has an opportunity to hail the Bush immigration proposal as a political victory, given that he has been asking for an immigration agreement since day one," said Armand Peschard-Sverdrup, director of the Mexico project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "I think to some extent, Bush will use it as a photo-op for reaching out to the Hispanic voters."

Amid the congenial handshakes will be disagreements. Latin American nations butted heads with the United States until nearly dawn Sunday in failing to agree on several points of a draft document to be debated at the two-day summit.

The United States wants the draft to (See SUMMIT, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

KAREN SUE BELT 1951-2004

Karen Sue Belt, 52, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Belt was born March 7, 1951, in Pampa. She had been a resident of the Pampa area all of her life. She was a graduate of Lefors High School. She married Harlen M. Belt on Jan. 1, 1970, in Lefors. She was a member of the WMU and Aderholt Bible Study. She was a Special Olympics supporter, a volunteer for the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, Special Friend Camp, and Vacation Bible School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was involved with Missions work with the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harlen M. Belt, of the home; two daughters, Kyla K. Andres and husband Lance, and Anna L. Laury, all of Pampa; her mother, Ruby L. Stanton of Pampa; one grandson, Andrew H.C. Laury of



Pampa; nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her father, W. Clark Stanton.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Potter/Randall Chapter, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, Texas, 79159, or the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, Texas, 79066-2808.

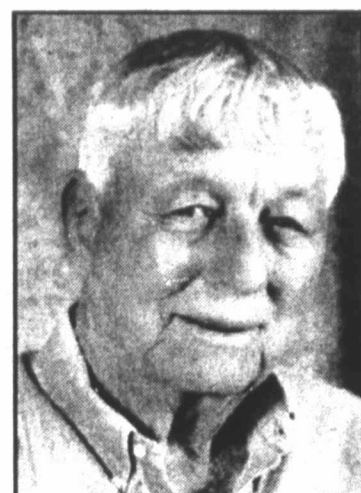
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FRED E. URBANCZYK 1917-2004

WHITE DEER - Fred E. Urbanczyk, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Urbanczyk was born on March 29, 1917 in White Deer where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Collene Heying on Aug. 19, 1950. She preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 1998. Mr. Urbanczyk was a longtime farmer and rancher in Carson County and owned a boat and marine store in White Deer for several years. He and his brother, Henry, were co-owners of Grand Petroleum in Pampa for many years before his retirement. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer, and he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant, and serving at the Battle of the Bulge.

Survivors include one daughter, Jaqueta Urbanczyk of Amarillo; one son, Rocky



Urbanczyk and wife Brenda of Plano; two brothers, Henry Urbanczyk of Groom and Willie Urbanczyk of White Deer; and one grandson, Layne Urbanczyk of Plano.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065, or to The Kade Hefner Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o First Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 67, White Deer, Texas, 79097.
- Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

KATIE HANEY 1904-2004

WREN, Miss. - Katie Lee Butler Haney, 99, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Gilmore Memorial Hospital in Armory, Miss., after an extended illness. Services were to be at 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Tranquil United Methodist Church with the Rev. Hugh Griffith and the Rev. Andrea Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Tranquil Cemetery in Wren, Miss., with E.E. Pickle Funeral Home of Armory in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Haney was born March 1, 1904, in Royce City, Texas, to W.O. and Maggie Butler. She married C. Bailey Haney on June 4, 1949, in Pampa, Texas; he died March 6, 1979. She has been a resident of Wren since 1988. She was a retired school teacher, teaching in Collinsworth, Carson and Gray counties in Texas. Most of that time was with the

Pampa, Texas, school system. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Pampa and an active member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. She was a member of Tranquil United Methodist Church in Wren.

Survivors include two sons, Wesley Coleman Haney of Vernon and Marvin York Haney of Wren, Miss.; one daughter, Etta Frances Roman of Houston, Texas; one sister, Virginia Reese of Harbor City, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Memorials may be given to Tranquil United Methodist Church, Attn: Barbara McGee, 20074 Whatley Rd., Aberdeen, Miss., 39730; or Tranquil Cemetery, c/o John Allen, 20507 McAllister Rd., Okolona, Miss., 38860.

ROBERT L. MCDONALD 1923-2004

ROWLETT - Robert Leon McDonald, 80, formerly of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, in Rowlett. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Benchley Church of Christ. Scott Finley, Jesse Jenkins and Joe Harding, Church of Christ ministers, officiated with burial in Rest-Ever Memorial Park in Bryan. Arrangements were under the direction of Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan.

Mr. McDonald was born in Vernon on Sept. 29, 1923, to Karl Green and Mattie Ellen McDonald. He graduated from the Vernon

High School. He was a Church of Christ minister, preaching at many congregations throughout Texas. He lived in Benchley and Brazos County since 1989. He was a retired minister and former preacher and member of the Benchley Church of Christ. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo McDonald.

Survivors include three daughters, Janet Hunt of Garland, Karla Bouman of Flint, and Connie Peden of Quinlan; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

An assist with a combative subject and transport to hospital occurred in the 1300 block of Somerville.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Theft of a bicycle was reported in the 500 block of West Montague. Estimated loss was under \$50.

Friday, Jan. 9

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace. The vehicle was locked, and nothing was missing. The suspect attempted to remove a stereo unsuccessfully, causing approximately \$200 in damage.

Injury to a child was investigated in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Miami. Prescription medication was taken. Value of loss was unknown.

Narcotic drug law violations were reported in the 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Prostitution was reported in the 800 block of West McCullough. Teri Ferguson, 30, Lefors, and Charles Sexton, 51, 213 S. Tignor, were arrested in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 400 block of Pitts. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was not listed in the report.

Criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood. Syrup was poured onto a pickup. Make and model of vehicle, and amount of damage, was unknown.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. A wallet was reported stolen out of a vehicle. Estimated loss was \$30.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis. A motorcycle was taken from a garage. Method of entry was unknown. Estimated loss was \$250.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. A window was broken out of a vehicle, for an estimated loss of \$300.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 2500 block of Aspen. The incident occurred at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A cell phone was taken, estimated loss of \$100.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. Entry was made by breaking out a window. A purse was taken. Amount of damage and loss is unknown.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Two cans of beer were taken, estimated loss of \$4.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton. The victim sustained minor injuries, including scratches. Angelica Granados, 30, 1534 Hamilton, was arrested in connection with the incident.

Burglary was reported at Taylor Mart, 600 block of Frederic. The front door was shattered, and beer and cigarettes were removed. Estimated loss and damage is \$976. The case has been forwarded to the criminal investigation division of the police department, and remains active.

Found property was reported in the lobby of the police department. A cellular phone was found in an alley.

Ivan Joseph Eblin, 18, 130 S. Sumner, was arrested on capias pro fines for expired motor vehicle registration, failure to appear, and no insurance.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, Jan. 10

4:10 p.m. - A 1998 Buick LeSabre, driven by Heather Elaine Wiley, 16, 2313 Dogwood Lane, and a 1999 Toyota Camry, driven by Mary Brumley Winegeart, 66, 613 N. Sumner, collided in the intersection of West Somerville and North Sumner. Winegeart was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by

Rural Metro Ambulance with possible injuries. Wiley was cited for failure to control speed and running a stop sign.

Sunday, Jan. 11

7 p.m. - A 1991 Buick Century, driven by Fern Turnbow, 91, 413 Doucette, collided with a legally parked 1994 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, owned by Charles Clement, Borgert, in the 2600 block of Rosewood. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Jan. 10

8:05 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived after it was determined to be a false alarm.

12:31 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the alley of the 700 block of Malone. The small fire was out on arrival.

1:58 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 200 block of North Wells.

4:50 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters

responded to a grass fire in the 600 block of South Cuyler. The fire had been caused by a person using a cutting torch.

6:17 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported vehicle fire in the 900 block of south Faulkner. A bale of hay in the back of a pickup had caught fire. The fire had been extinguished and the pickup had left by the time firefighters arrived.

10:27 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Sunday, Jan. 11

1:59 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a reported gas leak in the 2200 block of North Wells. Firefighters discovered a natural gas leak and notified Atmos Energy.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts to around 25 mph. Wednesday night,

partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

STATEWIDE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Good weather is forecast today and Tuesday over the state.

It will be colder beginning Thursday or Friday, with highs in the 40s and 50s statewide.

Chances of rain enter the forecast beginning midweek. No big rains or accumulations are expected, except for perhaps an inch or two in spots in Southeast Texas.

Sunday's high was 73 degrees at Laredo. The overnight low was 27 at

Dalhart. Only traces of rain were reported in Texas cities Sunday.

The West Texas forecast calls for highs in the upper 50s and 60s today and Tuesday. Some isolated rain is possible in southern and western areas today. Skies will be mostly cloudy early in the week, and should diminish some later this week. On Wednesday, temperatures will cool a little in the north. Thursday will be colder over the whole region, highs in the 40s and 50s, and these temperatures should last through at least Saturday. The west and south might see more isolated rain on Thursday and Friday. Winds should be light this week.

The South Texas forecast calls for highs in the 60s this week, except for highs in the 50s in Southeast Texas Thursday and Friday. Showers

and some storms are possible beginning midweek. Major rains are not expected. The Coastal Bend and deep south may see some showers as early as Tuesday. Southeast Texas will see widespread rain Wednesday through Saturday, with an inch or two possible in some areas. Cloudy skies will prevail this week.

North Texas will see highs in the 60s today and Tuesday. A slight chance of rain is possible in the south Tuesday and Wednesday, and temperatures will drop a bit in the west beginning Wednesday. Thursday will be windy and cooler across the region, with highs in the 50s. On Friday, highs will dip to the mid 40s in the west, otherwise remain in the 50s, with various chances of rain. The weekend will be chilly, highs in the 40s, with chances of rain.

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, Jan. 11

Lee Galaviz Rodriguez, 26, 341 Miami, was arrested on capias pro fines for no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Martha Towles, 42, 1301 Barrett, was arrested on a

capias pro fine for no driver's license.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.55
Milo	4.16
Corn	4.72
Soybeans	7.15

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

OXY	43.20	+0.20
BP	49.69	+0.61
Celanese	41.48	+0.08
Cabot Corp.	31.66	+0.07
Cabot Oil Gas	31.19	-0.06
Coca Cola	49.81	+0.22
VLO	46.97	-0.39
HAL	27.95	-0.05
Triad	34.85	+1.12
NOI	22.99	NC
KMI	59.50	-0.31
XCEL	17.14	-0.09
Kerr McGee	49.39	-0.10
Limited	17.65	-0.12
Williams	10.85	-0.01
MCD	24.94	-0.21
XOM	40.67	+0.38
Atmos	24.78	+0.23
Pioneer Nat.	32.81	+0.229
JCP	26.13	-0.12
COP	65.60	+0.17
SLB	53.99	-0.01
Tenneco	8.23	+0.08
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Lions Club announces lineup for Donkey Basketball Game

Pampa Lions Club announces a celebrity line-up for their annual Donkey Basketball fundraiser. The annual event helps raises fund for the Lions Club charity programs. Tickets at \$5 each are available by calling (806) 898-1662, (806) 231-1892, or any Lions Club member. Two teams of 15 members each will mount their long-eared, and sometimes truculent, steeds for the "game" that begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22 in Pampa High School's McNeeley Fieldhouse.

Members of one team include Troy Newton, United Supermarket; Aubrey Milligan, Cabot; Monte Covalt, Gelanese; Heath Parker, PHS head coach; Evan Smith, PHS principal; Troy Owens, coach; Tad Smith, coach; Scott Demar, United Medicorp; PHS seniors Andrew Curtis, Max Smith, Anna Johnson, Tara Jordan, Zack Hucks, and Brianna Bailey; and Steven Groomer, Sprint.

Lineup for the other team includes Pampa Police Department officers Brian Denham and Aaron McWilliams; Sgt. Chad Grange, DPS; Scott Larue, Gray County Sheriff's Department; Capt. W.D. Thomas and John Johnson, Pampa Fire Department; Brandon Standerfer, Rural/Metro Ambulance Service; Carmen Overstreet, Freeman's; Lance DeFever, Fairview Cemetery; Jason Zielinski, KFSA; Chad Davis, KAMR; Josh Seabourn, County Attorney; Chad Giles, Cellular One; Johnny Ferguson, Titan; and Jimmy Barker, Celanese.

Lake Meredith's Spring Canyon and Sanford Dam fishing reopens

LAKE MEREDITH - The face of the Sanford Dam fishing and Spring Canyon below the dam will return to normal winter hours of operation of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, Jan. 10. Both areas were closed on Dec. 21, as a direct result of the country moving to Homeland security threat level of Orange. Lake Meredith provides drinking water for 11 cities and communities in the Texas including Pampa. "Once the security level dropped back to threat level Yellow, we were able to reopen this popular area. Texas Parks and Wildlife recently stocked Spring Canyon with trout and they should be ready to strike a lure!" said Park Ranger Rhonda Terry. When the Homeland Security Advisory Response Measures reached the Orange level, Spring Canyon was closed. There was no specific threat known to any facility, but security was tightened as a precautionary measure, officials said. If the country reaches a threat level of Orange in the future, Spring Canyon will be closed again, officials said.

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officers and sheriff's deputies. A number of items commonly associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine was found, the release stated, including anhydrous ammonia in several unapproved containers. An unspecified sum of money believed to be linked to the

distribution of the methamphetamine was also seized. The police department news release states that suspects face several felony charges, including manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance over four grams and less than 200 grams; possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container; and possession of drug

paraphernalia. The only arrest in Gray County Jail arrest records which lists that address shows the arrest of a 20-year-old woman by sheriff's deputies on Jan. 8 for possession of drug paraphernalia. No arrests were listed on the news release. An agent of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force was called to help clean up and process evidence collected at the residence, the release stated.

ON RECORD, CONT. FROM PG. 2

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday, Saturday, Jan. 10

- 10:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Wilks and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
- 1:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.
- 2 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.
- 3:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.
- 4:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Sumner and Somerville streets and transported one to PRMC.
- 7:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Canadian and transported one to PRMC.
- 10:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.
- 10:38 p.m. - A second mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen. No patient.

Sunday, Jan. 11

- 10:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Jan. 12


- 12:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven and transported one to PRMC.
- 3:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie. No one was transported.

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Brett Watson and Bryan Denham. The investigation is continuing into the matter as of press time today, according to the news release, and additional charges on person(s) involved may be pending. No other records of arrests at 1112 Lincoln were found between Jan. 9 and today, according to police and jail officials.

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SUMMIT

call for re-emphasizing a 2005 deadline for finishing negotiations on a Free Trade Area of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide trade zone that is one of Bush's top policy goals for Latin America. Brazil and Venezuela say the summit is not the place to discuss it. The United States also wants to kick corrupt governments out of the Organization of American States, a move opposed by several Latin American nations. Other discussion topics at the summit, held in Mexico's third largest city, 150 miles south of the Texas border city of Laredo, include strengthening democracy, ending poverty, security and helping small businesses with low-interest loans.

Argentina's President Nestor Kirchner is upset about recent U.S. criticism over its warming relations with Cuba. U.S. officials privately worry that President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who warned U.S. officials on Saturday not to "stick their noses" in his nation's affairs, is working with Cuba to oppose pro-American democracies in the region.

Brazil, in retaliation for new security measures imposed on foreigners arriving at U.S. airports, imposed measures of its own against American visitors to its nation.

Some Latin American leaders accuse America of being

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TRIAL

Today, four packers control more than 80 percent of the market, but Tyson maintains that in 1921, packers were trying to control retail markets for all foods.

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heavy-handed. They argue that the United States has neglected social issues, such as raising the standard of living for some 200 million people — nearly one-half the region's population — who live in poverty.

"Young Latin American students grow up with the story about how the United States intervenes everywhere and has always been intervening in the hemisphere," said Phil McLean, who served more than three decades in the U.S. Foreign Service, including assignments in Latin America, and worked at the Organization of American States. "Obviously, what's been going on in Iraq has re-stirred those particular feelings."

The meeting with Fox tops Bush's summit schedule. The two are expected to discuss border security, trade and the president's proposal for a temporary worker program for illegal migrants already in the United States and foreign workers who have been offered U.S. jobs.

After Bush announced his immigration proposal on Wednesday, Fox said it did not meet all his administration's goals. "We're going for more," he said. Fox softened his reaction on "Fox News Sunday, saying the proposal

was "interesting." Fox would eventually like to see free movement of workers between Canada, the United States and Mexico. But, he said: "I think that in life you have to get what is real and what you have at hand and not keep on dreaming all the time."

The Mexican leader also defended the recent cancellation of several Aeromexico flights from Mexico City to Los Angeles that were deemed a security risk by U.S. officials. "You cannot take risks when life or death is involved," he said.

Between other bilateral meetings with President Ricardo Lagos of Chile and President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil, Bush's schedule Monday called for remarks at summit's opening ceremonies. He planned to promote free trade, open markets, clean elections and anti-corruption steps to help strengthen democracy in the hemisphere.

An administration official said the United States also planned to announce it will return to Peru \$20 million allegedly stolen by Vladimiro Montesinos, a former Peruvian intelligence chief, and stashed in American bank accounts.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman's Small-Claim Case Becomes Big Family Quarrel

DEAR ABBY: I received a small settlement because of an injury. My stepdaughter, who works as a teller at my bank, asked if she could borrow \$300. I agreed. She took \$400 instead and promised to pay me back out of her income tax refund.

Over the next several months, without my consent, she transferred \$2,000 from my account to hers. She always had an excuse and promised to repay me.

After a year and a half, I told her if she didn't arrange to pay me back, I would have to take her to court. She and her husband stopped talking to my husband and me, so I filed a claim.

To my amazement, I was invited to present my case on television in a courtroom show.

Well, my husband refuses to go with me. He agrees that I am right, but he will not publicly take my side against his own daughter.

Abby, I need his support. He's the only witness I have. I didn't want things to turn out this way, but they did. What do you think?

FOOL FOR FAMILY

DEAR FOOL FOR FAMILY: What happened to you was criminal, and frankly, it should have been reported to the police in the first place. Your husband's daughter is an embezzler, and she certainly shouldn't be working in a bank. Now it's time to get a lawyer involved.

Since your husband appears to be camera-shy, ask your lawyer if there's a judge who will hear the case without a camera present. If your husband still refuses to support you, call your local district attorney's office and ask if you can get a victim's advocate to go with you. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: What is up with all these unfortunate women who have out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships? Most men don't have these problems and don't mention them if they do.

To these women: If you'd get to know your partners and a little about their past, stuff like this wouldn't happen.

Women are like fish. If you have

the right bait, they are easy to lure in. Once you've sampled the goods, then you throw them back.

I'm not saying I'm like this, but I have seen it. If the fish were smart enough to see the hook, then they wouldn't get caught! So, Dear Abby, please tell me why some women think they are so smart?

P.S. By the way, I'm in the ninth grade.
FISHERMAN IN NEWARK, DEL.

DEAR FISHERMAN: Woman aren't fish, and it isn't a question of intelligence. When people of either sex become emotional about a love interest, they often think with their hearts and not their heads. Have you heard the old saying, "Love is blind"? It's the reason the phrase was coined.

DEAR ABBY: There's an uproar at our office concerning potlucks. Is it acceptable for people who don't contribute to the luncheons to help themselves when the food is served? Some of them even fill a plate to take home! Isn't this inconsiderate and rude?

POTLUCKS

DEAR POTLUCKS: For someone to knowingly help him- or herself to other people's food without it being offered is not only rude but also presumptuous. I'd say shame on them, but people who do it are shameless. Perhaps when the announcement of the potluck is issued, it should be clearly stated or written that in order to participate, a person must bring a dish.

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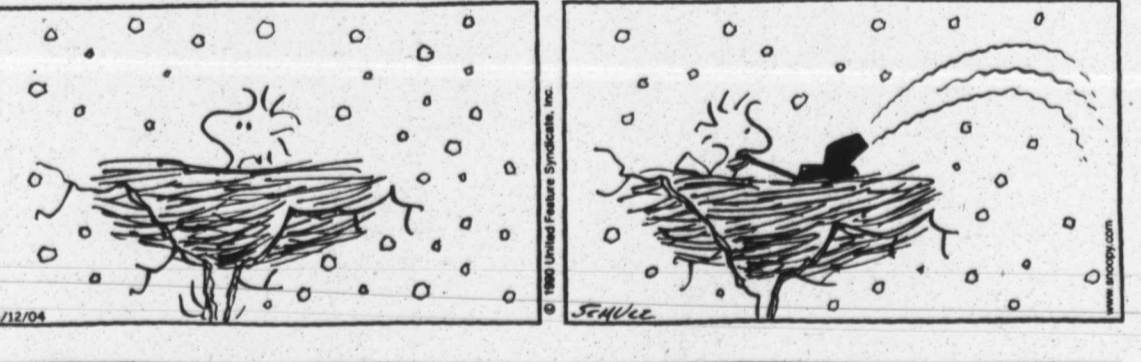
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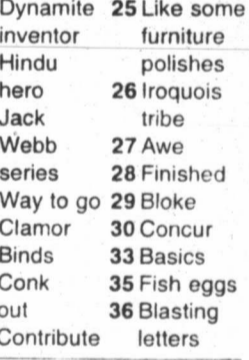
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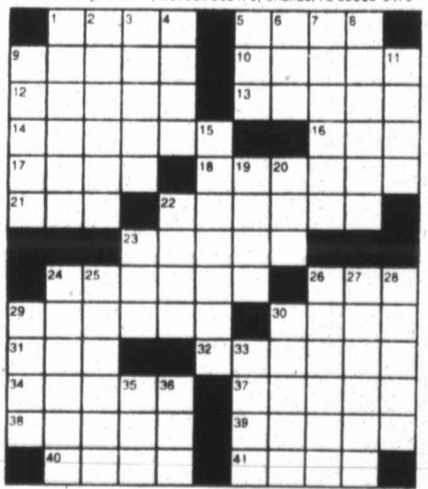
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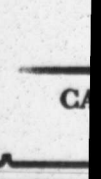
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SPORTS

Eagles trim Packers in overtime, 20-17

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb turned around the Philadelphia Eagles' tough afternoon with one perfect pass.

The Eagles quarterback saved the team's season with a 28-yard pass to Freddie Mitchell on fourth-and-26 that led to David Akers' field goal that tied it with 5 seconds left in regulation on Sunday.

Akers eventually won it with a 31-yard kick less than five minutes into overtime, giving the Eagles a 20-17 victory over the Green Bay Packers. That sent Philadelphia (13-4) into its third straight NFC title game next Sunday against Carolina.

"Donovan has been our leader. We have stuck behind him in thick and thin and that shows his character," Mitchell said. "This all stems from Donovan McNabb."

McNabb was sacked eight times and completed just one of his first seven pass attempts, but ended up rushing for 107 yards — a playoff record for quarterbacks. He was 21-of-39 for 248 yards passing and credited everyone but himself.

"Looking at the huddle, looking in the guys' eyes, the guys stay hungry and stay on top of things," he said. "This really shows the determination, the heart, the drive we have."

The Packers (11-7) led 14-0 after the first quarter on TD passes of 40 and 17 yards from Brett Favre to Robert Ferguson.

The Eagles tied it on TD passes by McNabb of 7 yards to Duce Staley in the second quarter, and 12 yards to Todd Pinkston in the fourth.

Ryan Longwell's 31-yard field goal with just over 10 minutes left gave the Packers a 17-14 lead, which they still held with 2:30 left in regulation.

Then the Eagles got the ball for a last attempt at a tie or win. Staley ran for 22 yards to the 42, but a 16-yard sack by Bhawoh Jue, and two incomplete passes left the Packers facing that long fourth down.

It wasn't a big problem, as it turned out. McNabb threaded the ball between Jue and Darren Sharper for a first down and the Eagles (13-4) had life.

"You would think you would win a fourth-and-26. We didn't get that done," Green Bay coach Mike Sherman said.

In the overtime, Brian Dawkins picked off a high heave from Brett Favre on what turned out to be Green Bay's only offensive play and returned it 35 yards to the Packers 34 and Akers eventually made the winning kick.

Bring on the Panthers in another game that will keep the entire Philadelphia area nervous for the next week.

That's because nothing less than a Super Bowl trip will satisfy the Eagles and their fans after losses in the last two conference title games — at St. Louis two seasons ago and at home last season to Tampa Bay.

"We're not even worried about the Carolina Panthers right now. We're excited about this win," McNabb said. "Even though we were down, we still prevailed and showed some heart."

Favre, 15-of-28 for 180 yards, did not talk after the game. Neither did Ahman Green, who ran for 156 yards as the Packers (11-7) go home after winning seven of eight, including three straight since Favre's father died just before Christmas.

Dawkins, who missed more than two months with a foot injury, said he was prepared for a wild throw by Favre.

"They were telling me he was going to give me a chance to make a play," Dawkins said. "When you look at the film, that's what he does."

Sherman pointed no fingers after his team's second straight playoff overtime game. Green Bay beat Seattle at home last week on Al Harris' interception return.

"I'm very disappointed for them rather than at them," Sherman said of his players.

This game was similar to the first

between the teams, a 17-14 win in the rain by the Eagles at Lambeau Field on Nov. 10. McNabb won that one with a 6-yard pass to Pinkston with 27 seconds left in regulation.

Favre did very little — 111 of his 180 yards passing came on three plays.

"We had a chance to win on offense, defense and special teams and we needed a play to go our way," Longwell said. "We didn't and now we'll go home for the year."

The Eagles looked at from another angle.

"Fourth-and-26 and Freddie comes up with a humongous play," tight end Chad Lewis said. "We've got a team full of warriors who just want to battle."

"Looking at the huddle, looking in the guys' eyes, the guys stay hungry and stay on top of things."

—Donovan McNabb

NOTEBOOK

BOWLING

PAMPA — The 14th annual Mixed Team Tournament to benefit special olympics will be held at Harvester Lanes, starting Jan. 16.

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Entries close at 5 p.m. Jan. 25.

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SOCCER

PAMPA — Amarillo High shut out Pampa 10-0 in a girls' soccer opener last weekend.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Midland High Tournament this weekend.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON(AP) — Roger Clemens is pushing back his retirement, agreeing to a one-year contract with the Houston Astros, a baseball source told The Associated Press on Monday.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner had said for more than a year that he planned to quit after pitching last season for the New York Yankees.

He was persuaded to join the Astros, his hometown team, after close friend and former Yankees teammate Andy Pettitte signed with Houston last month.

The Astros called a news conference for Monday. Clemens agreed to a contract Sunday, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Clemens, 41, was 17-9 with a 3.91 ERA last season, his fifth with the Yankees. He spent his first 13 seasons in Boston, then went to Toronto for two years before moving on to New York, where he won World Series titles in 1999 and 2000.

His 310-160 record puts him 17th on the career wins list, and his 4,099 strikeouts place him third behind Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Carlton (4,136).

Clemens' last appearance for the Yankees was a memorable one, in Game 4 of the World Series against the Florida Marlins. Flashbulbs popped repeatedly as fans photographed what they thought would be his final pitches.

Dumas takes two from PHS teams

PAMPA — Dumas came to town and swept a District 3-4A basketball twinbill from Pampa.

In the boys' game, Dumas came from behind for a 47-42 last weekend in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa falls to 1-2 in district and 5-11 for the season. Dumas is 1-1 in district and 12-3 for the season.

Britten Nies led Dumas in scoring 16 points, followed by Parker Hammonds 14.

The Harvester led 21-18 at the end for first half and 30-28 going into the fourth quarter. The Demons went on a scoring spree in the final eight minutes to slip by the Harvesters.

Britten East was Pampa's high scorer with 12 points.

White Deer falls to Stratford

STRATFORD — White Deer grabbed an early lead, but fell behind in the second quarter as Stratford claimed a 54-37 win in District 1-1A girls' action last weekend.

White Deer led 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind 25-18 at half-time.

Deidre Tarver had 21 points to lead the Stratford attack.

Emily Nusser led White Deer with 10 points and Kara Lewis followed with 7.

In the boys' game, Stratford won by the score of 68-41.

Tyler Haynes tossed in 24

Collin Bowers followed with 11.

In the girls contest, Dumas jumped out to an early lead and held on for a 50-40 victory.

Hayley Schmucker had 15 points to lead the Dumas attack.

Meisha Patterson followed with 9.

Dumas held a 25-20 lead at the half.

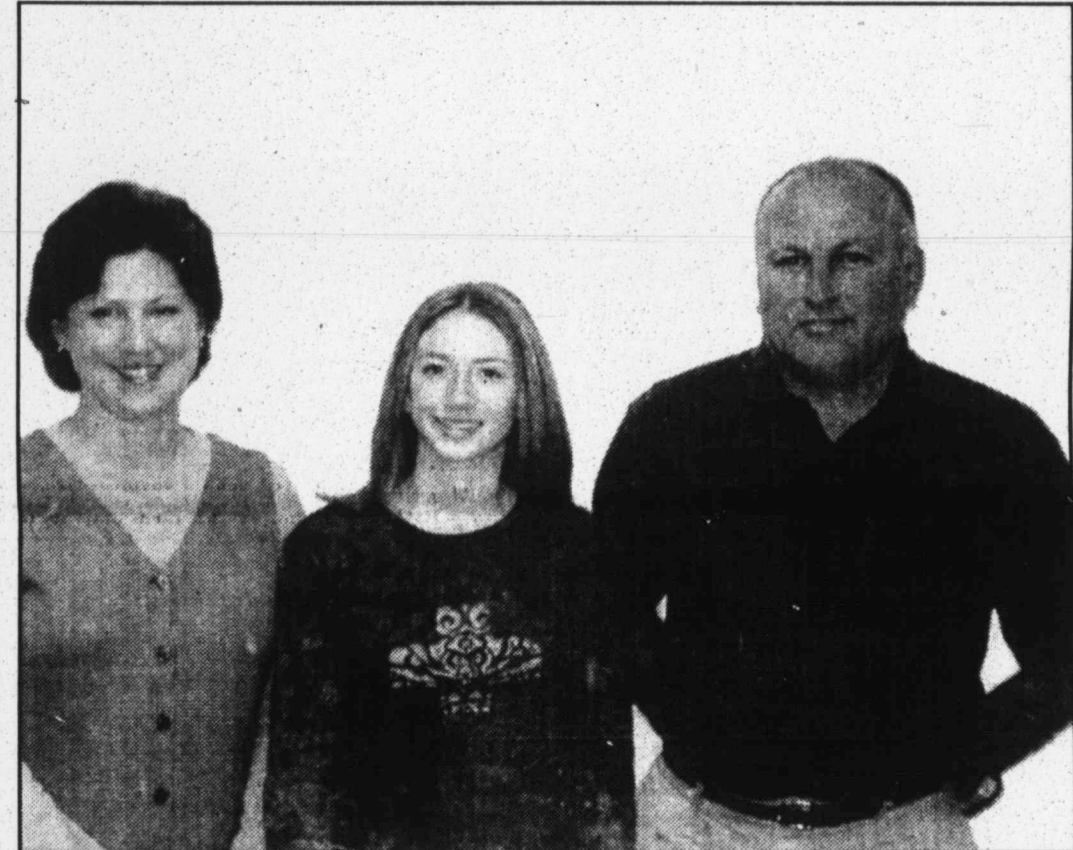
Britteni Rice and Callie Cobb each at 9 points to lead the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa is 2-3 in district activity and 7-10 for the season. Dumas is 1-3

in district and 11-5 overall.

Pampa has an open date this Tuesday. Both teams are at Caprock on Friday night.

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Autumn Schaub is a junior on the Lady Harvesters' basketball team this season. Her parents are James and Lyssa Schaub. Other activities include Softball and First Baptist youth and choir.

Colts outlast Chiefs to advance to AFC title game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Now that Peyton Manning has a taste of postseason success — make that a mouthful — he's ready for some more.

Right through New England and into the Super Bowl. Manning threw for 304 yards

and three touchdowns Sunday, leading the Indianapolis Colts past the Kansas City Chiefs 38-31. Manning was 0-3 in the playoffs until this month, in which he has torn apart Denver and Kansas City, lifting the Colts (14-4) into the AFC championship game at the Patriots.

The NFL co-MVP is 44-for-56 in the postseason for 681 yards and eight touchdowns.

Is he in a zone or what? "That's kind of deep for me," he said after going 22-for-30 in dismantling the Chiefs' sieve of a defense.

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Iowa State leads Big 12 Conference after slow opening week

Cyclones are 2-0 after 89-74 win over Nebraska

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Big 12's ranked teams might catch up to Iowa State once the conference season hits its stride.

But for now, the Cyclones are all alone at the top of the standings after a slow opening week in which two teams didn't even play a conference game.

Iowa State, 5-11 in the Big 12 a year ago, improved to 2-0 in Big 12 play and 9-2 overall with an 89-74 win over Nebraska on Saturday.

Jake Sullivan matched a career high with seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points against the Cornhuskers (10-2, 0-1).

"We faced if not the best shooter in the country, one of

the top shooters in our league," said Nebraska guard Nate Johnson, who led the Cornhuskers with 23 points and spent much of the game guarding Sullivan.

Texas Tech and No. 18 Texas won their conference openers Saturday.

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 83-62, and the Longhorns routed depleted Baylor 79-57.

Brad Buckman had a career-high 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks for the Longhorns (9-2, 1-0), who play No. 5 Wake Forest on Monday.

"This team right now needs him to have a presence inside," coach Rick Barnes said.

Baylor (5-9, 0-1) is down to

just five scholarship players after senior co-captains R.T. Guinn and Terrance Thomas were ruled academically ineligible earlier this month.

The Bears had already been hit hard by defections in the wake of the murder of center Patrick Dennehy and a scandal that led to the resignation of coach Dave Bliss.

Texas guard Kenny Taylor was one of those who transferred.

"It didn't really hit me until I walked out and saw Baylor on the other side of the court," said Taylor, who scored five points.

Texas Tech (13-2) won its ninth straight after a halftime tongue-lashing from assistant coach Pat Knight, son of head coach Bob Knight.

"I came around the corner... and I could hear Pat screaming at the team about playing

defense," Bob Knight said. "He even said one or two things I've never heard before. He really turned the whole attitude defensively around before I got in the locker room."

The Cowboys (10-2, 0-1) led the country in field goal percentage at 55 percent heading into the game but shot 35 percent (23-for-65) against the Red Raiders.

Missouri evened its Big 12 record at 1-1 with an 82-77 win over Texas A&M (7-5) in the Aggies' conference opener.

Center Arthur Johnson led the Tigers (6-5) with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was great to see A.J. playing with a lot of passion," coach Quin Snyder said. "The passion he has for the game is infectious, and our team really picked up on it."

No. 1 Connecticut put on one of the most impressive defensive displays of the sea-

son, knocking No. 6 Oklahoma from the ranks of the unbeaten, 86-59 Sunday.

No. 13 Kansas was also idle on Saturday, although the Jayhawks still made news when coach Bill Self said that freshman center David Padgett would be out for at least a week with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Kansas State, which opens its conference season Wednesday at Kansas, and Colorado both won nonconference games Saturday. The Wildcats (8-3) easily handled Savannah State 92-51, and the Buffaloes were 78-48 victors over Northern Colorado.

Those wins couldn't have come at a better time for either team.

Kansas State, which got a career-high 22 points from Tim Ellis and double-doubles from Jeremiah Massey and Marques Hayden, was coming off two

road losses — including an embarrassing 93-52 defeat by Missouri-Kansas City.

"Ever since that loss to UMKC, coach (Jim Woodriddle) has been real stern," Hayden said. "He's been fussing with us to get us ready for the Big 12 and Kansas. Tonight, we played with some attitude."

Colorado, which beat Savannah State 89-57 on Thursday, needed that rout and Saturday's win over Northern Colorado to restore its confidence after the Buffaloes lost their three previous games — including their Big 12 opener against Kansas.

"It feels good to win," said David Harrison, who led Colorado (8-4) with 18 points and four blocked shots. "Last season we had a saying, 'Fight for the feeling,' and this year we took that feeling for granted."

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Philadelphia 20, Green Bay 17, OT

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Gymnastics of Pampa	26	24
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Team Eleven	27 1/2	28 1/2
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Week's High Scores

Men

High scratch game: Eric Nord 247; High scratch series: Eric Nord 669; High handicap game: Red Mills 257; High handicap series: Eric Nord 690.

Women

High scratch game: Peggy Chase 246; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 562; High handicap game: Peggy Chase 251; High handicap series: Genna Salazar 617.

Appleby wins Mercedes title

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Some call it playing too conservatively. Stuart Appleby called it smart.

He had a five-shot lead with five holes to play Sunday in the season-opening Mercedes Championships. By all calculations, Vijay Singh would have had to make birdie on every hole to even have a chance, assuming Appleby didn't make any mistakes along the way.

"I wasn't going to give him anything for free," Appleby said. Singh almost cashed in.

The big Fijian birdied four of the last five holes, missing a 100-foot eagle putt by inches on No. 18 that allowed Appleby to escape with a one-shot victory on the Plantation course at Kapalua.

Appleby closed with a 2-under 71 and was at 22-under 270. He earned \$1.06 million, the largest check of his career, and won a Mercedes-Benz sports car.

Now if he can only figure out where to put it. His neighborhood association in Orlando, Fla., has limits on how big a garage can be, and Appleby already has two cars

and a golf cart.

Small problem to have.

The 32-year-old Aussie had gone four years without winning — some felt that was too long for his ability. He has two victories and two runner-up finishes in his last six PGA Tour starts, and he won't have to wait another four years before he can return to Maui for the winners-only Mercedes Championships.

"What it does is solidify that what I'm doing on the golf course is working," Appleby said.

Darren Clarke had a 70 and finished five shots behind in his Mercedes Championships debut.

Tiger Woods closed with two straight birdies for a 71 and tied for fourth with Retief Goosen (73). Woods earned \$275,000 to top \$40 million for his career.

"That's not too bad," Woods said. "I love inflation."

Singh, meanwhile, showed he's serious about challenging Woods for No. 1 in the world.

Coming off his best season, the 40-year-old from Fiji played like last year never

ended. He closed with a 70 and can count on both hands the number of putts inside 12 feet he missed this week.

Still, it was his ninth consecutive finish in the top six.

"The putter took a lot away from me this week," Singh said.

Singh also took the tournament away from Appleby, which looked impossible on the back nine.

Appleby might have won the Mercedes Championships on the front nine, especially with birdies on the fourth and fifth holes (Singh made pars) and a 20-foot birdie putt on the seventh that extended his lead to six.

It stayed there through 11 holes, and a bogey by Appleby on No. 12 seemed harmless.

But when Singh rolled in a 12-footer from just off the green for birdie on No. 14, that got Appleby's attention.

"I knew that he would fight and struggle," Appleby said. "You're talking about a guy who has come out of a good part of '03, one guy who I have to show massive respect to. I just tried to play smart."

Second-ranked Lady Raiders roll past Oklahoma State, 106-43

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp wanted her No. 2 Lady Raiders to make a statement when they opened Big 12 Conference play.

Tech made one in a hurry, hitting 11 of its first 13 shots in Saturday night's 106-43 victory over Oklahoma State.

"I suppose if you were going to draw up the way you'd like to play your Big 12 game, this would be it," Sharp said. "I was really proud of them. Our seniors were 13-of-15 from the floor in the first half. It's hard to ask for any more than that."

Natalie Ritchie led Tech (15-0, 1-0) with a career-high 27 points and a school-record eight 3-pointers.

Her final 3-pointer, with 7:10 remaining, gave Tech an

88-38 lead.

"I didn't know anything about the record until Coach Sharp told me about it during a timeout," said Ritchie, who was 9-of-11 from the floor. "She set up a play for me. I've really wanted to break that record ever since I came here."

The record of seven 3-pointers was held by several players, most recently Amber Tarr against Baylor in 2002.

The Lady Raiders scored 29 straight points to go up 33-4 and led 54-14 at halftime. Oklahoma State (6-7, 1-1) got no closer than 40 points after that.

"It was pretty tough to recover from that," OSU coach Julie Goodenough said. "They were phenomenal from the floor, especially the first half.

They were juiced up tonight. They hit tough shots, and that just tells you a little about their team."

Jia Perkins added 21 points for the Lady Raiders, while Jametra Clark and Alesha Robertson scored 15 each.

Trisha Skibbe and Christian Hood led the Cowgirls with 13 points each. Eliz Gomes finished with 11.

"We're shooting the ball better now than we were before Christmas," Sharp said. "And when you shoot good, that covers up a lot of things. Still, there are a lot of areas where we can get better. I am going to say we'll be better in February than we are right now, and I hope we're better in March than we are in February."

Tech set a school record with 14 3-pointers.

Ritchie connected on 10 consecutive 3-pointers dating to the Lady Raiders' last game, but her streak ended midway through the second half when she had an attempt blocked. She finished 8-of-10.

"They are the best team in the country right now," Goodenough said. "They carry

a lot of confidence with them when they walk into the arena. The best thing is we don't have to come back here, but everyone else still has to come in here and play."

accomplished that feat three straight times.

Dallas entered the game second to Sacramento in scoring with an average of 101.6 points a game, and hadn't been held under 70 since New York beat them 79-67 on Dec. 22, 1997.

"Against a team like Dallas, it is hard to not allow them over 100," Tayshaun Prince said. "It is the way they play and the players they have and the shots they take."

Reports: Rangers reach tentative deals with Rogers, Nelson

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ace pitcher Kenny Rogers and reliever Jeff Nelson are headed to the Texas Rangers after they reached tentative contract agreements with the club, published reports say Monday.

Rogers is returning for his third stint with the Rangers on a two-year, \$6 million deal, according to The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Nelson, a veteran relief pitcher, has agreed to a one-year contract, the Star-Telegram reported.

Sources with knowledge of the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Morning News that both deals were contingent on the pitchers passing physical exams on Monday.

Nelson's signing is expected to be announced later in the day, with Rogers being welcomed back Tuesday.

The return of Rogers, a 39-year-old left-hander, gives the Rangers a starter and addresses other pressing needs on the team's pitching staff. He was 13-8 with a 4.57 ERA in 33 games, 31 of

them starts, for the Minnesota Twins last year. He pitched 195 innings.

"We were looking for someone who can give us innings," Rangers general manager John Hart told the Star-Telegram. "We felt if we could find a left-hander, that would be the way to go."

Rogers, who was with the Rangers in 1989-95 and returned in 2000-02 before spending one season in Minnesota, was Texas' Pitcher of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 2002.

He has a career record of 101-79 and a 4.18 ERA in a

club-record 463 games for the Rangers, including 187 starts.

A 39th-round pick by Texas in the 1982 draft, Rogers won a career-high 17 games in 1995, but then jumped to the New York Yankees for a four-year, \$19.5 million free-agent contract. After going 18-15 in two years in the Bronx, Rogers was traded to Oakland and then to the New York Mets. He returned to the Rangers after the 1999 season and went 31-28 in 2000-02.

The right-handed Nelson,

37, won four World Series championship rings with the Yankees (1996, 1998-2000). He was 4-2 with a 3.74 ERA in 70 games for New York and the Seattle Mariners last year. He was traded back to the Yankees last August and went 1-0 with a 4.58 ERA in his last 24 appearances.

"No. 1, he has been in the American League, and, No. 2, he's right-handed," said Hart. "He has pitched in the seventh and eighth inning for a number of years, and he's been outstanding."

Nelson, 6-8 and 225 pounds, and a former

Yankees teammate are facing assault and battery charges as a result of a bullpen incident with a Fenway Park groundskeeper during Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

Nelson pleaded innocent at his arraignment last weekend in Boston, with a pretrial hearing scheduled Feb. 5.

Also this week, the Rangers were expected to announce the signing of free-agent catcher Rod Barajas, a member of manager Buck Showalter's Arizona Diamondbacks teams in 1999-2000.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004:
 "Detach" needs to become your middle name this year. You might often hear, see or think things, only to discover that the opposite happens. You cannot look at situations in a black-and-white manner. Understand that others are entitled to their points of view. You might find it difficult to get ahead professionally until October, but if you know your stuff, you will. If you are single, you could meet someone special but karmic in nature. If you hook up, you might have difficulty getting out of this tie. If you are attached, you could find a partner to be remote. Help your sweetie open up. Listen to his or her criticism and adapt, if you care about your relationship. LIBRA could be a difficult boss.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** Others appear to have pushed way too hard. Misunderstandings seem to be the natural trend. Let others sort through and figure out what has really happened here. Take a strong stance with a parent or boss who might be overly demanding. Tonight: Don't buck the trend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ** You might be amazed by how someone handles him- or herself right now. You might opt to stand back some and not get into the thick of things. Focus on your work. Screen calls if at all possible. You might be overwhelmed. Tonight: Release stress in a healthy way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** You could wake up on the wrong

side of the bed. Re-establishing what you need and want could take some time. First, you need to clear the cobwebs from your brain. Financial restraints could hold you back with a loved one. Tonight: Play away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ** A stern approach could leave you out in the cold if you're not careful. Be indulgent and at least hold back your opinions for now. You might not understand all the different options and ideas around you just yet. Tonight: Head home, where you can relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 **** You might not think what you say is inflammatory, but someone else could read more into your words than you intend. You need to be careful not to do the same, either. Be open to talking and questioning. Return messages. Tonight: Visit with a friend on the phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Expenses easily go overboard, and you might need to say "no" to someone or to an expenditure. Listen to others carefully, even if their words are a bit harsh. Right now, the going could be rough, but know that this too will pass. Tonight: Do something just for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You might be in the pink of things, but you will find that others are very testy. In fact, you might want to steer clear of both family and work-related people. Your Libran charm might not even work at the moment! Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ** If you can avoid getting up, you might want to. Others might be very difficult and testy. Getting information from a key person could be like pulling teeth. Shut your door and do what you do well,

leaving the world to its frenzy. Tonight: Cocoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Right now, it is instrumental to keep your eye on the big picture. You might want to carefully think through a decision that involves mixing your funds with someone else's. You might not like the end results if it's done today. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Avoid questioning someone who is in charge, because that can only take you down a difficult path. Relax, despite the tension. People are going through their own problems. Try not to add to what is happening, if possible. Tonight: Work late if you want to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 **** Reach out for those at a distance who might hold the answers you are seeking. You might not like what you hear, but you can integrate the information well. If you think someone said something that isn't nice, don't hold on to it. Tonight: Relax to music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** How you deal with others right now could make a difference in how you feel about yourself. Your creativity could be stumped, but in a discussion with a trusted associate or friend, doors will open up. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Be nice to that special person in your life.

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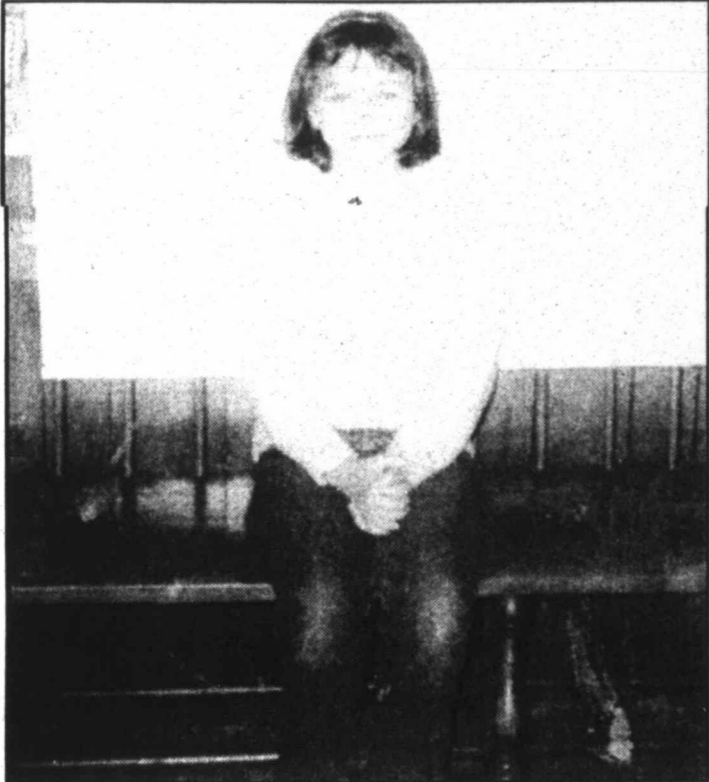
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Coloring Contest



(Pampa News photo)

Mandy Cross recently was the winner of a holiday coloring contest sponsored by The Pampa News. Cross won in the oldest age division.



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Ashlee Kieth won the holiday coloring contest sponsored by The Pampa News in her age division.

Fort Campbell prepares for 101st Airborne return

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Army wives are daring again to try on ball gowns at Lynne Shakeenab's dress shop. Wedding dresses on lay-away are coming out of the back room.

After a year in Iraq, the 20,000-plus soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division are on their way home — and people are smiling again.

"The doom and gloom and the clouds have passed over," said Shakeenab, owner of Brides & Tender Touch Florist in Clarksville, Tenn., near Fort Campbell, 50 miles north of Nashville.

Spouses are cleaning out closets and making "welcome home" banners. Shopkeepers are preparing for an onslaught in sales on everything from engagement rings to electronics.

About 600 soldiers from the division's advance team began arriving last week. It's expected to take until April to bring back all the 101st's soldiers and equipment.

"People are starting to realize, this is the reality, they'll be home soon.... You kind of do get anxious butterflies in your stomach," said Tina Jones, whose husband is an Apache helicopter pilot. "It's hard not to be overly excited."

The 101st fought in major combat last spring, then settled in northern Iraq to help rebuild the country. Fifty-nine soldiers from Fort Campbell gave their lives — more so than any other military installation. Fifty-seven were from the 101st.

The darkest days came in November, when 17 soldiers of the 101st were killed when two helicopters collided as an apparent result of enemy fire.

"Thank God, it's almost over," said Lt. Col. C.J. Buche, the division's rear detachment commander. "It has been a year of high adventure. We've had births, deaths, illnesses, injuries and sadness."

Buche and her staff have been busy preparing for all aspects of the soldiers' return, from providing postwar counseling to having enough mechanics available to jump-start automobiles left behind by soldiers.

Jones knows there's bound to be a few difficult days ahead, but she's excited about her 3-year-old daughter and 10-year-old stepson having their father again.

"You kind of look forward to the aspect of just making your family a family again because you have spent so much time apart," Jones said. "It's a big adjustment, but you look forward to it."

The Iraq war is the first time the entire division has deployed since the 1991 Gulf War.

Throughout the yearlong deployment, family members comforted those in mourning and the hundreds who returned home injured. They anxiously watched the news, and lived in fear of seeing a chaplain at their door with word of a loved one's death. They put weddings and vacations on hold, and filled church pews to pray.

Shakeenab fit brides for last-minute courthouse weddings before their soldiers left and helped plan ceremonies for others who tied the knot when their loved ones were home on leave.

She also counseled lonely brides-to-be fearful for their fiancées' safety.

"They'd be scared. I'd tell them to come on down," said Shakeenab, a former death row corrections officer. "Sometimes we prayed."

Fantasy and familiar favorites take 30th annual People's Choice Awards

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The people have spoken, and their favorite movies are about pirates, hobbits and divine intervention.

People's Choice Awards were presented Sunday night to "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" for favorite movie, "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" for favorite drama and "Bruce Almighty" for favorite comedy. Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts won for favorite film actor and actress. Ray Romano and Jennifer Aniston won for favorite male and female TV performers. Tom Hanks was named favorite all-time entertainer.

"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" was selected favorite TV drama series. "Friends" won for favorite comedy series.

Beyonce Knowles and Faith Hill tied for favorite female

musical performer, with Tim McGraw winning the favorite male musical performer spot.

The 30th annual ceremony, hosted by Charlie Sheen and Jon Cryer, was held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and broadcast live on CBS. The awards covered 18 categories in film, television and drama.

A nationwide poll conducted by the Gallup Organization determined both the open-ended nominees and the winners.

Fans also could vote on the Internet in three categories. They chose "Two and a Half Men," which stars the award show's hosts, as the best new comedy series, "Joan of Arcadia" as best new television drama and Matchbox Twenty as favorite musical group or band.

The complete list of winners: — Motion picture: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"

— Drama motion picture: "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

— Comedy motion picture: "Bruce Almighty"

— Favorite all-time entertainer: Tom Hanks

— Motion picture actor: Mel Gibson

— Motion picture actress: Julia Roberts

— Television dramatic series: "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"

— Television comedy series: "Friends"

— Female television performer: Jennifer Aniston

— Male television per-

former: Ray Romano — Reality-based television program: "Survivor: Pearl Islands"

— Favorite talk show host: Oprah Winfrey

— New television comedy series: "Two and a Half Men"

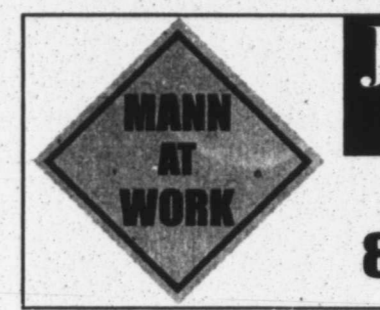
— New television dramatic series: "Joan of Arcadia"

— Favorite musical group or band: Matchbox Twenty

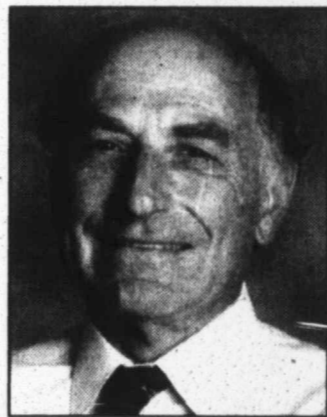
— Female musical performer: (tie) Beyonce Knowles and Faith Hill

— Male musical performer: Tim McGraw

— Favorite music video: "I Love This Bar" — Toby Keith



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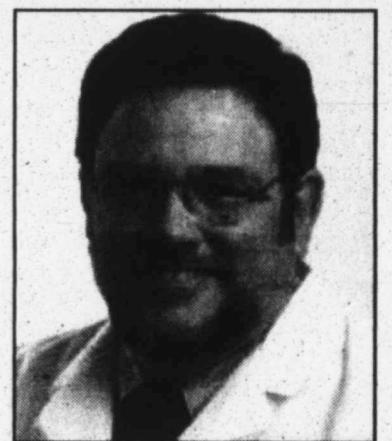
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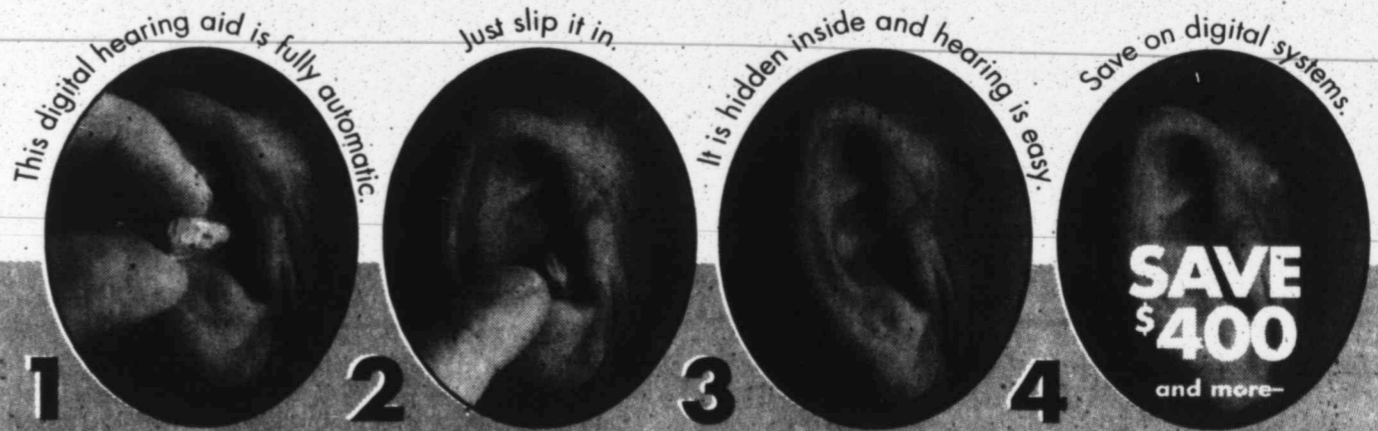
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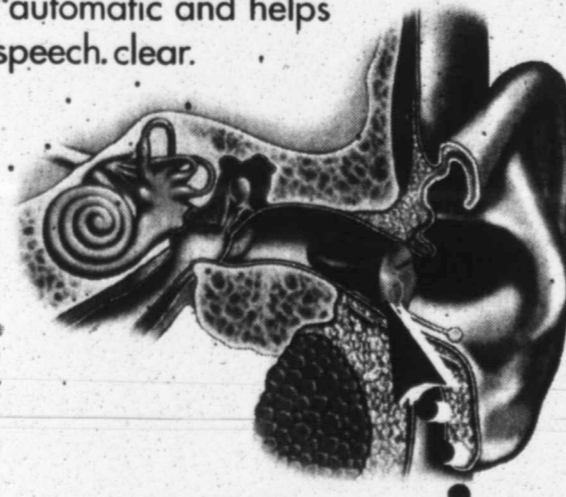
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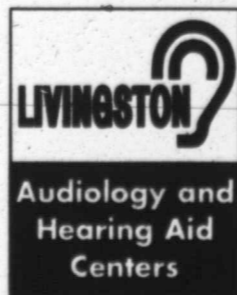
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