

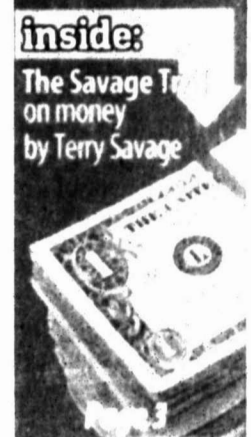
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OUT IN THE COLD



The marquee at Pampa Jr High School is covered in snow. Photo by Arnie Aurellano.

City crews prepared for winter blast

As temperatures dropped from a high of 22 on Monday to three degrees overnight, crews of Pampa crews were getting ready for another winter cold and snowfall.

Terry Brown and his crew were busy putting snow plows on city trucks and changing work schedules to 12-hour shifts to keep streets clear.

Public Works Director Don Hooper said that Pampa's Public Service Department was making sure all their equipment was ready Monday afternoon for the arctic conditions descending upon the Texas Panhandle.

"They're making sure that mechanically, everything is good to go," Hooper said. "They're making sure that all of their attachments are on those pieces of equipment in place and ready to go."

He said the crew schedules



A snow plow clearing a street in Pampa. Photo by David Bowser.

for 12-hour shifts will be implemented so the city can deal with the weather.

Jay Weever, Pampa's street superintendent, said Monday afternoon that crews will be working from Monday afternoon

Musical duo to return to Chamber

Arnie Aurellano
 The musical duo of Richard Smith and Julie Adams are returning to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Community Center to perform Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.



Richard Smith.



Julie Adams.

Smith, a pianist from Beckenham, Kent, in the United Kingdom, was influenced by country picking of the 1950s and Merle Travis. He is accompanied by Adams, a cello player from Dayton and classical pianist at Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has performed with orchestras in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cincinnati and New York.

The two have been married since 1999.

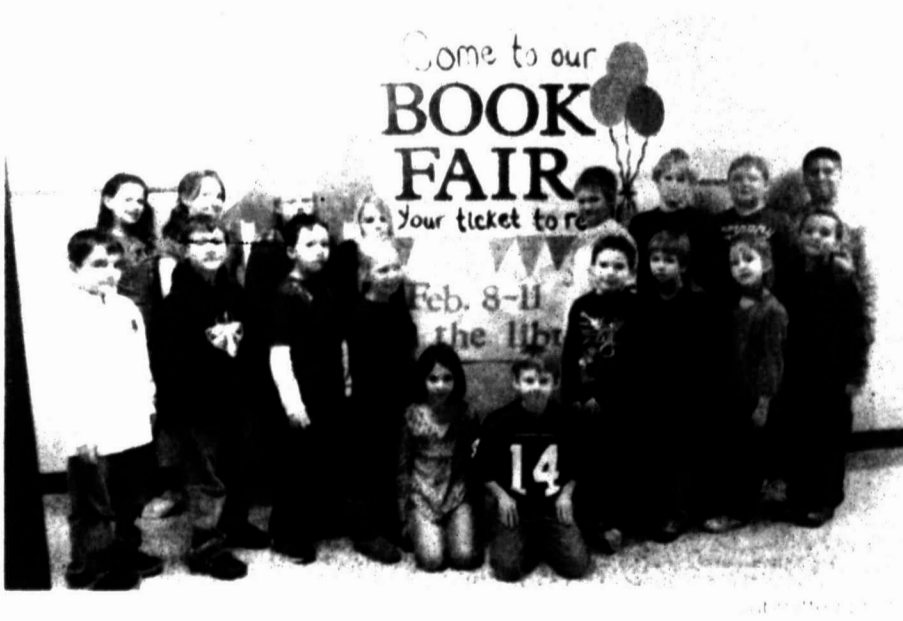
Weaver said that the duo will play a wide variety of styles, including jazz, folk, blues, and classical. "An amateur musician myself," Weaver added, "I'm especially impressed by their technical prowess."

"I can watch (Smith) play 12 hours," said Weaver. "I know you can play a guitar for 12 hours. A guy can play a guitar for 12 hours. A CONCERT on page 3.

Austin to host Book Fair

Randy Pribble
 A Scholastic Book Fair will be held next week at Austin Elementary School, and the public is invited. The fair is set from Feb. 8-11.

Among the students participating in the Book Fair at Austin are students from Jordan Winkler and Blake. Other authors include Madox Jones, Kyle, Skinnor, Book, and Blackwell. Other authors include Jacob Barton, Taylor, Elbridge, Mason Eldridge, Kayden, and others.



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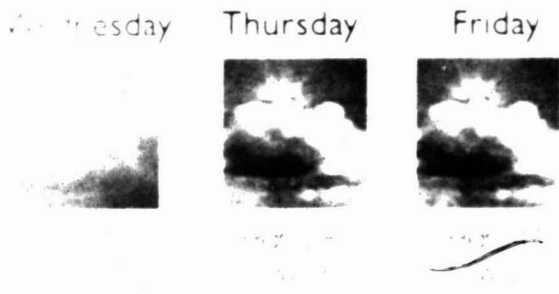
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PAMPA FORECAST



Wednesday Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. High 48, low 32. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Wind chill readings 14 below to 20 below.

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Obituaries

Jimmie "Y-Dawg" Poole, 55

Jimmie "Y-Dawg" Poole, 55, died Jan. 27, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Poole was born February 10, 1955, in Borger. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1980. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1973. He worked for Dresser-Rand for over 20 years as a field service representative. He was a retired member of the 84th Cavalry, Military Police, serving as a sergeant. He was a member of Soldiers for Christ Fellowship. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing cards.



Survivors include his wife, Teresa Poole of the home; daughter, Kandra Renee Smith of Pampa; son, William Andrew Poole of Stephenville; mother, Peggy Poole of Pampa; two brothers, George Poole and Robert Poole and wife Nancy, all of Pampa; a granddaughter, Caitlin "Sky Baby" Smith of Pampa. Jimmie was preceded in death by his father, William Preston Poole.

Memorials may be made to Soldiers for Christ Fellowship, P.O. Box 244, Skellytown, TX 79080.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Consuelo Villarreal, 80

Consuelo Villarreal, 80, died February 1, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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some buildup," Hooper said.

That will be followed by the snow plows and motor graders, he said, to get the snow off the roadways.

"Then, of course, there's the snow removal process after that," Hooper said.

The snow plows will pile the snow along the street, but then the dump trucks will come in to clear the piles of snow out, he said.

"You've got to keep in mind that this is the same crew that's doing all this," Hooper said. "They wear many hats."

Not only does the snow have to be removed, he said, it has to be removed safely.

"One of the things that we emphasize is safety," Hooper said. "Not only for the traffic that's out there, but also because of the temperatures."

He said wind chill factors are supposed to drop to a minus 30 degrees.

"Those wind chills can

be really dangerous for anybody who's out having to work in that environment," Hooper said. "We want them to be safe."

He said motorists need to keep in mind that the driver's vision on a snow plow is limited because of the equipment.

"It's very difficult to see out," Hooper said.

He said motorists shouldn't tailgate or get too close to a snow plow because it's difficult for a snow plow operator to see them.

"We know it's tempting," Hooper said. "You're trying to get somewhere, but they can't see you back there."

He said it can create more danger than just an impassable roadway.

"We just want everybody to be safe," Hooper said, "and everybody be able to go home to their families safe at the end of the day."

Hooper said that the city

crews would do their best to make sure that Pampa's main thoroughfares are cleared.

"We don't go onto residential streets," he said. "We never have. We stick to the main thoroughfares."

Hooper said that if citizens don't have to get out in such weather, they should stay at home.

"Just don't get out in it," he said. "It's a lot safer for everybody."

Fair

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Booster Club, the sponsor for the event. "There is very little profit from it, but what profit we get, we give back to the school."

"The main thing is that anyone can come and look at the books, buy the books," she added. "We want to encourage getting books into the hands of kids."

Hours for the book fair are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the hours are from 8 a.m. to noon.

Special events during the week include: Family night Tuesday from 5:30

p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday is "Lunch with Grandparents" and, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., "Munchies with Mom."

Thursday is "Doughnuts with Dad" at 6:30 a.m.

"Family Night is for mom, dad, brother, sister — the whole family — to give them a chance to look at all the books for sale," Jennings explained. "And on Wednesday, a lot of times grandparents will bring lunch with them."

For more information about the fair, call Jennings at 806-282-8222 or the school office.

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Concert

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thinking to myself, 'Wow, he has been around a guitar.'

"You don't sit down for an hour a day and practice, you sit down for hours a day to practice, and you can

tell that he's definitely done it. I'm sure he's had the bleeding fingers and all that. It shows when he plays."

Tickets for the concert are \$10. For more information, contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

The ins and outs of long-term care

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate

I have often written about the importance of having long-term care insurance — policies that pay for home care, assisted living or nursing home care — in case you can't independently manage the activities of daily living.

That kind of care is expensive — as much as \$8,000 per month in a private nursing facility or from home health-care aides. Without insurance, you could quickly go through most of your savings and wind up dependent on state-funded care. And at the rate states are running out of money, their facilities certainly won't be able to offer the care you want.

Buying long-term care insurance gives you the choice of where you will receive care and how to schedule that care. It is a concept that makes perfect sense

except for two very reasonable objections:

What if I don't use it?

When asked, I always respond that I hope you never have to use your LTC insurance, that you live a long and healthy life, and die in your sleep at 95.

But what are the odds? Once you're over 65, the odds are 10 times as great that you'll need some form of long-term assistance than that your home will burn down. But you still buy homeowners insurance. And also you should have long-term care insurance.

What if my annual premiums rise and I can't afford my policy in later years?

That's a reasonable worry. Many companies that sold policies a decade or two ago found that they had underpriced the premiums. Some insurers have stopped issuing LTC insurance policies (although by law they must support existing policies), or they have raised premiums for all existing policyholders.

One way to avoid that problem is to buy a "10-pay" long-term care insurance policy. If you do that in your high-earning years, you'll be fully paid up with no chance of rising premiums. But that involves paying a lot of money upfront for a policy you may never use.

Several large insurers recognized this dilemma — and have created policies that combine the benefits of life and long-term care insurance. The idea is that if you don't use the policy for long-term care costs, your heirs will receive a death benefit so your money isn't wasted.

These policies are funded by a large, single-premium deposit into a life policy. Typically the money comes from savings that you don't plan to use in your lifetime, but would otherwise leave to your heirs (unless you needed to spend it on long-term care). If some of the death benefit is used for care, the balance goes to your heirs.

Buying one of these combo policies gives you leverage to get more long-term care coverage than simply self-insuring by keeping the money in savings.

Remember, any money from the death benefit that you don't spend on care goes to your heirs!

There are costs with every policy — "mortality costs" to cover the death benefit promise and costs to offer the care.

But you know those costs upfront, because they are baked into the promise of the death benefit and the care benefit, which won't change except for the inflation increases on the benefits.

For sure, you (or your heirs) get something back from the policy — either the care benefits or the death benefits — or whatever is left over after you used some of the care benefits.

Like traditional life or LTC insurance policies, there are underwriting standards you must meet to purchase these policies. So the time to consider it is when you're healthy. Also, the insurance company has to certify your need for care before it will release the benefits for care.

There are so many variables in these policies that you should use an expert agent who can compare them and help you find the product that is best for you.

And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2011. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1861, Texas voted to leave the Union, 166-8, at a Secession Convention in Austin.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence, merging the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been returning from military service.

In 1961, the U.S. Air Force successfully test-fired the Minuteman I, its first solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile, from a test site in Florida.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when an arriving USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

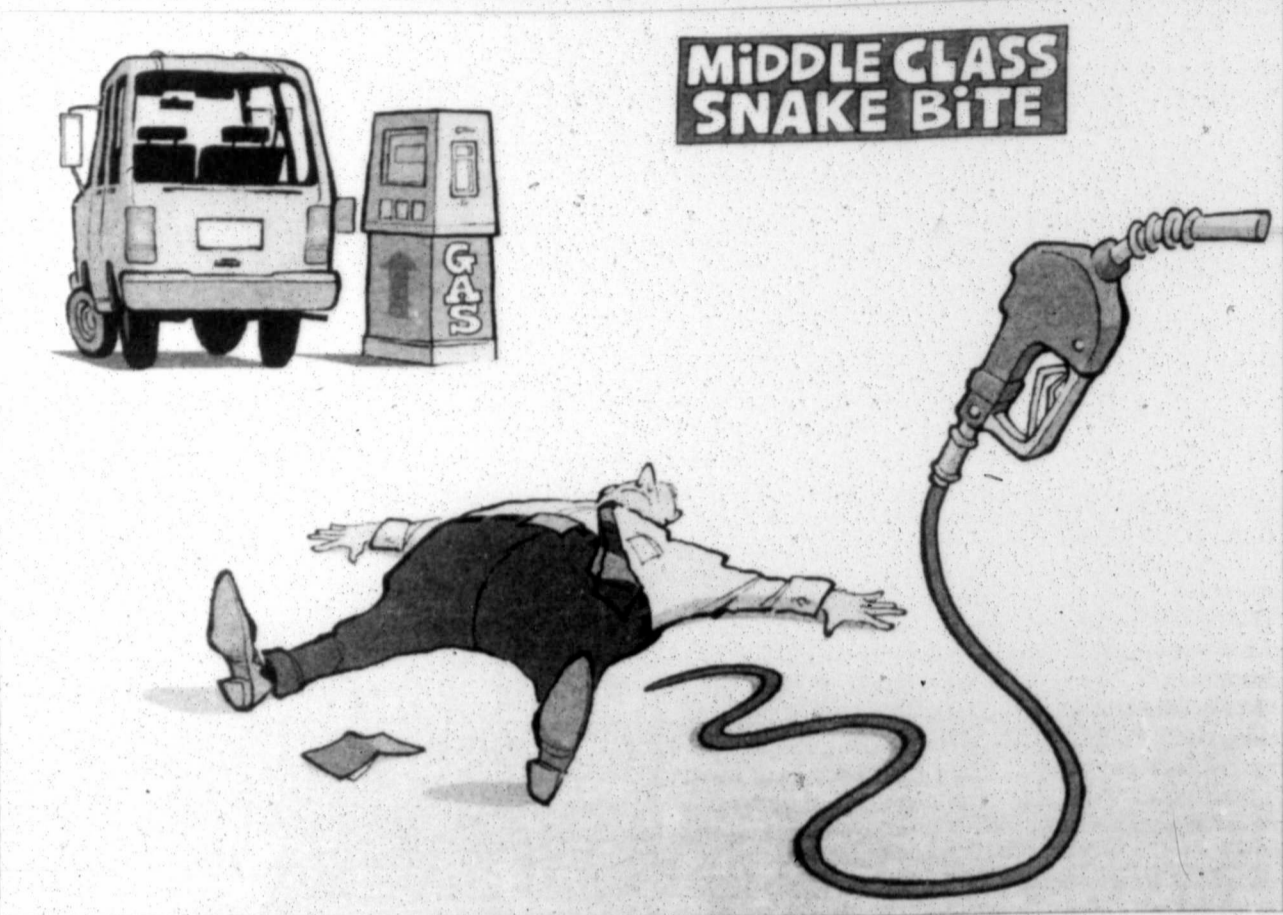
Ten years ago: John Ashcroft won confirmation as attorney general on a 58-42 Senate vote, completing President George W. Bush's Cabinet over strong Democratic opposition.

Five years ago: In his first case on the Supreme Court, new Justice Samuel Alito split with the court's conservatives, refusing to let Missouri execute a death-row inmate contesting lethal injection.

One year ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a multitrillion-dollar spending plan, pledging an intensified effort to combat high unemployment and asking Congress to quickly approve new job-creation efforts that would boost the deficit to a record-breaking \$1.56 trillion.

Today's Birthdays: America's last surviving World War I veteran, Frank Buckles, is 110. Gospel singer George Beverly Shea is 102. Actor Stuart Whitman is 83. Singer Don Everly is 74. Actor Garrett Morris is 74. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 73. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 72. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 72. Comedian Terry Jones is 69. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 61. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mumy is 57. Actor Linus Roache is 47. Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 46. Lisa Marie Presley is 43. Comedian-actor Pauly Shore is 43. Actor Brian Krause is 42. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 42. Actor Michael C. Hall is 40. Rock musician Ron Welty is 40. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 29. TV personality Lauren Conrad is 25.

Thought for Today: "It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know - and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything." — *Wilde's Curly, English author (1884-1900)*



Say goodbye to campaign spending limits

The campaign finance reform law enacted after Richard Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign and the Watergate scandal was straightforward. Presidential candidates who complied with limits on campaign contributions and expenditures would receive public matching funds, for their primary campaigns. Each general-election presidential nominee of the two major parties would receive a lump-sum grant to run his campaign as long as he agreed to limit spending to the amount of the grant and not to accept any private contributions.

Its intention was to create "a level playing field" where an underfinanced underdog candidate could have a fighting chance against the front-runner with the deepest pockets and biggest financial backing. Because the reform law was on the books, an out-of-office former governor could challenge a sitting president in the primaries and come within a switch of only 54 delegate votes at the national convention of winning the nomination.

That was 1976, and the challenger to President Gerald Ford, of course, was Ronald Reagan,

who under the Watergate reform law ran three presidential campaigns in which he abided by the contribution and spending limits, and twice as the winning Republican nominee ran campaigns financed entirely by taxpayer funds. (I have yet to hear any conservatives accuse the Gipper when he cashed those Treasury checks to finance his campaign of accepting "political food stamps.")

George H.W. Bush ran twice for president and twice for vice president in campaigns that willingly accepted the law's contribution and expenditure limits and public matching funds. Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter in four presidential campaigns between them did the same. George W. Bush accepted public funds for his general election campaign even after he had raised and spent only private money in the pre-convention period and not abided by the statutory primary spending limits.

Republicans, as the anti-regulation, pro-business party, have historically been more successful at raising campaign money than Democrats. In fact, in the first four national elections of this decade, the GOP outraised the

Democratic Party, according to the respective Center for Responsive Politics, by a mere \$678 million.

But then came 2008. The country was tired, after eight years of the Bush administration, of Republicans. The Democratic nominee was a young, cerebral, eloquent, appealing African American with the golden touch when it came to raising money. Barack Obama became the first major-party presidential nominee since Richard M. Nixon to finance his general election campaign exclusively by private money. Like Nixon in 1972, Obama in 2008 outraised his opponent by more than two to one — actually by \$745 million to John McCain's \$368 million.

By rejecting the campaign finance law in 2008, Obama won a short-term political advantage while losing for himself and his party the moral high ground on the question of

political money reform. Aided by Supreme Court decisions that for the first time in over a century permit corporations to directly — as well as anonymously — bankroll commercials that attack or endorse a candidate, Republicans in 2010 enjoyed a 20-to-one spending advantage over Democrats from outside groups not required to disclose their donors.

Now that they have proof of how well they can do in elections without contribution and spending limits, House Republicans almost unanimously voted this past week to end public funding of presidential campaigns. As an incumbent, President Obama may well be able to privately raise a billion dollars, but with no spending or contribution limits, in the long run Republicans — and seven-figure, secret donors — will have the upper hand in American politics.

The era — between Nixon and Obama — may be remembered as the Golden Era of Campaign Finance Reform.



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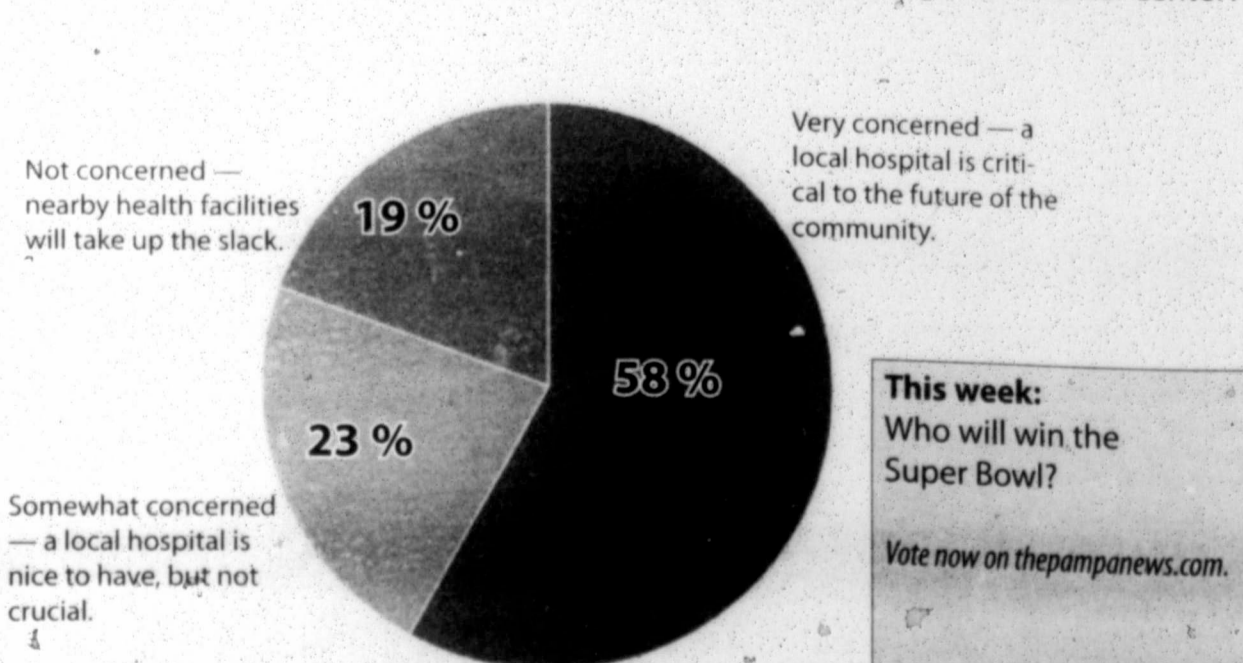
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Sports

From ranch to basketball court, Collins works hard

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A latigo is a leather strap that tightens the front cinch of a saddle. Pampa High School junior Latigo Collins has lived and worked on a ranch his whole life.

"My dad has made me work all day and do everything everyone else did ever since I was little," Collins said. "I know that he has taught me to work hard and got onto me I didn't."

Since his debut during his sophomore season, Collins has strapped the Harvester basketball team on his back, and has developed into a leader for the Harvesters in his second season.

The junior guard got his start on the hardwood at kids club at the Baker School.

"My mom (Marvelle) has coached me, Reid (Miller), Cole (Engle) and a few others at tournaments ever since we were really little."

In third grade, Collins started playing football and went back and forth on what his favorite sport was until now.

"I like the non-stop action and being able to go to the gym and work on my game alone," Collins said. "Football, someone would have to throw to me or something. Basketball also became my favorite because I play it so much. I play it year-round and travel. I've got to go to a lot of places playing it."

Last summer after his first varsity

season, Collins got to play in the International Basketball Competition during the International Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio July 19 to 25. The junior guard got to play with some of the best players in the country and under a college coach. Collins said it was pretty cool.

"Not many kids get to do it," Collins said. "Just glad and thankful God gave me the parents and the ability to play basketball. The coolest thing I like about it is getting to travel everywhere to places a lot of kids don't get to go to, especially to play a game."

Collins made his varsity debut in his sophomore season against Amarillo High and was in the starting lineup. Collins said he wasn't nervous at all.

"My AAU team played in varsity tournaments, since I was a freshman," Collins said. Before that I've played in Dallas and national tournaments. It did have a different feel, too. I started every game and that felt good. The seniors and other players always had faith in me and I just wanted to do what I can to help win games."

Head coach Dustin Miller said Collins leads with his love and passion for the game.

"It's obvious how much this sport means to him," Miller said. "He leads by spending hours upon hours (mostly unseen) working to become a better basketball player."



photo courtesy of Joe Murray

Latigo Collins (left) attempts a layup against Floydada December 29. Collins is one of the leaders of the Harvesters helping them to a share of first in district.

Eighth grade girls basketball teams end seasons on losing notes against Dumas

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The Pampa Junior High eighth grade girls basketball teams ended their seasons with losses to Dumas Monday in Dumas.

The A team lost 55-30 and finished their season 7-8.

Pampa recorded 19 turnovers, 20 rebounds and eight steals. The Lady Reapers made eight of 19 free throws, 11 of 32 two point field goals and zero of eight three pointers.

Taylor Eubank led the team in rebounds with eight. Madison Brown and Tyranda Johnson each had four. Allison Noble recorded two and Meagan Martinez grabbed one.

Johnson led the team in steals with four. Eubank stole two. Martinez and Elizabeth Gill each stole one.

Eubank led the team in scoring with 12. Brown scored 10. Martinez scored five. Noble scored two and Gill scored one.

The B team lost 30-23 and finished 6-9.

Pampa recorded 34 turnovers, 12 rebounds and six steals. The Lady Reapers made seven of 15 free throws, eight of 38 two point field goals and zero of one three pointers.

Tiah Brown led the team in rebounds with five. Kristina Brown and Raven Neal recorded two. Madelyn Solis, Kinli Thomas and Kiesha

Daniels each recorded one. Kristina Brown and Samara Villanueva led the team in steals with two each. Solis and Thomas each stole one.

Solis led the team in scoring with six. Kristina Brown, Daniels and Tiah Brown each scored four. Villanueva scored three and Thomas scored two.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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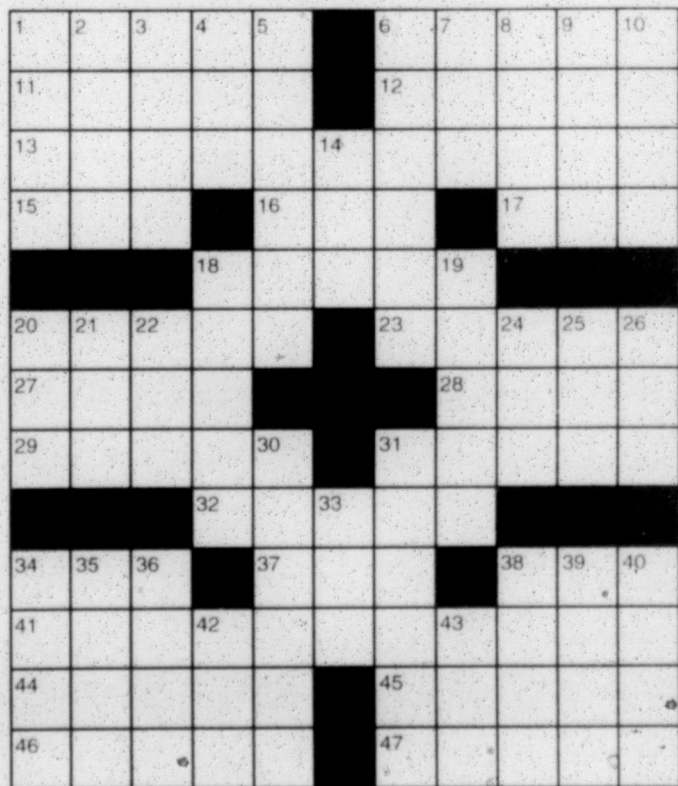
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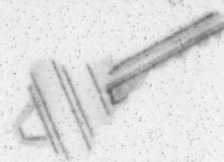
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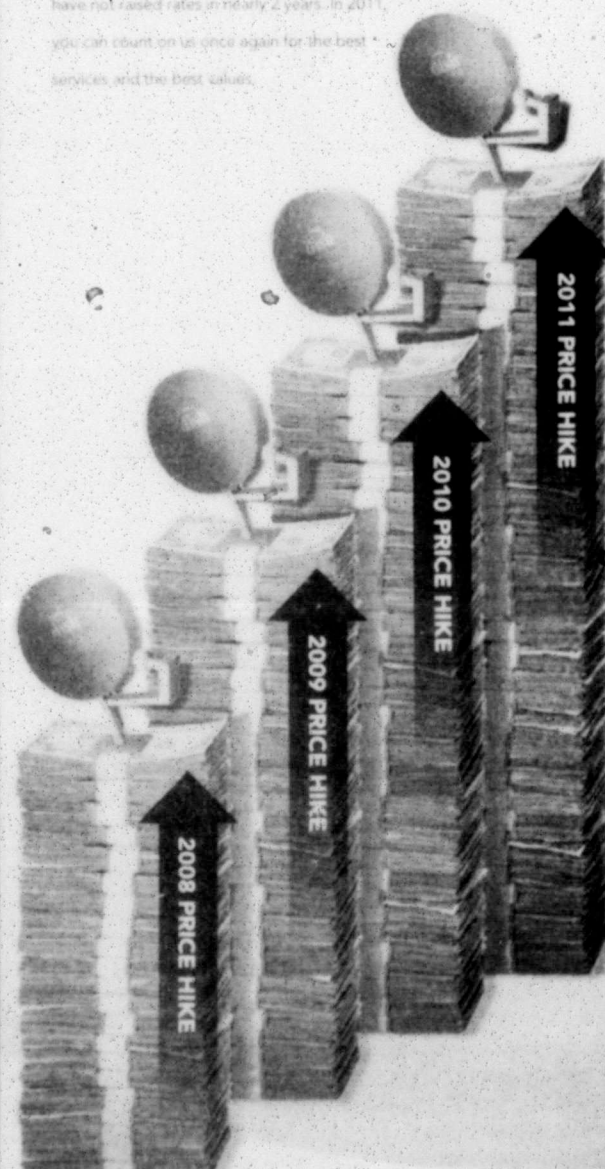
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- The junior varsity and varsity softball teams scrimmage against Plainview is cancelled.

The paper will alert of other schedule changes when they become available. If you know of a cancellation contact Andrew Glover at 669-2525 or aglover@thepampanews.com.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"I'm glad February has the fewest days. It means summer gets here quicker."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011:

This year, you express unusual creativity and charisma. If you opt to manifest an idea, desire or project, the reality happens more easily than you anticipated. You might feel like you can pull a white rabbit out of a hat. Your magnetism speaks, and others cannot help but respond. If you are single, many a potential suitor will attempt to change your status. The choice is yours. If you are attached, stay sensitive to your sweetie, and avoid becoming too me-oriented. AQUARIUS values friendships.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Your creativity flourishes. Others want to listen and share. Unexpected insights about a key person become apparent. Do your best to integrate this realization without others noticing. A meeting is important. Tonight, Where your friends are.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

*** You probably insist on staying on top of various situations. There is such a thing as too much responsibility. A situation forces you to consider letting go of one of your many obligations. Be open to feedback from a friend. This person might be right! Tonight, On top of your game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Finally, you see an opening. Disruption with a boss or someone you look up to could postpone your taking a step forward. A new beginning is possible if you look past the obvious. Understand how your thinking can restrict you. Tonight, Where you can escape.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Recognize your limitations and accept more input. Two heads work better than one. A stunning realization might be quite exciting. A partner paves the way to greater security and success. Be careful if you are dealing with someone who is triggered easily. Tonight, Talk over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Rest assured that others care, even if they appear to be heading down a path toward trouble. Look at your responses, recognizing that your reactions speak more of you and your personal life. The unexpected occurs within a partnership. Tonight, Let another person approach you first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Stay on the daily level. You have much to do, and you need to clear it out. A partner or dear friend could shake you up with his or her unpredictability. Start thinking in terms of people doing the unexpected. Tonight, Soak in a hot tub, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Creativity often saves the day, and you have just that. Brainstorm with a friend or two about an unanticipated issue. You might be surprised by the suggestions and even your own solutions. A new beginning is possible with your romantic life. Tonight, Pretend it is the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Stay anchored, knowing what is necessary and which way to go. You could be overwhelmed by everything that goes on in your personal life. Pull back if you need to handle other matters. Know your priorities and honor them. Tonight, Settle in and weigh an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Stay upbeat and handle a bump in the road, knowing it is nothing more than that. It will pass. Calls and meetings dominate your day. The unexpected occurs in a conversation, and you gain unprecedented insight about a key person. Tonight, Check out a potential purchase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Be more tuned in to the costs of a particular purchase or set of plans. You could be surprised. Take off your rose-colored glasses, and look at the situation once more. You will be much happier in the near future with a realistic view. Tonight, Redo your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Count on your ability to handle a problematic situation. You might not like an unexpected jolt, even if it is for the better. You might need to go back to square one. Learn to flex with a smile. It will become easy. Tonight, The world is your oyster.

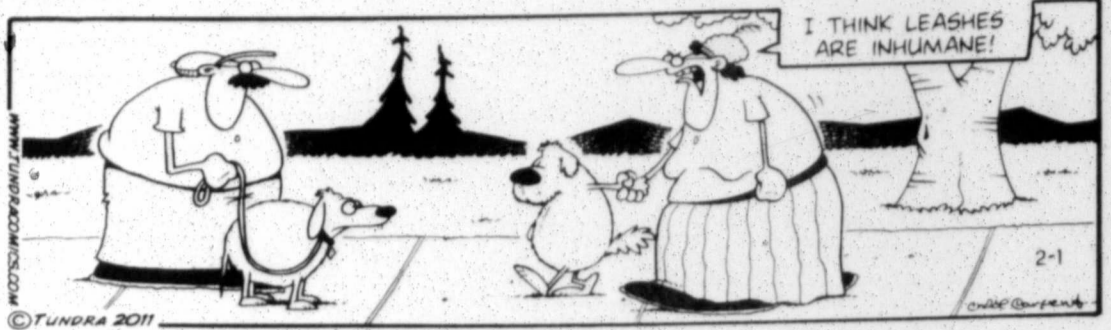
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your sensitivity to a key person in your life might ultimately cause you a problem. Before you act on this realization, think carefully about what you want from a situation. Talk to a key adviser. You'll discover how others see you and also learn more about yourself. Tonight, Make a necessary decision.

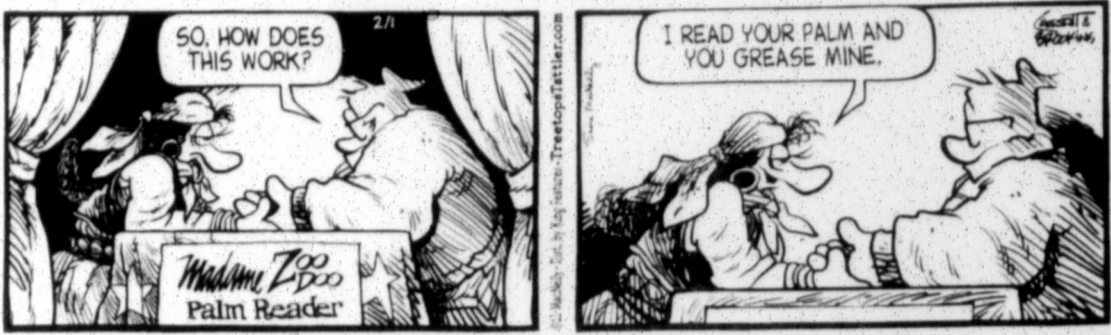
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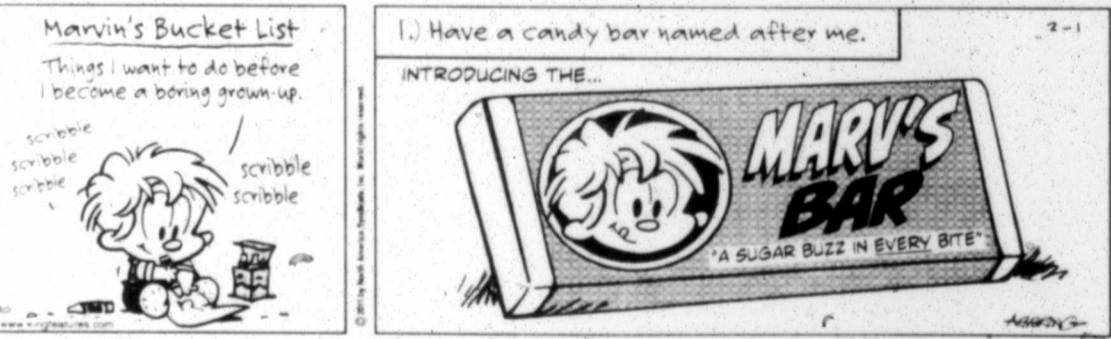
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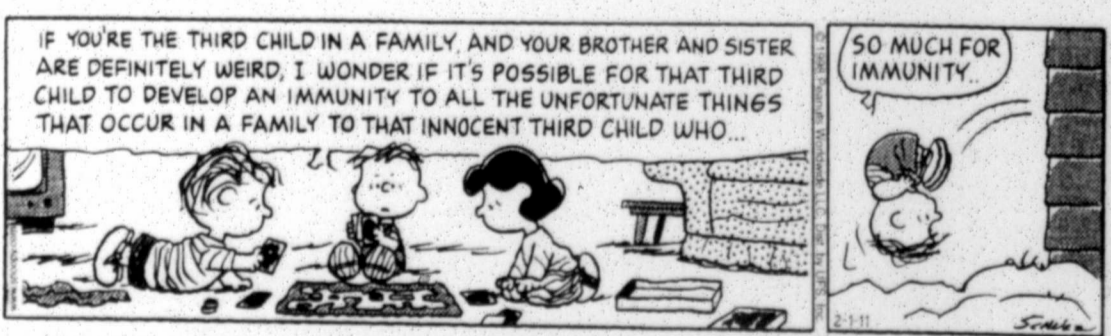
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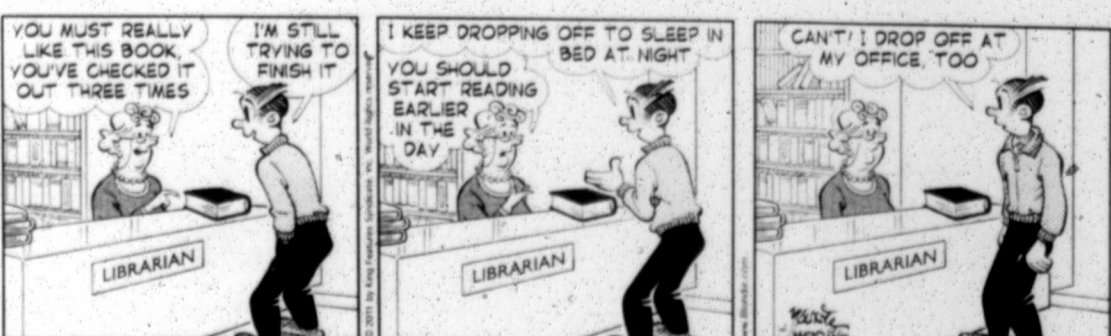
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: As a birth mother, I must respond to the letter from "Her Thankful Son" (Dec. 12). Nearly 26 years ago, I gave up my own son for adoption. It was the most devastatingly painful thing I have ever had to do. But I loved him enough to let him go because I was in no position to raise him myself.

To the young man who wrote you, I say: "Thank you" — from me and all the birth mothers who carry holes in our hearts from having to let our children go on to better lives without us. My greatest fear was always that my son would end up hating me and not understand why I let him go. This man's letter has given me hope.

WENDY IN DELAWARE
DEAR WENDY: "Her Thankful Son" wrote an open letter to his unknown biological mom, expressing gratitude for the life his adoptive parents have provided. As it did with you, his letter resonated with many of my readers whose lives have been touched by adoption. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Thankful Son," I felt a sense of relief. I had a son when I was 16 and placed him for adoption because I knew I couldn't give him the life he deserved. I was determined that his adoption would not be in vain and that I would become a better person because of it.

I consider myself to be a better mom now because of him.

My girls know they have a brother out there, but I have explained it's not for me to seek him. If he wants to find me I would be thrilled, but I realize I gave up my right to him when I made my decision. I have no regrets. I think of him often and wonder if he's OK.

Reading "Thankful's" letter comforted me. If it is God's will, I will meet my son one day. I feel he will be proud of me for making something of myself and giving him the opportunity for a successful life.

BRENDA IN FLORIDA
DEAR ABBY: I am also an adopted child. From the time I was told

at age 7, I wondered who my birth mother was and went through phases of anger and depression. I was blinded by my own ego and did not consider anything about HER life.

When I was in my teens, a friend of mine became pregnant and was scared about what she was going to do. I lost touch with her shortly after and don't know what happened. I have since realized that my friend's situation could have also been my birth mother's. It changed my attitude, and I decided I'd like to meet her one day and tell her I care about her.

Several years later I got that opportunity, with help from my adoptive mom and a state agency.

Meeting my birth mom and three younger brothers and sister was a very emotional moment for me, and I cherish it to this day.

JAY IN MARYLAND
DEAR ABBY: You said you hoped "Thankful Son" could meet his birth mother. Why? As an adoptive mom of adult children, I feel just as happy not having the birth parents intervene in our lives.

Could I handle it? Of course. If my children had a burning desire to find their birth parents, would it be OK? Absolutely. Am I curious, too? Certainly. But I don't think you should encourage a search.

After all, these people are virtual strangers. They have different values and expectations, which all

too often can lead to disappointment. At the very least, it's a weird experience. I think what adopted children really want to know is why they were given up and if they were loved. The answer to that last question, from this mom, is, a resounding YES! — **THE "REAL" MOM IN MIAMI**

DEAR "REAL" MOM: Why do I hope "Thankful Son" will one day be reunited with his birth mother? For two reasons: Many times the reunion brings both parent and child a sense of completion. It also provides an opportunity for the child to get a complete family medical history.



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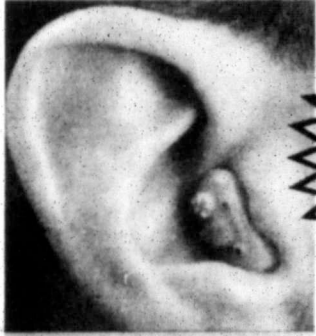


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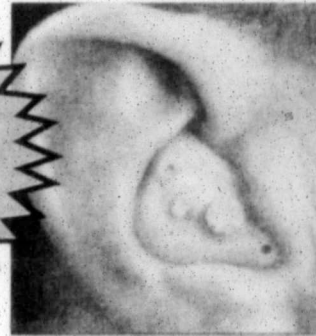


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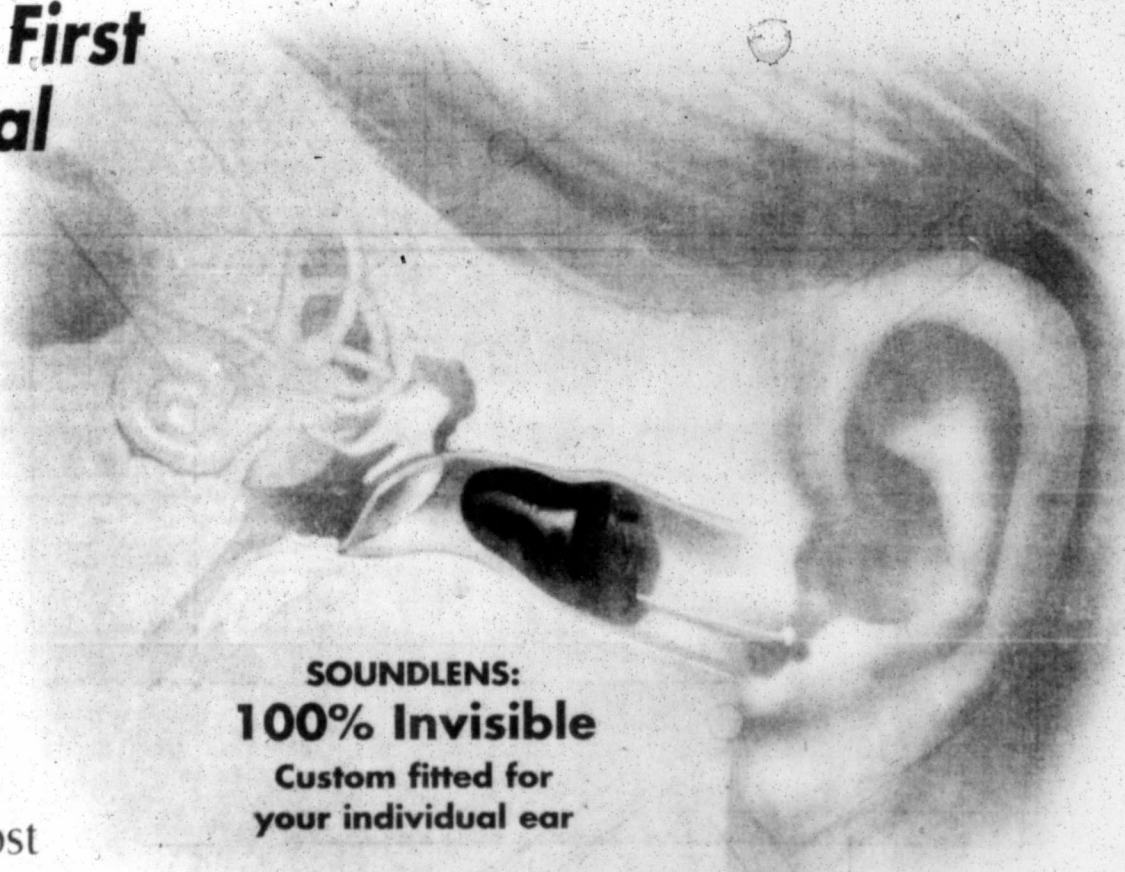


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