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## Today's weather



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## Deaths

- Dennis L. Combs, 62, fisherman.
- Bernice Hollars, 88, services pending.
- Grace H. King, 88, services pending.
- Carrie Melton, 93, services pending.
- Beatrice Hallmark Neill, 77, LVN.
- Rosa Lee Weaver, 84, nurse aide.

## Texas Today

### State school worker wounded in attack

**RICHMOND (AP)** — An employee at a state school for the mentally retarded remained hospitalized Monday after she was shot multiple times by a co-worker, who later died of what authorities called a self-inflicted wound.

Richmond State School officials and authorities were investigating the attack Friday in the dining hall of the facility that houses about 500 people on the banks of the Brazos River.

Dorian Randle, a food service employee, was shot in the arm, leg and back at the facility's dining hall, said her mother.

A co-worker identified by investigators as Bedah Amwoka entered the dining hall about 6 p.m. Friday and told Randle he would "give her what people like you should get" before opening fire, said Doris Bonner, Randle's mother.

No residents were in the hall when the attack occurred.

### Burial sites located with dowsing rods

**PILGRIM (AP)** — Using the same technique that helps locate water wells, a South Texas woman has been helping find old family graves where headstones were lost.

But Marjorie Lee Burnett says she's not sure how the metal rods allow her to find unmarked graves.

Most of the time, the only clues the 68-year-old woman has are family tales passed on through generations of an ancestor being buried near a large rock, under a tall tree or on top of a rolling hill.

Using two L-shaped rods, one in each hand, Burnett walks around a suspected graveyard until the metal starts to wiggle. If the rods pull apart from each other, she's stumbled upon something.

"They just move. You don't hold them. You don't grasp them," Burnett said. "You just let them rest in your hands until they move."

# Tough times take tough Texans

Area soldiers part of largest deployment of Texas National Guard since WWII

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

WACO — "If you think today was something," Major Gen. Mike Taylor said New Year's Day, "won't it be a helluva homecoming."

It's that homecoming that William White of Pampa, Kenneth Curtis of White Deer, James Kephart of Mobeetie, Rusty Lee of Wellington, their family and friends and the family and friends of the rest of the 36th Infantry Division are looking forward to.

Some 3,000 Texas National Guardsmen, which make up the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, said their farewells to family and friends here over the weekend. In the largest deployment of Texas National Guardsmen since World War II, these troops head for Iraq this week.

They are expected to return beginning about New Year's Day, 2006.

Twenty-two Texas National Guard units from Denton to El Paso and from Pampa to Odessa were activated Aug. 15, and began their training at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Polk, La.

John Dalton of Fort Worth, who was in Waco with his wife Anne to



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Some 35,000 family and friends filled the stands at the Baylor University football stadium New Year's Day to say good-bye to 3,000 Texas National Guardsmen who will deploy to Iraq this week. It is the largest deployment of the National Guard since World War II.

see off their son, Capt. Scott Dalton, commander of Amarillo's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 142 Infantry, said that his son had told him the panhandle soldiers had acquitted themselves well during training at Fort Polk.

"They should be proud," the senior Dalton said. Michelle Lee of Wellington said she has moved her family to Memphis until her husband, Sgt. Rusty Lee, who in civilian life is the Collingsworth County Sheriff, returns a year from now.

The couple's two girls are enrolled

in school at Memphis. If Michelle Lee is called up — she's also a sergeant in the reserves — the couple's two girls can stay with his parents in Memphis.

Michelle Lee said the family had set a series of goals in the past six months, facing one thing

at a time. First, was the sheriff's election in November. Then it was Christmas. Now, it's her husband's deployment to Iraq.

"We've been counting up to get here," Mrs. Lee said. "Now, we're ready to begin counting down."

That count will be 365 days until the unit returns to Texas.

Theresa Cline has moved back to Pampa from Fort Worth to stay with her parents Ronny and Gail Smith. The Smiths, Theresa Cline and the



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## New Year's quiet here

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

The New Year's holiday, even though it fell on a weekend this year, was not notable for arrests and motor vehicle accidents involving intoxication.

"We've had lots worse than this," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Constable Chris Lockridge made one arrest at 11:50 p.m., Friday, for public intoxication, according to Gray County Jail arrest records. Deputy Robert Douglas made one arrest at 1:50 a.m., Saturday, for driving while intoxicated.

Pampa Police Department Officer Tobie Bias made one arrest for DWI at 11:30 p.m., Friday, and Officer Cade Logue made one arrest for DWI at 3:30 a.m., Saturday, according to jail records.

Nineteen traffic stops were made Saturday by police officers, with 13 of those between midnight and 5 a.m., according to the department's incident blotter. No motor vehicle accidents were reported during that period, and the first

accident of the new year to be worked by police did not occur until 3:18 p.m. Saturday.

Fireworks seemed to be as popular as alcoholic beverages in parts of town. Seven reports of fireworks being exploded inside city limits were received by police.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers also had a comparatively quiet holiday as of 10 a.m. Saturday, arresting three people for DWI in Potter and Randall counties and working five accidents, of which none were major and only one involved injuries, according to Trooper Wayne Beigle, public information officer for DPS in Amarillo.

"Overall, with this being such a celebrated holiday, we were real pleased with the low number of detected impaired drivers. We believe the media attention given combined with our increased presence, focused on DWI, definitely made a difference," Beigle said.

Troopers stepped up patrols between Friday and midnight Sunday for the holiday.

Texas leads the country in DWI fatalities, Beigle said.

*'We've had a lot worse than this.'*

— Kelly Rushing  
 Chief Deputy  
 Gray Co. Sheriff's Office

## Massive U.S. military relief effort builds up; Powell heads to area

**BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP)** — A massive American military relief operation picked up steam Monday, with U.S. helicopters dropping off cartons of food aid in Sumatra and warships with 2,200 Marines arriving in the Malacca Straits to ferry supplies to the tsunami-battered Indonesian island.

As the death toll around the Indian Ocean rim approached 140,000, a delegation led by Secretary of State Colin Powell and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush began a trip that will include stops in Thailand, Indonesia and possibly Sri Lanka. The White House also said former Presidents Clinton and George H.W. Bush will lead a fund-raising effort for victims.

U.S. Navy helicopters rescued dozens of weakened survivors along Sumatra's devastated west coast, carrying them to a hospital in Banda Aceh.

Searchers all but gave up hope of finding more survivors from the Dec. 26 killer earthquake and tsunami, with authorities saying that thousands listed as missing were presumed dead. The world turned its full attention to getting food and water to the living.

Confirmed deaths from the disaster reached 139,253 after hardest-hit Indonesia increased its death toll to 94,081, and Sri Lanka and Thailand both raised their tolls by lesser amounts. Aid agencies have said the death toll was expected to hit 150,000. Sri Lanka, India and Thailand said they were prepared to give up on the more than 15,000 people still unaccounted for.

## Suicide car bombs, roadside explosion kill 16 in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — Three suicide car bombs, including one that exploded near the Iraqi prime minister's party headquarters in Baghdad, and a roadside explosion killed at least 16 people Monday as insurgents pressed their deadly campaign to disrupt national elections, which Iraq's defense minister said could be postponed to give the Sunni minority time

to participate. A car bomb exploded late Monday near a U.S.-manned checkpoint to the Green Zone, the heavily fortified area housing the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices, U.S. Embassy spokesman Bob Callahan said. U.S. troops surrounded a burning sport utility vehicle at the scene. Three bodies were seen burning inside the destroyed

vehicle. The nationalities of the victims were not immediately known.

Iraqi police Lt. Khalid Mohammed said the bomb targeted a U.S. civilian convoy and there were casualties at the checkpoint, which is the main Green Zone exit for trips to Baghdad International Airport west of the city. American contractors and diplomats commonly make

the journey along the dangerous airport road in SUVs.

Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan raised the possibility that elections scheduled for Jan. 30 could be postponed to try to persuade minority Sunni Muslims to participate in the vote.

The first strike by an explosives-laden car near interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's Iraqi National Accord party

headquarters killed two police officers and one civilian and injured 25 other people. The secular Shiite leader was not inside the building at the time, aides said.

Monday's second attack took place in Balad, about 50 miles north of the capital, killing four Iraqi National Guardsmen and wounding 14, U.S. military spokesman Neal E. O'Brien said.

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Obituaries

Dennis L. Combs, 62

Dennis L. Combs, 62, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, in Pampa. Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Combs was born Aug. 31, 1942, in Dalhart. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1957, living here most of his life and graduating from Pampa High School. He spent some time in Oregon, Washington and Louisiana. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during peace time. He was an avid fisherman and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis E. Combs of Pampa and Ronald W. Combs of Seattle, Wash.; one brother, Kenneth E. Combs of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Cheryl Robichaux and Susan Nabors, both of Pampa, Dana Combs of Canyon, and Carla Atkins of Barstow, Calif.; four grandchildren, Jessica Moore and Jaden Combs, both of Seattle, Wash., and Joshua E. P. Combs and Jonathan W. V. Combs, both of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Bernice Hollars, 88

Bernice Hollars, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hollars was born Oct. 18, 1916, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She graduated with honors from Draughn's Business College in Oklahoma City. She married Homer E. Hollars on June 2, 1936, in Oklahoma City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1996. She was employed as office manager for Panhandle Industrial for 30 years. She was a Methodist. She was an avid reader and bridge player.



Hollars

Survivors include one daughter, Nita Hill of Pampa; one son-in-law, Preston Olive of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Rory

Hill and wife Margaret, Beth Rice and husband Clay, and Jana Patton and husband Rick, all of Pampa, Steve Olive and wife Sha, and Stan Olive and wife Heather, all of Oklahoma City. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Olive; a son-in-law, Tommy Hill; and a great-great-granddaughter, Mickala Miller.

Memorials may be made to Breast Cancer Awareness or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Grace Hazelwood King, 88

Grace Hazelwood King, 88, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. King was born Jan. 7, 1916, in Baylor County, Texas, to William Jefferson and Maggie Caroline Howe Hazelwood. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1934. She married Jim King on April 26, 1936, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 19, 2000. She was a nurse for the Pampa Clinic for 25 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

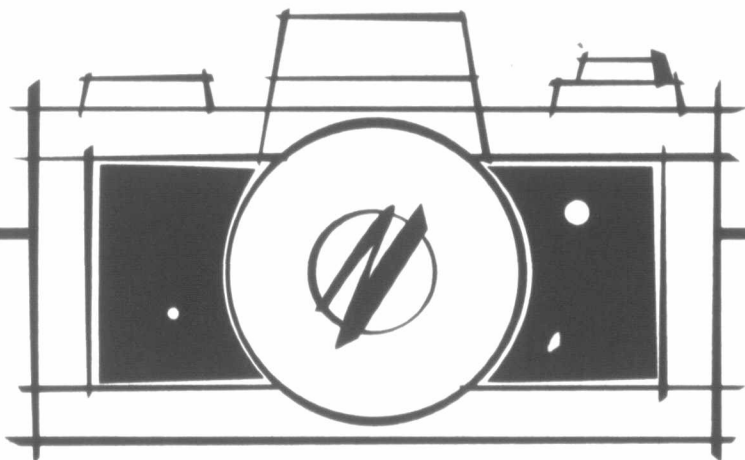
Gerik, of Pampa; a son, Robert Mike King of Pampa; two sisters, Betty Gillis of Littleton, Colo., and Letty McGahan of Savannah, Ga.; one brother, Jay Hazelwood of Amarillo; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Mindy Hutchens, in 1996.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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Services tomorrow

BURNS, Peggy — 1 p.m., Southside Baptist Church.  
NEILL, Beatrice Hallmark — Graveside, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery.



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Carrie Melton, 93

Carrie Melton, 93, died Jan. 2, 2005, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Melton was born Jan. 30, 1911, in Temple. She married Wayne Thomas Melton on Dec. 21, 1927 in Wellington. She and her husband managed the Town House Apartments in Borger from 1965 until 1976. He preceded her in death on April 30, 1993. She had been a resident of Borger from 1943 until 1986 when she moved to Pampa. She was a former member of the Bunavista Methodist Church in Borger. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.



Melton

Survivors include two daughters, Susie Lindsey and husband Tommy of Pampa, and Wanda Spence and husband Choppy of Grand Prairie; four grandchildren, Stephanie Poticny and husband Dan of Arlington, Lisa Farina and husband Jayme, and Leigh Ann Huber and husband Nathan, all of Keller, and Lori Lindsey of Lubbock; four great-grandchildren, Todd Poticny and Taylor Poticny, both of Arlington, and Elisabeth Farina and Presleigh Huber, both of Keller.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

— Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Beatrice Hallmark Neill, 77

SKELLYTOWN — Beatrice Hallmark Neill, 77, died Jan. 1, 2005, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the White Deer Cemetery in White Deer, with Mr. Gary Bodine, evangelist with the Church of Christ at Borger, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Neill was born April 13, 1927, in Albuquerque, N.M. She married A.J. Hallmark on Jan. 20, 1944 in San Francisco, Calif. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1966, in Hamlin, Texas. She has been a resident of Skellytown since 1968. She married Melvin V. Neill on July 19, 1968, in Skellytown. He preceded her in death on April 13, 2000. She retired from the Worley Hospital in 1974 as a LVN. She attended the Church of Christ at Borger. She was active in

the Hutchinson Co. Genealogical Society and was the founder of the Red Bonnets of Texas Chapter of the Red Hats Society.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Tommie and Judy Elliott of Princeton and Randy and Debra Elliott of Skellytown; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Ruth and Rusty Robbins of Flower Mound, Gwyn and Warren Kayler of Skellytown, Kathleen and Chris Gould of Wilmington, N.C., and Deborah and Larry Hendrick of San Leon, and Linda King of Skellytown; two sisters, Ann Hearne of West Virginia and Kay Hallmark of Arizona; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Skellytown Benevolence Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas, 79080.

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Rosa Lee Weaver, 84

SKELLYTOWN — Rosa Lee Weaver, 84, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, in Skellytown. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at the White Deer Cemetery in White Deer, with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Weaver was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Slick, Okla. She married Virgil O. Weaver on June 25, 1938, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1996. She had been a resident of Skellytown for over 65 years. She

was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown. She was a nurse's aide at Highland General Hospital, retiring in 1972 after 15 years of service.

She is survived by a son, Robert Benjamin Weaver of Pampa; two daughters, Carolyn Rutherford of Skellytown and Sandra Delores Keys of Borger; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James Wesley Weaver on Sept. 11, 1955, and Virgil W. Weaver on Jan. 25, 1997, and two sisters, Lenora Johnson and Betty Parr.

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Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 48. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 40. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high around

47. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Tuesday Night: Rain showers likely before midnight, then a chance of freezing rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 29. Wind chill values between 17 and 27.

Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high

as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Jan. 1

Officers made 19 traffic stops.

Criminal trespass was reported twice in the 700 block of East 16th, where someone was knocking on a back door, and in the 600 block of Yeager.

Violation of city ordinance was reported twice in the 2600 block of Seminole, three times in the 200 block of North Russell, and twice

in the 1600 block of North Faulkner, concerning fireworks. Violation of city ordinance was reported twice in the 1100 block of Christine concerning a fire in a front yard. Violation of city ordinance was also reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner and the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported at two different times in the 900 block of South Wells, and in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1200 block of Garland, the 100 block of West Albert, and at two different times in the 120 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 400 block of Red Deer and the 600 block of Deane Drive.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Jorden and Magnolia streets concerning a field sobriety test.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of Evergreen, the Cuyler Street overpass, the 300 block of Roberta, and the intersection of Thut and Gray streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of Yeager.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 700 block of Mora.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster and the 100 block of South Sumner.

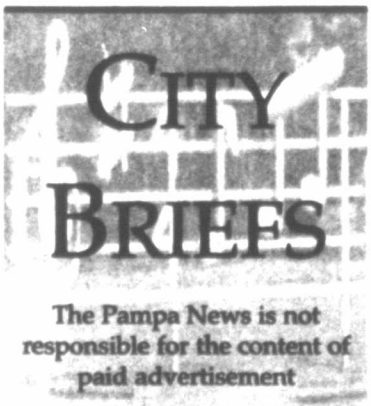
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

An animal complaint was received from the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Banks.

A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of Deane Drive and the 1500

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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.15	
Milo	3.25	
Corn	3.75	
Soybeans	4.78	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	57.35	-1.01
BP PLC ADR	57.80	-0.60
Cabot Corp	38.58	-0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	42.74	-1.51
Coca Cola	41.80	+0.17
VLO	43.61	-1.79
HAL	38.54	-0.70
TRI	37.25	+0.04
NOI	34.16	-1.13
KMI	72.74	-0.39
XCEL	18.18	-0.02
Kerr McGee	56.90	-1.19
XOM	50.65	-0.61
Limited	22.64	-0.38
Williams	15.85	-0.44
MCD	32.03	-0.03
Atmos	27.01	-0.34
Pioneer Nat	34.01	-1.09
JCP	41.76	+0.36
CDP	85.78	-1.05
SLB	65.11	-1.84
Tenneco	16.75	-0.49
CVX	51.78	-0.73
Wal-Mart	53.91	+1.09
OKE	28.26	-0.16
NS Grp	26.06	-1.74
New York Gold	437.99	
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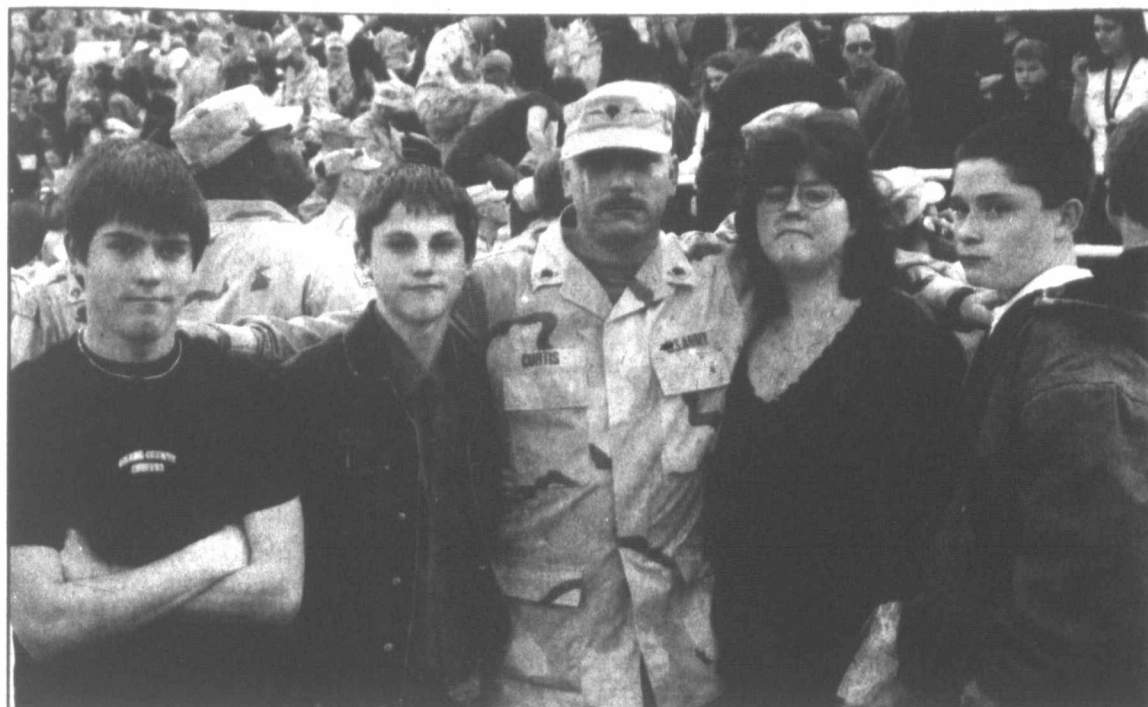
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**Kenneth Curtis of White Deer, in uniform, is surrounded by his sons, from left to right, Dustin, Joshua, his wife Kandi and Justin, following ceremonies prior to his unit's deployment to Iraq this week.**

## Texans

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Cline children, Garrett, 8; Haile, 4; and Kelly, 13, were in Waco to say good-bye to Sgt. Dallas Cline and begin counting the days until his return.

It's a count, too, that Kandi Curtis of White Deer will be keeping with her twin sons, Dustin and Justin, 15, and the youngest son, Joshua, 13, until Spc. Kenneth Curtis returns.

They said their final good-

byes to family and friends noon Sunday at Fort Hood's north gate.

Some 35,000 of those family and friends filled Floyd Casey Stadium, Baylor University's football stadium here, on New Year's Day for deployment ceremonies. The troops stood in formation for the two-hour ceremony, which featured speeches by the governor, a senator, three congressmen and a Baptist preacher, along

with Gen. Taylor, commanding officer of the 36th Infantry Division and Col. James K. "Red"

Brown, the commanding officer of the 56th Brigade Combat Team.

"Today," Col. Brown told the assembled throng, "we participate in and we witness one of the oldest traditions in the United States of America.

As citizen soldiers, called to duty by their countrymen, laid down their domestic tools and picked up the tools



**Ronny Smith**



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

**Michelle Lee video tapes the farewell ceremonies at the Baylor University football stadium New Year's Day for the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas National Guard.**

of war." That tradition began the United States of America, Brown said, and has sustained it for more than 200 years.

Although the ceremony wasn't until 2 p.m. Saturday, the line of family and friends began forming outside the stadium at 10 a.m. By noon, more than 900 people were lined up at the one gate to get in and officials opened two other gates.



**Gail Smith**

The large television screen on the scoreboard broadcast the Cotton Bowl at the request of Col. Brown, a Texas A&M University graduate, until about 1:30 p.m. when it began showing the troops' family photos.

To allay fears of the families, Col. Brown said the unit has been provided with latest equipment.

"I want to assure family members and friends that these soldiers have been provided with the latest and greatest equipment available anywhere in the world,"

Brown said.

With the units having been in training since August, Brown said that many families are beginning to feel the strain of separation and employers are feeling the strain of employees being away.

"Deployments are often more difficult for families and employers than they are for the soldiers themselves," Brown said.

He said families and employers serve along side the soldiers during the deployment.

"We are a nation at war," Brown said, "and these are tough times, but we are Texans, and we are tough people."

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block of Dogwood.

A business check was conducted in the 700 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

Evading arrest was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and the 500 block of East Foster.

A missing person was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

Jerwody Moler, 21, 701 N. Somerville, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a public servant, escaping detention, and open container.

**Sunday, Jan. 2**

Six traffic stops were conducted. One motorist was assisted in the 800 block of Deane Drive.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Coronado and Sumner streets and at Wilks and Faulkner streets.

A welfare check was requested from the 1200 block of North Wells and the 700 block of Bradley Drive.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of Murphy and twice in the 2500 block of Christine.

Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported in the 600 block of North Wells, and twice in the 100 block of East 28th.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 1600 block of North Faulkner, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 700 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported twice in the 2700 block of Duncan.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, the 1400 block of North Hobart, and in the police department lobby.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

A missing person was

reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Davis.

A water shut-off due to a line break was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight.

A traffic complaint was received from the 100 block of East Harvester.

An animal complaint concerning a Rottweiler was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Texas and Frost streets.

Joseph Wilson, 56, 1117 N. Starkweather, was arrested in the 1100 block of Starkweather for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

### Sheriff

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

**Saturday, Jan. 1**

Danny Roy Boyd, 57, 320 Anne, was arrested for Pampa Police Department for forgery.

### Fire

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

**Saturday, Jan. 1**

9:06 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Mora.

11:21 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

8:32 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of Coffee.

**Sunday, Jan. 2**

11:33 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

3:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Crawford and Hobart.

7:43 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of North Christy.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS Ambulance Service reported the following calls by 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, Dec. 31**

8:58 p.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to a local nursing center and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

**Saturday, Jan. 1**

12:24 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

12:51 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported one to PRMC.

9:05 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 700 block of Mora and transported one to PRMC.

11:12 p.m. — A MICU responded to Coronado Health Care and transported one to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 2200 block of North Dwight. No patient transport.

6:06 p.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:13 p.m. — A MICU responded to a local nursing home. No transport.

8:37 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported one to PRMC.

11:08 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 500 block of East Foster and transported one to PRMC.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

11:47 a.m. — A 1992 Oldsmobile, driven by Jeffery R. Cole, 18, 701 N. Frost, and a 1992 Ford F-150, driven by Dean Ray Bliss, 45, 1115 S. Wells, collided in the 700 block of North Russell. No injuries were reported. Cole was cited for failure to yield right of way at a private drive.

**Thursday, Dec. 30**

11:44 a.m. — A 1989 Ford Tempo, driven by Faye Marie Bennett, 21, 937 S. Faulkner, and a 1992 Pontiac Transport, driven by Susana Retona Salazar, 47, Wheeler, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart. A passenger in Salazar's vehicle, Daniel Juan Torres, 8, Wheeler, was listed as having possible injury, but was not treated at the scene or transported by ambulance. Bennett was cited for changing lanes when unsafe and no valid driver's license.

3:30 p.m. — A 1997 Chevrolet Lumina, driven by Tammi Gay Fry, 43, 128 N. Nelson, and a 2003

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# Viewpoints

## The best hamburger and malt I ever had

I was leaving the stadium Saturday afternoon, when a couple passed me going the other way with their uniformed son.

"Do you want to go to Outback?" the father was asking his son.

National Guard deployment ceremonies at Baylor University's football stadium had just ended and families were leaving to spend a final evening with their soldier sons, fathers, mothers, daughters and wives.

I turned and watched the family as they headed across the green grass of the football field. The soldier in his desert camouflaged uniform looked awfully young.

It reminded me of another

young man going off to another war long ago.

When I was in college, many of my meals consisted of hamburgers, pizza or peanut butter.

On holidays, when I drove across state to come home to Plainview, my parents were always up and waiting for me. It didn't matter what time I got in, Mother would always have a steak ready to grill. It could be the middle of the afternoon or midnight. There was a steak waiting.

After school, it was the Navy and Vietnam. I don't remember what I ate before my parents drove me to Lubbock to put me on a plane to California and eventually to the Republic of

Vietnam, but I do remember flying back into Lubbock a little more than a year later and being picked up by my parents.

We drove back to Plainview that evening and as we neared the south side of town and the highway turned into Columbia Street, my mother turned around in the front seat, looked at me and beamed, "I put out a steak for you."

It was a nice effort on her part, but it was not necessary. The Navy is built around

ships. There is little to do aboard ship when you're off duty. The Navy's primary morale booster is food. The living and working conditions may not be great, but the food generally is, and that spilled over to many Naval facilities in Vietnam.

We ate well. We had steak three or four times a week and lobster at least once a week.

I hesitate to say that there wasn't anything else to do. In addition to my regular duties, I was recreation officer.

We had a lot of activities for off-duty personnel. There was a marina with sailboats, a ski boat, a swimming pool, an outdoor movie theater, a library and a full intramural sports program.

I didn't enjoy many of the recreational opportunities at the time. My swimming pool sank, the Army stole my ski boat and an auditor took exception to my accounting practices at the movie concession stand (we made between \$15 and \$25 a night).

Probably the only thing that saved me from a court martial was the club. My annual budget was \$100,000. The clubs had an operating budget of over a

million dollars a year. The auditor moved on to the clubs and the big bucks.

I tried to help the clubs as much as I could. After eating a couple of steaks, I would normally spend the rest of each evening at the club.

After one particular Sunday in November spent grilling steaks on the beach and drinking a lot of beer, a few sunburned friends and I decided to dress up in our helmets and flack jackets and take pictures. I sent one home to my parents. A week or so later I got a letter back thanking me for the picture but asking who was the fat kid in the helmet.

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**David Bowser**  
Staff Writer



## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2005. There are 362 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

### On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1938, the "March of Dimes" campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a servant.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

## Our readers write

### AFS student e-mails status

Vlad Rybalkin of eastern Ukraine, an AFS exchange student at Pampa High School last year, finally got through with e-mails just before Christmas and Jan. 2 sent from his home town.

He is really enjoying his school at the International Christian University of Kiev-Vienna. It is not theological, he wrote, but "it provides all necessary courses with a stress on Christian doctrines." His teachers are from the USA,

Canada, India, Georgia, Russia, and Ukraine.

"My parents pay for me and the cost is pretty expensive. It equals a bit more than \$1,000 a year, while my parents don't make a lot of money." (His mother is a physician.) "We are struggling, because I like my university and I have a chance to get a good education there. One of the biggest problems is to find a good and cheap apartment (at Kiev) because their cost has risen a lot."

He is going back to school on Jan. 7, the

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## Western values under attack

School boards have recently banned songs and music containing references to Santa Claus, Jesus and other religious Christmas symbols. The New York City school system permits displays of Jewish menorahs and the Muslim star and crescent but not the Christian nativity scene.

According to an Associated Press story (Nov. 26, 2004), "A public school teacher is suing his district and principal for barring him from using excerpts from historical documents in his classroom because they contain references to God and Christianity." The historical

documents in question are: the Declaration of Independence and "The Rights of the Colonists" by John Adams.

Then there's Kandice Smith, an Alabama sixth-grader who was threatened with discipline for exhibiting a cross necklace. Just a few years ago, the city manager of Eugene, Ore., Jim Johnson, banned Christmas trees and holiday decorations with religious themes from public spaces,

giving as his reason the need to "put a neutral face on a religious holiday in the workplace." This year, a

float proclaiming "Merry Christmas" was banned from Denver's Parade of Lights.

Under the pretense of the First Amendment's prohibitions against "establishment of religion" and the court's bogus "separation of church and state" interpretation of the same, we're witnessing a part of the ongoing attack on

American values. The Constitution's "establishment of religion" clause was written to prevent the formation of anything similar to the official Church of England in the United States.

So why the attack on religion? Read the Declaration of Independence. You'll read phrases such as: "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," "Laws of Nature and Nature's God," and "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world." The vision held by the framers is that our rights

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## Face fact: There is no magic pill

The recent revelations that some widely prescribed pain medicines can increase the risk of heart attack and stroke should serve as a warning to all of us: There is no magic pill.

We are probably the greatest pill-popping nation in history. In part that's because the Rockefeller interests set up a commission years ago to study medical schools and decided those that didn't train doctors to prescribe drugs were "unscientific." Then, in cahoots with the American Medical Association, they began to lobby legislatures to outlaw most forms of nonallopathic medicine. Of course, by

coincidence, the Rockefellers were in the drug business, among many others.

It's only been in recent years that alternative medicine has become available to most Americans, though there is no magic in that field either, and there are plenty of quacks. Most drugs treat symptoms. Few offer cures. I'm often reminded of a chiropractor's statement about medical doctors that "if they can't drug it or cut it, they don't

know what to do."

The fact is that the mortality rate for the human species is 100 percent. Whether we receive excellent health care or no health care, we are all going to die eventually of something or other. Health care is never a question of saving lives but rather of prolonging them.

Surgeons, who can be thought of as body mechanics, can prolong some lives by cutting stuff out and sewing new stuff in, though one should always remem-

ber that surgery is traumatic and carries with it certain risks.

Doctors of allopathic medicine, which is what most medical doctors are, generally prescribe drugs or refer you to a surgeon. Those diseases that are caused by bacteria, which are separate little critters, can often be combated with antibiotics. Unfortunately, these are often overprescribed, and as a result, some bacteria are developing a resistance to the antibiotics. As with all drugs, there can also be some unpleasant side effects in some people.

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come not from government but from a "Creator" or "the laws of nature and of nature's God." That means the purpose and power of government is rightfully limited to protecting our natural God-given rights.

The idea that government doesn't grant rights is offensive to those who wish to control our lives. Therefore, to gain greater control, the idea of natural rights, God-

given rights and Christian values must be suppressed. The idea that rights precede government was John Locke's natural law philosophy, which had a significant influence on our nation's founders, but they chose to refer to natural law as rights endowed by the Creator.

The attack on Christian ideas and Christian public displays is part and parcel of the leftist control agenda in another way. Certain components of the leftist agenda require that our primary allegiance be with government. As such, there must be an

attack on allegiances to the teachings of the church and family.

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Emboldened by their suc-

cesses in the courts and intimidation of public officials, leftists will no doubt make other demands; there's no logical end point except complete Christian capitulation. There are Christian symbols and exhibits in many Washington, D.C., government buildings that will come down, such

as: Moses with the Ten Commandments inside the U.S. Supreme Court, George Washington praying in the Capitol Building, Abraham Lincoln's speech mentioning God carved inside the Lincoln Memorial.

Religious programming on the radio and television will come under attack. After all, there's Federal Communications Commission permission to use the "public airwaves." If leftists say they have no such intention to go after television, radio and other public expressions of Christianity,

what they really mean is that they haven't softened us up enough yet. I'm not quite sure of just how we should respond to the ongoing attack on Christianity and American values, but we'd better do something quickly.

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Science has been far less successful in dealing with viruses and the diseases they cause. That's because a virus, unlike bacteria, is not an independent little fellow that can reproduce itself. Instead, it has to insert itself into a cell and use the cell's reproductive mechanisms to replicate. Scientists are having a difficult time trying to figure out how to kill the virus without killing the cell. The fact that viruses mutate doesn't make anything easier.

The best thing the government can do is to ban prescription-drug advertising on television. Drugs should not be prescribed because

patients demand them after having watched the ridiculous television ads that make them seem like magic pills.

Drug companies should not be allowed to bribe doctors with fancy vacations or other premiums, nor pay consulting fees to people in the research field.

Money is no less a corrupting factor in health care than it is in politics or other forms of business. A lawyer recently asked

me if I was pro-lawyer or pro-doctor, and the answer is I'm neither. Some doctors kill their patients, and some lawyers rob the survivors.

Neither doctors nor lawyers have a good record of cleaning up their own houses. Both professions, however,

*Almost everything in health care, including drugs, is a matter of balancing risks against benefits. Nothing is risk-free, including life itself.*

are necessary, and both contain many good people. As with everything, it depends on the character of the individual. As one writer in the field has pointed out, sanitary engineers have saved more lives than the medical profession by providing people with clean water and sanitary sewers.

Practicing personal hygiene, drinking sufficient water, a proper diet and exercise remain the best prescription for a healthy life. When that's not enough, try to find a good doctor, and keep your brain fully engaged. Don't be afraid to ask questions or seek second opinions. Doctors, after all, are fallible human beings like the rest of us. As for drugs, prescription or otherwise, more is definitely not better than the correct dosage.

Try not to get uptight. All the media attention on drugs and diseases can easily make one a hypochondriac by exaggerating risks. Almost everything in health care, including drugs, is a matter of balancing risks against benefits. Nothing is risk-free, including life itself.

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Orthodox Christmas. He promised to write more

about the political situation in Ukraine, and stated (in the Jan. 2 e-mail) that "the crisis is settling down and the candidate from government Victor Yanukovich has accepted Yushchenko as the

President of the country." He wrote that he missed everybody and wanted to say "hi" to all his friends, which included this listing: Jerrod Busse, Ben Ponce, Sunil Kamnani, Taylor Reeves,

Omar Chavez, Jacob Stillwagon, Zach Ammons, Samantha Cenicerros. His e-mail is: <texanvlad@mail.ru> Darlene Birkes Pampa

# Best

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I began to limit my intake of beer and started eating no more than one steak at any meal. I exercised regularly, even though I lost one of the Executive Officer's water skis, but that's another story.

When I returned, I had lost some of the weight, but even though my Mother had set a steak out for me that night of my return, it wasn't steak that I'd missed.

The bright smile on her saintly face sagged as we entered town and I asked simply, "Couldn't we stop at the Dairy Queen and get a hamburger and chocolate malt

instead?" I don't know where the family in Waco went for dinner Saturday night. I hope it was to Outback. I hope the young soldier had a steak and enjoyed it.

I hope he enjoyed being with his family.

I don't know how or what the Army feeds their troops. If

it's like the Marines with whom I spent some time, I ate better in college.

I just hope that young soldier returns home safely a year from now and his parents take him to get a steak...or a hamburger and chocolate malt.

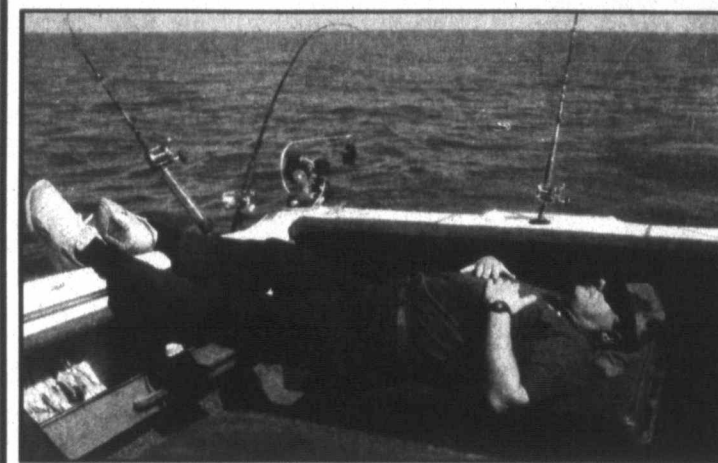
It was the best hamburger and malt I ever had.

# Calendar of Events

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.
- **The Moms and Babies Coming Shop** in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.
- **2CARE for Moms and Babies** is conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.
- **The Women's Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-

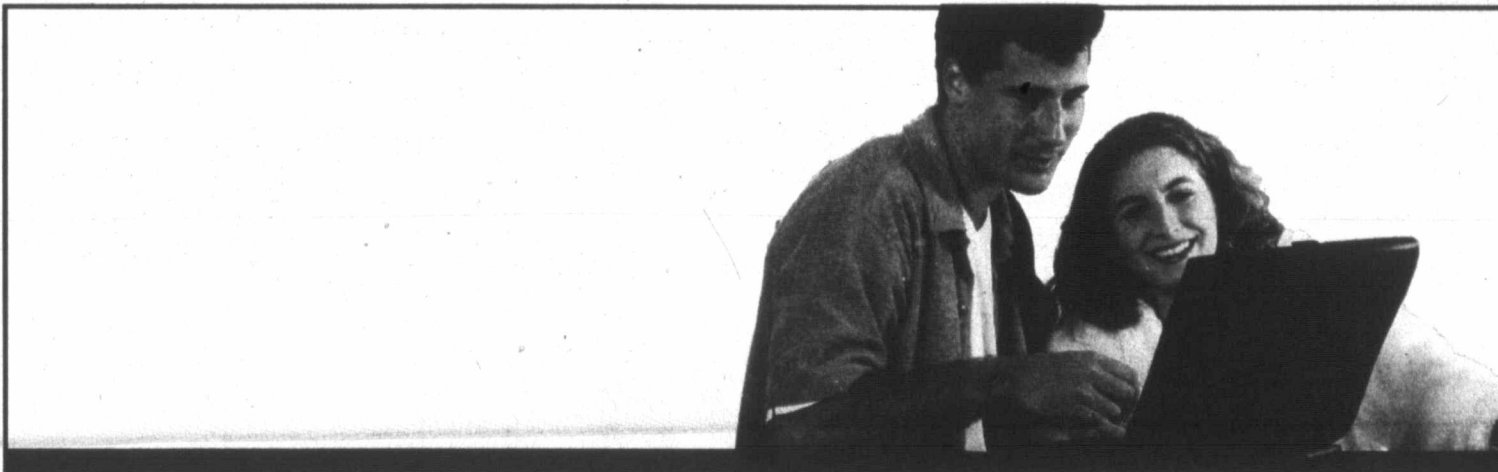
- 377-4673.
- **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.
- **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goes will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swclass@cox.net.
- **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 5, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Jan. 10, City Hall, Canadian.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I need to know if I should forgive my husband, "Kurt," or move on and start over.

I had been married 26 years when Kurt called me one day at work to say he no longer knew how he felt about me. I was speechless. At first, I thought he was joking, but it went from bad to worse, and he asked for a divorce. He became verbally and emotionally abusive after that and moved out for a while. Then we reconciled. Everything was OK until a well-meaning friend called and told me Kurt had been involved with the office slut for more than a year.

When I confronted him, he lied, he cried, and then he spilled his guts.

I get sick thinking of the way Kurt treated me. He abandoned me for her like I was a weekend fling. He took money from us to support her, because she was "all alone and needed someone to help her out" -- all the while telling me that at age 44, I needed to learn to take care of myself! (I am a college graduate with a full-time job.)

My feelings for my husband have changed since I learned the truth. Had I known about the affair, I don't think I would have reconciled with him. What I thought was a midlife crisis turned out to be a true betrayal -- but where do I go from here? Since Kurt has returned home, I have been the "queen" in his life. He is truly a different person. He says he's sorry; however, I'm not sure if he's sorry he cheated or sorry he got caught. What do you think? -- FURIOUS IN OHIO

**DEAR FURIOUS:** I think he's sorry for the mess he made of things and for hurting you. Let's not forget, if he didn't care for you, he could have ended the marriage. You and your husband must talk this out until it is laid to rest, and the place to do it is in the presence of a marriage counselor. I

know you're hurt, but make no decisions based on anger and bitterness. Other couples have survived infidelity -- and so can you, if that's what you both want. The choice is yours. \*\*\*\*\*

**DEAR ABBY:** For the past year, every time I visit my parents, my mother has commented on items in their home that she wants to go to specific family members after she and Dad are gone.

My siblings and I don't always get along, and I'm afraid that after our parents pass on, there will be a nasty battle over who gets what.

I have suggested to Mom that she write this all down, but she refuses. She keeps insisting, "You'll remember this." Should I help my parents write down their wishes? Also, is it inappropriate to make them aware of what antiques or items I would like to have? It's an uncomfortable topic to discuss. -- DUTIFUL DAUGHTER IN MIDDLETOWN, N.J.

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** It's a shame that two of the most important subjects -- sex and death -- are also the most difficult to discuss. In the interest of family harmony, your mother and father should be writing down their wishes concerning their property. However, since your mother seems unwilling, when she points out certain items, give her an indelible pen and suggest that she label them with the name of the person she would like to have them. It would take only a moment, and would not be morbid.

P.S. I see nothing wrong with telling your mother which items you'd like to have, as long as your siblings are also able to speak up for what they would like to have.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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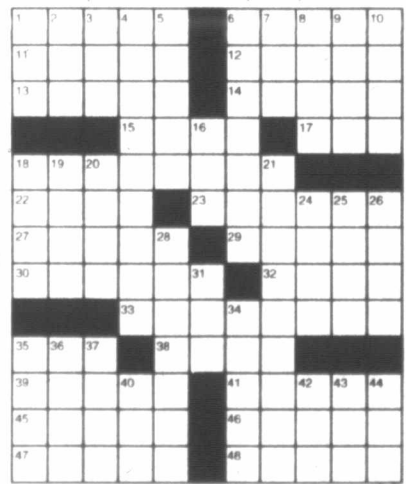
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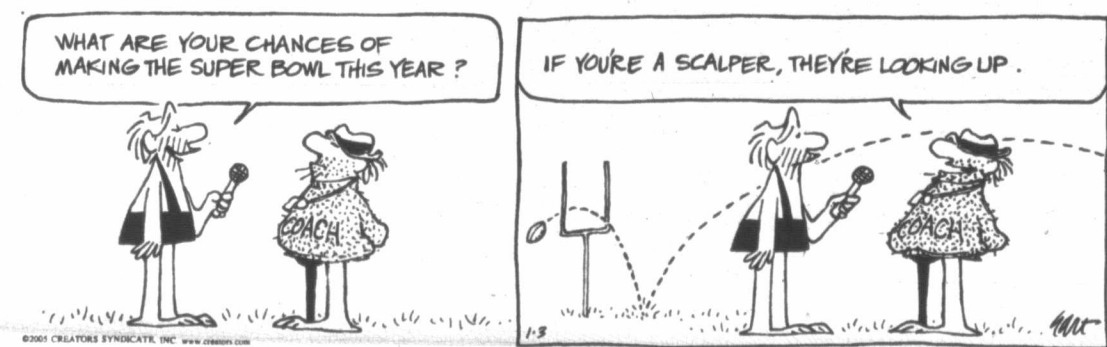
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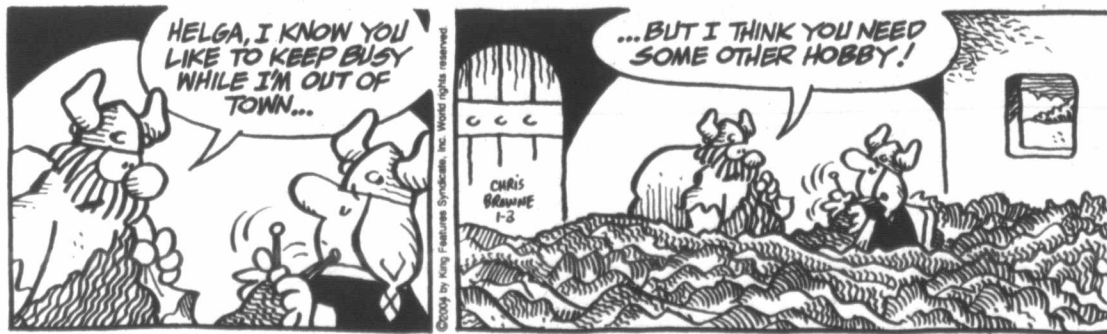
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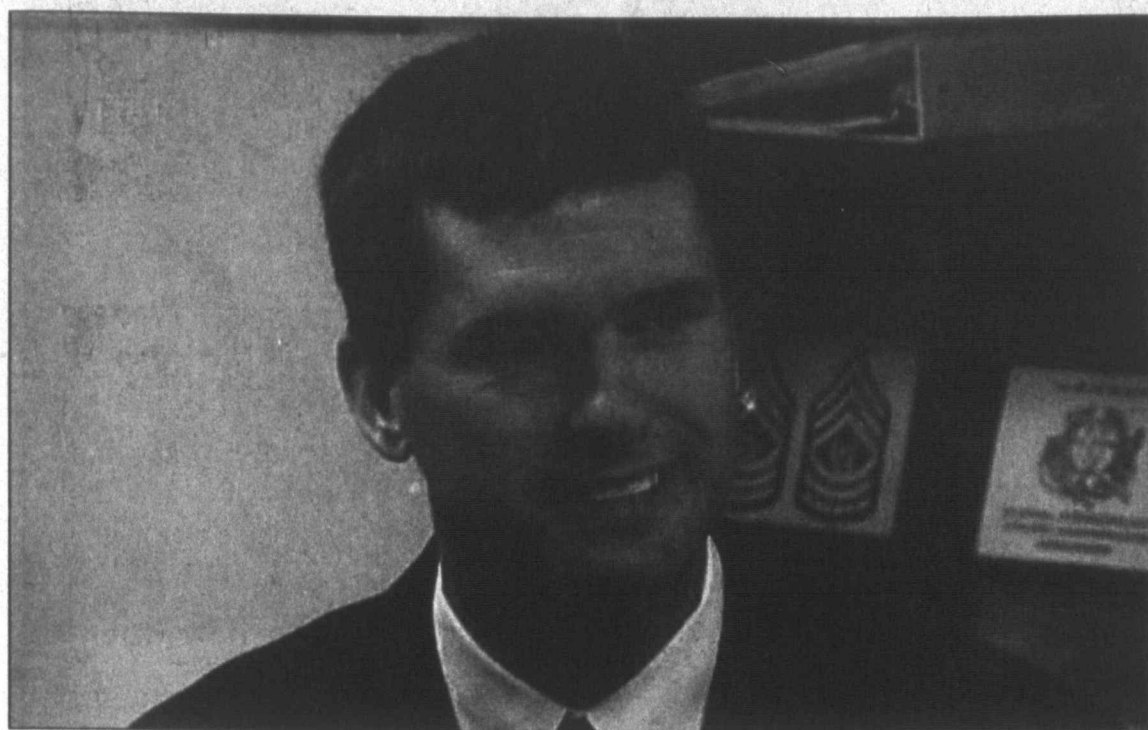


Photo by CAROLYN THERO

New Pampa Harvester head football coach Bryan Wood answers questions from the media at the PHS Athletic Office Monday morning.

## Sunray's Wood named new Pampa head football coach

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa has a new head football coach. Bryan Wood was introduced to the team at 8:30 a.m. today. Shortly afterward, he met with the local media.

Wood comes from Sunray where he has served as head football coach/athletic director for the past four years. In that time, the Bobcats compiled an impressive 43-9 record. Wood's overall record as a head football coach is 55-17.

While at Sunray, wood guided the Bobcats to the District 1-1A Bidistrict Championship in 2001. The Area Championship in 2002. A state semifinal game in 2003. And this year, Wood led Sunray to an impressive 13-1 mark, making it to the state quarterfinals where they lost to district foe, Stratford.

A 1988 graduate of Vega High School and a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech, Coach Wood has coached in Roby, Rotan and Brownwood, Texas.

When asked what he and the other members of the search committee were looking for in the man that would take over the helm

of Pampa football, Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch said, "It was important we find someone who knew and understood the panhandle area." As for what it was about Wood that impressed them, Haenisch replied, "We had an idea about what we wanted with regard to keeping and building on the Pampa High School tradition and philosophy. What we believe to be part of Pampa's success. We never got the chance to ask Coach Wood his thoughts. He answered them before we had the chance to ask." Haenisch continued, "It was obvious to us that he already knew about it. We were all very impressed with him."

Athletic Director Dick Dunham shared one story of a reference — a coach — who said, "I gave 30 years plus to coaching. If I went back tomorrow, Wood would be the first coach I would hire." Both Dunham and Haenisch said all reference checks were just as positive.

Some insight as to what kind of coach Wood is came when he was asked what he planned to implement so far as schemes this season. "Whatever these kids do best," he said.

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## PHS booster club meets tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Football Booster Club will hold a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the Athletic Office. The focus of

tonight's meeting is the planning and preparation of the upcoming banquet. Parents are asked to bring photographs of their sons. If you need additional information, please contact a booster club member or call the athletic office at 669-4830.

### HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

## Writing never hurt so good

Over the past week or so, I have been fortunate enough to have obtained some fun and interesting stories not often seen in Sports Day. Not because I don't like them. Not because you don't like them. These stories don't get a lot of press simply because my staff is unable to get to them (remember, I am a staff of one). Or space limits their insertion due to other events taking place. Basketball. Football. Wrestling. Soon, baseball will be getting underway.

Still, it was nice to bring you the little feature on Pampa iron man angler John Dawes. When you actually want to stand on the end of the pier at a local fishing hole with the wind blowing and the temperature barely above 35 degrees and fish, well sir — you got it bad. When I first saw the pictures Pampa News photographer Ben Briscoe took of Dawes, I got the sense that if he (Dawes) was only wearing his parka to keep from making anyone else who might be at the lake look silly. The man was fishing in the freezing cold — and he liked it.

I come to work most mornings now and whine about how cold my fat little toes are because the floor of my cubicle just allows the cold to pour in. In response to my child-like carrying on, my boss managed to scare up a small space heater that I keep tucked away under my desk. You know, just in case Mr. Dawes or some other weather warrior stops in for a visit. They will never know I am keeping my earth pads toasty warm with a miniature furnace.

And there were the bowling pictures. My favorite one was Charla Shults celebrating a great shot. You could see the emotion in her face. Her body language alone tells you she had just done something great. The more I looked at the pictures and began

to read some of the scores, I thought back on how much I used to like to bowl. Was kind of good at one time. I think my best game was a 247. Those days are apparently about 60 pounds or more behind me now.

See, our son was in town for Christmas and among the things we did while he was here was...you guessed it — bowl. Had to. Charla and the rest of her pals made it look fun.

So, we headed off to the local bowling alley, rented our clown shoes — found a house ball — and away we went. I was so bad I think I frightened the little girl in the lane next to us away. She looked over after one of my rolls and the next thing I know, she's gone. She split in a hurry too. She left all her gear

behind. Some fancy carrier on wheels, a bag and other things. "Do you think she just forgot it," my wife asked. I said, "I dunno." We continued on.

The family on the other side of us was doing great. Even their baby was outscoring me. Then I noticed the secret to their success and high scores. They had these things in the gutter that kept your ball on the lane. It was like training wheels for a bowler. After my first game, I envied them.

We had fun though. Actually, I had forgotten how much fun bowling is. What's more, as I write this column, I am also beginning to realize just how out of shape I am. Brother, my legs hurt. My shoulder hurts. My arm hurts. And I can't wait to go again.

So here's to you — the John Dawes' and Charla Shults' of the world. Here's to your enthusiasm. Here's to your spirit. Above all, here's to your health. May you be an inspiration to us all. You have most certainly inspired me.



Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor

## Pampa freshmen face Bulldogs tonight; varsity and JV teams home tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School freshmen boys' basketball team will take to the road tonight. The Harvesters will travel to Borger to face the Bulldogs. That game scheduled to get started at 6 p.m.

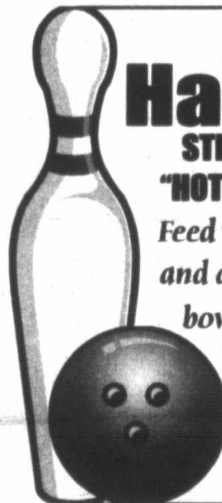
A full night of basketball is slated for both The Pit and the MPAC building tomorrow night as the varsity and junior varsity squads will play host to Claude.

The varsity girls will start the night off at McNeely Field

House with a 6 p.m. tip off against the Lady Mustangs. Across the street, the junior varsity boys will take on its Claude counterpart.

The varsity boys will take to the floor of The Pit at 7:30 p.m. The junior varsity girls will be in action in the MPAC building at 7:30 p.m. as well.

The home court will look good to the varsity teams, both coming-off tournament appearances in Clovis (boys) and Lubbock (girls). The junior varsity teams have not played since the Christmas break.



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## Central Hockey League standings

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#### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

##### Northeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Boss/Shvport	18	8	3	39	96	74
Fort Worth	15	10	3	33	81	80
Tulsa	14	14	3	31	95	105
Oklahoma City	10	15	5	25	86	92
Memphis	11	17	1	23	82	108

##### Northwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Wichita	22	7	1	45	100	73
Colorado	17	5	5	39	98	59
New Mexico	15	10	3	33	89	88
Topeka	11	18	2	24	83	104

#### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

##### Southeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Laredo	16	10	1	33	93	63
Corpus Christi	15	10	3	33	96	92
Austin	13	12	2	28	75	83
Rio Gr. Valley	9	18	1	19	65	108

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Lubbock	16	9	2	34	82	69
San Angelo	16	10	2	34	79	85
Amarillo	12	12	4	28	75	89
Odessa	11	10	5	27	71	74

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

#### Saturday's Games

Corpus Christi 3, Odessa 1  
Lubbock 7, Topeka 4  
Tulsa 5, Fort Worth 2  
Bossier-Shreveport 3, Memphis 1  
New Mexico 4, Amarillo 3, OT  
Laredo 2, Austin 0  
San Angelo 3, Rio Grande Valley 1  
Wichita 5, Colorado 4, OT

#### Sunday's Game

Bossier-Shreveport 4, Tulsa 3, SO  
Monday's Game  
Topeka at Wichita

## Utah's Meyer wins Robinson award as coach of the year after 12-0 season

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Utah's Urban Meyer received the Football Writers Association/Eddie Robinson coach of the year award Saturday after leading the Utes to a 12-0 season.

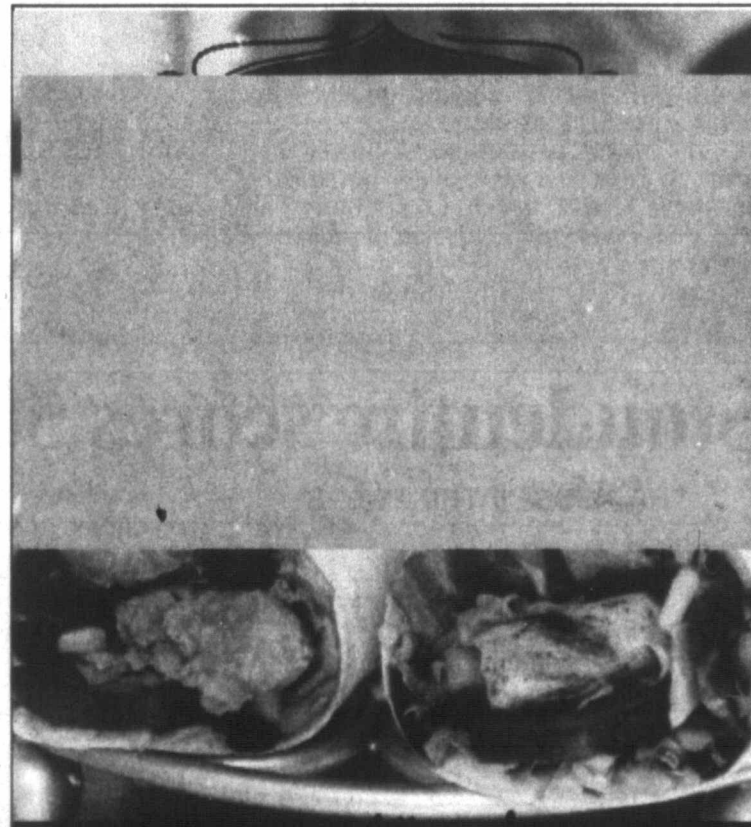
The honor was announced during the Utes' 35-7 victory over Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl, the final piece in Utah's first perfect season since 1930.

The other finalists for the award — first presented in 1957 to Ohio State's Woody Hayes — were Southern California's Pete Carroll, Tommy Tuberville of Auburn,

Mike Price of Texas-El Paso, Iowa's Kirk Ferentz and California coach Jeff Tedford.

Meyer was 22-2 at Utah and guided the Utes to the first Bowl Championship Series game for a team from a conference without an automatic BCS berth.

Saturday's game was Meyer's last with the Utes. He was hired by Florida to replace the fired Ron Zook, but was allowed to coach Utah one last time.



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## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	14	2	0	.875	437	260
z-N.Y. Jets	10	6	0	.625	333	261
Buffalo	9	7	0	.563	395	284
Miami	4	12	0	.250	275	354

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	12	4	0	.750	522	351
Jacksonville	9	7	0	.563	261	280
<b>Houston</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>339</b>
Tennessee	5	11	0	.313	344	439

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
xy-Pittsburgh	15	1	0	.938	372	251
Baltimore	9	7	0	.563	317	268
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	374	372
Cleveland	4	12	0	.250	276	390

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Diego	12	4	0	.750	446	313
z-Denver	10	6	0	.625	381	304
Kansas City	7	9	0	.438	483	435
Oakland	5	11	0	.313	320	442

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
xy-Philadelphia	13	3	0	.813	386	260
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	303	347
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>405</b>
Washington	6	10	0	.375	240	265

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Atlanta	11	5	0	.688	340	337
New Orleans	8	8	0	.500	348	405
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	355	339
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	301	304

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	10	6	0	.625	424	380
z-Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	405	395
Detroit	6	10	0	.375	296	350
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	231	331

West

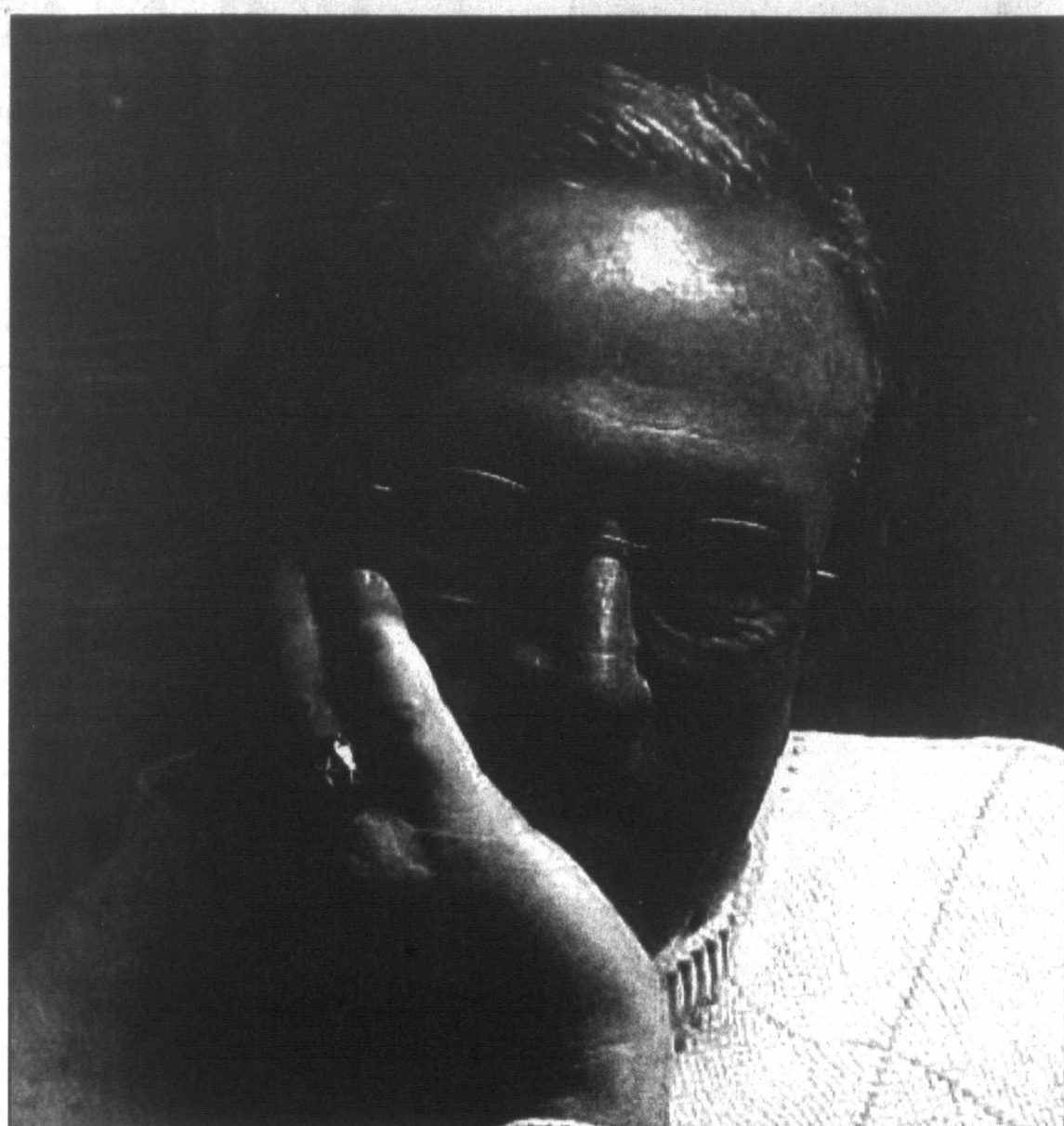
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	9	7	0	.563	371	373
z-St. Louis	8	8	0	.500	319	392
Arizona	6	10	0	.375	284	322
San Francisco	2	14	0	.125	259	452

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y-clinched conference  
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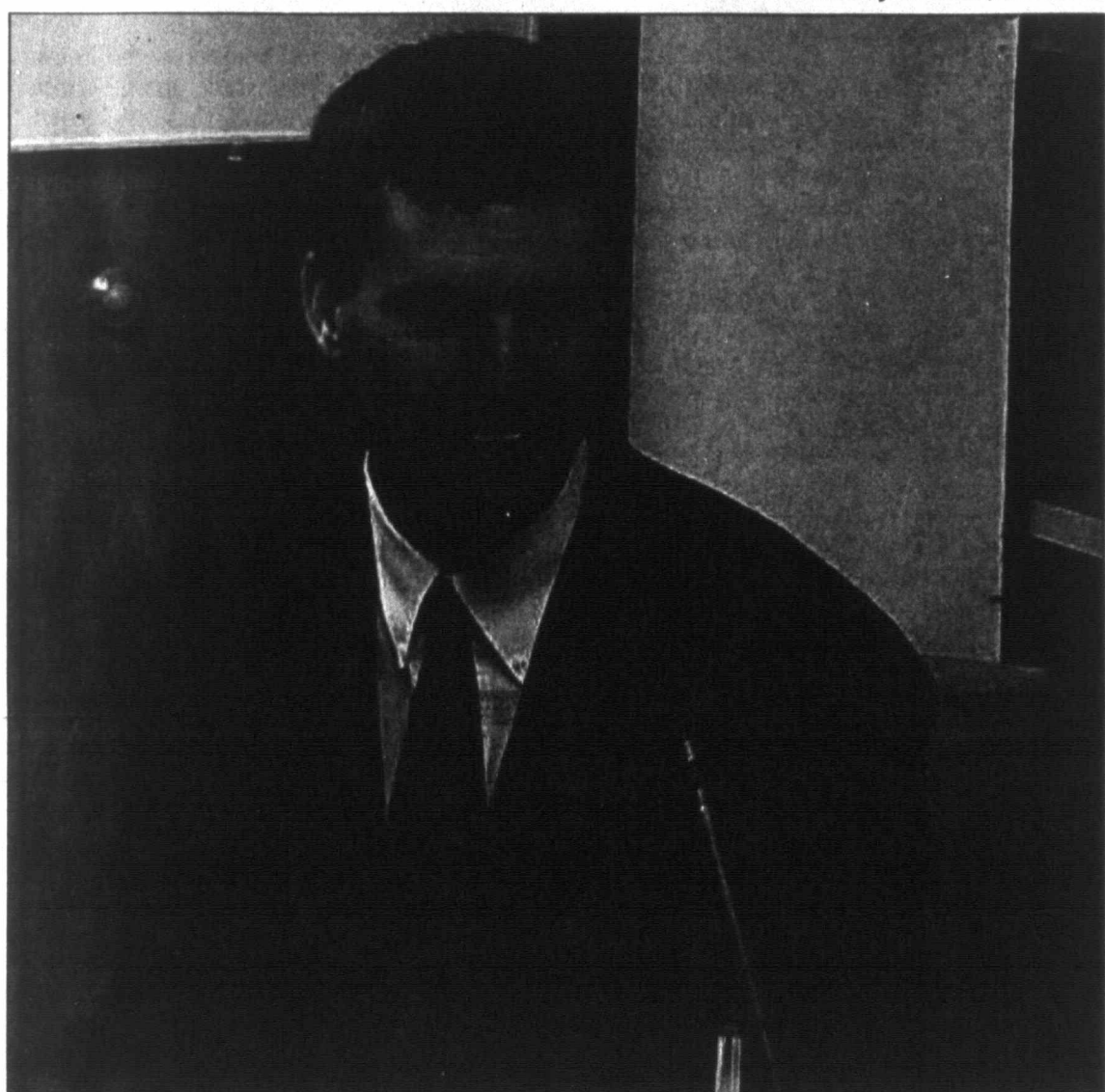
### Sunday's Games

Tennessee 24, Detroit 19  
Baltimore 30, Miami 23  
Green Bay 31, Chicago 14  
St. Louis 32, N.Y. Jets 29, OT  
Cleveland 22, Houston 14  
Washington 21, Minnesota 18  
Pittsburgh 29, Buffalo 24  
New Orleans 21, Carolina 18

New England 21, San Francisco 7  
Cincinnati 38, Philadelphia 10  
Seattle 28, Atlanta 26  
Arizona 12, Tampa Bay 7  
San Diego 24, Kansas City 17  
Denver 33, Indianapolis 14  
Jacksonville 13, Oakland 6  
N.Y. Giants 28, Dallas 24



Photos by CAROLYN THERO



Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch (top) listens as newly named Pampa High School football coach Bryan Wood answers questions Monday morning. Wood replaces Heath Parker who took over the Tascosa job after two seasons as the Harvester head man.

## Wood

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Wood met with his Bobcats at 11 a.m. this morning to inform them of his decision. "This will be the hardest part of the whole thing," he said. So far as a start date, Wood expects to begin full time by the first of February. He will be bringing three assistants with him.

During his meeting with the Pampa players this morning, Wood said he told the team a little about himself and his background. He said he knew about the Pampa tradition, adding such things are "Worth protecting and hard to keep. I'm not going to try to change anything." He told them about his expectations and that, "I'm just a country boy who grew up in Vega."

Wood is 34 years young and looks like a student him-

self. Spend some time with him and you will notice he sounds like a coach that has been roaming the side lines for more years than he has been.

His answers are quick and honest.

His thoughts and philosophies are sound. Coach Wood will be a great fit for Pampa. Better still, there is reason to believe he can, and will, advance the Harvester program to the next level.

## TEXAS OUTLASTS REBELS

# No. 15 Texas 89, UNLV 82

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas forward P.J. Tucker and his teammates came alive just in time to escape upset-minded UNLV.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Tucker was too much for the Runnin' Rebels to handle late in the 15th-ranked Longhorns' 89-82 victory on Sunday night.

Tucker finished with 25 points, 14 in the second half, and 10 rebounds to help offset UNLV's hot 3-point shooting.

"P.J. Tucker is the kind of player that's going to fight and claw every possession," first-year UNLV coach Lon Kruger said. "He does everything he can to make his team better."

Texas (10-2) finally shook off pesky

UNLV (6-5) late in the second half. The Longhorns trailed 67-65 with 5:50 to play after UNLV guard Michael Umeh nailed a 3-pointer from the left wing, one of seven the Runnin' Rebels made in the half. But Texas went on a 12-1 run to take control.

Tucker's three-point play followed by his powerful defensive rebound and no-look pass to LaMarcus Aldridge for a layup gave the Longhorns a 72-67 lead with 4:20 left. After Brad Buckman hit two free throws for Texas, Daniel Gibson passed to Jason Klotz for a fastbreak layup to give the Longhorns a 77-68 lead with 2:01 to play.

Romel Beck and Jerel Blasingame each had 17 points for UNLV.

# Stoudemire scores 50 to lead surging Suns; Mavs drop Bucks

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Amare Stoudemire had 30 points after three quarters against Portland, and scoring 50 was still far from his mind.

It wasn't until he heard a voice from the crowd that the young Suns' phenom realized he had a chance to reach that milestone.

"I wasn't thinking about it," Stoudemire said. "I heard one of the fans say 46, and that's when I thought about it, but I wasn't pressing and trying to get 50 points. It just came to me in the flow of the game."

Stoudemire finished right at 50, leading Phoenix to a 117-98 win over the Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

With the crowd of 18,166 cheering wildly in the final minutes as Stoudemire approached the mark, the fans got their wish with 43.2 seconds left when he nailed a 15-foot turnaround jump shot.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Denver 99-91; Sacramento defeated San Antonio 86-81; Dallas topped Milwaukee 123-104; Detroit beat Boston 100-88; Houston beat Utah 99-80; Washington defeated Atlanta 104-101; and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Philadelphia 89-83.

Stoudemire scored on a variety of shots — dunks, jumpers and power moves to the basket. He was so dominant, he reminded his teammate Quentin Richardson of one of the NBA's greatest players.

"Amare Stoudemire looked like Wilt Chamberlain," Richardson said.

Stoudemire shot 20-of-27 from the floor and 10-of-17 from the foul line. Richardson added 20 for Phoenix. Darius Miles led Portland with 25 points, while Zach Randolph had 22 points and 14 rebounds.

**Lakers 99, Nuggets 91**  
At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored the Lakers' first 14 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 42.

Former Lakers star Michael Cooper lost for the first time as an NBA coach. He was promoted to head coach in Denver last Tuesday after the firing of Jeff Bzdelik and won in his debut Friday against Philadelphia.

Bryant recorded his third consecutive 40-point game for the Lakers, who won back-to-back games for the sixth time this season.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 27 points in his second game back since missing six with a sprained ankle. Kenyon Martin returned to the Denver lineup after missing Friday's game with a sore back and finished with 11 points in 28 minutes.

### Kings 86, Spurs 81

At Sacramento, Calif., Peja Stojakovic had 28 points, including six 3-pointers, and Mike Bibby scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half for the Kings.

Chris Webber added 14 points and 13 rebounds for Sacramento, which snapped the Spurs' five-game winning streak. The Kings also avoided their first three-game home losing streak since April 2000.

Manu Ginobili scored 18 points for San Antonio, but Tim Duncan got just six of his 14 points in the second half as the Spurs lost in Sacramento for just the second time in five trips.

### Mavericks 123, Bucks 104

At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 39 points and Josh Howard got 11 of his 25 in

the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks pull away.

Nowitzki hit 14 of 25 shots from the floor in his 11th 30-point game of the season. Dallas shot 53 percent from the floor and equaled its season-high point total.

Howard held Milwaukee's Michael Redd to 18 points, nearly five below his average. Mike James led the Bucks with 20 points.

### Pistons 100, Celtics 88

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Rasheed Wallace had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead Detroit, which won for the fourth time in five games.

Six Pistons scored in double figures, including Tayshaun Prince, who had 18 points.

Rookie Tony Allen led Boston with a career-best 18 points. Jiri Welsch added 14 points, and Paul Pierce had 13.

The Celtics have won just one of their last five games.

### Rockets 99, Jazz 80

At Houston, Tracy McGrady scored 25 points to lead the Rockets to their third straight win. Bob Sura tied season highs with 24 points, 10 rebounds and five steals for Houston, which won for the 10th time in 14 games.

*'Amare Stoudemire looked like Wilt Chamberlain.'*

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### Flying over the troops

A formation of Apache helicopters from Houston flies over a formation of 3,000 Texas National Guardsmen at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco during deployment ceremonies New Year's Day. In the foreground is the 2nd Battalion, 142 Infantry, which includes Detachment 1, Company B, from Pampa.

## School finance on Austin list

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators are marching toward the Capitol to the steady drumbeat of vows to revamp the state's school finance system.

After two years of failed attempts, lawmakers will enter the upcoming legislative session facing a court order to pump more money into the state's K-12 public schools. An appeal is pending.

"It's very important. The court has outlined a very serious case of funding inadequacies and has said that the Legislature has to fix it by October 1," said former state District Judge F. Scott McCown, who now

heads the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a think tank that tracks issues affecting low- and moderate-income families. "So they are faced with a big challenge."

The session starts Jan. 11 and lasts until the end of May.

"I hope that the first bill we get to the governor's desk will be a school finance bill," said Republican Rep. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, who chairs the House Public Education Committee.

As it works now, schools are paid for in large part by local property tax money. Cash-strapped districts are

forced to raise local property taxes to the legal limit, with little room for growth.

Property poor districts get money from more affluent districts, but both say they still don't have enough money. Many districts are laying off teachers and some fast-growing districts are using temporary buildings as classrooms.

Homeowners are frustrated with high property tax rates and legislators have campaigned on promises to reduce the state's dependence on the expanding taxes, but so far haven't been able to agree on a suitable replacement.

## Education funding battle rages in Capitol and courts last year

DALLAS (AP) — Texas educators scored a decisive victory for better school funding in 2004, when a judge ruled the state's share-the-wealth finance system is "inefficient, inadequate and unsuitable."

State District Judge John Dietz's September ruling capped a six-week trial in a lawsuit filed by more than 300 school districts that claimed Texas' \$30 billion education funding system violates the state constitution.

The ruling also followed a 30-day spring-time special session called by Gov. Rick Perry to examine the issue. No legislation was passed during the session.

Under the so-called "Robin Hood" system, about 13 percent of the 1,087 school districts in Texas are required to share a portion of their property tax revenue with the state's less wealthy districts.

On Tuesday, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott filed a notice of appeal to the Texas Supreme Court. Abbott urged the court to hear the case as soon as possible. Dietz said the state must stop funding public education by October if the constitutional violations are not corrected.

George Bramblett, one of the attorneys for the districts that sued the state, called Dietz's decision a seminal ruling in Texas school finance history. He compared it with the 1989 Texas Supreme Court ruling that forced Texas to junk its old funding system

in favor of Robin Hood.

"The judge issued a thorough and impressive ruling that vindicates our position that the state has significantly been underfunding the system," he said.

Many districts that joined the lawsuit, launched three years ago by the property wealthy West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District, say the state's schools don't have the money they need to educate Texas' 4.3 million students. The plaintiffs included both wealthy districts and those that are property poor.

Dietz agreed with their contention that the state's cap on local property taxes amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax. He also agreed that the funding shortfall made it impossible for both rich and poor school districts to provide an adequate education.

Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley testified during the trial that state-mandated academic standards can be met with current funding.

But she acknowledged telling a newspaper that she believes the state's share of public school funding should move back toward 60 percent. The level has dropped to 38 percent, with the rest coming from local property taxes.

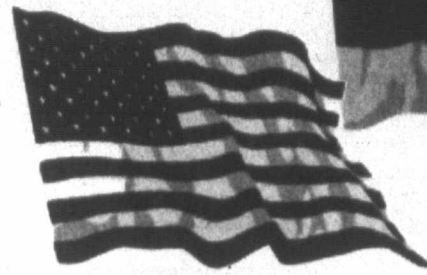
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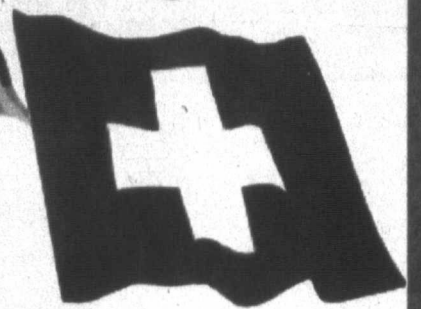
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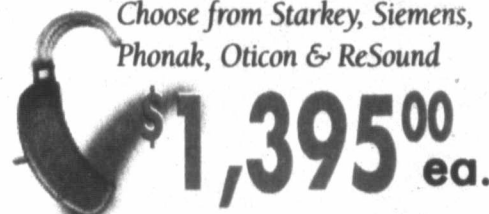


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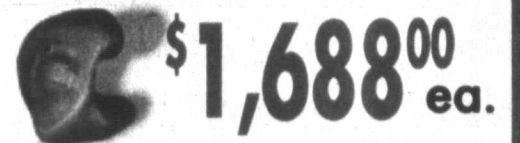


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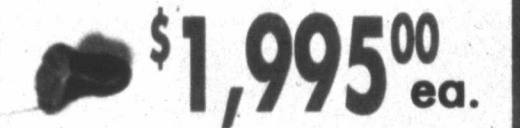


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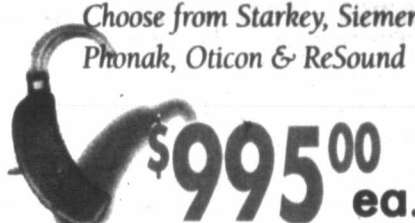
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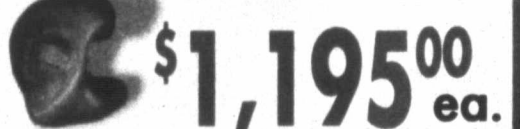


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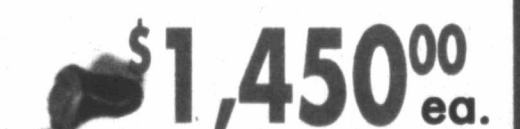


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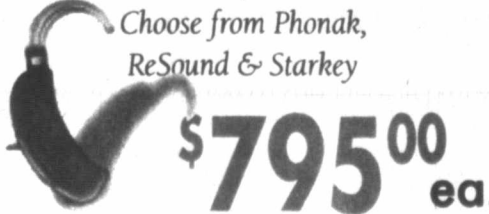
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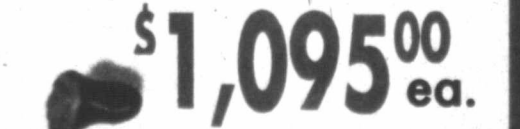


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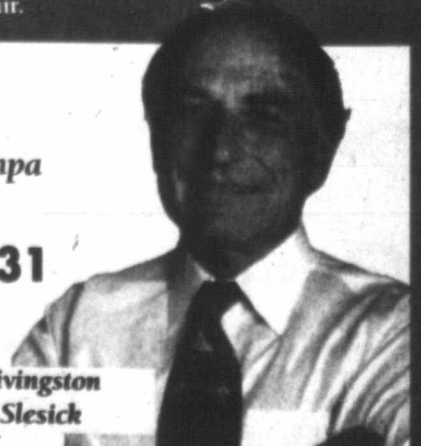
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