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Local

Police continue search for armed pizza robbers

Pampa police today were searching for two people that held up a pizza delivery man Saturday night.

Officers said Keenan Mark Goodson, 18, 424 N. Nelson, who works out of the Pizza Hut Delivery facility at 1500 N. Banks, was delivering a pizza about 9 p.m. Saturday when a customer pulled a gun on him and took a bank bag with cash receipts and the pizza.

The order apparently had been called in on a cell phone. The delivery was to be made to a house at 236 S. Tignor, investigators said today.

When Goodson arrived at the Tignor address and knocked at the door, his knock was answered by a man with a gun. Another person, Goodson said, was in the house.

Goodson was ordered to lie down on the floor and hand over the bank bag he was carrying.

Officers said the robbers got away with less than \$70 in cash and about \$32 in pizza.

Deaths

- Dorothy Francis Jones**, 82, homemaker.
- James H. Lunsford**, 52, Pampa native.
- Ray Rodgers Jr.**, 59, owner of Mid-Con Gas Corp.
- Billie Jean Groninger Stepken**, 69, retired day care director.

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Ranger called in on bone discovery

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

BORGER — Borger Police Lt. Charlie Keys is doing some detecting to determine what type of case he has that involves the disappearance of a 44-year-old Borger woman, Phyllis Jackson.

Information was obtained that led Keys to the Cedar Canyon area at Lake

Meredith near Borger on Saturday.

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa and 84th District Attorney investigator C. H. Price were both called in early Saturday to help in the case.

Brent Crockett, 22, a nephew of Jackson, also of Borger, was arrested on forgery charges in connection with a check and also for unauthorized use of his aunt's motor vehicle related to the

case. He was arrested in Keller, near Fort Worth.

Jackson, who has not been seen since Dec. 10, was reported missing Dec. 17 by her mother Ethel Jackson, a longtime resident of Borger.

Keys said the older Jackson woman did not report her daughter missing until she had been gone a week.

"She said the younger woman had a

habit of coming and going, with people not seeing her for two or three days," said Keys. "So Ethel Jackson didn't get concerned at first."

Apparently, said Keys, Phyllis Jackson had been telling family members she was going to be moving in recent weeks, so they weren't concerned. Family members told him she said she (See **RANGER**, Page 3)

Slip and slide

Snow, ice cause collisions

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Icy road conditions were being blamed today for a series of traffic accidents Sunday afternoon as Pampa picked up 1.5 inches of snow and temperatures dropped below freezing.

A 1985 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Jason Daniel Whittington, 20, 1712 Coffee, was in collision with a 1983 Chevrolet van, driven by Enrico Ming Chen, 62, 1917 Lea, in the 1000 block of North Russell. While Whittington was cited for failure to control his speed, officers said the street was icy at the time of the accident.

A 1990 Oldsmobile Ciera, driven by Evelyn Wheeler Reger, 72, 1252 S. Wilcox, was in collision with a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Lizeth

Granillo Castillo, 19, 1215 E. Francis, in the 500 block of South Barnes. Both cars were north bound on Barnes at the time of the accident. Officers said Reger slid on the icy street.

A 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Kenneth B. Benson, 32, 1528 N. Dwight, was in collision with a 1998 Buick driven by Gabe Rendell Crossman, 40, Midwest City, Okla., at the intersection of Randy Matson and Russell.

Officers said Crossman was stopped at a stop sign when Benson's car apparently slid on the ice.

A 1995 red Dodge pickup, driven by Matthew B. Kirkpatrick, 16, 1330 N. Russell, was in collision with a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Philip Daniel Fought, 21, 1334 N. Russell, in the 1300 (See **SLIDE**, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)
Pampa firefighters work to extinguish a blaze that engulfed a vacant house in the 500 block of Maple Saturday afternoon. Four units and eight firefighters responded to the structure fire called in shortly before noon Saturday.

Pakistan announces arrest of extremist leader

By TED ANTHONY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pushed by India and the United States, Pakistan said Monday it has arrested a longtime leader of an Islamic militant group accused of an attack on the Indian Parliament that nudged the rivals toward war. India called the arrest "a step forward."

Scattered violence and military action left at least three soldiers and nine militants, including three Pakistanis, dead in

the disputed region of Kashmir, Indian security officials said.

Hafiz Saeed, until last week the leader of the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba organization, was arrested Sunday night in Islamabad while attending a meeting, Interior Ministry officials said. He was charged with making inflammatory speeches and inciting people to violence.

It was Pakistan's most significant arrest of a militant since fresh tension with India began earlier this month and came at a pivotal moment, with thousands of troops from both nations

massed at their shared border, poised for conflict.

The two countries tested nuclear weapons in 1998, raising the stakes in their long-standing rivalry, but both have said there is no possibility that the current squabble will escalate into a nuclear war.

After a Dec. 13 suicide attack on India's Parliament killed 14 people, India blamed Pakistan's intelligence agency and two Pakistan-based Islamic militant groups, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Pakistan says India has offered no evidence and is fabricating the charges to malign the secessionist movement in its disputed Kashmir region, but that if India presents credible evidence, it will take action to rein in any militants involved.

Indian foreign minister Jaswant Singh described the arrest of Saeed and other militants as "a step forward in the right direction" but said more action was necessary.

"We want Pakistan to pursue it vigorously," he said. (See **ARREST**, Page 3)

Six generations of daughters



(Courtesy photo)

Six generations of Lutie Romine's family gathered recently for a family photo. Mrs. Romines, 108, who now lives at the Craig Methodist Center in Amarillo, cradles her great-great-granddaughter Maggie Hernandez. Beside her is her daughter Wenorah Martin, left, and granddaughter Anne Parker. Her great-granddaughter, Denise Downs, is kneeling at right and her great-great-granddaughter, Carily Downs, kneels at left.

County Commission meets on Wednesday

31st District Attorney Rick Roach will be meeting with the Gray County Commissioners Court at 9 a.m. Wednesday to discuss invoices related to his office in Wheeler County.

Commissioners will also consider four appointments to the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board to serve until Dec. 31, 2004, consider allowing constables to apply for funds provided through SB1074 for

video camera and recording equipment and consider membership in National Watershed Coalition.

Paying bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor and consider and act upon intra-budget transfer requests are also listed on the agenda.

The meeting will be in the Gray County Courtroom located in the former SPS building at 315 N. Ballard.

I-40 stop leads to drug charges

A Pennsylvania man was free on bond today after being arrested on drug charges following a routine traffic stop over the weekend on I-40.

James Ivan Powell, 30, of Morrisville, Penn., was arrested about 1:30 p.m. Saturday after Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson found what appeared to be about 800 pounds of marijuana in Powell's tractor-trailer rig.

DPS officials today said Powell was pulled over on I-40 as he drove through southern Gray County Saturday afternoon.

A search of the truck Powell was driving revealed slightly more than 700 pounds of what appeared to be marijuana.

Henderson arrested Powell and booked him into the Gray County jail on charges of possession of marijuana, more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond on the marijuana possession charge at \$25,000.

Jail records indicate Powell bonded out about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

BILLIE JEAN GRONINGER STEPKEN
1932-2001

PONCA CITY, Okla. — Billie Jean Groninger Stepken, 69, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001. Services were Dec. 29 in the worship center of First Baptist Church with the Rev. Hance Dilbeck officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Trout Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stepken was born Aug. 21, 1932, at Seminole, Okla., the middle of three daughters born to G.E. and Elsie Groninger. She attended schools in Oklahoma and Texas, graduating from Pampa High School in 1950.

She worked at Baash Ross Tool Company for two years. She married Bob Stepken on March 5, 1954, in First Baptist Church in Pampa. They moved to Ponca City in 1957 where they remained for the past 44 years.

She worked at First Baptist Day Care Center initially as a teacher, retiring as director after 20 years. A member of First Baptist, she was also involved with Girl's Auxiliary and taught Sunday school. In addition, she was active in Alpha Gamma Mother's



Club for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, G.E. and Elsie Groninger.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, of the home; two daughters, Cindy Blazek of Lake Charles, La., and Shari Harjo of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Sue Terry of White Deer and Pat McBrayer of Boulder, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Ponca City, 1904 North Union, Suite 103, Ponca City, OK 74601; or to First Baptist Church Day Care Center, 216 South 6th St., Ponca City OK 74601.

RAY RODGERS JR.
1942-2001

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Ray Rodgers Jr., 59, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Smith and Turner Mortuary Chapel in Yukon, Okla. Burial will be in Yukon Cemetery under the direction of Smith and Turner Mortuary of Yukon.

Mr. Rodgers was born Feb. 18, 1942, at Pampa, to Ray and Frankie Wilson Rodgers. He had been in the Oklahoma metro area since 1994,

moving from Amarillo, and owned-operated Mid-Con Gas Corporation since 1978. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, pilot and horse trainer.

He belonged to Mustang United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte, of the home; daughters, Mary Ellen Brady of Yukon and Demaris Rodgers of Oklahoma City; and two grandchildren.

DOROTHY FRANCIS JONES
1919-2001

Dorothy Francis Jones, 82, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Pensacola, Fla. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jones was born July 28, 1919, at Shawnee, Okla., to Frank and Minnie Mae Mullins Jones. She married Floyd Srader in 1937; he preceded her in death. She later married Noel Hayden Jones in 1959. She moved to Pampa in 1954. She was a homemaker and a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, DeNelda Burke of Pampa; four sons, Tom Srader of Pensacola, Kenneth Srader of Burbank, Calif., Roland Srader of Ava, Mo., and Robert Srader; two brothers, Al Jones of Oklahoma



City, Okla., and Ray Jones of Amarillo; a sister, Clara Vaniman of Tulsa, Okla.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home in Pampa and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

JAMES HOWARD LUNSFORD
1949-2001

AMARILLO — James Howard Lunsford, 52, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Messer officiating. Additional services are scheduled at 3 p.m., today in First Baptist Church in Miami. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Born in 1949 at Pampa, Mr. Lunsford grew up in Miami, graduating from high school there. He married Brenda Richardson in 1975 at Canadian. He worked for Sherwin Williams Paint Company from 1970-74 and C.R. Anthony

and Company from 1974-84. He later joined the staff of Richerson Funeral Home in Shamrock (1982-89) prior to moving to Amarillo where he was employed at Wal-Mart Supercenter on Coulter until the time of his death.

Survivors include a daughter, Bridgette Kayleen Lunsford of Amarillo; a son, James Hudson Lunsford of Miami; a step-daughter, Bruna Kathleen Brawley of Iowa; two brothers, Jerry Wayne Lunsford of Earth and Joe Lynn Lunsford of Miami; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice.

ON RECORD

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Monday, areas of morning fog, otherwise cloudy with a few flurries. Highs around 30. Light and variable winds, becoming light south. Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow late. Lows around 20. Light and variable winds. New Years Day, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs 25 to 30. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Lows 15 to 20. Wednesday, cloudy in the morning with a 20 percent chance of snow becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs near 35. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows near 20. Highs 40 to 45.

STATEWIDE

Chilly temperatures and some scattered flurries settled across Texas on Monday, and more wintry weather was expected through New Year's Day.

National Weather Service officials issued a winter storm warning for the Panhandle on

Monday, where temperatures were in the teens. Clouds blanketed West Texas, where snow and sleet was possible Monday.

As far south as Midland-Odessa and San Angelo, snow or sleet was possible Monday night, turning to all snow by Tuesday.

In the mountains of far West Texas, snow, sleet or freezing rain was forecast to begin Monday afternoon, with temperatures ranging from the 20s to the middle 40s.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area was expecting cloudy skies on New Year's Day, with a chance of snow, mixed with sleet or rain. Highs Tuesday should be in the 30s.

Sleet, possibly changing to snow, also was forecast for the Hill Country on Tuesday, with accumulations of about an inch possible.

In southeast Texas and along the Gulf Coast, rain was expected Tuesday with highs in the 40s. Rain mixed with sleet was possible along the coast and temperatures in the 20s and 30s.

Far South Texas should be breezy and cold the next several days, with a chance of light rain, and temperatures in the 30s and 40s.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 28

Four-year-old Gill Lauren Gilpatrick, 731 N. Dwight, climbed in a 1992 Chevrolet Lumina in which the motor had been left running, slipped the car into gear and the car ran into a fence in the 700 block of North Dwight, causing about \$200 in damage to the fence.

Saturday, Dec. 29

A 1998 Ford Taurus, driven by Martin Martinez, 37, 1801 N. Coffee, was in collision with a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by George Anthony Hernandez, 55, 444 S. Pitts, at the intersection of Duncan and Worrell. Martinez was cited for following too close.

Sunday, Dec. 30

A 1985 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Jason Daniel Whittington, 20, 1712 Coffee, was in collision with a 1983 Chevrolet van, driven by Enrico Ming Chen, 62, 1917 Lea, in the 1000 block of North Russell.

A 1990 Oldsmobile Ciera, driven by Evelyn Wheeler Reger, 72, 1252 S. Wilcox, was in collision with a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Lizeth Granillo Castillo, 19, 1215 E. Francis, in the 500 block of South Barnes.

A 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Kenneth B. Benson, 32, 1528 N. Dwight, was in collision with a 1998 Buick driven by Gabe Rendell Crossman, 40, Midwest City, Okla., at the intersection of Randy Matson and Russell.

A 1995 Dodge pickup, driven by Matthew B. Kirkpatrick, 16, 1330 N. Russell, was in collision with a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Philip Daniel Fought, 21, 1334 N. Russell, in the 1300 block of North Russell. Fought was cited for backing without safety.

STOCKS

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

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| Wheat | 2.39 | Enron Corp. | 0.57 | -0.03 |
| Milo | 3.35 | Halliburton | 13.12 | -0.07 |
| Corn | 3.57 | Triad Hospitals | 29.40 | -1.01 |
| Soybeans | 3.41 | NOI | 21.16 | +0.10 |
| Oil Sunflowers | 8.10 | KMI | 55.98 | -0.54 |
| | | XCEL | 27.71 | -0.02 |
| | | Kerr McGee | 54.76 | -0.20 |
| | | Limited | 14.81 | -0.16 |
| | | Williams | 25.33 | -0.36 |
| | | McDonald's | 26.73 | +0.13 |
| | | Exxon Mobil | 39.85 | +0.07 |
| | | Atmos | 21.00 | -0.04 |
| | | Pioneer Nat. | 19.11 | -0.34 |
| | | Penney's | 26.55 | -0.30 |
| | | Phillips | 60.52 | +0.03 |
| | | SLB | 55.00 | +0.02 |
| | | Tenneco | 2.13 | +0.03 |
| | | CVX | 90.19 | -0.25 |
| | | Wal-Mart | 57.94 | -0.41 |
| | | OKE | 17.69 | -0.14 |
| | | New York Gold | 276.05 | |
| | | Silver | 4.51 | |
| | | West Texas Crude | 20.44 | |

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

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| Occidental | 24.74 | -0.19 |
| Fidelity Magell | 105.37 | |
| Puritan | 17.72 | |

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

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| BP | 46.75 | +0.05 |
| Celanese | 19.00 | +0.19 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 35.19 | -0.03 |
| Cabot Corp. | 24.26 | -0.22 |
| Coca Cola | 47.01 | -0.16 |
| Ultramar | 49.52 | -0.03 |

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 29

11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Maple on a fire standby.

5:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Starkweather. No one was transported.

Sunday, Dec. 30

8:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Duncan and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

12:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a motor vehicle collision at Harvester and Browning. No transport.

2:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transferred one to PRMC.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA, Amarillo.

8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Hamilton and transferred one to PRMC.

8:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transferred one to PRMC.

9:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

FIRE

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

Saturday, Dec. 29

11:48 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of Maple. A vacant house was fully involved when firefighters arrived. (See photo, Page 1).

6:45 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small gasoline spill in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, Dec. 30

6:40 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2700 block of Cherokee. None was found.

10:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the J.C. Penney building in the Pampa Mall. The alarm apparently malfunctioned.

Monday, Dec. 31

3:18 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the J.C. Penney building in the Pampa Mall. The alarm apparently malfunctioned.

4:53 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Pitts.

City Briefs

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RANGER

was going to move to Seattle, Wash., California or Houston.

However the woman's boyfriend told police she had been in Kansas City, Kan., with him for several days in early December. The boyfriend said Jackson called him on Dec. 10, saying she had arrived safely back in Borger.

A native of Borger, Jackson moved from the community several years ago, but returned about a year ago. She had recently been employed at a convenience store located at Third and Florida.

During the initial investigation Keys discovered one of the woman's payroll checks had been cashed, but it wasn't by Jackson. The missing woman did not pick up her

final check from her place of employment.

Keys said Crockett was arrested in Keller. He traveled to the police department near Fort Worth on Dec. 23, and returned to Borger on Christmas Eve with Crockett. The 22-year-old admitted to police he took his aunt's car without permission, said Keys.

Early Saturday morning Keys received information that Jackson's body might be located in the Cedar Canyon area of Lake Meredith. Keys was told it might be burned, he said.

Searching the area Saturday morning, Keys located a large burn pit and also found bones which possibly could be human bones.

He notified Price, investigator with the DA's office and Texas Ranger Henderson,

saying Henderson has considerable experience in such cases. Keys said he also notified the National Park Services personnel.

Bones will be submitted to the Medical Examiner in Lubbock for examination, he said.

"The M.E. will determine if these are human bones," he said. "Also, we are wanting to determine the bones by DNA."

Keys said additional materials will be sent to the lab in Austin for examination. "Hopefully, the results will give us the type accelerant used in the fires as well as the history of the bones," he said.

"We won't know what we have until we get the results back," he said. "We picked up enough bones to fill two or three paint cans, but that's not enough for a human body. We'll just have to wait and see."

Johnson County escapee captured

CLEBURNE (AP) — An inmate who escaped from the Johnson County Corrections Center while taking out trash was captured Monday morning at his cousin's home in Hill County.

Ronny Lynn Braswell, 34, was working as a trusty and taking out trash about 7 p.m. Sunday when he entered a red Chevrolet S-10 pickup parked near a trash bin and sped away, Johnson County Sheriff Bob Alford said.

Alford said a guard tried to apprehend Braswell as he fled. "Braswell just broke and ran,"

Alford said.

The sheriff's department, the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement agencies conducted a search, and Braswell was captured about 7 a.m. Monday, Johnson County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Pam Jetsel said.

Jetsel said Braswell, who was charged with escape, was captured peacefully.

Another man, 26-year-old Ben Bryce, was arrested for helping with the escape, Jetsel said.

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SLIDE

block of North Russell. Fought was cited for backing without safety.

Pampa police officers said that in each case icy road conditions played a part.

Pampa picked up about 1.5 inches of snow Sunday. Amarillo reported two to five inches.

Lois Hiltbrunner with the

Shamrock Police Department said today that the Irish City received about 2.25 inches of snow Sunday and Sunday night.

She said several accidents were reported Sunday in Shamrock due to the icy road conditions, but the all roads around Shamrock appeared to be clear today.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter in

McLean said today that roads north of McLean were snow-packed early this morning.

Interstate 40 between the Oklahoma state line and Amarillo was reported clear this afternoon.

I-40 from the New Mexico state line to Albuquerque was closed Sunday as the fast moving area of snow turned north-eastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle white.

U.S. 60 was clear early today from Amarillo to Pampa, but the highway was snow-packed and slick from Amarillo to Clovis, N.M.

Snow flurries were expected to continue through today with an increased chance of snow tonight and New Year's Day.

Weather/forecasters said

today that cloudy skies will continue across the region through Wednesday.

There is a 30 percent chance of snow tonight, increasing to a 40 percent chance Tuesday and Tuesday night. That will drop off, weather forecasters said, to a 20 percent chance Wednesday morning and clearing skies Wednesday afternoon.

Temperatures are expected to remain cold with the low tonight forecast to drop to 20 degrees.

The high New Year's Day is expected to be in the mid-20 degree range. Tuesday night's low is predicted to drop to 15 degrees.

Partly cloudy skies Wednesday afternoon could bring a high temperature of 35 degrees.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 28

A Nokia cell phone was reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A forgery was reported to officers at the Pampa Police Department.

A forgery was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A phone was reported stolen in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Eggs were thrown at a car in the 500 block of North Doucette.

Two gallons of milk were reported stolen from the Allsup's at 1025 W. Wilks.

Saturday, Dec. 29

Officers took information on a burglary in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

A 30-pack of beer was reported stolen from the Allsup's at 1025 W. Wilks.

A pizza delivery man was held up at gunpoint in the 200 block of South Tignor.

Interference with child custody was reported in the 1100 block of North Terry Road.

An assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Police received information on a dog that was left chained the a yard in the 400 block of South Graham.

A broken windshield was reported at the intersection of Browning and Starkweather.

Sunday, Dec. 30

Jamey Lee Prine, 30, no address given, was arrested in the 1100 block of Starkweather on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Jason David Whittington, 20, 1712 N. Coffee, was arrested on charges of credit card abuse in connection with an incident at the Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of North Duncan.

A sexual assault was reported by a Skellytown woman on U.S. 60.

Cigarettes and about \$50 in cash was reported taken from a purse in the 2100 block of West Alcock.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Dec. 30

Jason Daniel Whittington, 20, 1712 Coffee, was arrested on charges of credit card abuse.

Joshua Lee Shelton, 26, 1120 Sirroco, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Milton Boone Thorp, 33, 609 N. Frost, was arrested on municipal traffic warrants.

Bobby Dale Preston, 22, 1037 S. Wells, was arrested on municipal traffic warrants.

Brooke Nichole Pyle, 19, 640 Roberts, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

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ARREST

ously until cross-border terrorism is eliminated," he said Monday after a security meeting in New Delhi.

Today, Indian officials gave Pakistan a list of 20 other suspected terrorists it wants arrested and handed over to India.

Those listed include Dawood Ibrahim, chief suspect in the 1993 serial bombings of the Stock Exchange and Air India buildings in Bombay; Masood Azhar, a terrorist suspect released from an Indian prison in exchange for hostages aboard an Indian Airlines aircraft hijacked on Christmas Day 1999; and those allegedly involved in terrorism in Punjab and Jammu-Kashmir states.

No deadline was given, but India said it expected action "as soon as possible," according to Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Nirupama Rao.

Gen. Rashid Quereshi, spokesman for Pakistan's military-led government, said Saeed's arrest was not a result of pressure from India but part of "an ongoing process" to curb violence and extremism.

Last week, Pakistan arrested Jaish-e-Mohammad's leader, Maulana Masood Azhar, and the government said he remained in custody Monday. Meanwhile, 22 followers of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammed were arrested in southern Pakistan overnight, said Tariq Jamil, deputy inspector general of police in Karachi.

Saeed quit the leadership of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba a week ago, saying he didn't want India to have "malicious propaganda" to use against Pakistan. He promptly took the helm of the group's non-militant wing, Jamaat ud Daawa, which called the arrest

"a great injustice." It was unclear whether Saeed was in jail or under house arrest, which the Pakistani government has often used to restrict militant leaders' movements without unduly angering their constituencies.

The global crackdown on terrorists — and, by extension, on many Islamic extremists — places Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in a delicate situation.

In October he saw the disarray sown by militant leaders who organized mass protests against his government and his decision to help the United States in its war in Afghanistan, whose Taliban had close ties to Pakistan.

Musharraf already has arrested dozens of militants and frozen the bank accounts of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

"I want to eradicate militancy, extremism and intolerance from Pakistani society. I would like to eradicate all kinds of terrorism from the soil of Pakistan ... and avoid this extremism and intolerance in our society," Musharraf said.



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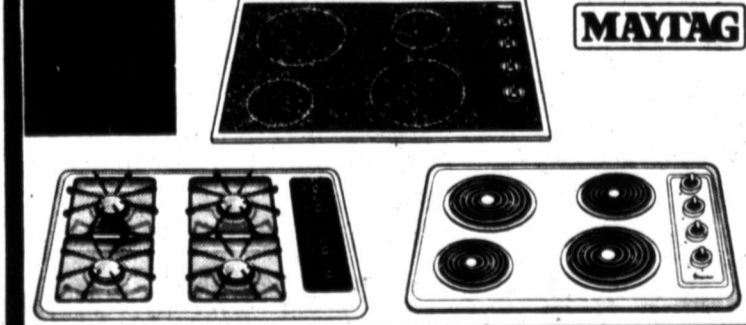
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On This Day, As On Every Day, Don't Tolerate Drunk Driving

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading "Still Shaking" letter to you about drunk driving. I am a 20-year-old college student. I hope you will print my letter as well, because teens and young adults can't hear this enough: *Don't drink and drive. You are not invincible.*

Although I'm ashamed to admit it, I have been a passenger in a car with a drunk driver. Never again. Sometimes it takes hearing a horror story to make an impression on young people, so here goes: My best childhood friend drove home drunk from a party last Saturday night. She had a 17-year-old passenger with her. My friend crashed into two utility poles three blocks from her house. Her passenger was killed. At 20 years of age, my bright and funny friend is facing charges of manslaughter drunk driving. Worse, she must face the grief she has inflicted on the girl's family and live with the guilt of killing her friend long past any prison time she may serve.

Please, to my peers: As that lucky girl, "Still Shaking," begged you before, don't drive drunk, and don't get into a car with a drunk driver. "Only one time" can kill you. "It's just down the street" can kill you. Or worse, it may kill a friend.

SHOCKED AND SOBERED,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR SHOCKED AND SOBERED: Your letter is timely because today is a holiday when even those who rarely drink are sometimes tempted or coerced into "having a little nip" — and maybe two or three — to welcome the new year and toast the passing of the last one. It's also an occasion when people who are not used to drinking tend to binge. The result is intoxicated

Dear Abby

Is written by
Pauline Phillips and
daughter Jeanne Phillips.

drivers on the road — a menace to themselves and everyone around them. I hope that this year, party-goers of every age will pay attention to your important warning. Drunk driving is not limited only to younger people.

DEAR ABBY: The story in your column about people having themselves paged in a hotel lobby for recognition reminded me of the time I was a patient in our local hospital. I happened to be chairman of the board of trustees of the hospital as well.

My room was in a normally quiet wing of the post-surgical floor when I became aware of the pages being broadcast over the hospital intercom system. One doctor in particular seemed to be in great demand. When I did a little investigating, I learned that he had himself paged on an ongoing basis — sometimes even when he wasn't in the hospital — as "free advertising." (He thought that if people heard his name being

broadcast often, they would think he must be a great doctor.) Needless to say, the audio paging was soon stopped. Now doctors are paged only on their personal systems. A READER IN PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR READER: I'll bet the patients are grateful for the peace and quiet. When someone is ill and trying to recover, incessant pages such as you have described are about as welcome as telemarketing calls while you're taking your Saturday night bath.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Farewell to 2001 — what a year this has been! Let's all say a prayer for world peace, for the health and safety of President Bush and Vice President Cheney, and for our members of the military who are far from their loved ones today. It takes only a minute to send greetings to our troops around the globe. Simply e-mail them at www.OperationDearAbby.net and wish them Happy New Year. And to all of you, a happy, healthy and prosperous 2002.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips both share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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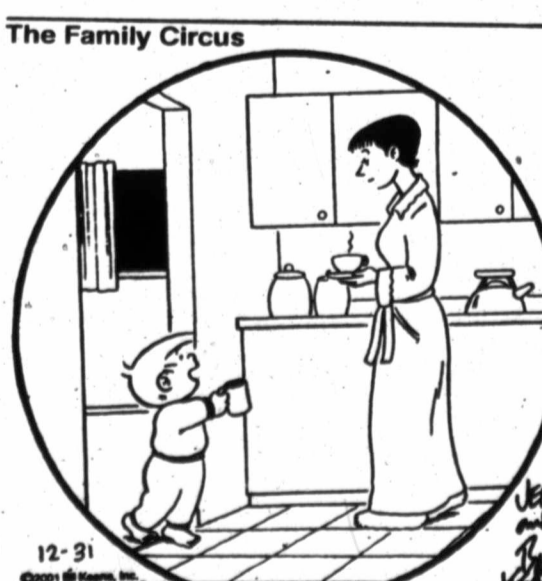
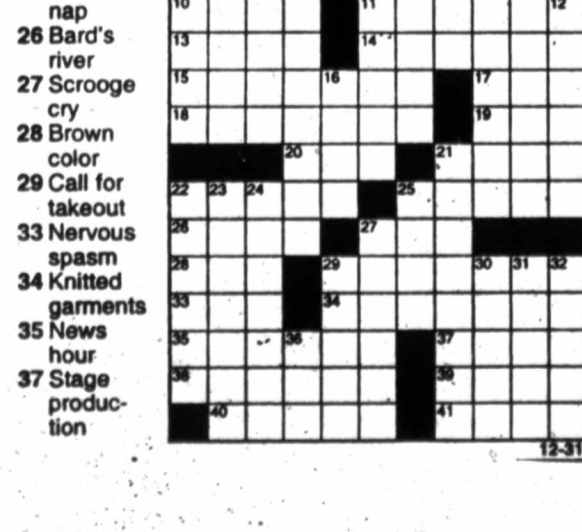
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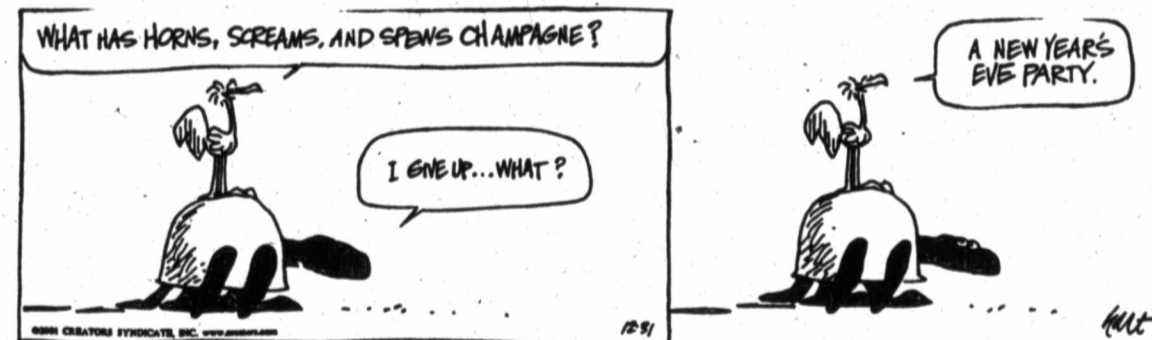
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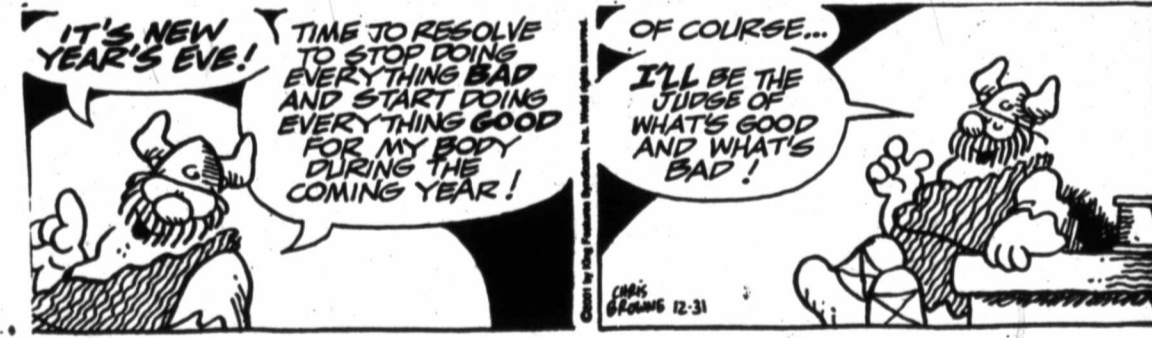
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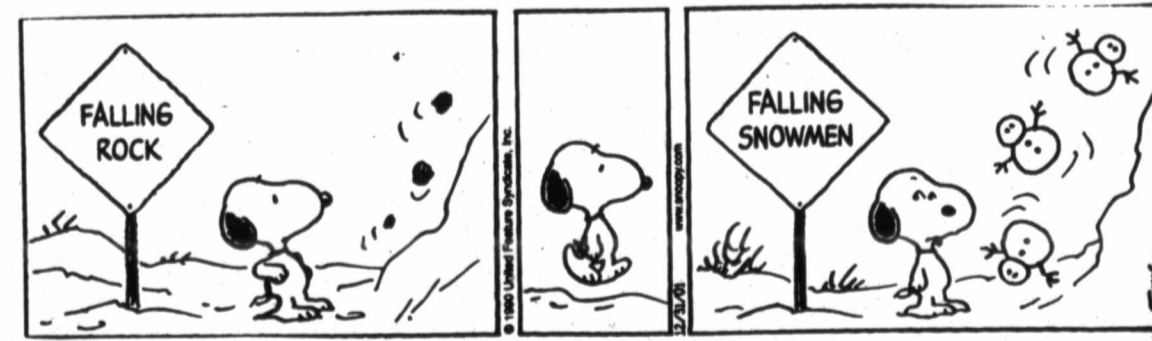
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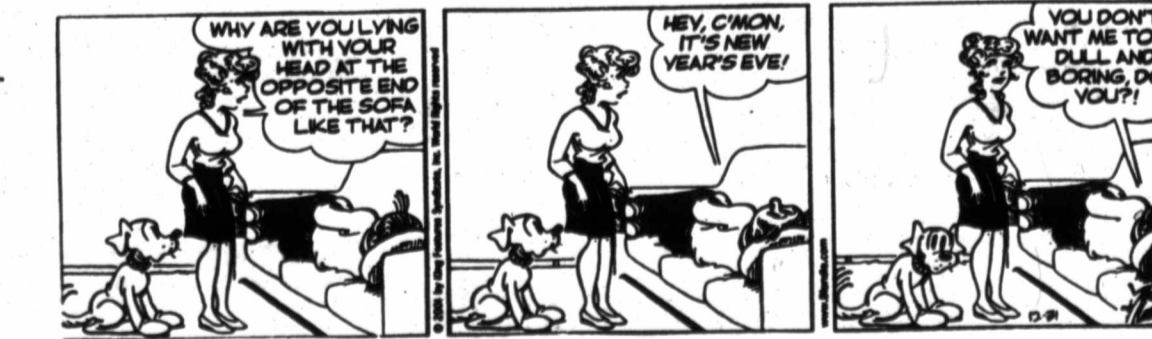
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SPORTS

Cowboys get revenge against 49ers, Owens

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FOOTBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With a chance to get into the postseason by beating the lowly Buffalo Bills on Sunday, the Jets reverted to their history of December woes, losing 14-9.

While all the Bills got was their third win against 12 defeats this season, the Jets (9-6) fumbled away certain play-off qualification.

Shawn Bryson ran for 107 yards, and Alex Van Pelt smoothly directed the Buffalo offense in swirling winds. But the Bills had to withstand two last-ditch drives by the Jets.

First, Phil Hansen tipped and picked off a pass by Vinny Testaverde at the Buffalo 35 with under two minutes left. The Bills failed to run out the clock, though, and then botched their punt with a bad snap, giving New York the ball at the 50. The Jets got to the 24 with 13 seconds left, but a short completion over the middle to Curtis Martin was all they could manage before the clock ran out.

BASKETBALL

SILVERTON — White Deer defeated Kress 68-44 Saturday to win the consolation finals in the Silverton Hoot Out.

Knocke and Ball had 16 points each to lead the Bucks in scoring. Murrell had 15 points for Kress.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was an impressive numbers game for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kobe Bryant, settling into a playmaker role, had 16 points and 11 assists as Los Angeles ended a two-game slump with a 114-90 win over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

Six Lakers scored in double figures and every one of their players scored at least three points, helping to make up for Shaquille O'Neal's absence against Houston, which was missing Steve Francis.

The Lakers' biggest little number was three — a franchise-low three turnovers, their fewest dating back to at least turnovers became of NBA statistics in the 1973-74 season.

"At halftime, we only had one turnover," Bryant said. "Phil (coach Phil Jackson) mentioned something about it and some of the guys said, 'Don't say anything about it because you're going to jinx it. But that didn't happen. 'So it's great; we set a record.'"

The Lakers came into the game averaging 13.4 turnovers. Bryant, Devean George and Mitch Richmond had one each against the Rockets.

The Rockets were without Francis, out with the flu, and Walt Williams left the game in the third period shortly after he took a hard fall. He has a sprained left ankle and will be re-examined on Tuesday.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys made sure Terrell Owens had no reason to dance on their midfield logo this time.

Quincy Carter threw for a season-best 241 yards and two touchdowns, Emmitt Smith ran for 126 yards and the Cowboys held Owens without a touchdown in a 27-21 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

The victory was the perfect revenge for Owens' antics last season, when he twice ran to the Cowboys' famed star logo to celebrate his TD catches in a 41-24 victory.

"He was probably the sole reason we played the way we did. For what he did last year, it was

a respect thing," Dallas safety George Teague said. "This was our playoff game, our Super Bowl."

One Cowboys fan held up a sign that read, "No matter what, defend the star."

Dallas (5-10) did that best by beating the 49ers (11-4) and likely sending them on the road for the NFC wild card game.

After the 49ers reached the 5-yard line in the fourth quarter Sunday, Teague knocked a ball from Owens' hands in the end zone on a third-and-goal play.

"Getting to make a play like that is pretty much 'in your face,'" said Teague, who was ejected from last year's game for tackling Owens after the second 50-yard-line celebration.

On Sunday, Joey Galloway had six catches for a career-high 146 yards, including a 47-yard TD reception, and Smith finished just two yards short of his season-high, set one week ago.

Dallas, which has lost six of seven to the 49ers, reached a season high in points against a San Francisco defense that had allowed just 30 points — 27 to St. Louis — in its last four games.

The Cowboys erased a 14-10 halftime deficit by scoring on their first three drives of the second half. Carter scored on a 1-yard run and threw a scoring pass to Galloway, and Jon Hilbert kicked a 20-yard field goal. The 49ers had just two first downs in the same stretch.

Owens didn't get his first catch until the final minute of the second quarter and finished with 93 yards and five receptions.

"I'm a valuable part of the offense, and I can't get the ball. That's a problem," he said. "I got open. For whatever reason, the ball didn't come my way."

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said the Cowboys did a good job covering Owens and forcing Jeff Garcia to look for other receivers.

"We never really seemed to get on track," said Garcia, who was 21-of-36 for 229 yards with two TDs and a 6-yard scoring run.

The Cowboys had tried to downplay Owens' return to Texas Stadium. Owens, while refusing to talk

to reporters during the week, kept the issue prominent. He wore two different T-shirts — one with pictures of his two celebrations and another with the hand-printed words "They Hate Me" surrounded by two stars.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say it was some motivation," Cowboys safety Darren Woodson said.

Garcia's 6-yard scoring run gave the 49ers a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter. Garcia threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to J.J. Stokes just before halftime.

Following a blocked punt, Stokes caught a 3-yard TD pass with just 39 seconds left in the game, but the 49ers failed to recover the onside kick.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Jam: Silva had 12 points against Levelland.

Harvesters win 3 games in tourney

LUBBOCK — Pampa was defeated by Levelland 53-47 Saturday afternoon in the Harvesters' final game of the Caprock Tournament.

Mark Romero led Levelland scorers with 17 points. Cale Bridges followed with 12.

James Silva pace Pampa in scoring with 12 points, followed by Adam Rodgers with 8.

The Harvesters never could catch up after falling behind 17-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Also scoring for Pampa were Kyle Francis 6, Jon East 4, Max Simon 4, Matt Crow 4, Chadd Platt 2, Dustin Johnson 2, Erik Brown 2, Ryan Zemanek 2 and Carlos Solis 1.

The Harvesters, 10-10 overall, had a 3-2 record for the tournament. Their next game is Thursday night at Caprock with the District 3-4A game starting at 7:30.

Pampa defeated El Paso Coronado 54-52 earlier Saturday.

Adam Rogers had 17 points and Kyle Francis 12 to lead the Harvesters' scoring attack.

Theo Carusco led Coronado with

15 points. Trevor Lyon chipped in 13.

The Harvesters jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter and held off a Coronado rally down the stretch.

Other Harvesters who scored for Pampa were Dustin Johnson and James Silva with 6 apiece, Chadd Platt 5, Ryan Zemanek 4, Max Simon 2 and Matt Crow 2.

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ARDMORE, Okla. — Pampa played Frisco on Saturday in the fifth-place game in the Ardmore Holiday Festival. Frisco went on a fourth-quarter scoring surge to defeat the Lady Harvesters 56-45.

Leading scorer for Frisco was Natasha Warren with 19 points.

Lindsay Narron, Stacey Johnson and Jennifer Lindsey each had 11 points to lead the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa led by one (30-29) after three quarters, but fell behind early in the fourth quarter.

Also scoring for Pampa were Abbi Covalt 5, Cali Covalt 3, Ashley Derington 2 and Morgan White 2.

Meeting set for 3 p.m. Sunday for Optimist boys' basketball

PAMPA — There will be organizational meeting for the Pampa Optimist boys' basketball program at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Optimist Club meeting room.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with the program must be at the meeting.

For more information, call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120 and leave a message.

Solich goes for first NCAA title

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Frank Solich doesn't put himself in the same coaching company as Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne. One victory can change that.

Solich has a chance to lead Nebraska to a national title quicker than his Hall of Fame predecessors.

All Solich's Cornhuskers have to do is beat No. 1 Miami in the Rose Bowl on Thursday night to claim at least a share of the national championship.

"I don't see my name being beside Tom's or Bob's name at this point," Solich said. "And I don't foresee it ever happening. What I hope to do is just keep the great tradition alive that they built."

Devaney won two titles, in 1970 and 1971, and Osborne won in 1994 and 1995, with a co-championship in 1997.

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This bracelet was a gift Amber Apodaca received from the center where she helped teens with drug and alcohol problems. She was wearing it when an underage drunk driver took her life.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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Bioterrorism attack raises more questions than answers

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP SCIENCE WRITER

2001 is the year America faced its first bioterrorism attack.

Frightening as it was, it was not a full-scale catastrophe with a large death toll. But it killed five people and forced the nation to confront a microscopic and unfamiliar foe: anthrax.

Instead of being spread through the air with sophisticated equipment as bioterrorism doomsdayers might predict, the lethal white powder was delivered in the mail — postmarked Sept. 18 from Trenton, N.J. The letters were addressed to prominent politicians and journalists.

None of the sinister letters written in crude block lettering harmed the intended targets. The victims were postal workers, administrative assistants, congressional staffers and innocent bystanders. Thirteen people who were infected, including a baby, recovered.

The FBI and other agencies have assigned as many as 1 of every 4 investigators to the case. Theories abound about whether the terrorist is domestic or foreign, but there are few clues and, officially, no suspects.

Nor is the crisis over. Traces of the bacteria were discovered as recently as Dec. 6 in a mail bin at the U.S. Federal Reserve in Washington.

Anthrax may not be the weapon of mass destruction as originally feared. But it certainly has proved to be a weapon of mass disruption.

It briefly shut down Congress, sowed panic and has forced security steps costing billions. The crisis has exposed critical gaps in the nation's disease surveillance and emergency management systems that still are being debated.

A vulnerable America finds itself considering a host of previously unimaginable threats.

We're preparing enough smallpox vaccine to inoculate every American against a disease that has been naturally eradicated, but could become the most fearsome biological weapon of all.

Crop dusters were grounded temporarily to

prevent terrorists from spraying biological or chemical agents over cities, and poisoning crops. Armed guards were posted at many drinking water reservoirs.

We're irradiating federal mail to kill lingering anthrax spores and prevent more cross-contamination. Many Americans wear gloves when they check the mailbox. Some are avoiding Christmas cards, just to be safe.

Is it sufficient? Necessary? Nobody's sure.

Since early October, each day's headlines have defied what security and public health advisers presumed to know about bioterrorism. Much of what they had practiced in war games and computer simulations turned out to be wrong.

In one week in October, Washington officials went from describing the anthrax in the letters as "garden variety" to "professionally done."

"Experts really have been groping in the dark," said Jonathan B. Tucker, a bio warfare expert at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Washington, D.C. "Conventional wisdom has been repeatedly challenged."

Assumption: Spreading weapons-grade germs requires sophisticated engineering that only state governments can provide, and the U.S. biological weapons program is secure.

Fact: Investigators have not found a credible link to any foreign government.

The anthrax in the letters was derived from the Ames strain, a common, very virulent form used in American biological weapons research and in vaccine testing. The anthrax spores themselves were very pure and they were refined to be more effective.

Former Soviet biological weapons designer Ken Alibek told Congress the anthrax letters could have been generated by a Ph.D. microbiologist.

Now the FBI is looking for a "standoffish

loner" and a "controlling male" with a scientific background, not unlike Theodore Kaczynski, who was a math whiz before he became the Unabomber. FBI behavior analyst Jim Fitzgerald describes the letters' author as a "biobomber."

Assumption: A victim must inhale at least 8,000 anthrax spores to be infected.

Fact: Not necessarily. In many anthrax cases, the actual circumstances of exposure are unclear, but at least two of the victims had no known direct connection to the dangerous germ-laden letters.

Everyday citizens, 94-year-old Ottilie Lundgren of Oxford, Conn., and 61-year-old Kathy T. Nguyen of New York City, died of inhaled anthrax. Yet, investigators have found no anthrax at their homes or Nguyen's workplace, a storeroom in a Manhattan hospital. Cross-contaminated mail is suspected, but none has been found.

Assumption: Anthrax spores don't scatter without help from an explosion or a sprayer.

Fact: Finely milled spores — treated with an electrostatic charge and chemicals — migrate through the woven fibers of envelopes. The stray spores contaminated sorting machinery at post offices as well as other mail.

In the Hart Senate Office Building, lethal powder in the letter to Majority Leader Tom Daschle spread next-door to the office of Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis. Their offices were sealed and fumigated with a chlorine gas as part of a broader cleanup that lasted weeks.

When technicians at the Army biodefense lab in Fort Detrick, Md., tried to examine a sample from the Daschle letter under a microscope, it floated off the glass slide and was lost.

To prevent further leakage, tests on the anthrax letter sent to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., were conducted in a protected glove box under negative air pressure.

Assumption: Inhaled anthrax is a death sentence unless treatment begins before symptoms appear.

Fact: Until Florida tabloid photo editor Bob Stevens fell ill, American doctors hadn't seen a case of inhaled anthrax in 25 years. They discovered that aggressive treatment with a combination of powerful new antibiotics, as well as blood filtering and other techniques, can save some patients.

Time is precious. Washington postal workers Joseph Curseen and Thomas Morris Jr. initially were sent home from hospital emergency rooms. Both died within hours.

Stevens, 63, died three days after going to the hospital.

But his co-worker Ernie Blanco reported similar symptoms and was immediately treated with antibiotics to prevent pneumonia. Blanco, 73, is a decade older than Stevens, but he recovered.

Congress is considering bioterrorism measures that would authorize up to \$3.2 billion to better prepare the nation for future attacks.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, describes it as "a down payment on what we think is necessary to protect this country."

In addition to funding smallpox vaccines, lawmakers are discussing up to \$1 billion for states and health care facilities to improve preparedness and train workers; \$450 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to upgrade their labs; \$1 billion for the Health and Human Services secretary to expand national stockpiles of medicine and vaccine; \$100 million to protect imported food; and \$100 million to develop emergency response plans for drinking-water systems.

"We've had 30-plus years of neglect of the public health system and underinvestment in it," said CDC director, Dr. Jeffrey Koplan. "If we want to be as effective as we can be, whether it's a bioterrorist threat or an infectious disease, we've got to make that investment."

YEAR IN REVIEW

College students still optimistic despite attacks, sagging economy

By MARTHA IRVINE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — This is supposed to be their test — the first real adversity for a generation of college students who grew up in a golden age of prosperity.

The nation is fighting terrorism. The economy is sputtering.

And yet, at the end of the tumultuous year of 2001, many feel optimistic about the future.

Take Norman Winkfield. He's 21 and a junior at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he's studying hospital administration and nursing.

"I know I will get a job. I know it," he says, emphasizing the word "know." "I'm determined."

At the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, freshman Elizabeth Ontaneda sees things much the same. "Maybe it's just 17-year-old naivete that we're all going to be fine," she says. "But that's how I feel."

Others do, too. A month after Sept. 11, Harris Interactive and Northwestern Mutual life insurance company followed up on a survey of college students they did last spring. They wanted to see if the attacks had dimmed college students' generally rosy view of the future.

When asked if they felt the country is headed in the right direction, 78 percent of the young respondents said "yes," compared with just over half who said that last spring.

"They have lived through so many years of prosperity. I think it's going to take a while for things to truly hit them," says Deanna Tillisch, who oversaw the surveys for Northwestern Mutual. "Their feathers are not going to get ruffled easily."

Those who deal with students on a daily basis say they're not all that surprised by the findings. "Imagine what it would mean if 18-, 19-, 20-year-olds weren't optimistic," says Steven Nock, a sociologist at the University of Virginia, noting that young people often feel invincible.

"I mean, we're talking about a generation that doesn't wear condoms or seat belts."

Still, he has noted the attacks have had a sobering effect on some of his students. For example, they're expressing more interest in careers in public service — from the CIA to the Peace Corps, he says.

Kim Sayles, a senior and basketball standout at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, will graduate this spring and has applied to be a Secret Service agent, a job she feels is "even more important" since the attacks.

And Chris McLemore, a senior studying political science at Kansas State University, says he's worrying a whole lot less about finding a high-paying job.

"I'm not averse to a large salary, but I'm terrified of working my life away and not spending time with my family and friends," he says. "The pursuit of money seems empty now."

The shift toward altruism has caught the eye of David Myers, a social psychologist at Hope

College in Holland, Mich., who's been comparing the value college students place on money vs. spirituality over the years.

In recent years, he says a growing number of college freshman (nearly three-quarters in 2000) have said it is "very important" to be well off. Only about 40 percent placed that value on a "meaningful philosophy of life."

Myers wonders if recent events will cause a shift in those numbers and whether they'll stick.

But some students say they haven't noticed much altruism on campus and wonder if their peers are really paying much attention.

Even before she arrived at USC this fall,

Ontaneda planned to get her doctorate in economics. She wants to work in economic development in the public sector but says most students she meets still aren't interested in a public service career.

"I hear a lot of people who say, 'Oh I want to be a corporate lawyer,' and they don't really even know what that means," she says.

At Northern Illinois University, a public school surrounded by acres of now-dormant, yellowed corn fields, American flags still hang in many dorm windows. But at a cafeteria in the middle of campus, hardly anyone pays attention to news from Afghanistan that plays on a TV overhead.

"I'm not all too hip on what's going on over there," admits Anthony Merlo, a junior studying to be a teacher.

Students also have mixed emotions about joining the fight.

The Harris/Northwestern Mutual survey found that — even though most liked the direction the country is headed — about half of those surveyed after Sept. 11 said they'd be willing to fight for America. Before Sept. 11, the percentage was much higher, at 75 percent.

Nikkita Gardner says she thinks the reality of war probably scared off some people. But she says she wonders why her fellow young, black Americans would offer to fight in the first place.

"I think a lot of minorities feel like 'Why should we fight? What has our country done for us?'" Gardner, another Northern Illinois junior, said as she sold tickets to a banquet for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

More than the possibility of anyone being drafted, 23-year-old Erin Henke believes everyday life will be forever changed.

"It's going to be a less friendly country," says Henke, a graduate student studying speech pathology. "I think people are going to be looking over their shoulders more."

That may be true. But Sayles, the student from Texas who wants to join the Secret Service, also says she doesn't want to live life in fear.

"I hope that I'll continue to take risks and go surfing, hopefully sky jump, continue to ride roller coasters," she says, "and drive in cars with the windows down."

On the Net:
Myers' site: <http://www.davidmyers.org/paradox>

Cold turkeys



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

A flock of wild turkeys scratch through the snow looking for something to eat in lot on East Browning Avenue Sunday afternoon. The birds roam along Red Deer Creek, often venturing into town in their quest for food.

Postal workers remain on job; union urges them to stay home

By RICHARD PYLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Postal workers were again urged by their union to stay home from their jobs at a mail facility where anthrax traces were discovered on a sorting machine.

The postal union also planned to return to court this week to ask a judge to shut down all or part of the Manhattan facility pending a "thorough testing throughout," said William Smith, president of the New York Metro Area Postal Union.

Employees reported for work on Sunday despite the discovery of traces of anthrax on a machine that had been previously infected and cleaned, postal officials said.

On Saturday, Smith urged workers at the Morgan Processing and Distribution Center not to return to work until the extent of contamination was known.

The sorting equipment was shut down for more cleaning and was expected to be idled about a week, said U.S. Postal Service spokeswoman Diane Todd. She said the "very negligible trace of anthrax" may be residue from contamination in October.

Todd said there was no sign that workers were following Smith's advice in large numbers.

"As far as I know they are reporting to work, and there is no excessive absenteeism," she said.

Smith said Sunday that very few of the weekend workers had heard about his advisory but that he expected many more would respond to it by staying away at the start of the work week.

"Our position is that they shouldn't go back

until they get some clearer understanding from the Centers for Disease Control (and Prevention) and the Postal Service," Smith said.

Smith said a Postal Service offer of anthrax vaccine to Morgan workers on Thursday was evidence that it knew the facility was still contaminated.

Todd denied any connection between the latest anthrax discovery and the vaccine offering.

"That is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and ... it has nothing to do with this," she said.

A judge denied a union request in October that the entire facility be closed. Smith said the judge ruled then that any change in the situation at Morgan must be reported to the court.

The Morgan center has 5,500 employees and handles 12.5 million pieces of mail a day.

Traces of anthrax were found on five mail sorting machines there in October. All were decontaminated and repeatedly tested, with no problems until a Dec. 23 test on one machine came back positive, officials said.

Of the nation's 18 confirmed anthrax cases, five people have died — two Washington, D.C., postal workers, a Florida newspaper editor, an elderly Connecticut woman and a New York hospital worker, who died Oct. 31 of inhalation anthrax from an unknown source.

No anthrax cases have been confirmed among New York postal workers, but four cases of non-lethal skin anthrax were blamed on mail that passed through the Morgan center.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2002
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)
 Deal with pandemonium. Others might not be as sure of themselves as they would like to be. Speak your mind clearly to a child or loved one who needs to hear your opinion. Give some thought to a seminar or workshop you want to enroll in. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 You might have a difficult time regrouping after the wildness of this New Year's celebration. Stay close to home, relaxing. Don't allow someone to urge you out the door. Nestle in where you are most content. Instincts lead you concerning a money matter. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Revise your thinking involving a dear friend or loved one. Perhaps you have been a little hard on this person. Someone goes out of his or her way to help you. Clear your vision of opinions, and you might be delighted by what you see. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 You could be hard on yourself, as well as others. Why not lighten up on the self-criticism and see if you start feeling better? Your sense of humor returns once

you mellow out some. Ask yourself how much exhaustion is playing into your decision-making process. Tonight: Treat someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 You're all smiles once you catch up on your sleep. Make time for a "very serious" friend who wants and demands your feedback. Your ability to find creative answers to problems bails out yet another friend. You have reason to smile ear to ear. Tonight: Beam all you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Stand back and gain perspective. Your ability to realize what you want and go for it makes you a great adviser and confidant. Someone shares much of his or her feelings. Your suggestions will be appreciated. You might need to revamp your plans. Tonight: Take it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Where your friends are is where you need to be! Don't push quite so hard; stay on track when dealing with friends who might be less upbeat than you. Make an effort to reach out to someone. Speak your mind as strongly as you need to. Tonight: Someone's opinion does count.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Spend this day with a special friend who means a lot to you. Consider what it is that will make you happy, though you might not want to handle a difficult conversation. Indulge someone, but also know when you need to say "enough is enough." Tonight: Redefine a relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Work on a key relationship, even if that person behaves in a contrary or difficult manner. If you feel it is more important to stay close to the hearth, feel free to reverse your plans or cancel an outing. Good news travels over the airways. Make that call. Tonight: Share a favorite piece of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Spend quality time with a partner or close loved one. Don't let recent pressure and/or expectations cause a problem with this important relationship. Slow down and take your time. Give up rushing — at least for a day! Sharing flows. Tonight: Don't read into someone's words. Ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Others ask you to join them. You really have many choices, but do what most suits your fancy. Schedule some sharing time with a loved one or child whom you adore. Your sense of humor clears out a problem before it actually becomes one. Tonight: Follow someone's loving suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Express interest in cleaning up and starting the new year in a more organized fashion. You could be unusually tired and exhausted, and/or a family member drains your energy. Think about an up-and-coming workweek. Tonight: Pat your feet up.

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Argentine interim president resigns amid rising tensions

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — For the second time in 10 days, an Argentine president has abruptly resigned, falling victim to rising social tensions and plunging the country further into political and economic turmoil.

Adolfo Rodriguez Saa quit after complaining that his Peronist party had abandoned him, leaving him unable to confront the mounting crises plaguing the South American country saddled with a \$132 billion public debt.

"The wolves and political lobbies running wild don't understand the spirit of the new times," he said, lashing out some of his party's top leaders. "They've asked me to do in seven days what hasn't been done in the last 30 years."

Rodriguez Saa became interim president on Dec. 23, two days after President Fernando De la Rúa was

forced out amid protests and looting over the government's inability to contain an economic crisis and unemployment now topping 18 percent. The violence left 28 people dead.

Argentina's third president in less than two weeks, his swift departure left the presidency in the hands of House majority leader Eduardo Camano. Ramon Puerta, the Senate leader who served briefly as president following de la Rúa's resignation, quit his post Sunday to avoid inheriting the presidency again.

Camano said he would call a special legislative assembly, possibly as early as Tuesday, to appoint a new president. "We want the quickest possible solution so we can have a president who can bring the country forward," he said.

Rodriguez Saa was chosen by Congress to lead Argentina until a new presidential election slated for March 3.

His resignation left Argentina without a clear consensus on how to resolve a devastating economic crisis that has prompted rising social tensions and street protests.

"The situation in this country is at the breaking point," said Nestor Kirchner, an influential Peronist leader.

Rodriguez Saa's presidency began to unravel late Friday night as thousands of people flooded downtown Buenos Aires to demand that he lift a month-old banking freeze limiting cash withdrawals to \$250 a week and remove politicians accused of corruption from his Cabinet. The protests left 12 police officers injured.

De la Rúa imposed the capital controls on Dec. 1 to stem a run on the country's banks that threatened the currency, the peso, now tied one-to-one with the dollar.

Seeking to shore up political sup-

port, Rodriguez Saa called Peronist party provincial governors to a meeting Sunday on key issues including the March election to complete the two years of De la Rúa's term. But it broke down as only a handful of the governors offered their support.

Some Peronist leaders were reportedly worried Rodriguez Saa was moving to extend his time in office, set at 60 days by a congressional body that appointed him a week ago.

Rodriguez Saa said he had little choice but to step down after failing to cobble together support for his caretaker administration, and blamed several members of his party for putting their presidential ambitions ahead of solving the country's pressing problems.

Announcing his resignation, he said several powerful Peronist provincial governments had withdrawn support for his presidency, singling out Jose

Manuel de la Sota, who has made it known his ambitions to run for the presidency.

But de la Sota complained some in the Peronist party were not consulted by Rodriguez Saa during his brief time in office on his plans to print a new currency and launch an ambitious jobs program to inject needed money into the nation's bruised economy.

Argentines have taken to the streets twice in the last two weeks, banging pots and pans in spontaneous protests and unleashing their anger at what they view as a political leadership incapable of leading the country out of crisis.

Camano, the temporary leader, urged people not to mount large-scale protests. "I am begging people not to demonstrate so we can have a chance to solve this crisis," he said. "If they want to bang pots, I ask that they do it at home."



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