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## Today's weather



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## Deaths

Sherry Kaye Hancock, 63, services pending.  
 Thadys Roena Hedger, 93, cook.  
 Mildred Waller, 94, homemaker.

## DPS report

### Area traffic deaths decrease in 2004

The number of traffic deaths on Panhandle roads decreased in 2004, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Amarillo office.

"The 2004 traffic statistics show both good news and bad news. The good news is that significantly fewer people lost their lives on area roads when compared to 2003. The bad news is that 66 people did die (in 2004), and that's too many," Beighle said in a news release.

Traffic fatalities in the area had been on the increase for three years prior to last year's decrease. In 2001, 78 died. In 2002, total deaths numbered 82, and in 2003, 93 lost their lives, making 2003 "one of the deadliest in history," Beighle said.

The 2004 Fatal Accident Summary by DPS includes the following information:

Total fatal crashes, 61. Total fatalities, 66. Driving while intoxicated, eight. Two-vehicle crashes, 10. One-vehicle crashes, 33. Three-vehicle crashes, two. Truck/tractor, semi/trailer involved, nine. Pedestrians, three. Car/train accidents, one. Motorcycles, two. School buses, one. Drivers killed, 50. Passengers killed, 13. Pedestrians killed, three. Not wearing seat belts, 50 percent. Driving while intoxicated, 13 percent.

"Even though we are encouraged by the lower number of fatalities, we all need to remind ourselves just how dangerous traveling in any vehicle can be. Drivers must remain focused and always buckle up on every trip, regardless of the length of that trip," Beighle said in the release.

## Report: Teen pregnancy rate drops

Worth the Wait officials fear drug and alcohol use may have adverse effects

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Editor

Worth the Wait, a program promoting sexual abstinence for teens first implemented in Pampa Independent School District, appears to be making a significant impact on the teen pregnancy rate.

Despite that, officials worry that increasing drug and alcohol use among teens can lead to more unplanned pregnancies.

Texas Department of Health statistics from Worth the Wait began in 1998 through 2002 show that the teen pregnancy rate dropped 32 percent in the five counties covered by the program — Gray, Armstrong,

Dallam, Carson and Hutchinson. This drop can be compared with a 19 percent decrease for that Texas Department of Health Region 16 and 21 percent for the state of Texas, said Stacy Ladd, executive director in her annual report to the Pampa ISD Board of Education Thursday.

Pregnancy rates for Gray County show an even greater drop through the same time period from 31.8 percent to 16 percent, she said.

"We really appreciate the school's commitment (to Worth the Wait),"

Ladd told the board. "We have used this as a model in many other school districts."

Ladd said that the program's effectiveness is strengthened when school districts support it through policy and staff.

At Pampa ISD, Worth the Wait is a part of the health classes for students at the junior high and high school levels. Students can opt out, she reported, but less than two percent have.

The program starts each year with a pre-survey and is followed by a post-course survey to track how much the students have

learned and show changes in attitudes, if any. To take the survey, students must have parental consent.

For the past five years, Worth the Wait has worked closely with Baylor University on data collection and research.

Worth the Wait is now established in 14 schools in Amarillo, she said, and is being used as a pattern for programs throughout the nation.

At the beginning six years ago, Ladd said she thought that she would only have to teach the students the physical aspects while emphasizing the benefits of abstinence. Experience has taught her "just the



Ladd

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## Gunshot self-inflicted, officers say

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

A Pampa man's gunshot wound has been determined to be a "self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to the investigation and witness statements," said Lt. Joe Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies had been dispatched to 12555 U.S. Highway 60 at 10:49 a.m. Sunday concerning a shooting. They found Luis Alonzo Estrada, 23, of 12555 Highway 60, lying in a field beside a roadway which runs between the highway and the house at that address.

*"We don't know whether it was an accident or a suicide attempt."*

Lt. Joe Hoard  
 Gray Co. Sheriff's Dept.

about 25 yards from Highway 60, Hoard said. "An officer interviewed him at the scene. He indicated that he had done it himself," Hoard said. "We don't know whether it was an accident or a suicide attempt."

"There was no one with him at the time. There was no one in the area at the time," Hoard said.

A passerby apparently observed Estrada lying in the field and called the sheriff's department, Hoard said. Estrada was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he underwent surgery yesterday for the wound. No new information was available as of press time today on Estrada's condition.

"Our investigation is complete at this time" concerning the shooting, Hoard said.

Estrada had a gunshot wound in his left leg, Hoard said. Beside him was a 7 mm Magnum rifle, which was taken into custody.

Estrada was conscious at the time deputies found him, Hoard said.



City of Pampa Public Service Department employees, from left, Ruth Williams, Shannon Liberty and David Harvey, set markers to direct the public to local sites of interest. The markers are a project of the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art.

## New signs direct visitors to Pampa sites of interest

New signs directing visitors and residents alike to sites of interest in Pampa are popping up all over town.

The direction markers, a project begun by the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, are being installed by City of Pampa employees directed by Kim Lincycumb, Street and Park Superintendent, said Thelma

Bray, foundation president, in a news release announcing the signs.

"Hopefully, the placement of these direction markers will help local citizens as well as out-of-town travelers to see and enjoy the many special sites in Pampa," Bray said.

Sites targeted by the markers include pieces of outdoor sculpture, the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, Freedom U.S.A. Museum, Clarendon College - Pampa Center, the Super Playground, Hike and Bike Trail and the musical note sculpture on North Hobart. The 150-foot by 10 foot notes depict the chorus of "This Land Is Your Land" written

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## United Way event to honor star volunteers

Pampa United Way will celebrate raising \$286,966 for 17 local service agencies with its annual meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The public is invited to come join in the celebration and in thanking all the volunteers who helped with the campaign, said Bob Marx, 2004 Campaign chairman, and Katrina Bigham, executive administrator.

Guest speaker for the event is the

Rev. Kelly Rushing. After his presentation, the star volunteers for this year's campaign are to be recognized, Bigham said.

The pot roast dinner, catered by Hoagie's Deli, is \$7 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the United Way office at 669-1001 before noon on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

At present, the United Way is \$25,034 short of its \$312,000 cam-

aign goal, Bigham said. She said a few accounts have still not been received and she expects to receive the remainder of the goal within the next few months.

"We have 17 agencies that are depending on our help for 2005. These 17 agencies serve over 11,000 people in our community. Our 'Community DOES Matter!' Please consider giving to a worthy

cause — your community, by giving to the Pampa United Way."

Bigham said United Way donations can be made by check, secure bank draft, or billed at the time the donor chooses this year or next year.

The address is Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Texas, 79066-2076, or bring pledges to the office at 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105.

"Thank you for making a difference in many lives in Pampa," Bigham said.

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

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# Business Review

## Meredith House: A new year ... a new dawning!

Meredith House, licensed assisted living #000434, is now under new management. Teresa Anguiano Wade is the new Administrator. She is a lifelong resident of Pampa and has many years of long-term care nursing and administrative experience.

Charlotte Willett, LVN, is the new Nurse/Administrative Assistant. She also comes to Meredith House as a lifelong resident of Pampa with years of long-term care nursing experience.

At Meredith House, they believe in living your life with choice. They create warm, home-like settings for older adults who want to live their life with choice. Whether that includes an active social schedule or a more slow-paced way of life, their respect for each resident's individuality and dignity is at the center of all that they do.

To maintain an enriched quality of life, each resident receives personalized care and service. A variety of social and recreational activities helps build meaningful friendships and improves self-esteem. Meredith House is a place where friendly faces and conversations are easy

to come by. A place where independence, dignity and privacy are respected. A place to call home.

The Meredith House offers one bedroom as well as studio apartments, along with Respite Care for a daily base rent. Each private, carpeted, handicapped accessible apartment is furnished with voice-to-voice emergency system, smoke alarms/sprinklers, pre-wiring for private phones, private bathroom with handicapped accessible walk-in shower, individual heating and air control, and a kitchenette with microwave and small refrigerator.

The base rent includes three full course home-cooked meals a day, weekly light housekeeping including laundry and daily trash removal, basic utilities and maintenance, full calendar of planned activities, and free use of laundry facilities.

Meredith House also offers for your convenience a beauty/barber shop, guest meals of \$4 per person, library and whirlpool room, activity room, in-house private mail box, dining room, and a common area with a fireplace.

To fulfill their residents' needs and requests, they provide

personalized services in addition to the daily base rent services including medication assistance, dressing assistance, mobility assistance, bathing assistance including a whirlpool spa, personal hygiene assistance, incontinence assistance, eating assistance including special diets, transferring assistance, health care coordination and behavioral assistance.

The folks at Meredith House invite you to stop by and visit to learn more about them and all that they have to offer.



At Meredith House ... Paulene Carlson, Lavern Devoll, Sandra Cramblit, Audrey Huff, Maxine Jack, Administrator Teresa Wade and Charlotte Willett, LVN.



Teresa Wade, administrator, with Charlotte Willett, LVN. Both are new to their current positions at Meredith House.



Jim Brown, resident, visits with PSA Alma Lewis.

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# Viewpoints

## Betrayal bruises, but doesn't have to break

Betrayal. The very word conjures feelings of hurt, resentment, anger and sadness.

Betrayal occurs when someone who has gained the trust and confidence of others does something that indicates that trust and confidence was misplaced.

Richard Nixon and Watergate. Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. These are examples of betrayal. Unfortunately, there are many, many more.

Betrayal isn't limited to those in elected office. It is found in personal relationships, workplace settings, religion, education — in any type of human interaction.

Betrayal by those in elect-

ed office gets more notice and is more widely discussed, however, than the situations which affect only one family or, say, one small business.

After all, elected officials got their jobs by a majority vote of the people they set out to represent.

Sometimes, they are unopposed for the job, but when that happens, one implied reason for it is that no one else feels they can field a candidate that has a sufficient chance of winning the race.

Morality and righteousness are still one yardstick by which voters make their ballot decisions. In presidential elections, this is espe-

cially evident.

One factor cited by commentators on George W. Bush's latest presidential win at the polls was that voters made their choice in part on questions of morality.

This is why it hurts when an elected official becomes the focus of a scandal, criminal investigation, or other character-scrutinizing activity. How could that official have fooled the majority of the voters? Was the voters' judgment really that bad? Who else has deceived them?

And perhaps the most worrisome question of all: Is there anyone who is really upstanding, honest, capable, intelligent, moral, ethical and worthy of trust?

Everyone, voters and officials alike, is only human. Humans are prone to making mistakes, both big and small. But some mistakes have more far-reaching effects than others.

It should always be remembered that anyone accused of wrongdoing is innocent until proven guilty.

Accusations are not enough to convict someone, either legally or morally.

It should also be remembered that our form of government is still the fairest and best in the world, even if it is not perfect.

It still beats dictatorships, monarchies and other types of government, even if we sometimes see our chosen officials become targets of civil and criminal investigations, subjects of rumors of wrongdoing, and fine examples of what it is like to have feet of clay.

Our form of government works in spite of those who betray our trust. If they truly have done something wrong, sooner or later it seems to

catch up with them.

Fortunately, we have the procedures in place to take care of such eventualities.

Betrayal by an elected official can even have a positive result.

It may spur more voters to cast ballots at the next election, so that whoever is declared the winner will have had to pass muster for a larger number of people.

It may also make voters more cautious and less prone to cast their ballot for whimsical reasons, such as a catchy slogan or good acting.

There is always a silver lining, if you look hard enough.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2005. There are 340 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

### On this date:

In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

## Our readers write

### Think for yourselves

I am now in Red River, N.M., enjoying my retirement as a ski instructor. I probably would not be able to do this without a wonderful wife who was a teacher and a great Clinton economy.

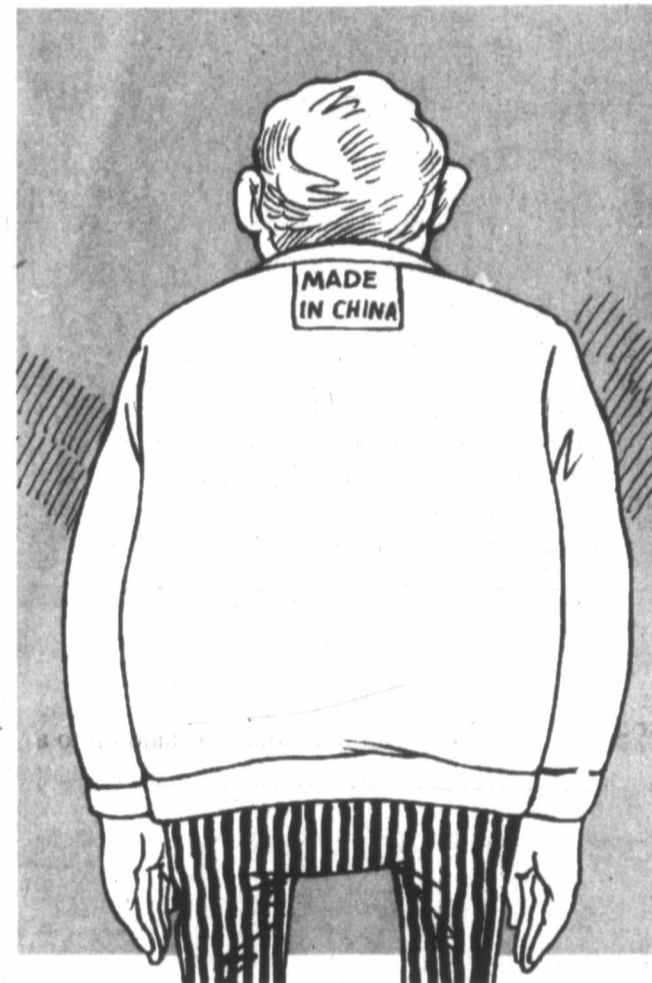
I joined the National Guard in 1954 because I needed the money. I stayed for 20 years. I probably would not have stayed without being patriotic and needing the extra money. I think the same thing is going on, but it's different now. During war time we had the draft, so everyone but the VIPs, such as "W"

and his kind, who got special assignments or deferments, had to serve in the war.

Our voluntary military army worked just fine in peacetime, but now, with soldiers dying in "W's" war, the only way he can get his labor is offering bonuses to unemployed young people in high unemployment areas.

I very much respect our brave young soldiers that are willing to die for our country, but I believe rich people's children, as well as poor people's, should pay the same. Hardly anyone who voted for this war has any folks serving.

It seems like all our  
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## Total team policy makes sense

Leftists love to talk about the structural problems that purportedly keep down the poor, and by that they mean a free market system. But one structural problem truly does exist: The tragedy of inner city public school systems that make a future of poverty likely for large numbers of students.

"Coach Carter," which was No. 1 at the movie box office last weekend, depicts well that culture. Mixed in with good basketball footage shot from a point guard's eye-level is a similarly vivid portrait of an urban school in which a principal and some instructors have low expectations for many students on the team, and by extension many students generally.

These students yearn for adult leadership but don't find it, so unless they are

pushed by parents, they do as little work as possible. Until, that is, Coach Ken Carter comes along. Terrifically portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson — but keep in mind that this film is based on a true story — he is a former high school basketball star who agrees to coach the school in gritty Richmond, Calif., from which he graduated.

The movie accurately depicts the contract that Carter, a compassionate conservative, had all his players sign. It required them to maintain at least a 2.3 grade point average and not only attend class but sit in the front row, wearing a coat and

tie on game day. What's more, he took the contract seriously: When some students cut classes and didn't bother to study, he padlocked the gym.

While the film hypes the event a bit, news stories from January 1999 reveal that he actually did lock out his team and forfeit a game. He also tapped into a national desire to see

someone taking strong action to promote academics: Carter received more than 3,000 letters and 4,000 requests for the contract. And he produced results: According to newspaper accounts, the team's grade point average and class

attendance both jumped, and time spent in tutoring sessions soared.

One controversial element at the time was that 33 of the 45 members of the varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams were fulfilling the contract — so why did they have to suffer because 12 did not? Carter in the movie explains that his players are a team, winning as a team and losing as a team. That's not bad, but there's something more: His dramatic action is a slap at the social Darwinist attitude exemplified in one 19th-century saying, "Let buffalo gore buffalo, and the pasture to the strongest."

Over the years I've seen and talked with some of the gored: Uneducated 20-year-

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**Marvin Olasky**

Columnist



## Good news for those on Medicare

There was a dose of good medicine last week for both Medicare beneficiaries and those people who are under 65 and are uninsured.

Both the federal government and major drug manufacturers are at work in the two areas, respectively.

It is good news for the El Paso area, where economic conditions leave many citizens without health insurance. Government and health organizations point

out that, as of Jan. 1, new enrollees to Medicare are eligible for a one-time "welcome to Medicare" physical exam.

And all Medicare recipients now have access to free cardiovascular and diabetes screening. That is especially important in the El Paso region, where diabetes has

reached epidemic status, according to health officials.

This new law was mandated by President Bush in December 2003. Its main goal is to help lower the cost of medical care through prevention of diseases. Also, 10 major drug companies are offering a new discount card to help

the 45 million uninsured Americans. It will go into effect next month. The cards will be good for purchases of more than 275 brand-name prescription drugs and a host of generic drugs.

The move comes amid a survey of Americans who overwhelmingly say — 66 percent — that the government should begin to cut deals with prescription drug companies to lower the cost of prescription medicines.

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### Kiwanis speaker

Judge Phil Vanderpool discusses the purpose of Cluster Courts to members of the Pampa Kiwanis Club at their meeting Friday. These courts hear cases involving physical abuse, sexual abuse/neglect, drug use, domestic abuse and Shaken Baby Syndrome. Judge Vanderpool presides over the local Cluster Court which covers 23 counties in the Texas Panhandle. He receives specialized training in custody, child support, services and adoptions. Texas has 16 Cluster Courts, Vanderpool said.

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facts" is not what students need.

"I found out the kids were way more worried about the psychological and sociological aspects," she said. "They focused a lot more on relationship and social skills."

As a result, Worth the Wait teaches students to avoid risky situations and behaviors and emphasizes how doing that can help them reach future goals.

"We help them understand that the decision we make Friday night will affect whether I get a basketball scholarship in the fall," Ladd said.

Local teens show a strong attitude toward abstinence in the 6th and 7th grades.

Worth the Wait works to maintain that attitude through the high school years when more teens begin to experiment with sex.

"We've found it's important for girls to be reinforced in the 9th grade. For boys, it's the 10th," she said.

Drug and alcohol use poses a big risk factor for Pampa teens, according to Worth the Wait surveys.

Only 62 percent of seventh graders expected to remain sober for the next year and 23 percent said they had been drunk on alcohol in the past month. Twelve percent believed

they would use illegal drugs in the next year and four percent reported using illegal drugs in the previous week.

"These are alarming," Ladd said. "Those numbers are not moving in the right direction. I think this is a huge problem."

At the 8th grade level, 75 percent expect to remain sober, but 11 percent had already experienced sexual intercourse, she said.

Ladd recommended the following actions for Pampa ISD:

- Strengthen knowledge in the 8th grade;
- Maintain already-strong

*'... the decision we make Friday night will affect whether I get a basketball scholarship in the fall.'*

— Stacy Ladd  
Worth the Wait

## Signs

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by world-renowned folk singer Woody Guthrie who once lived in Pampa.

The outdoor sculpture foundation was established in 1985 to provide art and sculpture in parks and public places in Pampa. As a result of the dedicated work and talent of the foundation's

members, Pampa is now recognized for the excellent art and sculpture located through the city, Bray said.

Among the works of art to be seen in Pampa are a 20-foot lizard by Warren Smith, the musical sculpture by Rusty Neef, the bronze statue of a cowboy and Indian at Cuyler and Foster streets by Gerald Sanders, the abstract sculpture in front of the Pampa Regional Medical Center at One Medical Plaza

by Bonnie Chambless and Ted Gikas, the two new bronze sculptures placed at Lovett Memorial Library by Larry Franklin, the sculpture of Gray County pioneer Emmett LeFors on a horse at Hobart and Somerville streets, and the history wall near M.K. Brown Auditorium which incorporates art and history in an outdoor setting.

— Dee Dee Laramore,  
Editor

## Bush wants \$80 billion more for Iraq, Afghan wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress started to digest a new Bush administration request of \$80 billion to bankroll wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, its top budget analyst on Tuesday projected \$855 billion in deficits for the next decade even without

the costs of war and Bush's Social Security plan.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration would outline its request for more money for Iraq and Afghanistan later Tuesday. He would provide no detail, but congressional

aides said the package would total about \$80 billion and be mostly for U.S. military operations in the two countries.

Congress approved \$25 billion for the wars last summer. Using figures compiled by the Congressional

Research Service, which prepares reports for lawmakers, the newest request would push the totals provided for the conflicts and worldwide efforts against terrorism past \$300 billion. That includes \$25 billion already provided for rebuild-

ing Iraq and Afghanistan.

McClellan said the administration would request what is needed for U.S. troops and "to support the Iraqi people as they move forward on building a democratic and peaceful future."

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olds who haven't learned to push themselves and are ready only to push a broom; inebriated and drug-addled 30-year-olds who line up for food and sleeping spots at shelters. Sure, those individuals bear personal responsibility. Sure, they could have

bucked the culture surrounding them, but asking a teen not to go with the flow is not all that different from asking an individual to stand up to a tsunami. The key is to get them to higher ground so they won't be washed away, and peer pressure is the major motivator for most teens. Thus, Carter's total team policy makes sense.

All of this works to make a dramatic movie that teens should see and will want to

see. (Parents should be aware that this gritty urban film has bad language, dirty dancing and a drug-related slaying; it's not "Hoosiers.") Sure, the film has so much emphasis on education, hard work and discipline that The Boston Globe snarled about it playing "like a public service announcement" and asked, "What 11th-grader wants to spend a Friday night being hit with such a blunt instrument?" The answer is: A lot,

because even those who seem the most hopeless really want a dad, coach or teacher who will show them the difference between vice and virtue.

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## Letter

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Republican friends like cheap labor. They refuse to raise the minimum wage or stop cheap labor from coming across our borders, and this even covers using cheap

labor to fight our illegal war.

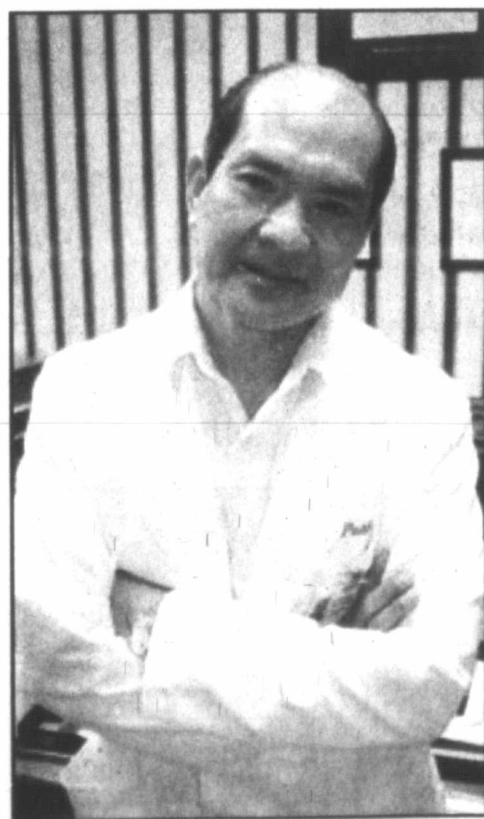
As for "W's" war, I must be some kind of genius; from the very first I knew it would be a cake-walk going into Baghdad. All the Iraqis had were a bunch of worn-out 1980s weapons. I said what would be hard was stopping their car bombs. The Israelis have been trying

to stop them for 60 years without any success.

I hope my friends who voted for this administration start learning to read and watch various sources and think for themselves instead of believing Fox network and Rush Limbaugh.

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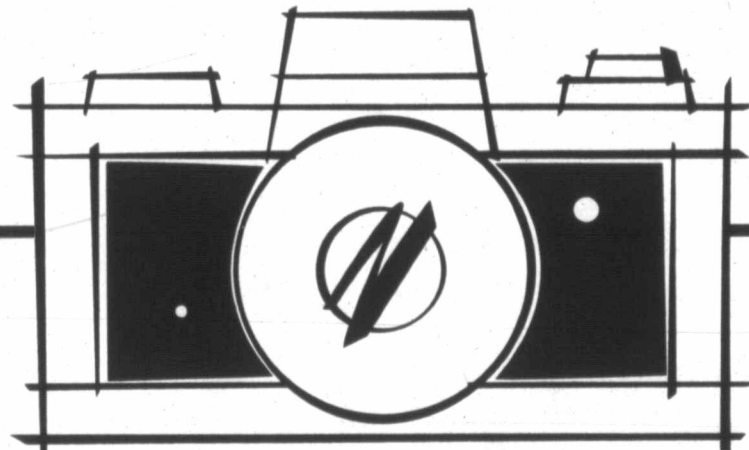
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Caring Friend in California" was at a loss about whether to hold a baby shower for her friend, whose baby was not expected to make it through the gestation period. You advised her that rather than hold a shower, her friends should stay close and provide willing ears and shoulders to cry on.

A dear friend of my daughter's faced the same circumstances. We knew that if her baby survived delivery, it would be only a short time until the child was gone. What we did was to create a "memory box." We included a camera to take pictures of the baby, and a smaller version of a baby book to hold the footprints, hand prints, a lock of hair and, of course, the photos. We also bought the infant a cross as she was immediately baptized.

It gave the parents something to remember — a special memory of their baby. It wouldn't hurt for "Caring Friend" to contact the hospital as well, as it may have something already set up for people facing these circumstances. -- HOPE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HOPE: Those are wonderful suggestions. A woman named Michelle wrote me from Las Vegas to say that the March of Dimes has a bereavement packet that could be helpful. In addition to information regarding the loss, it contains a memory book for the lock of hair and/or footprint. The packet can be obtained from local March of Dimes offices. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My heart breaks for the friend who will soon lose the child she has grown to love. I have known many mothers and fathers who have lost children very young (even through miscarriage), and each one has treasured any reminder of the child they lost. Many hospitals have programs run by volunteers that provide a blanket and a tiny hat to be made

available to the grieving parents. "Caring Friend" should give her friend the option of choosing gentle reminders of her love and strength in this time of need, or a small, quiet ceremony of her love to make things easier for her. My guess is she'll choose both. I know I would. -- MOTHER OF FOUR IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MOTHER OF FOUR: Thank you for the input. I have a stack of letters from readers echoing your sentiments and offering suggestions. Read on:

FROM 'BEEN THERE IN CANADA': Instead of the traditional baby shower, a scaled-back celebration of its life (regardless of how brief) is needed. Instead of major "fun" gifts, perhaps a fund could be set up and friends could donate to help pay for the medical expenses and the funeral. To ignore the situation is like pretending she isn't pregnant at all.

FROM 'NANCY IN GEORGIA': When my baby was stillborn, our friends donated books in his name to our local school or library. A memory note was placed in the front of each donation. It was a joyful way to remember a sad event.

FROM 'A GRANDMOTHER OF 27 IN MISSOURI': There are special clothing patterns for babies who are premature or stillborn. Parents need to see their baby as more than a naked little body. A baby dressed in a pretty outfit gives the parents a picture of their child to carry with them as they grieve. And a baby shower that would provide the hospital nursery a collection of these clothes for parents to choose from would be a blessing.

My thanks to all of you who took the time to write. I regret that space does not allow me to print more suggestions.

### For Better Or Worse



### Zits



### Garfield



### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Ginger cookies

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12 Walk — (patrol)

13 American Impressionist

15 Jargon suffix

16 Had lunch

17 "Gosh!"

18 Lease signer

20 Phoenix team

21 Abyss group

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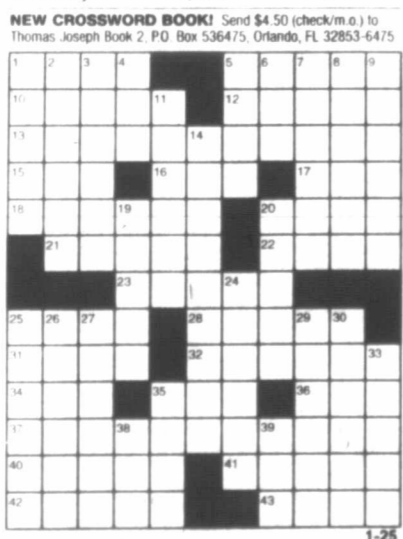
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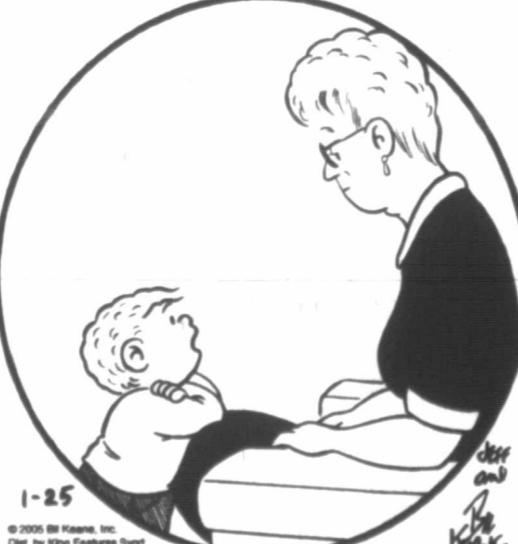


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**Weekly Writing Corner**

**Write Words Wonderfully**

Crazy crocodiles canned cranberries and carrots.  
*Victoria*  
6<sup>th</sup> grade

Talya tiptoed as the tomatoes toppled, and Talya tied the tomatoes up tight.  
*Talya*  
Kindergarten

Will washed Willie's walrus well.  
*Justin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Silly Sally slurps soup all summer.  
*Chase*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

Agitated Annie ate apples, animals, acorns, and antelope with alligators.  
*Jack*  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Magical Matt makes modern math.  
*April*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

Five funky flamingos flapped furiously for fudge.  
*Savannah*  
6<sup>th</sup> grade

Rainbow Randy ran through the rocky river.  
*Selena*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

Sally's scissors sliced seventy slimy, squeezed, squished, citrus fruits in sixty seconds.  
*Amanda*  
6<sup>th</sup> grade

What is the wicked witch whistling while she wheels her bike in the wind?  
*Emily*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

Pink panthers pop pink popcorn.  
*Raquel*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

Izzy's icecream is incredibly icky!  
*Bekah*  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Zigzagging zebras zip to the zoo.  
*Griffin*  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

On Friday five fishes found fifty frogs fighting forty flies!  
*Cassandra*  
5<sup>th</sup> grade

Cassidy caught a cobra and caged it by a cuckoo clock.  
*Brenna*  
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Green grime grows on grass.  
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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

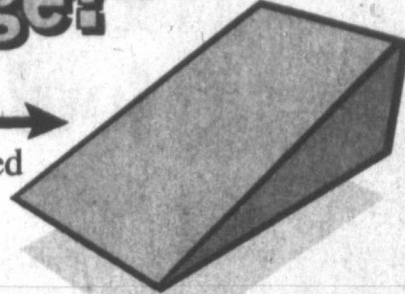
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**This Week: Wedges**

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WONDER WEDGE wonders ...  
**"What in the world would we do without a wedge?"**

An inclined plane is a sloped surface like this illustration. Wedges are made up of inclined planes that make our work much easier.



**Wedge to the Rescue**

The sun was out. The classroom was getting warmer and warmer. Wonder Wedge looked around and saw his friends sweltering. One at a time the kids got up and tried to open the door. But, each time the door slammed shut. How could they keep the door open?

Wonder Wedge came to the rescue! He showed the kids two pieces of wood. Which one would work best to keep the door open?

"The wedge is best!" says Wonder Wedge. A wedge is made out of one or more inclined planes. It helps us do many different things.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand simple machines and how they work.

**Working Together**

Draw a line to match the tools that work together.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



How many wedges can you find on this page?

**Wedges at Work**

A knife, a nail, a doorstop, a pushpin and even a screw are types of wedges. They help us do many different things. Look at these pictures and circle all of the wedges the children are using.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students recognize simple machines and how they work.

**How is a screw like a wedge?**

A wedge and a screw are both made with an inclined plane. To see how a screw is made from an inclined plane, try the following experiment:

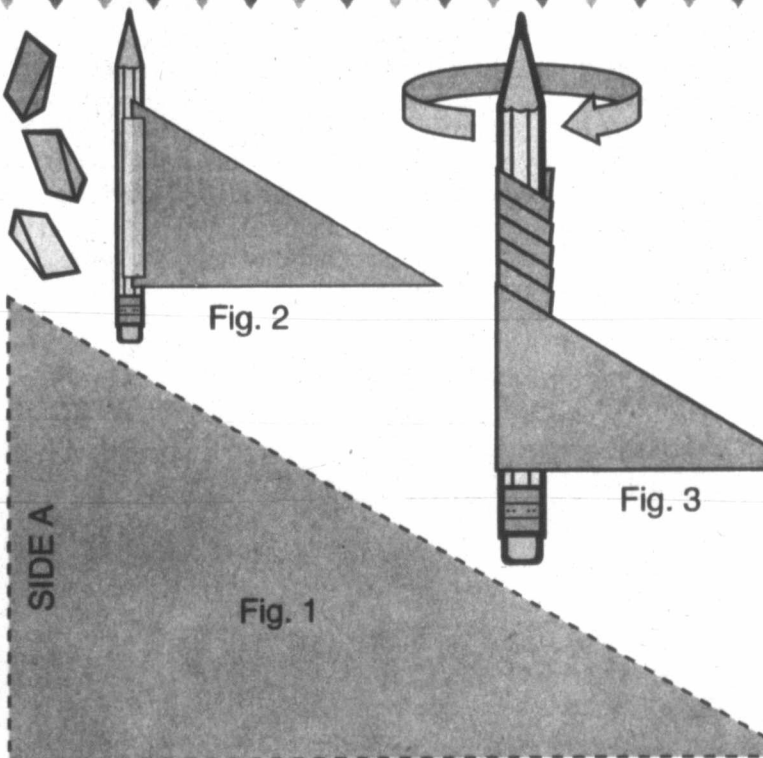
1. Cut out the triangle-shaped wedge pictured here. (Fig. 1)
2. Tape side A to a pencil. (Fig. 2)
3. Roll the triangle around your pencil. Tape the tip of the triangle to the pencil. (Fig. 3)
4. What has happened to the slanted line of the triangle? This slanted line is also called an **inclined plane**.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

**Extra! Extra! W-to-W Dot-to-Dot**

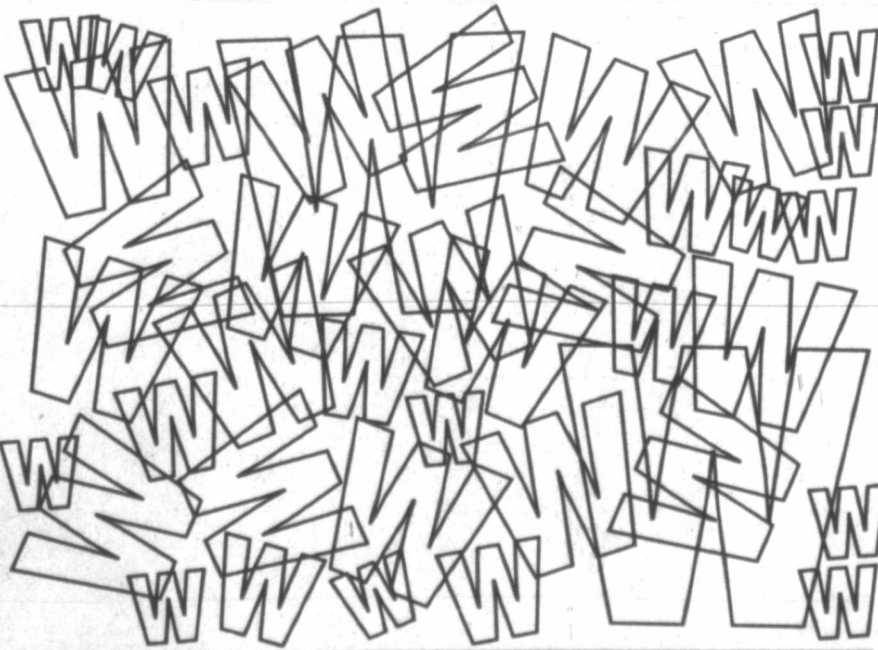
Select one page of the newspaper. Find and circle all of the Ws that you can. Draw lines to connect the Ws to make a dot-to-dot design. Color your design.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.



**Wild & Wacky Puzzle**

WOW! How many Ws are here? Visit [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html) to check your answer.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**Double Double Word Search**

- WEDGE
- WONDER
- SCREW
- WORKING
- WARMER
- WHEEL
- WITHOUT
- WOULD
- WOOD
- WACKY
- WILD
- WOW
- WORLD
- DRAW
- SHOWED

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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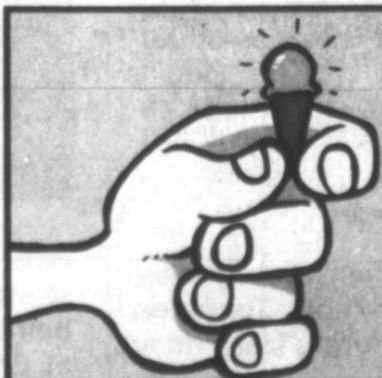
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**BEYOND Kid Scoop**

**Machine Search**

Look through today's paper for tools and simple machines that help make work easier. Find a picture of each of these simple machines: lever, wheel and axle, pulley, screw, wedge and inclined plane.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.



**What scientific instrument do you use to serve tiny portions of ice cream?**

ANSWER: A microscop.

**Write On!**

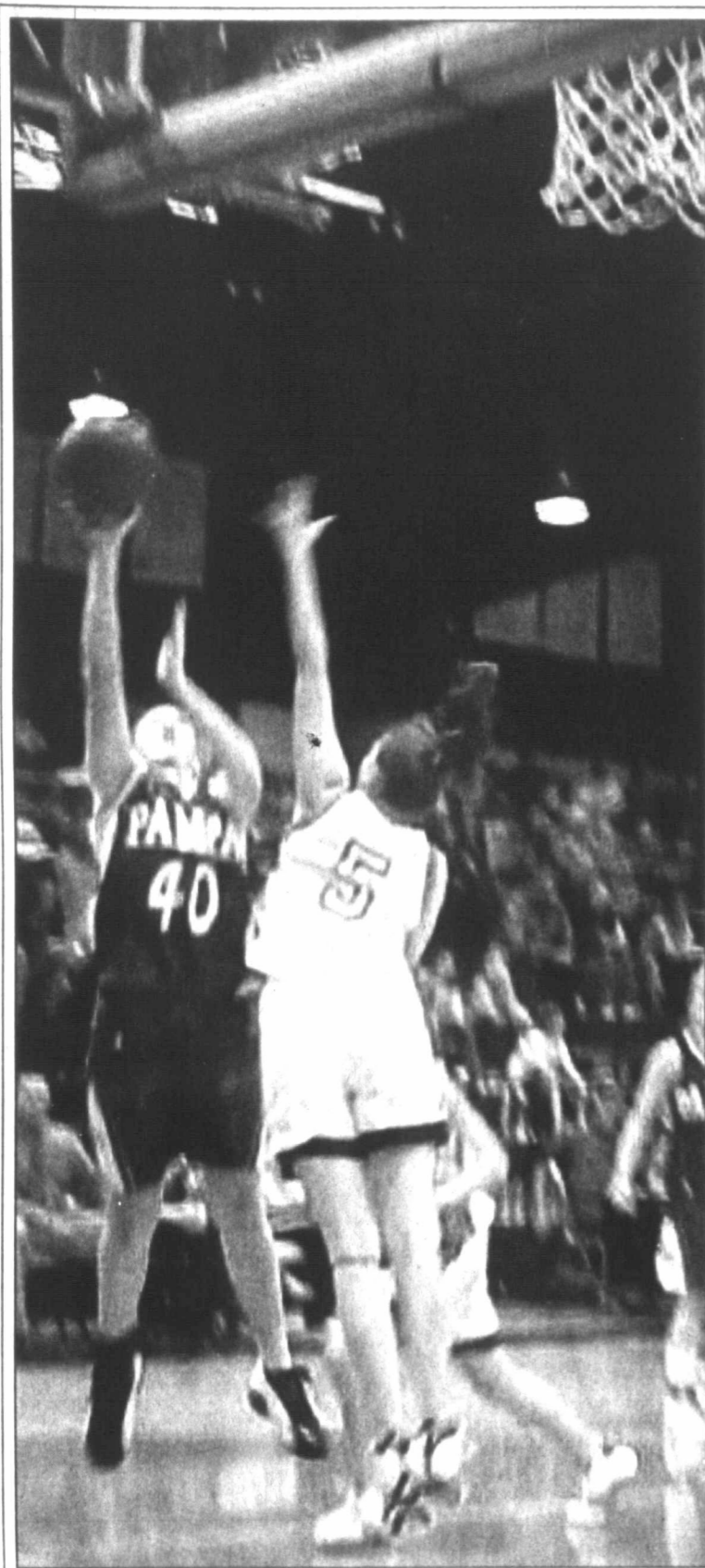
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# Sports Day



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## Lady Harvesters looking for No. 5

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

With four District 3-4A tournament wins in a row, it would be safe to say the Pampa Lady Harvesters are not only good, but confident. Head Coach Troy Fry agrees, but adds, "I think the girls are peaking. They are playing great basketball right now," he said.

Pampa steamrolled Carrock last week, 67-23, and despite a slow start, defeated the Dumas Demonettes, 46-31 last Friday night. In their last two games, the Lady Harvesters have outscored their opponents, 113-54.

And where some might ask if they are not a little intimidated heading into Palo Duro tonight, Fry is quick to point out, "We have no reason to be intimidated. We are too good to be intimidated."

Fry says he and his staff can really sense the confidence level rising. His team is playing solid, fundamental basketball right now. "The girls are really getting to it now and coming together," Fry said. A point made clear as you listen to the team talk while on the court. Perhaps just as important as to the gelling of this team, is the fact they seem to be having fun. And it is all these elements combined that could reap huge dividends when playoff time rolls around.

**Notes:**

**Game time:** 6 p.m.

**On-air:** AM 1230 KGRO

**On-line:** www.centramedia.com

**Keys:** Fry says it will be important for his Lady Harvesters to take care of the basketball. Keep turnovers to a minimum and prevent second and third shot opportunities for the Lady Dons.

**MIA:** Lauren Winkleman was injured in the game against Carrock and now has nine stitches in her forehead. She missed Friday night's Dumas game and will not be suited up tonight. Autumn Darden however, was spotted in uniform at the Dumas game and should be

**Lady Harvester McKensie East sends a short jump shot over the head of a Demonette defender last Friday night. East and her Pampa teammates can pull into a district tie with a win over Palo Duro tonight. Game time is 6 p.m.**

## Iverson too much for Shaq

(AP) — Allen Iverson often saves his best for big matchups. The Portland Trail Blazers' outstanding performance was much more surprising.

Boosted by a boisterous home crowd, Iverson scored 45 points and handed out 11 assists Monday night to lead the Philadelphia 76ers over Shaquille O'Neal and the Miami Heat 106-98 in a matchup of Eastern Conference division leaders.

"He was spectacular," Sixers coach Jim O'Brien said. "Those stats are beyond belief."

The injury-riddled Trail Blazers also opened some eyes, defeating the NBA-leading San Antonio Spurs 107-99 behind Damon Stoudamire's 23 points and nine assists.

Portland stopped a six-game losing streak and won for just the third time in 17

games despite playing without its top two players, Zach Randolph and Shareef Abdur-Rahim, as well as guard Derek Anderson.

"Sometimes you have to step up to the challenge when you are playing the best," Stoudamire said.

In other games, it was: Washington 106, Cleveland 97; Chicago 107, Atlanta 82; Minnesota 86, Detroit 83; Houston 89, Orlando 78; and the Los Angeles Clippers 97, Dallas 87.

Joel Przybilla added 17 points and 16 rebounds for Portland, which shot 56 percent and kept the Spurs at bay when they tried to rally in the second half.

Ruben Patterson, who finished with 15 points and eight rebounds, and Darius Miles, who scored 21 off the bench, made key plays for the Blazers in the fourth quarter.

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## Agassi eliminated

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — In a matchup worthy of a final, defending champion Roger Federer was graceful and at his relentless best in beating four-time winner Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday to advance to the semifinals of the Australian Open.

The top-ranked Federer extended his winning streak to 26 matches with a dazzling array of stinging winners from the baseline, crisp volleys and 22 aces that often left the quick Agassi flat-footed and the sellout crowd applauding.

The 34-year-old Agassi, who came into the season-opening Grand Slam in perhaps the best shape of his life to be ready for matches like this, survived a record 51 aces in his fourth-round victory over Joachim Johansson by exploiting the

few chances he got. But one of the game's best counter-punchers never could find a real weakness to exploit against Federer's all-around game.

With both players painting the lines and punishing ordinary shots, Federer broke for a 4-2 lead in the first set when Agassi, trying to put a little extra on a second serve, double-faulted.

Then, as he did again and again while winning three Grand Slam events last year, Federer found an extra gear when he needed it. The Swiss star saved four break points — two with aces — while serving for the set in a game that went to deuce six times. A third ace gave Federer his third set point, and he turned a good service return from Agassi into a backhand winner down the line.

## She's got skills



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**With her ponytail of red, little 5-year-old Berkley Muncy demonstrates her basketball skills during a halftime performance by Dumas area youngsters at Friday night's Lady Harvester basketball game at Dumas.**

## Pampa Junior High splits with Plainview

The 7th grade A team stretched its district record to 3-0 with a win over previously unbeaten Plainview yesterday. The overall record for the Green Team is now 8-2. Point guard Ryan Jimenez led a relentless fast break attack which stretched Pampa's lead throughout the game for a 49-31 win. With both losses for Pampa coming at the hands of the tight man pressure by the Bulldogs earlier in the season, the A Team is peaking with only two district games remaining along with the district tournament which will be in Dumas Feb. 3 and 5. Alex Clendening led the scoring attack for Pampa with 18 points and 4 assists. Clendening also pulled down 13 rebounds with nine on the defensive end of the floor. Braden Hunt scored 14 points with outstanding effort and consistently

beat Plainview down the court in the fast break scheme. Travis Hagerman had a big night with eight points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots in the middle of a stout zone defense. Jimenez was the standout of a solid defensive rotation by maintaining constant pressure on the Plainview guards which virtually took the Bulldogs out of any offensive timing. Jimenez added seven points along with his four steals.

The 7th grade B team dropped to 2-8 facing a quick, athletic Plainview team. The man press proved to be too much for the Green Team and resulted in a 74-16 loss. Zach Shaw led Pampa with eight points. Anthony Allen added four points and had a solid defensive performance with five steals and five assists.

The 8th Grade B team also ran into a very athletic Plainview team and lost 40-66. Pampa wasn't outplayed, just out shot. It was the coldest night of the year as far as finding the basket was concerned. The B team shot well under 20% from the field, 7 of 25 from the charity stripe. The good news was almost every player scored and the team never quit hustling until time expired. Brett Powell was the bright spot of the night with 17 points followed by Johnathon Anguiano with six. Defensive standouts were Cobron Harris, Brett Powell, Johnathon Anguiano and Dan Kirkland.

The 8th A Team was able to extract some revenge for the night as they beat Plainview 64-55.

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## Harvesters cannot allow Dons to win by intimidation

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

"It's crunch time." That's what Pampa head basketball coach Jeff Reed says about tonight's big 3-4A showdown in Amarillo when his Harvesters (14-8, 2-1) face-off against Palo Duro (19-3, 3-0).

"This is one of those games where the guys will really need to step it up," Reed said. The step-it-up he refers to includes performance, intensity, attitude and scoring. Important ingredients that will be needed if Pampa is to leave Amarillo tonight with a win. But it can be done.

Reed says the most important his team will need tonight is, "Heart."

Granted, Palo Duro is good. They win games and they win them big. But it is not too far-fetched to think a few of those games weren't won even before the game was played. Thus is the power of intimidation. Knowing you are in trouble even before you take the court can be the best sixth man your opponent has. It is paramount that Pampa not buy into such intimidation.

The Harvesters too, are good. Very good. This is a team that could very easily be at least 17-5, and 3-0 in district play to this point.

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**With a Demon defender at his feet and another one in his face, Pampa's Brandon Johnston unleashes a bucket-bound shot during last Friday nights game at Dumas.**

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Pampa's Josh Humphrey, #50, races past a Palo Duro defender en route to the basket during last night's home game against the Dons. The Harvester freshmen lost to PD, 60-39. Humphrey led Pampa with 10 points. The team visits Amarillo High School this Saturday. That game is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

# Pampa freshmen lead at halftime, doomed by third period goose egg

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Take away the third period and the Pampa Harvester freshmen basketball team proved a worthy opponent for the visiting Palo Duro Dons.  
Pampa, led by Josh Humphrey's 10 point performance, outscored the Dons, 11-8 in the first period. The two teams were neck-and-neck in the second, with PD edging Pampa, 18-17. Still, the Harvesters took a 28-26 lead into the locker room at the break.

And then there was the third period. Palo Duro lit up the scoreboard with 21 unanswered points in the period. Pampa was unable to score. At the end of three, Palo Duro had run off to a 47-28 lead.  
The fourth period was better for Pampa, adding another 17 points to its total while holding the Dons to 13. But by the time the final buzzer sounded, the Harvesters had fallen to the visitors, 60-39.  
Pampa plays again this Saturday at Amarillo High School. Game time is 10 a.m.

## Harvesters

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Reed knows this. And it is for this reason, he refuses to hand Palo Duro the District 3-4A title. He needs his team to understand and believe this as well. That is what he means by "Heart."  
A key to tonight's game will be for Pampa not to panic should the Dons make a run. Pampa needs to control the pace of the game. The Dons are great athletes and probably not susceptible to tiring out. Therefore, frustration should be part of the

Pampa game plan. Hang with them and frustrate them. Pampa too will need to hold some fuel in reserve for the fourth period.

### Notes:

- Game time:** 7:30 p.m.
- On-air:** AM 1230 KGRO
- On-line:** www.centramedia.com
- Keys:** Pampa will need to stay as fresh as possible all game long, so the bench will be busy, and everyone will need to contribute.
- Needs:** The Harvester Nation will need to be big and loud tonight.
- Great Quote:** "Our turnovers are the first pass to their fast breaks." Pampa Head Coach Jeff Reed.

## PJHS

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It was an extremely exciting game as the Green Team would open a lead and Plainview would close it. Plainview would tie the game several times until midway through the fourth quarter. Every player scored for the A team and the constant pressure by the full court press forced

Plainview into turnover after turnover. The game really could have been a blowout as Pampa misfired on many fast break attempts and a disappointing 13 of 25 from the free throw line.  
However, any win at Plainview is a great win. Blake Seick had a great game offensively and defensively. Hitting a big 3-pointer in the third, creating turnovers and finishing fast break layups for 19 points. Matt Smith also had a big

night scoring 16 points, offense and defensive rebounds, blocked shots and many steals.  
Casey Trimble had eight and Hayden Skinner seven. It was a great team effort, there wasn't one player who didn't contribute to the victory.  
The teams will take to the court again next Monday, when Pampa hosts Dumas. Game times are 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## NBA

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"It was a gutsy game," coach Maurice Cheeks said. Tim Duncan had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs (34-10), who had won four straight and were coming off a 103-73 win over Sacramento on Sunday night.  
At Philadelphia, Samuel Dalembert had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Sixers, who took over down the stretch.

NFC championship game. "I kind of got goose bumps with the whole thing," Iverson said. "I know it's a great feeling to be a part of that team and just to know you've got fans like that."  
The Heat are just 5-6 since a 14-game winning streak, prompting O'Neal to challenge his teammates. "We can't keep playing like this," he said. "I was telling the guys in the shower we have 40 games left and we need to go 30-10."  
Wizards 106, Cavaliers 97  
At Cleveland, Anthony Peeler made three 3-pointers and scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter, and Gilbert Arenas scored 30 to help Washington rally.

nine rebounds, and the backups came up big again for the Timberwolves.  
Reserves Wally Szczerbiak (15 points), Eddie Griffin (14 points, 10 rebounds, seven blocks), Fred Hoiberg (nine points) and Troy Hudson (seven points, seven assists) helped Minnesota win its third straight.  
Rockets 89, Magic 78  
At Houston, Yao Ming had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Jon Barry scored 19 and the Rockets won their third straight despite playing without leading scorer Tracy McGrady.  
Houston completed a two-game season sweep of the Magic in five days, proving that — at least for now — it got the better of the summer blockbuster trade that involved McGrady and Steve Francis.

O'Neal scored 24 points and Dwyane Wade had 17 points and 11 assists for the Heat, who were coming off a 29-point win the night before against New Orleans.  
With Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens and Brian Westbrook highlighting a group of Eagles watching courtside, the game was practically an afterthought for fans still in a frenzy over the Super Bowl.  
All the Eagles received rousing standing ovations when introduced — the loudest for McNabb — and chants of "E-A-G-L-E-S-I!" filled the arena. The Eagles were the reason the game was moved to Monday night — it was originally scheduled for Sunday but was pushed back so it would not conflict with the

At Atlanta, Eddy Curry scored 19 points, five of his Chicago teammates also reached double figures and the Bulls (20-19) surged over .500 for the first time in more than two years.  
Timberwolves 86, Pistons 83  
At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 22 points and

McGrady missed the game because of a medical emergency in his family.  
Clippers 97, Mavericks 87  
At Los Angeles, Elton Brand scored 10 of his 23 points during a 2:11 span of the fourth quarter for the Clippers, who beat Dallas for only the fifth time in the last 25 meetings.  
Los Angeles snapped a five-game losing skid while ending the Mavericks' five-game win streak. Bobby Simmons added 21 points.

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Northeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	22	10	4	48	116	98
Fort Worth	20	13	4	44	104	101
Tulsa20	15	3	43	124	126	
Memphis	16	21	2	34	120	147
Oklahoma City	13	18	7	33	111	117
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	27	5	5	59	137	72
Wichita	25	10	2	52	134	101
New Mexico	18	14	4	40	122	130
Topeka	12	24	3	27	101	135

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	19	13	4	42	121	119
Austin	19	15	2	40	105	109
Laredo	17	15	2	36	107	83
Rio Grande Valley	11	24	2	24	82	138
Southwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
San Angelo	21	13	3	45	106	111
Lubbock	19	14	2	40	99	91
Amarillo	18	13	4	40	93	99
Odessa	14	14	7	35	94	100

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

- Monday's Games**  
No games scheduled
- Tuesday's Games**  
Corpus Christi at Oklahoma City  
Tulsa at Topeka
- Wednesday's Game**  
Austin at Laredo

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005:

Bathe in your newfound popularity and awareness. Though you have always been a people person, you become even more so this birthday year. You make a difference. Others often seek out your opinion and perspective. Through a unique ability to distance yourself and see the big picture, you make the right choices this year. Some of you might decide to go back to school or to travel more in order to increase your horizons. Your mind continues to grow and evolve. If you are single, you'll have your pick of the crop, yet you might choose someone quite different. Romance will bloom if you are ready to greet the adventure of love. If you are attached, traveling, aiming for mutually established goals and socializing more draw the two of you together. LEO understands but can also challenge you.

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)  
★★★★ You bounce back with ideas. In the light of day, problems of yesterday seem minimal and easy to solve. Your high energy allows you to cruise through any issue that stumbles into your path. Others gravitate toward you. Creativity and humor intertwine. Tonight: Laugh along.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Your serious sense of direction and insightful perspective take you to another level. Work with others individually. Security will build to a new level if you apply your attention. Positive feedback takes on a new element. Tonight: Mosey on home.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone close. If he or she is hot under the collar, you will know what to say and how to handle this person. Let communication excel and bridge a difficult gap. You'll find answers through understanding. Tonight: Chat away.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Indulge yourself. Express your value by asking or expecting a stronger reception. You have a lot to offer. Remember that, especially at work right now. Start a diet or exercise program if you so choose. Tonight: Allow others to indulge you.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ The Moon in your sign gives you the popularity and demand of a rock 'n' roll star. Glance left and right; see your admirers. Someone could make an overture that makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Relax; use this time for a midweek break.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Emphasize your productivity, and you'll get far more done. You might be required to deal with a home or personal matter. This situation could call for a great deal of attention. Don't beat yourself up for not accomplishing more. Tonight: Lie back. Make this a personal day.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ What you say and do puts you in a position to hit a home run. Whether you do or not is completely your call. Don't blame someone else for being distracted. You can choose to focus and ignore all the whirlwind of activity around you. Tonight: Don't do anything halfway.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Others prod and push until you get the reaction you need. Just accept what is happening and take charge of the moment and your obligations.

Invest your energy and perhaps some money if need be. Tonight: Glowing, others cannot resist you.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You energize others left and right. What could be viewed as a provocative opinion takes you to a new level and perspective. Avoid making decisions for others. Rather, understand where someone is coming from. Tonight: Where you can listen to great music.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Someone might appreciate some personal time or working directly with you. Investigate the pros and cons of an emotional matter without judging others, even yourself! Pull back and understand what might be annoying you. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Enjoy walking on water for a day. Use timing to foster an important heartfelt project. Realize that not everyone can understand the dynamics of a situation like you do. Zoom in and act rather than talk yourself to death. Tonight: Surrounded by favorite people.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Does it always have to be about work? Yes, at least today. Handle an irate or demanding boss by doing exactly what he or she wants. You cannot get around the chains of command. Don't even try. Toe the line. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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Actor Paul Newman (1925), U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur (1880), guitarist Eddie Van Halen (1955)

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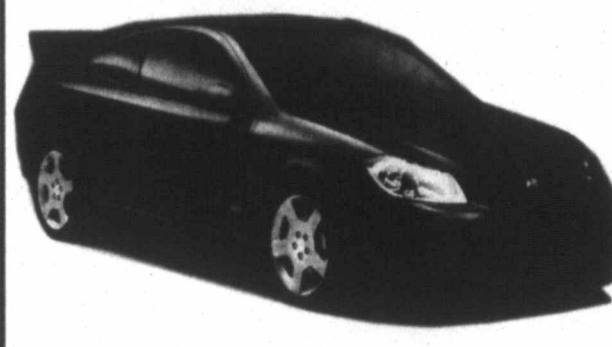
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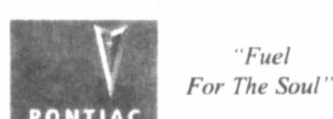
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## Authorities searching for kidnapped Dallas restaurateur; suspect says captive killed

DALLAS (AP) — Police searching for a kidnapped Dallas restaurateur found bloodstained clothes in a wooded area after a suspect reported that the man had been killed hours after he was snatched from his car.

Police said they were told where to search for the body of Oscar J. Sanchez by Jose Alberto Felix, a 28-year-old out-of-work teacher who was arrested over the weekend in Chicago as he tried to board a

flight to Guadalajara, Mexico. Felix waived extradition and agreed to return to Texas, where he faces third-degree kidnapping charges.

Another suspect, Edgar Acevedo, 24, already had fled to Guadalajara from Chicago, authorities said. Dallas police and the FBI were expected to file a request that Mexican authorities help find Acevedo, who is a Mexican citizen.

Police on foot, horseback and in helicopters searched a

wooded area just south of the Trinity River for several hours Monday for Sanchez, who was kidnapped last week. They discovered a large cardboard box and a large plastic sheet with red stains on it, along with the bloody clothes. Police said the search would resume Tuesday.

Felix told investigators that Sanchez was killed shortly after being kidnapped, authorities said. Police who searched Felix's home reported signs of

a bloody struggle and discovered shell casings.

Sanchez, 30, disappeared after his car was rammed from behind near two restaurants his family owns. Relatives said kidnapers demanded as much as \$3 million but dropped that to \$78,000 when the family said it couldn't raise more money. The kidnapers did not show up last week for a ransom rendezvous.

Acevedo, who had worked

as a waiter at one of the family restaurants, fled to Guadalajara on Saturday. Police also said there could be a third, unknown person involved.

Gabriela Acevedo, Edgar Acevedo's sister, told The Dallas Morning News for Tuesday's editions that her brother and Felix arrived at her Chicago-area home Thursday and made calls a few days later to book flights. The Acevedo family has no

relatives in Guadalajara, she said.

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### Welcome to the White House

## Bush, black leaders try for fresh start

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is opening the White House this week to black leaders including pastors and legislators, a second-term overture to a community that overwhelmingly opposed his re-election.

"I believe in fresh starts," said Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C., new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, which has had an adversarial relationship with Bush but has a chance to get off on a better footing at a meeting Wednesday.

The meeting with black lawmakers comes after Bush is to receive about 20 black pastors and other community leaders Tuesday afternoon at the White House. Bush administration officials would not reveal identities of those at the meeting ahead of time except to say the group includes some of the president's black supporters.

"The factor in who was invited was that he wanted to meet with a group of respected leaders from the African American community that represent a diversity of views from within that community," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday morning.

Exit polls showed that

Bush received just 11 percent of the black vote in November's election, a slight increase over the 9 percent he received four years earlier.

"This is an opportunity for the president to talk about our priorities and the agenda," McClellan said.

*'This is an opportunity for the president to talk about our priorities and the agenda. It's also an opportunity for the president to listen to issues of interest to these leaders.'*

among blacks.

Bush's efforts to steer more federal dollars to social programs conducted by so-called faith-based groups also has been received favorably by church leaders.

The Congressional Black Caucus, with a membership

— Scott McClellan  
White House spokesman

"It's also an opportunity for the president to listen to issues of interest to these leaders."

During last year's political campaigns, Republican officials said they were making a more concerted effort to reach out to blacks through religious leaders. Bush campaign aides cited issues such as school vouchers and the president's support of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage that could help him gain more support

of 43 Democratic legislators, is meeting with Bush for only the third time as a group, although the president has met separately with individual members on other occasions.

The first meeting with the caucus came days after Bush's first inauguration in January 2001, when the president said it would "be the beginning of, hopefully, a lot of meetings." The next one didn't come until three years later when members of the caucus showed up at

the White House to pressure the administration to preserve beleaguered President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's rule in Haiti.

Watt, who pledged to pursue more frequent meetings when he took over as chairman of the caucus in December, said the organization is looking for cooperation from the White House, not just conversation.

He said he plans to give Bush a written copy of the caucus agenda for the next two years, which focuses on eliminating disparities between blacks and whites in domestic and foreign policy.

"Unless the president can and is willing to assist us in achieving items on our agenda, there's no particular reason that the Congressional Black Caucus needs to be meeting with him," Watt said in an interview. "This is not about being able to say that we met with the president. We actually think it's about advancing and supporting our agenda."

Watt said he hopes the president will help support at least some caucus goals, although he said the president helped with nothing on the black caucus agenda in his first term.

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## DAR essay contest



Teacher Mary Gandy congratulates junior high school student Bernardo Casanova II for his first place win in the appropriate age division of the "Along the Trail with Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery" essay contest, sponsored by Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Gandy said Casanova won because of his creativity. Casanova will be honored by the local DAR chapter at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church.

## Cable ONE vows no rate hike

Cable ONE has announced in a press release there will be no residential rate increases for its services in 2005. The price freeze affects all services including digital cable and high-speed Internet.

"Because we understand that no one wants to see increases, we work hard to keep costs at a minimum and are able to freeze rates

in 2005 just as we did in 2003," said Terry Harris, general manager. "In fact, over the past three years, our rates have increased only 5 percent while some satellite providers have gone up as much as 19 percent."

Cable ONE is making this commitment even though its cost, the press release said, continue to rise.

In 2005, Cable ONE will continue to provide high-speed Internet access, more high-definition programming, digital video recorders and 24/7 customer service.

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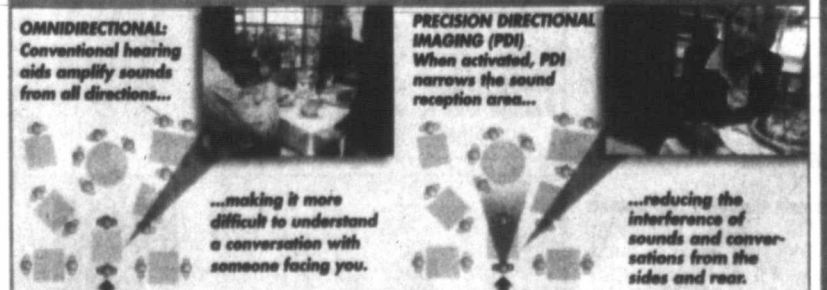
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