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Duck stuck in ice

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A duck in the lake at Recreation Park seems to be having problems. It appears that the duck's stomach is frozen in the ice and he cannot get out.

E.W. Mason has been keeping an eye on this duck for the past three days when he noticed that it had not moved from its location about 50 yards from the fishing pier.

Mason called the parks and wildlife office and Jeff Bonner did go out to the lake with the game warden to check the situation. Bonner said it is not worth risking someone getting hurt or killed to try and rescue the duck, so they cannot do anything for the animal. He encourages people not to go and try to rescue the animal or call his office

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'Just because'

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Keisha Webb, manager of Pampa Flowers, makes an arrangement of a dozen red roses. The occasion of this delivery is "just because." Webb said they are taking orders for Valentine's Day now and people should order as early as possible for the upcoming holiday.



Two blood drives scheduled **Another I-40 drug bust**

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold two blood drives in Pampa over the next few weeks. Residents are encouraged to attend one of these and help with the need for all blood types.

The first drive will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster. This is being done in honor of a member of that church, Wayne Jones, who has received large amounts of blood during recent surgeries.

The second drive will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 9, co-

sponsored by Community Christian School and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Stephanie Hinds from Coffee Memorial Blood Center said that each donor of this drive will receive a "study buddy" to give to their children. This is a way for parents to start communicating with their children about the importance of donating blood.

"Since we are doing this in conjunction with the school, we wanted to give the donors something

See BLOOD, Page 6

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested an Ohio man Wednesday after they found 1,000 grams of cocaine worth \$56,000 in his vehicle after a traffic stop six miles west of Groom.

Terry A. Sherman, 42, of Grove City, Ohio, was stopped traveling eastbound for a traffic violation. After

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Lovett library celebrates 52nd year today

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

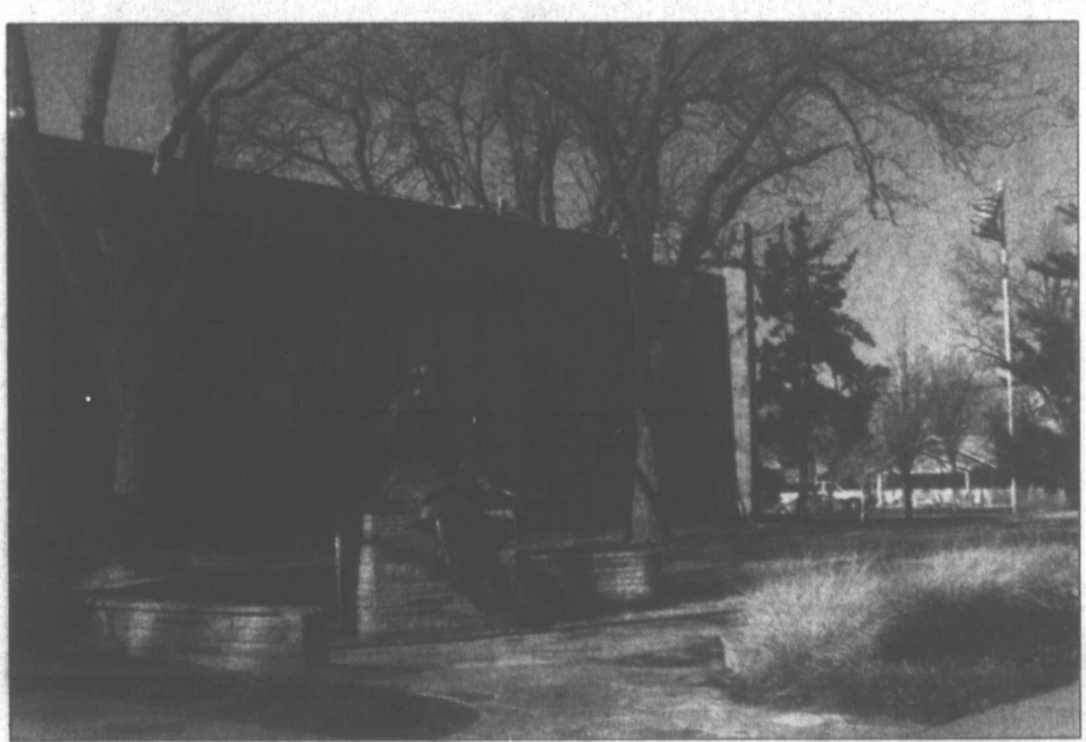
The Lovett Library is celebrating its 52nd year at its current location, 111 N. Houston. The original library was in the basement of City Hall, but funding from the Fannie Lovett estate changed that in 1955.

According to newspaper articles from the Pampa News and compiled by librarian and historian John Mead, three prominent Pampans, C.P. Buckler, M.K. Brown and Dr. Walter Purviance, were trustees of the estate left in 1948.

These men had to decide what to do with the money left by Lovett. Her estate was to be used for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes in Gray County.

This is where she and her husband Henry, who were two of Gray County's earliest settlers, lived and made their money and they wanted it to stay in this area.

Henry Lovett moved to this area in 1885 from Sedalia, Mo. He was part of a group of 12 men who went buffalo hunting. On an average day, they would kill and skin 100 buffalo. Lovett was known to be an expert in



The Lovett Library observes its 52nd year at this location on Houston Street. The figure of a woman reading to a child is seen at the entrance to the library.

skinning because he could skin 25 to 30 buffalo a day.

Lovett left the area and returned with a wife, Fannie, in 1887. They rode the railway from Weatherford to Vernon, where it ended, and then they each drove a covered wagon 15 miles per day to get here. They bought half a section of land approximately three miles south-

west of present day Lefors.

Early housing was a one room dugout, approximate size being 10 feet by 12 feet, near Grapevine Creek. Expansion was done a little at a time and one year later they had added another room.

In 1888, Henry gathered a wagonload of buffalo bones, hauled them to Panhandle

and sold them for \$7 per ton. He did this to buy Fannie an iron cook stove, so she could stop cooking over the open fire. Also that same year, Fannie gave birth to their only child, a girl named Mattabell.

Over the years, the dugout expanded to seven

See LOVETT, Page 6

52 years ago things were a bit different

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

On Jan. 18, 1955, the ribbon cutting for the newly constructed Lovett Library was held.

A lot has happened since then.

The USS Nautilus, the United States' first atomic powered submarine, left its berth in the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics shipyard to go out to sea for trail runs.

If you look at the classified advertisements on that same day in the local newspaper, items seemed quite a bit cheaper than today's prices.

A small house could be purchased for \$3,750, while a larger home was priced at \$7,000. A furnished apartment could be rented for \$47.50 per month.

A "slightly used" four piece walnut bedroom suite was offered for \$90.

Cars were not loaded with all of the extras they come with today. A used 1950 two door Chevy, with radio and heater, was for

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Friday Night: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 12 and 17. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a high near 29. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 34. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Willard Gerald Rice, 61

Willard Gerald Rice, 61, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Carpenter's Church with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor, and Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rice was born Sept. 17, 1945, at Liberal, Kan. He was a member of the Carpenter's Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Sharon Rice, DeeAnn Rice, Joyce Carter Brown of Nacogdoches, and Shirley Hunnicutt of Ardmore, Okla.; and a brother, Jimmy Simmons of Hutchinson, Kan.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BYNUM, Amy — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
KELLY, Eva Mae Hill — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
RICE, Willard Gerald — Memorial services, 1 p.m., the Carpenter's Church, Pampa.

Amy Bynum, 67

HEFLIN, La. — Amy Bynum, 67, died Jan. 12, 2007, at Heflin. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, Texas, and Leroy Rutherford, Mrs. Bynum's brother, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Bynum was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Jackson County, Ark. She came to

Pampa, Texas, in 1958. She married Gene Bynum on Sept. 21, 1959. They retired to Louisiana in 1989.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ringgold, La. She enjoyed gardening and quilting. She recently entered her first quilting contest where she won a blue ribbon for "best in class."

Survivors include her husband, Gene Bynum, of the home; two daughters,

Elizabeth Thrasher of Nixa, Mo., and Glenna Swanson of Skellytown, Texas; a son, Mickey Bynum of The Colony, Texas; three brothers, Leroy Rutherford of Morrilton, Ark., Freddie Paul Rutherford of McCrory, Ark., and Junior Rutherford of Bossier, La.; one sister, Ann Rogers of Benton, Ark.; six grandchildren, Daniel Thrasher, Becky Covalt,



Bynum

Dayla Soto, Paul Swanson, Heaven Swanson, and Tisney Swanson; three great-grandchildren, Hayden Covalt, Jacob Covalt, and Sunli Soto.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rocky Bynum.

Memorials may be made to the local organ donation program or the DAV Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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Eva Mae Hill Kelly, 80

Eva Mae Hill Kelly, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 16, 2007, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating.

Mrs. Kelly was born Feb. 9, 1926, in Springfield, Mo. She married Forest Hill, Sr., on May 2, 1942, in Lebanon, Mo. He preceded her in death in 1997, the same year

her daughter, Lois Wood, also died.

She was a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church. She will be most remembered as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister.

Survivors include three daughters, Mina Towery of

Pampa, Virginia Phillips and husband John of Cave Junction, Ore., and Nancy Johnson and husband Michael of Vernonia, Ore.; three sons, Marvin Hill and wife Zane and Jimmie Hill Sr., and wife Mary Jo, all of Sunny Valley, Ore., and Forest Hill Jr. of Wilderville, Ore.; one adopt-



Kelly

ed daughter, Mary Coombes of Pampa; one sister, Betty Groves and husband Jewell of Plato, Mo.; one brother, Roy Dean McGuire of Plato, Mo.; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Fourteen traffic stops were made. One stop involved driving while intoxicated, second offense, in the 900 block of West 23rd and resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were

received from the 800 block of North Somerville and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the 600 block of Lefors, and the intersection of Duncan and Randy Matson streets.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, the 800 block of North Wells, the 1400 block of Alcock, the 1900 block of Williston,

the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, the intersection of 20th and Duncan streets, and on three occasions from an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of East Brown.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of North Christy.

Civil matters were reported on two occasions in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell and the 1000 block of East Campbell.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1100 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart and on two occasions at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. At least one arrest was made in connection with one of the incidents at PJHS.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Roberta. A vehicle window valued at \$496 was broken out.

Sex offender registration was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Mark Ambrose Granger, 38, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Maria Elerick, 26, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stephen Shane Hegedic, 24, of Lexington, N.C., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Shawlen Michelle Brown, 31, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a Wheeler County charge of expired motor vehicle inspection.

Amanda Deann Taylor, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Viewpoints

Are we in Texas losing power?

Energy seems to be a lot on people's minds these days, and it's little wonder what with the region — and much of the nation, for that matter — liberally bathed in the full-frigid thrust of winter's icy breath.

Of course, a mild winter would've been a boon for most households in keeping high utility bills down, but it looks like this winter we in the Texas Panhandle are not in luck.

More bad news. The Technology Foundation of Texas is touting an energy report dubbed "Power Outage 2007." Catchy title, huh?

The foundation news release reports that "Power

Outage 2007," as I'm sure you've already guessed from that altogether subtle title, is not good. "Power Outage 2007" is the work of the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas.

The coal foundation based "Power Outage 2007" on "data, comments and projections from the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, North American Electric Reliability Council and the U.S. Department of Energy," the news release from the foundation said.

The report predicts that in two years (or less) Texas will not be able to keep up with its present energy consumption.

Among the many sources quoted within the report is PUC Commissioner Barry Smitherman. According to "Power Outage 2007," Smitherman anticipates that by 2016 the state will have acquired 6 million new residents. These newbies are expected, Smitherman says, to increase the state's purported electrical burden by a rate of 2.3 percent.

The report labels the energy situation in Texas an "undisputed problem" (even placing a section with that

name in its table of contents) and provides numerous "power facts" including the following:

— By 2009, existing power plants will not be able to provide enough power

— Natural gas is an expensive option

— Renewable generation cannot reliably deliver power when customers need it

— New coal and nuclear plants are a necessity

"Power Outage 2007" lists Texas' peak history as

54,849 megawatts in 1999; 57,606 megawatts in 2000; 55,201 megawatts in 2001; 56,248 megawatts in 2002; 60,095 megawatts in 2003; 58,531 megawatts in 2004; 60,274 megawatts in 2005; and 62,396 megawatts as of July 2006.

The coal foundation's "answer" takes up three minuscule paragraphs in the entire 15-page report. In a nutshell, the foundation says a super-size coal fleet is what is really needed. What a surprise. I guess little else can be expected of a foundation dedicated to one particular resource.

"TXU has launched," the reports says in its answer, "an effort to create the

nation's cleanest large-scale coal fleet, which would provide nine gigawatts of new low-cost, efficient power generation. New emissions control technology and TXU's adoption of the largest voluntary emissions reduction program ever will bring this capacity online in an environmentally responsible manner."

In its "conclusion," separate from its "answer," the coal foundation does give an almost imperceptible nod toward other possible energy alternatives, listing solar, nuclear, renewables and hydro power, but not, unfortunately, wind power — which I find curious.

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Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2007. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1871, William I of Prussia was proclaimed "German Emperor" (which was not the same thing as "Emperor of Germany") in Versailles, France.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in

'A lean sorrow is hardest to bear.'

— Sara Orne Jewett
American author
(1849-1909)

Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted).

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed by a fellow inmate in 1973.)

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

Ten years ago: Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, who rebounded from cancer to briefly become the Democratic front-runner for president in 1992, died in Boston of pneumonia at age 55.

Five years ago: '70s radical-turned-suburban mother Sara Jane Olson was sentenced in Los Angeles to 20 years to life in prison for plotting to blow up a pair of police cars 27 years earlier.



New to computers? Start here (part 2)

Welcome back to "This is Your Computer." Following, you will find the second installment in a basic explanation of your computer's "parts." In last week's column, I explained the basic function of the monitor, keyboard, mouse, floppy drive, and hard drive. This week, we will dive into CD drives, CPUs, and modems.

First, to the CD Drive. CD is short for compact disk. You probably knew that. The 'drive' is the device you put the CD into. It is always located in the 'boxy' part of your system and can be accessed by pushing a button on the front panel. The five inch tray that pops out looks very much like a cupholder (but DON'T use it as one!) and receives the CD shiny-side-down.

You see, the information is stored only on one side of a CD, the shiny side. This

process is done with a very powerful laser beam, that actually burns minuscule pits into the surface of the disk (If you ever hear of someone "burning a CD," now you know why). A much lower power laser beam is then used to read the information on the disk.

Musical CDs and Computer CDs are exact in every way except for the type of information stored. That's why you can play a musical CD in your computer. But don't try to play a computer CD in your stereo. It will sound like 20 cats fighting. (Makes a great prank to play on a friend, though).

CD drives come in two flavors: CD-ROM drives and CD-RW drives. CD-

ROM drives can only READ the information on CDs. They cannot CREATE them. Hence, ROM stands for Read Only Media. CD-RW drives, on the other hand, can READ and WRITE

information to CDs. CD-RW drives are standard on most computers.

Most newer computers come equipped with DVD/CD-RW drives.

The CPU is the most important part of your PC. It is the brains of your system. It stands for central processing unit, but you only need to remember that if you want to impress people at parties. If you were to open up the boxy part of your computer, you could identify the CPU

as the large, black, piece of plastic on the big circuit board. However, don't let its boring appearance fool you. It is the most expensive part of your computer. Roughly one-fourth to one-third of the total price for your computer goes for this chip!

Intel Corporation makes 80 percent of the world's CPUs. When they first started, the names for their CPUs were very boring. One of their first chips was called the 80286 (boy, that's marketing!) Most people just shortened the name to 286. Intel created a faster chip and called it the 80386 (or just 386). The next chip they made was named (can you guess?) 486. Well, by this time, other companies were copying Intel's designs. They even called their competing CPUs, 486's!

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Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Jan. 5**
The Victoria Advocate on resurfacing terror threats:

When Americans think of terrorism in the post-9/11 world, Osama bin Laden's hydra-headed al-Qaida terrorist network and allies come immediately to mind.

But in other parts of the world — even in some that also have suffered al-Qaida attacks — terrorists with other, older agendas may still be at work, too.

So Spanish authorities had at least two choices in trying to determine who exploded a deadly car bomb Saturday at Madrid's Barajas International

Airport.

Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero's government ultimately decided to blame the militant separatist group Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (Basque Homeland and Freedom).

This despite the declaration in late 2004 by Batasuna, the ETA's outlawed political wing, that it had decided to try peacefully to resolve its issues with Spain's central government.

"ETA's last fatal attack was in May 2003, a car bombing that killed two policemen in the northern town of Sanguesa," The Associated Press reported.

Following Saturday's bombing, Interior Minister Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba was quick to announce the collapse of the peace process.

"There is no process. It has been broken, it is over, it has been liquidated. ETA ended it with the bomb it set off in Madrid," Rubalcaba said.

The prime minister, however, sounded a less military tone Thursday when he visited the Barajas bombing site.

"Here, from the scene of destruction just a few days after this terrible attack, I want to say that my energy and determination to see the end of violence, to reach peace, is even greater," Zapatero said.

That's a politically risky stand for him to take, with a general election looming no later than 2008. His Socialist party won control of the government after the ruling conservative

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Storms give Texas unexpected shiver

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The blast of freezing rain and snow that disrupted schools and businesses across much of Texas for two days was expected to begin moving out, giving roads and residents a chance to thaw.

Students who enjoyed extended weekends after Martin Luther King Jr. Day headed back to class today in San Antonio, Houston and

Austin as transportation officials reopened some roadways that were closed because of icy conditions.

The reprieve may be short-lived for parts of northern and western Texas, where weather officials predicted cold and possible snow for Friday and the weekend.

The storm that paralyzed the eastern half of the coun-

try had much of Texas hunkered down against a rare onslaught of snow and ice. At least 65 storm-related deaths have been reported in nine states, including 10 in Texas.

The Alamo was closed Tuesday and Wednesday morning, as were schools and offices in San Antonio, Houston and Austin.

Duck

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because it is just an unfortunate situation.

Sandy Burns from animal control went out to the lake Wednesday and said the duck appears to be frozen in the lake. She said this occurrence happens quite often and usually the ducks can free themselves by moving around and melting the ice enough to get out.

She said she would keep checking on the animal to see what happens and try to get some food out to it if necessary so it would not starve.

Mason does not believe it is frozen because its feet are on top of the ice. He said all of the ducks were swimming in the unfrozen lake this past weekend and that duck was in the same location, so he thinks it may be hung up on a fishing line or something similar.

Again, the animal control and parks and wildlife departments do not want anyone to take the risk to try and rescue the animal. They hope it will just free itself from the ice before more cold and snowy weather are expected to move in this weekend.

Lovett

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rooms. Henry not only farmed on 20 acres of their land, but went to other ranches to do cowboy duties.

In the early 1900s, the Lovetts built a frame house and enjoyed it until tragedy struck a few years later. Mattabell contracted typhoid fever in 1904 and at the age of 16, she died in their home.

In 1908, the Lovetts moved to Pampa on the site where the current library now stands. Henry continued being a cowboy on different ranches and also began helping geologists find locations to drill for oil. He kept this up until bad health forced him to stop around 1926, when he started leasing his land to oil companies.

Henry died in 1940 and Fannie died eight years later. It was then that the trustees of her estate had to decide how to distribute the Lovetts' money and they decided on building a new library at a cost of \$330,000.

Most of that money was used for the actual building, equipment and furnishings inside. A \$60,000 donation by Thomas D. Cabot was used to purchase new reading materials.

The ribbon cutting took place on Jan. 18, 1955. The newspaper described the new state-of-the-art facility in several articles. Speaking of the lecture and art room, they said, "You can press a button and a giant movie screen slides slowly down from the ceiling."

There were separate reading rooms for children, teens and adults. Smoking was allowed in the adult lounge. The new building had air conditioning and heated floors.

The library was capable of housing 50,000 books as opposed to the 10,000 held at the old City Hall basement location.

Over the years, the library has had some milestones. The first book sale was held in 1974. Residents could borrow a free Polaroid instant camera in 1985. A computerized card catalog was also installed that same year. In 1997, Internet access was the latest update.

A year-long renovation project started in 1998. All of the books were packed into boxes and moved to a temporary location in the old Baker school. This moving process took about two weeks, according to Glenn Wright who retired in December after 33 years as the library's janitor and maintenance person.

The temporary location was used for about one year while updates were made to

the original library building. Making it handicapped accessible was a big part of the construction. Expansion of the balcony, replacing all lighting and putting in a computerized card system was done.

These renovations cost \$700,000, but the city only paid about \$13,000 of that since the majority was paid by a foundation.

Wright decided that packing the books into boxes was too time consuming so he came up with a plan for the move back into the updated building. He cut down old wooden shelving that was not going to be used and placed wheels on the bottom for rolling book carts. This made moving the books a lot easier. Due to this new innovation, moving back in only took one week.

Even though he has retired from the library, Wright will be moving to another full-time position at the hospital. He has been working there part-time and has decided to become a full-time maintenance worker, specifically stripping and waxing the floors and taking care of the carpet in the facility.

In his spare time, Wright is building a garage and shop at his home. He enjoys working with wood and leather as a hobby. His wife of 35 years, Loretta, works for Gray County Latchkey...

And the employment ads were listed in two different categories - male help wanted and female help wanted.

Library protested

DALLAS (AP) — A group of Methodist ministers launched a petition drive today urging Southern Methodist University to stop trying to land George W. Bush's presidential library.

The petition on a newly created Web site, www.protectsmu.org, says that "as United Methodists, we believe that the linking of his presidency with a university bearing the Methodist name is utterly inappropriate."

Blood

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they could give to their children," Hinds said. "The study buddy is a little stuffed blood drop and it is very cute."

This Feb. 9 event will be held at the M.K. Brown room of the Chamber of Commerce building at 200 N. Ballard.

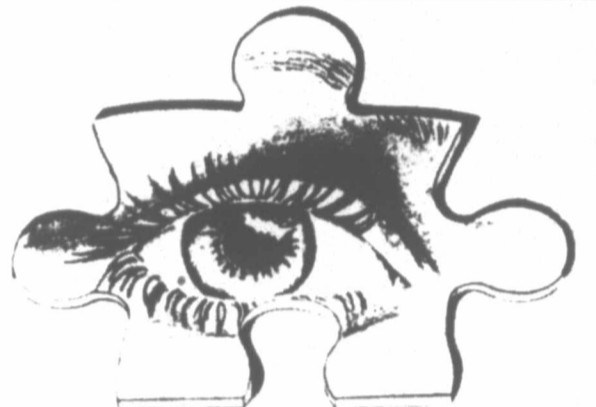
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Drugs

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he gave consent to search his 1997 Ford Thunderbird, the cocaine was found hidden under the rear seat cushion of the vehicle in a plastic storage bag.

Sherman was arrested on drug charges and booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle. Investigators believe this load originated in Albuquerque and was headed for Grove City, Ohio.



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Prairie Rivers Musical disbands

CANADIAN — Organizers of the Prairie Rivers Musical of Canadian have announced the conclusion of the live music show was in December 2006.

"Our very first show was in October of 1999 and after seven and one-half years a decision was made by the group to cancel the productions," reported Jay Godwin, one of the show's original organizers. "We had a great run of 45 shows, providing fun and entertainment to thousands of folks from all over the area.

"We especially thank the loyal fans who came from out of town and gave us wonderful and regular support. Approximately 80 percent of the people who came were from out of town!

"We never charged admissions but accepted donations during most shows. We want the fans to know we have given, or approved, thousands of dollars in

music related scholarships from their donations!" Godwin said.

During the show's final performance, Godwin assured the crowd that each of the 15 singers/musicians featured that night would continue sharing their musical talents.

"It might be in church, care centers, for profit events, or, just family gatherings," he said. "The important thing is that they won't be stopping using their talents to entertain."

Approximately 70 different entertainers participated in the shows over the years.

"We also want to give a special 'thanks' to the area media who faithfully published information on our show," Godwin said. "You provided a great service to your readers/listeners."

Two

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Intel was busy developing the 586, but did not want other companies to call their CPUs by that name, so ... They went to the US Government, and attempted to trademark the term '586.' Uncle Sam just laughed, though. "You cannot own a number!" the government said. So, Intel decided to call their 586 the Pentium, which they could trademark. And for you word scholars: 'Pent' means five.

When shopping for computers, one of the key descriptors you'll see on the box will be the CPU model. For instance, you might see a computer described as a "Pentium IV 2.4ghz." The 'IV' is simply a better, faster version of the Pentium. Think of it as version 4 of the Pentium.

The 2.4ghz is more perplexing, though. 'Ghz' is short for gigahertz. Think of a gigahertz as the ability for a computer to process one billion instructions per second. Therefore, a 2.4ghz CPU could process 2.4 billion instructions per second. In other words, more gigahertz equals a faster computer. Intel is now pushing their dual-core technology, which basically equates to having two processors on one chip.

Now, onto the modem. Most older computers have modems built into them. The word, modem is actually an abbreviation. It stands for 'modulator-demodula-

tor' (another one of those definitions useful only to impress friends). The modem's function is very simple.

It takes computer information and changes it into sound, which can then be sent over a normal phone line. Modems can also receive these sounds and then turn them back into computer information. Modems can be used to send faxes and connect to other computers. However, the number-one use for modems today is to connect to the Internet.

Wow, where does my column space go? Be sure and read next week's installment. I'll cover RAM, software, data, network cards, and operating systems. You won't want to miss it. It will include tips on how to speed up that old computer.

On another note, every day I receive e-mail messages from readers asking for copies of previous columns. While I'm happy to oblige, I remind them of my free e-mail newsletter. Twice a month, I send out the previous weeks' columns and some step-by-step how-to articles. Included are links to my "sites of the week," and some computer shortcuts that will shave hours off of your next project. To see a sample and sign-up (all I need is your e-mail address), go to <http://www.EricSpellmann.com>

(Don't forget the two n's on the end of Spellmann.)

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Opinion

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Popular Party mishandled the May 2004 Madrid commuter train bombing spree committed by al-Qaida allies. Then-Prime Minister José María Aznar initially tried to blame the ETA for those attacks that killed 191 people.

The situation is complicated because the bombing may signal a split in Basque separatist ranks between those who support a negotiated settlement and those who remain willing to use violence to achieve complete independence from Spain.

Spokesmen for Batasuna denied knowledge of the bombing, but Spanish authorities reported receiving a phone call before the blast claiming ETA responsibility for it.

The Spanish government's problem, if it wishes to continue negotiations, is to know who to talk with and

whether they speak for all Basque separatists. A settlement negotiated with Batasuna accomplishes little if ETA keeps blowing up facilities and people in Spain.

But not negotiating if the ETA's political arm genuinely does want a peaceful settlement throws away a valuable opportunity to make at least some progress.

All the while, Spanish security authorities have to continue standing guard

against another attack by al-Qaida allies.

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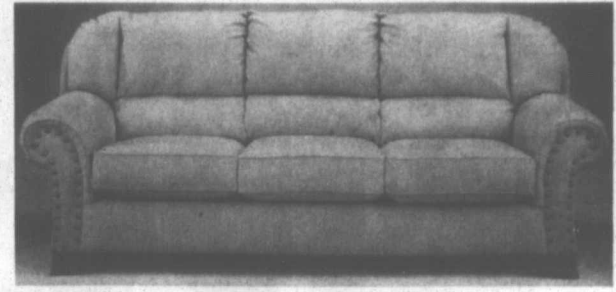
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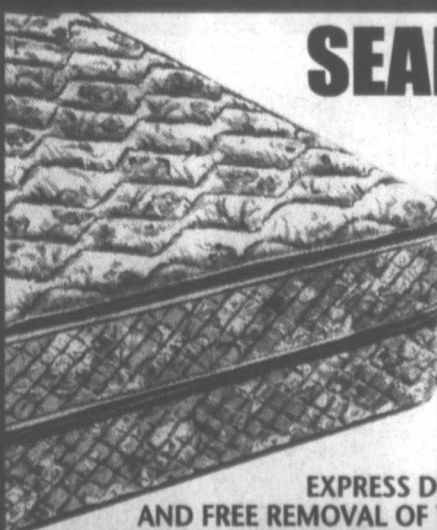
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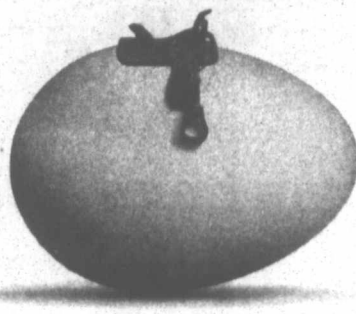
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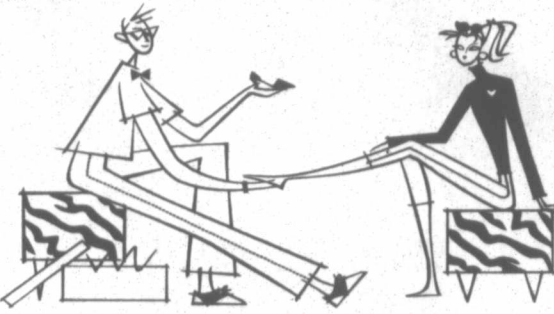
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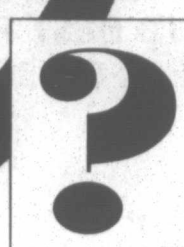
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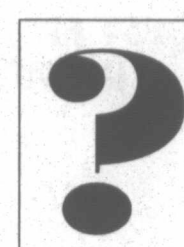
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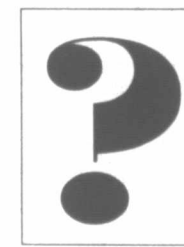
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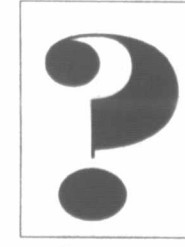
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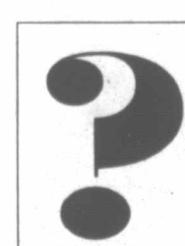
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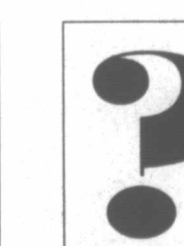
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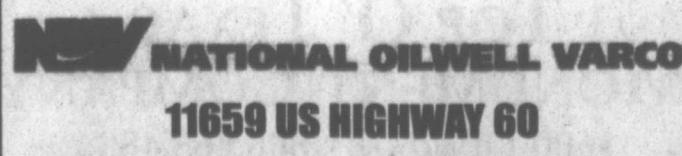

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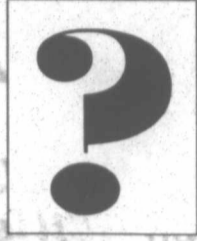
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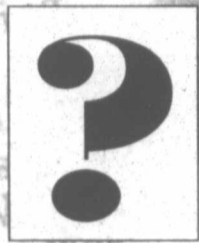
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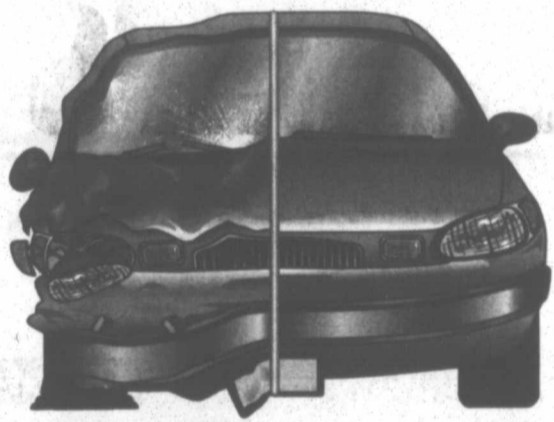
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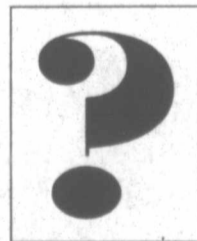
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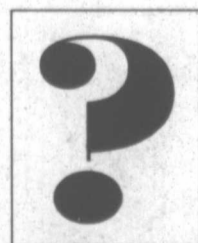
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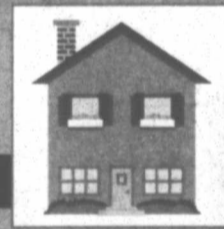
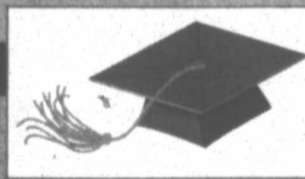


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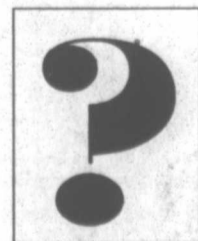
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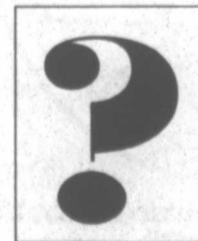
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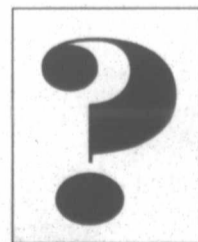
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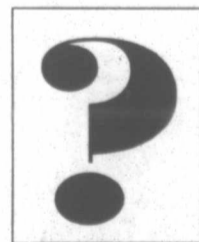
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Desperately Needing Advice in Manhattan" (Nov. 29), whose business associate advised her it is necessary to drink in order to make business deals, I think you missed the mark in your reply. Much as we say it ain't so, it's still a man's world, and if she wants to close deals, she needs to "play the game." Her colleague is right. Most business deals are closed in the bar or on the golf course, so learn the game to stay in it. Instead of fruit juice, she should head to the bar and get carbonated water. It looks like a vodka tonic, and it will appear she's having a drink along with everyone else. As more women enter the work force, these rules will change. But it takes time, and we must make changes "from within." — **GAME ON! LIVERMORE, CALIF.**

DEAR GAME ON!: Your suggestion is what "Desperately Needing Advice" is already trying to do. But her colleague is telling her she must drink alcohol to fit in, and pointing out her teetotaling during business dinners. I would never advise anyone, male or female, to drink alcohol if the person was uncomfortable doing so. Nor should it be necessary to be stealthy about staying sober. Too many slips of the tongue can occur if a person has inadvertently had one sip too many of that which is fermented. I'm reminded of the time I was having dinner with my brother, whom I proceeded to address by my first husband's name 12 years after our divorce. (Need I say more?) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I loved your reply to the businesswoman who asked if she had to drink in order to make business deals. You advised that her so-called "best friend" was probably trying to feel better about his own drinking by pushing her to do it. I am in my mid-40s, confident and attractive. Like her, I rarely drink. I'd like her to know, first

hand, that in all my years in business, both as an employee and now that I am self-employed and very successful, my not drinking has never been a problem nor has it adversely affected my relationship with my clients. — **COLD SOBER AND HAPPY IN HAWAII**

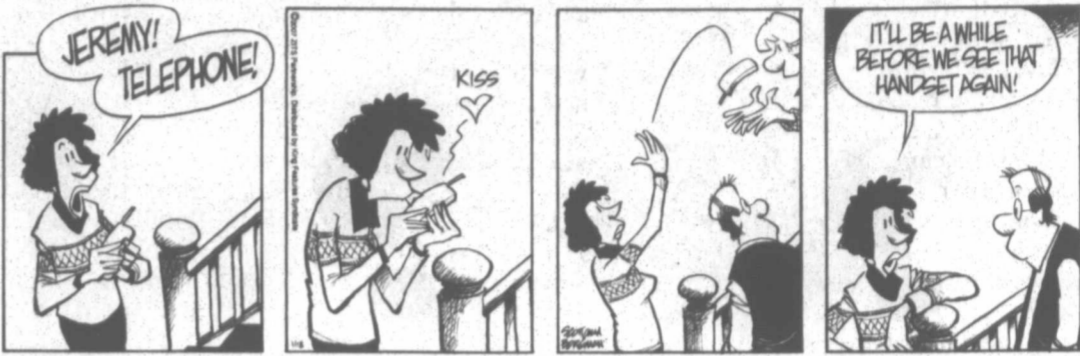
DEAR ABBY: I have two rules for my business life. First, keep your personal life separate from your business life, and second, never, ever drink with business associates. My father gave me this advice after college, and it has served me well. I have witnessed, on several occasions, my peers and managers drink at business functions. They lose inhibitions and make horrible decisions that follow them throughout their careers. Only once was I ever affected by this decision. I was passed over for a raise and promotion because I wouldn't go out and drink with "the boys." My solution? I found a better job with a different company. I have been very successful with this company, holding various management positions. When I'm out at lunch or dinner, I usually order water with lemon. That I have chosen not to drink has never been an issue. If anything, it has given me an advantage. "Desperately" should be wary of her so-called "friend." His advice could lead to trouble in her career. — **SUCCESSFUL NON-DRINKER IN HOUSTON**

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your advice. Most people who are uncomfortable about being around non-drinkers are usually uncomfortable about themselves and their own drinking. Tell that gal that if her "friend" points out that she's not drinking, she should tell him to knock it off and shut up! Then smile and take a sip of her fruit juice. It will embarrass him as much as he's attempting to embarrass her. — **SUSAN IN DECATUR, ILL.**

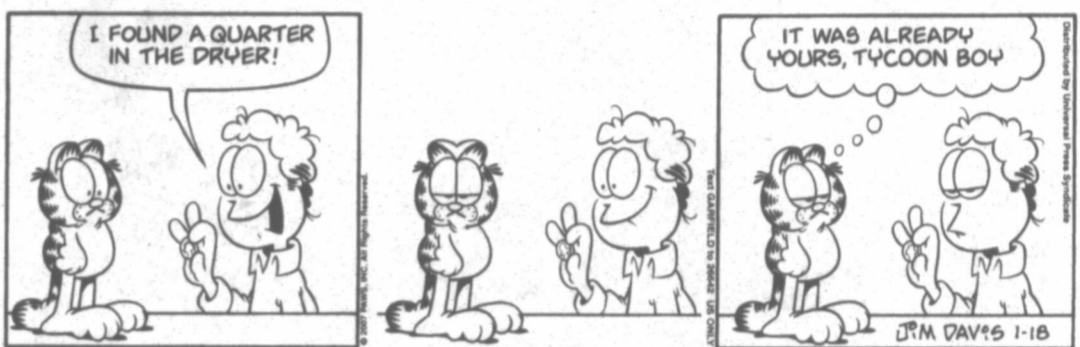
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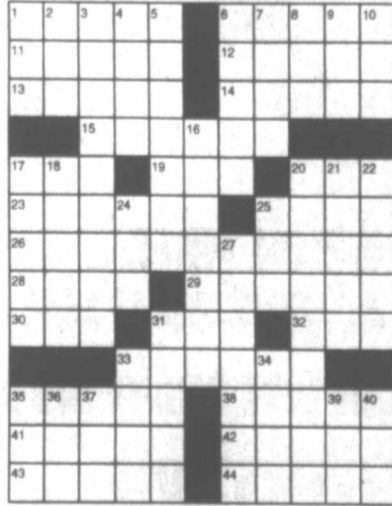
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Sports Day

Britteni Rice breaks Nikki Ryan's scoring record Tuesday in Hereford

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Last December, senior basketball player Britteni Rice broke what was believed to have been the all-time scoring record of 1,644 set by Yolanda Brown during her 1986-89 career.

Soon after, a new record was unearthed, proving that Rice had not yet achieved the record, but that she had another to break before being declared the record holder.

After having broken the second-best all-time scoring record in December, Rice has been on her way to beating the record of 1,889 set by Nikki Ryan in 1992.

"When she broke [the first] one, I cried because I knew she had been working

to break that one for four years in high school," said Britteni's mother, Rogena Rice. "When they told her that there was another record, she was disappointed but determined to break that one as well."

On Tuesday night in Hereford, Rice scored 25 points, bringing her record up to 1,910, surpassing the record previously set by Ryan.

"She was 4 points shy of tying the record and 5 for breaking the record going into the Hereford game," Coach Troy Fry said.

Three minutes into the first quarter, Rice drove to the left side of the basket and banked her shot off the glass for the record.

"Britteni has always been

good," Rogena said. "When she was little, she would go out in the driveway for hours and just play because she loves the game."

Rice's parents decided to take her to a tryout in Amarillo when she was 11 years old, where she made the team, marking the beginning of an eventful career.

She has played competitively for 9 years in which she has played in several different states and seen the best of the best in AAU ball during the summer.

"What has made her good is her determination, her hard work, the competition she has faced, and the opportunities she has had," Rogena said. "She has a natural talent and she knows God gave it to her."



Photo by Sheila Winton
Britteni Rice as she scored in December the goal to break what was believed to be the career scoring record set by Yolanda Brown in 1989.

Hard not to root for a city when the Saints play the Bears

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

The street lights still worked. No one had to worry about mold or rotting timber. And there wasn't a FEMA trailer in sight.

The scene late Sunday night in San Diego seemed entirely normal for a city shaken by the loss of a team most thought was headed to

the Super Bowl. The biggest worry might have been whether the surf would be up the next morning.

Life isn't so easy in the Big Easy, where the Saints are carrying a city on their shoulders. Those who are still there worry about more mundane things, like where they will be living six months from now.

Others are scattered about the country wondering whether they will ever make it back. To them, the Saints represent a link to a life they no longer know.

One of them wrote a colleague of mine the other day to tell her just how deep that link is:

"My family has been in Austin, Texas, since Katrina

with a five-year plan to move back to the city we love," he wrote. "We wept when the Saints played Monday Night Football and the bands played 'When September Ends.' I even pray to God about something as silly as a football team. Our hurt is deep and the Saints soothe our sadness and turn our tears to joy."

If only it was that simple. If only New Orleans could be reborn like the Saints.

The Saints play the Chicago Bears on Sunday, and nothing that happens at Soldier Field is going to get houses rebuilt any sooner or put families back together any quicker. A trip to the Super Bowl may rest on the outcome, but in the end it's

just a game, like any other. Still, if ever a city needed a team in the Super Bowl, it's New Orleans.

"It's in the back of your head and you know it," Reggie Bush said Wednesday. "You just see the effects from when we win, how big it lifts these people's spirits."

Wrestlers take over at Boys Ranch

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester wrestling team traveled to compete at Boys Ranch on Tuesday.

Pampa defeated district opponents Boys Ranch after winning 5 of the 8 matches.

Results are as follows:

- 119 - Richard Leal defeated Chavez 6-5
- 130 - Steven Botello defeated Penagyos 9-0
- 140 - Nick Riley defeated Bolton 6-2
- 145 - Jeremy Maxwell defeated Self 17-2 Tech Fall
- 152 - Robert Douglas was pinned by Murphy
- 171 - Garrett Fatheree was pinned by Seward
- 180 - John Burns pinned Lehmann
- 285 - Jonathan Olson was pinned by Porch

Exhibition match at 160 - Kadin Barton defeated by Ito
"As a group overall, I was very pleased with the way we wrestled," Coach Josh Cadenhead said. "It was nice to see Boys Ranch because they are in our district."

The Harvesters will face off with Boys Ranch again in district on Feb. 3, and must win again in order to advance to regionals.

"In our case, we have several that have a great chance to get out of district," Cadenhead said. "This group is wrestling well, which is a direct result of their effort in the wrestling room."

In the meantime, the Harvesters have two more chances to compete prior to district.

This weekend, the boys will travel to Vernon to compete in the Red River Classic, an open tournament in which 18 teams will compete this year.

Senior John Burns has won his weight class (152 and 171) the past two years and is looking to add to his collection this year.

Richard Leal, the other senior on the team, was Champion in his weight class of 103 last year, while Jeremy Maxwell brought home the bronze at 140.

Soccer boys play Tascosa following cancellations

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Since the alumni scrimmage earlier this month, the Harvester boys soccer team has had two games on their schedule, but have not been able to attend either due to unsuitable weather conditions.

On Jan. 11, the boys were scheduled to play in the Wichita Falls tournament, but did not get to travel

because of the bad weather. On the following Tuesday, the boys were scheduled to compete at Lubbock High, but once again were not able to go.

Tonight, at 4 p.m. the boys will play Tascosa in Pampa at the Soccer Complex located at Travis Elementary in order to make up for lost playing time.

Tascosa, like Pampa, has also missed out on several

opportunities due to the icy weather, so while the weather is suitable, both teams decided it would make sense to face off with a closer-to-home opponent.

The girls soccer team has also faced adversity in the bad weather.

On Tuesday, the girls were scheduled to play Lubbock Coronado, but road conditions were not suitable for travel. This

weekend, the girls are scheduled to play at a tournament in Midland, but they also will be kept from traveling to that tournament due to the bad weather.

Next on the girls schedule is a tournament that the weather has yet to keep them from attending in San Angelo, scheduled for Jan. 26-27.

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Nadal survives tough challenge; Clijsters, Hingis closer to showdown

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Rafael Nadal was hit twice by stinging backhands at the net before advancing to the third round of the Australian Open on Thursday with a four-set victory over Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

During the second-seeded Nadal's 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win, one shot caught the Spaniard's finger, another sent him sprawling and seemed to briefly stun him.

Nadal said it appeared Kohlschreiber was trying to hit him the second time, and that the ball could have hurt his eye if it hadn't caught his racket by chance.

"He has the whole court" to work with, Nadal said.

Nadal demonstrated his tenacity, fending off loud chants from a rowdy group of German fans to win and set up a meeting with 31st-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka

of Switzerland. Nadal pumped both fists and looked toward the stadium roof after Kohlschreiber netted a service return at 1:31 a.m. on the second match point, with the stands largely empty.

"It was a very good test because I finished the match very good," he said. "I came back very well. It's important when you're not playing your best."

While Nadal needed 3 1/2 hours, Kim Clijsters and Martina Hingis raced to see who could finish their match first, moving a step closer to a possible quarterfinals showdown.

Neither was as fast as top-seeded Maria Sharapova. The U.S. Open champion, who endured three hours of broiling heat in her first-round match Tuesday, needed only 58 minutes to beat fellow Russian Anastasia

Rodionova 6-0, 6-3. "My brain cells were restored today," said Sharapova, who described herself as delusional in her last match. "It was nice to get a quick one in there today."

Fifth-seeded James Blake, who doesn't shave as long as he's still alive in a tournament and hopes to have a big, bushy beard by the end of next week, beat hitting partner Alex Kuznetsov 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. Now he faces another buddy, Robby Ginepri, who beat German qualifier Mischa Zverev 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

There were no surprises when the fifth-seeded Blake faced off against the 216th-ranked Kuznetsov, who was playing with a titanium rod in his right leg — the result of a car accident less than two years ago.

"It's not like him playing

somebody he doesn't know or doesn't know the pace," Blake said. "He knows how well I can move, he knows the things I can do. It's almost a little frustrating. I probably don't get that kind of respect or anything like that because he knows he can beat me."

For three games, Kuznetsov looked like he could pull it off. Blake came out a little flat while Kuznetsov, who survived three rounds of qualifying and a five-set first-rounder that didn't end until 2 a.m. Wednesday, was hot.

Kuznetsov, who was born in Ukraine and moved to the U.S. with his family when he was 3, took two quick service breaks before Blake pulled himself together and started ripping winners. From 2-4, Blake ran off the last four games of the first set, dropping only four

points. Suddenly, Kuznetsov was pressing and overhitting.

At one point Blake, who won five titles last year and finished 2006 with a run to the Masters Cup final, showed his athleticism by leaping high to smash an overhead winner. A fan shouted, "Let's go 23," referring to Michael Jordan's old uniform number.

"James just turned it up a notch — he's playing awesome," Kuznetsov said.

The 23-year-old Clijsters extended the winning start to her farewell tour — she's retiring at the end of the year to start a family — by beating Akiko Morigami 6-3, 6-0 in 59 minutes.

"I've always enjoyed coming here, but this year it's even more special than in the past," Clijsters said. "You appreciate it so much more, I think."

Joking that she and Clijsters were racing to finish their matches, Hingis continued to build momentum in her comeback after three years away with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Russian Alla Kudryavtseva, needing nine minutes more than Clijsters.

Sixth-seeded Hingis won three straight Australian titles from 1997 and then lost three consecutive finals before quitting the tour because of nagging foot and ankle problems.

Her comeback to the Australian Open in 2006 ended in a quarterfinal loss to Clijsters.

"I think I can get better. I wouldn't be out here if I didn't think so," said Hingis, who next meets Aiko Nakamura of Japan, a surprise 6-3, 6-2 winner over India's Sania Mirza.

Sabres win despite Kessel's 2 goals

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Mark Mowers can scarcely imagine what rookie Bruins teammate Phil Kessel has gone through a month after having surgery for testicular cancer.

One thing's for sure, Mowers is proud of the way Kessel has responded.

Boston's 6-3 loss to the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night aside, what mattered most was the poise the 19-year-old Kessel showed in scoring two goals in only his fifth game back.

"The last few games since he's been back, he's been a little timid, but rightfully so," Mowers said. "I don't know how I'd come back from something like that. But we all knew he had it in his game."

Kessel's performance, which marked his first two-goal and multi-point game of his NHL career, also wasn't lost on the Sabres.

"It's remarkable," Thomas Vanek said of his fellow University of Minnesota alum. "I'm happy for him. He's a tremendous player. It's an unfortunate thing that happened. But he recovered well and it seems like he's dealing with it just fine out there."

Brian Campbell and Maxim Afinogenov scored 4 minutes apart in the third period and Daniel Paille had two goals, including an empty-netter, in helping the Sabres snap a season-worst 0-2-1 skid. Buffalo also ended a three-game home losing streak and bounced back after a 3-2 shootout loss at Boston on Monday.

It was an important win for an Eastern Conference-leading Sabres team that was not accustomed to losing and had been uncharacteristically sloppy of late.

"We need that win," Campbell said. "It's getting back to normal, but it's not where we need to be yet."

In the other NHL games Wednesday night, it was: Detroit 5, Nashville 3; Dallas 4, Calgary 2; and Colorado 4, Phoenix 3.

Kessel almost single-handedly put a scare into the Sabres.

He opened the scoring 10 minutes in, capitalizing on a breakaway after Buffalo's Dmitri Kalinin twice whiffed in attempting to pass the puck out of his own zone. Kessel then scored his seventh goal of the year, tying it at 3 in the opening minute of the third by one-timing in Marc Savard's pass.

"It's nice to see him rewarded for what he's gone through. It's probably his best game since coming back."

— Dave Lewis

It was a breakout performance that came days after Kessel was selected to play in the NHL's YoungStars game, which showcases the league's top first- and second-year stars during the All-Star game festivities in Dallas next week.

The 2006 first-round draft pick, who missed 11 games and had not produced a point since he returned, declined to talk to reporters afterward. However, his teammates and coach Dave Lewis were certainly excited.

"It's nice to see him rewarded for what he's gone through," Lewis said. "It's probably his best game since coming back."

Glen Murray also scored for the Bruins, who dropped to 2-6-1 in the last nine games and have lost five straight on the road.

Vanek and Derek Roy also scored for the Sabres, whose six-goal outing was their best in 11 games — dating to a 6-3 win over Washington on Dec. 26.

Sabres co-captain Daniel Briere had two assists to give him a career-high 38 this season.

Red Wings 5, Predators 3
Henrik Zetterberg had a two goals and an assist, and Pavel Datsyuk added four assists to lift host Detroit to its fifth straight win. Nicklas Lidstrom, Jiri Hudler and Tomas Holmstrom also scored for the Red Wings.

Greg Zanon got his first NHL goal, and Jordn Tootoo and Dan Hamhuis also scored for Nashville, which snapped a six-game winning streak.

Stars 4, Flames 2
At Dallas, All-Star goalie Marty Turco matched a franchise record with his 160th victory, stopping 18 shots and assisting on a goal.

Joel Lundqvist's first career goal snapped a 1-1 tie with 13 1/2 minutes left in the second period. About 2 minutes later, Turco assisted on Stu Barnes' goal that gave Dallas a 3-1 lead. The injury-riddled Stars also got two goals from Jere Lehtinen.

Kristian Huselius and Stephane Yelle had goals for Calgary, which lost its second straight after a five-game winning streak.

Avalanche 4, Coyotes 3
Paul Stastny scored two goals and Tyler Arnason added three assists as Colorado ended Phoenix's six-game road winning streak.

Milan Hejduk had a goal and two assists and Joe Sakic added two assists for the Avalanche, winners of seven straight over Phoenix.

Again, Manning 1 win from a Super Bowl

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The debate will rage for as long as footballs fill the air on Sundays.

Can an NFL quarterback truly be defined as "great" if he has never won a championship?

It's a debate Peyton Manning no longer wants to be a part of, and the next step toward extracting himself from it comes Sunday, when the Indianapolis Colts play the New England Patriots with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

Heading into the AFC championship game, Manning is clearly The Greatest Quarterback to Never Make a Super Bowl. His coach and teammates hate that it always seems to come to this.

"It's totally unfair to him," tight end Dallas Clark said. "He has his job to do and he can't do anything else. It's sad, but that's why you guys do what you do. He handles it great. He's a professional."

Manning was not available for interviews Wednesday. The Colts chose to delay his availability until Friday, when he'll undoubtedly offer the candid, introspective, realistic thoughts on the subject that he has repeated many times over his nine years in the NFL.

It's a career filled with records, Pro Bowls, MVP

awards. But he is 5-6 in the playoffs with an 0-2 record against New England's Tom Brady, the less-spectacular quarterback who has always been best when the stakes have been the highest. Brady is 12-1 in the playoffs with three Super Bowl rings.

Brady entered the league as a backup, a sixth-round draft pick in 2000 — the kind of player who comes with no hype or expectations. Manning was the first pick of the 1998 draft — the kind of player who has "legacy" attached to his name before he takes a snap.

"I don't know that he'll be judged against Tom Brady," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "But every quarterback will be judged against Joe Montana and Bart Starr and guys who have won Super Bowls. That's the way it is. I think we have appreciation now for Dan Marino and Boomer Esiason and Dan Fouts and guys who haven't won it. But at the time, we talk about how many Super Bowls you've won."

Manning, of course, is hoping he won't need friendly historians to cement his legacy. A Super Bowl ring is the easiest — maybe the only — way to avoid that.

Funny thing is that he finds himself on the cusp of the Super Bowl again after a most un-Peyton-like run through the playoffs.

Bryant leads Lakers to 4 point victory over Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kobe Bryant knew it was his job to set the pace for the Los Angeles Lakers, so he focused on staying relaxed in a tough road environment.

Bryant scored 34 points after a slow start, leading the Lakers to a 100-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

"I had to set the tempo for the ballclub," Bryant said. "If I started griping with the officials right off the bat, it could create a domino effect for everyone else. ... I had to relax, let it go down, sit on the bench, sit on my hands and wait until the second quarter."

Bryant had just three points in the first quarter but scored 17 in the second.

"This is a tough place to play. A tough place to play. For us to come in here and win is big for us. I'm sure it's not that big a deal for San Antonio, but it's big for us," he said.

The Spurs continue to struggle, falling to 5-5 in their last 10 games.

"We are not even able to win at home as regular as we used to," said Manu

Ginobili, who had 16 points. "We really got to step up."

The Spurs fell to 27-13 (14-7 at home) and the Lakers improved to 26-13.

"San Antonio is a little hurt, they're playing a little down right now," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We caught a team that didn't shoot the ball very well down the stretch. We're happy for the win, but we're not going to crown ourselves just yet."

And it wasn't exactly an easy win for Los Angeles. San Antonio rallied in the fourth to briefly hold the lead before Bryant scored go-ahead basket with 1:24 left.

Vladimir Radmanovic added 13 points and Maurice Evans had 11 as the Lakers took the opener of a tough back-to-back in Texas. They visit Dallas, which has the NBA's best record, on Thursday night.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points and nine rebounds. Tony Parker contributed 25 points and Brent Barry added 13.

The Spurs opened the fourth down 73-71 and with

just four players on the court, giving them a technical foul and the Lakers another point. Los Angeles increased its lead to double digits with a 10-2 run, capped by Brian Cook's dunk.

Ginobili brought the Spurs within one with a steal and fast-break dunk, followed by two made foul shots.

Andrew Bynum, who had six points, fouled out with 3:05 left, then Ronny Turiaf sent Ginobili to the line again. He sank both with 2:54 on the clock to give San Antonio a 91-90 lead, its first since the third.

"I thought the last 5 1/2 minutes of the game was our best basketball. We played very well and unfortunately we didn't play anywhere close to that for the rest of the game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Bryant's basket made it 94-92, and the Lakers extended the lead to 96-93 with less than a minute to play. Ginobili missed a wide-open 3-point shot with a chance to tie. Then Turiaf hit a jumper to put Los Angeles up by five.

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Is now taking applications for a

***PART-TIME LVN**
***PART-TIME HOME HEALTH AID**

*Experience Required *CNA certified preferred

Apply in person at, 1201 N.Hobart, Space D (Coronado Center) or online at www.interimhomehealthcare.com

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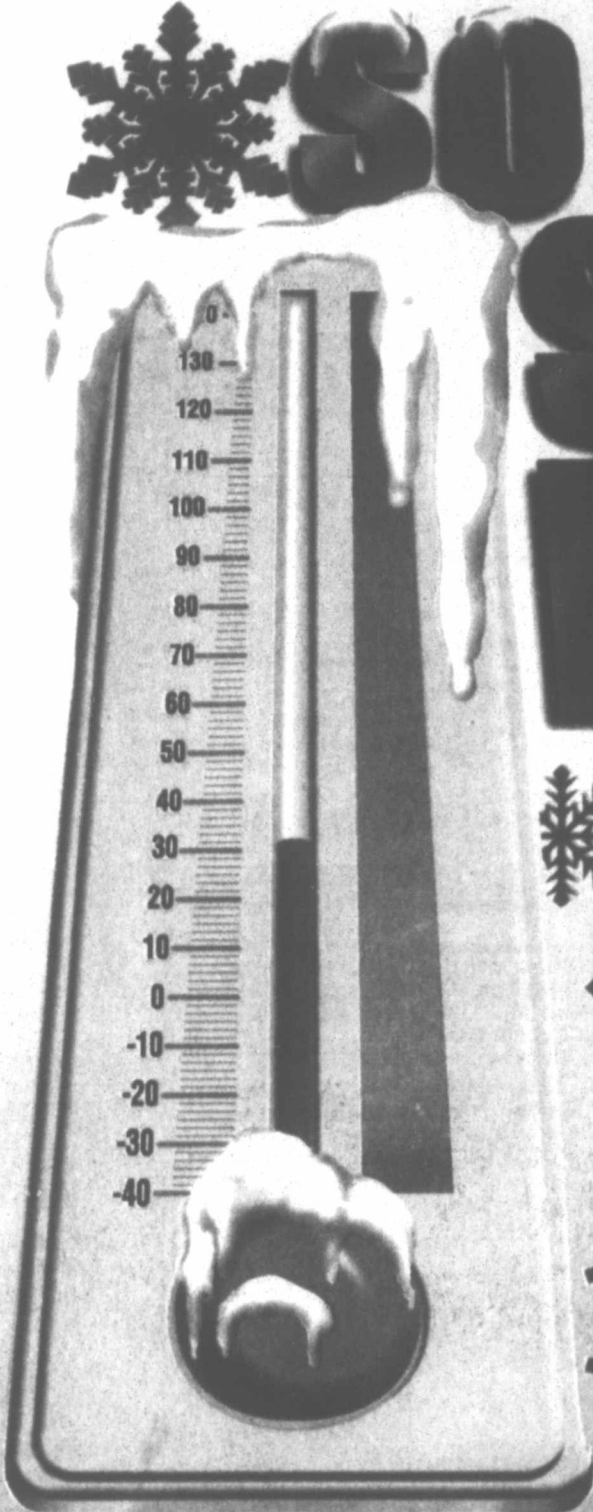
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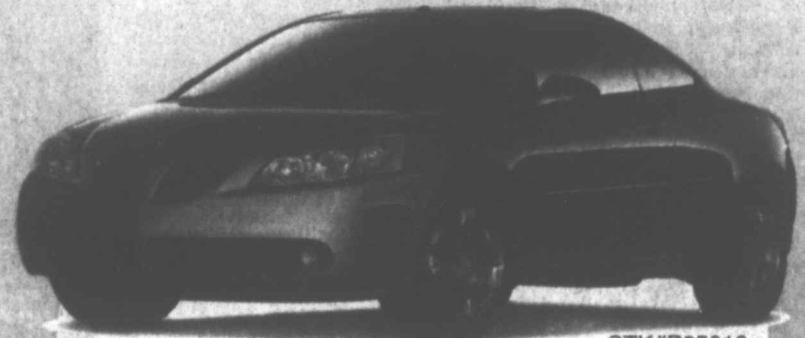


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