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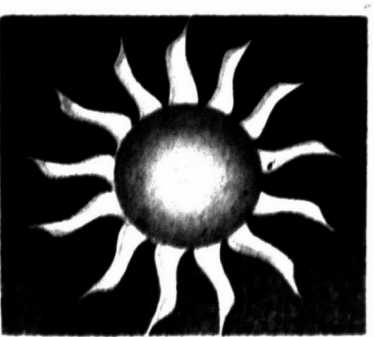
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PAMPA — Beta Sigma Phi will hosts its Valentine Dance and Mardi Gras Casino Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8 p.m. until midnight at M.K. Brown Auditorium. All proceeds benefit the group's scholarship fund. Music will be provided by Fence Walker. Set ups and snacks will be furnished. To buy an advance ticket for \$25 a couple call 665-6037 and leave a message. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30 per couple.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fireworks, drought-like conditions and high winds have triggered the spread of hundreds of brush fires since New Year's Day.

Firefighters battled more than 300 outdoor blazes over the extended weekend. They said Y2K revelers ignored powder keg conditions and fireworks bans in Bexar and neighboring counties.

That's despite a National Weather Service warning for Bexar County on Monday to alert residents that lack of rain and gusty winds will cause fires to burn hotter and spread faster.

- **Jack Bradley, 82**, retired operator of Bradley Appliance Repair.
- **Margaret Adelia Davis Lockhart, 85**, homemaker.
- **W.D. Morton, 77**, former Pampa resident.
- **Mary Pool, 69**, former nursing assistant.
- **Eunice Marie Tice Spivey, 73**, homemaker.
- **William Garland Stevens, 57**, union pipe fitter.
- **Melda Mae Vaden, 92**, former Berger resident.
- **Edythe Hortense West, 89**, retired employee of the old Worley Hospital.

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"It's no accident State Farm insures more cars than anyone else."

Sheila Webb
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Home Office: Bloomington, IL, USA

District Attorney's race heats up

Four Republicans, one Democrat file for position

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

As the filing for the 2000 elections closed at 6 p.m. Monday, the 31st Judicial District Attorney's race drew three challengers to incumbent John Mann.

Richard J. "Rick" Roach of Miami and Phil Pendleton of Shamrock will face Mann in the Republican Primary on March 14. Mann is from Pampa.

The only Democrat seeking the office, Charles L. Kessie of Canadian, will meet the Republican Party Primary win-

ner in the general election in November.

Roach and Mann vied for the office in a hotly contested race in 1996.

Voters from Hemphill, Lipscomb, Wheeler, Roberts and Gray counties elect the district attorney for the 31st Judicial District.

Several additional races in Gray County Republican primary will be contested.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe H. Wheeley is being challenged in the Republican Primary by Gene Gee of Letors. Gee is a former

Letors mayor.

All three constable races will be contested in the Republican Primary, according to Gray County Chairman Tom Mechler. Incumbent constable Precinct 1 and 3 James H. Lewis is being challenged by Curtis Dalton, Michael Ray, and Randy Stubblefield.

Challenging incumbent constable Precinct 2 Chris Lockridge are Robert Douglas and Paul Sublett.

Constable Precinct 4 Frank W. Sparling will be facing Chris McMinn in the primary election.

Incumbents who did not draw opponents are County Tax-Assessor Sammie Morris, Sheriff Don Copeland, County Attorney Todd L. Alvey and Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright.

Tom Mechler, who has been

Notice to candidates

The Pampa News will publish a free candidate announcement and photo for candidates in the March 14 primary. The announcements should include biographical information and a statement which includes why the candidate is running and/or what he or she hopes to accomplish. While some announcements have been published, those who have not submitted one must have it to the newspaper by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. None will be accepted later.

Republican Party chairman for several years, is not seeking reelection to the post.

Doug Ware of Pampa is the only candidate seeking the position. Ware has served as vice chairman the past year, according to Mechler.

There were no reports of any candidates filing in the Gray County Democratic Party primary.

The sheriff's race in Roberts County will highlight the Republican Primary. Three candidates are running.

(See RACES, Page 2)



Two young bicyclists, Rafael Bocanegra of Pampa and his cousin, Noel Escamilla of Garden City, Kansas, enjoy riding their bicycles on Pampa streets. The boys are enjoying their Christmas vacation from school. Pampa students resume classes tomorrow.

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

PHS abstinence program, Miami ambulance receive grant dollars

By **KEITH ANDERSON**
Staff Writer

A non-profit organization in Gray County received \$22,500 to "address the issues of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among teens," according to an Amarillo group.

The Amarillo Area Foundation, a community foundation which awards grants of approximately \$7 million a year to parhandle non-profit organizations, awarded \$22,500 to Worth the Wait in Gray County.

Worth the Wait teaches abstinence instruction for the Pampa Independent School District.

"We've been contacted by school districts in five surrounding counties [as well]," Worth the Wait Program Director Stacey Ladd said.

"The grant is actually \$15,000 up front and \$7,500 in matching funds — but we have to raise \$7,500," Ladd said.

The AAF supports the arts, programming for youth, health care, education, and human services, President and Executive Director Jim Allison said.

(See GRANTS, Page 2)

Pampa man critical after auto hits pole

Icy highway contributing factor

Ice-slick roads played a role in at least two accidents Monday night including one that left a Pampa man badly hurt after his auto veered off the highway near Celanese and hit a utility pole.

Jerry Vance Bruce, 42, 1612 Red Deer, was in the intensive care unit this morning at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where a spokesman said Bruce was in critical condition.

Bruce, who was wearing his seat belt, was hurt at 7:28 p.m. when his 1995 blue Suzuki went out of control on U.S. Highway 60 four miles west of Pampa, reported DPS Trooper David O'Brien. The auto went off the south side of the road and hit a pole.

O'Brien noted snow and ice as a contributing factor.

In a second accident at 8:05 p.m., one pickup truck rear-ended another pickup on Highway 152 as both were eastbound two-tenths of a mile west of Pampa, O'Brien reported. Icy conditions were noted on his report.

A 1992 Ford pickup driven by Billy Wayne Scribner, 52, 2700 Beech, was struck by a 1997 Dodge pickup driven by Angela Dlynn Thumond, 18, of Skellytown, the DPS said.

Scribner, who was wearing his seat belt, was taken by private vehicle to Pampa Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Thumond was cited for failure to control speed and not using a seat belt.

Police seek man in \$800 robbery

Police were searching for a Pampa man today in connection with an aggravated assault and robbery of a Kansas man over the weekend.

Officers said a 65-year-old Kansas man reported to them that he was beaten and robbed about 1:30 a.m., Sunday, in Pampa. He told authorities that he was driving about 1:30 a.m., Sunday in the 1000 block of Huff Road with a woman in the front seat with him and a man in the back seat behind him.

The Kansas man said the man in the back seat reached around and began choking him. The woman, the Kansas man said, told him to give her his wallet or the man in the back seat would continue to choke him.

(See ROBBERY, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What are your New Year's resolutions?



"Just to be happy, and to make everyone else feel happy, too."
— Laverne Corcoran



"To stop cussing."
— Renee Anthony



"I made my resolution a long time ago, and it's well kept."
— John Ghany

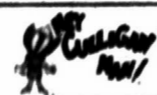


"I don't make New Year's resolutions, I live one day at a time."
— Debbie Radcliff



"I don't normally make New Year's resolutions, because you always break them."
— Donna Whitson

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Services tomorrow

BRADLEY, Jack — 10:30 a.m., Hass Funeral Home Chapel, Dalhart.
POOL, Mary — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Groom Cemetery, Groom.
SPIVEY, Eunice Marie Tice — 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, Gruver.
STEVENS, William Garland — 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo.
VADEN, Melda Mae — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

JACK BRADLEY

DALHART — Jack Bradley, 82, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hass Funeral Home Chapel with Ray M. Guy, senior minister of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Bradley was born in Erath County. He married Bonnie Vaughn in 1968 at Taos, N.M. He moved to Dalhart after the Second World War and operated Bradley Appliance Repair, retiring in 1995.

He was a World War II veteran, receiving two Bronze Stars and serving in the 138th Engineering Combat Battalion.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Tillman Bradley of San Angelo and Jack L. Bradley of Dalhart; three stepdaughters, Chris Barone of Amarillo, Marilyn Noblett of Pampa and Sammie Van-Story of South Fork, Colo.; a stepson, Charles Floyd of Garland; three sisters, Retha Moss of Anson, Leslie Beard of San Angelo and Ruby Witcher of Shafter, Calif.; a brother, Bill Bradley of Shafter; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

MARGARET ADELIA DAVIS LOCKHART

Margaret Adelia Davis Lockhart, 85, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lockhart was born July 10, 1914, at Prospect, Texas. She married Howard Lockhart on June 26, 1932, at Clovis, N.M. She had been a Pampa resident since 1932, moving from Amarillo.

She belonged to First Baptist Church and Pampa Women's Golf Association.

Survivors include her husband, Howard, of the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tom H. Lockhart, Jr., of Pampa and Robert William and Laura Lockhart of Dallas; and a granddaughter, Logan Leann Lockhart of Dallas.

W.D. MORTON

FORT WORTH — W.D. Morton, 77, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999. Graveside services will be Saturday, Jan. 8 in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa. Burial will be under the direction of Baumgardner Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Mr. Morton was born at Cryer Creek. He formerly resided in Stinnett and the surrounding area and served on Stinnett and Pringle School Board from 1954-73. He moved from Amarillo to the Pampa area in 1991.

He belonged to Stinnett United Methodist Church, Saginaw United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam Morton; a daughter, Karen McClain of Watkinsville, Ga.; a son, Gary Morton of Watauga; two sisters, Zula Hale of Corsicana and Bernadin Messina of Galveston; and two grandchildren.

MARY POOL

WHEELER — Mary Pool, 69, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Groom Cemetery at Groom with the Rev. Charles Ballard, pastor of Wheeler Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Pool was born Aug. 18, 1930, at Dallas, to Nathan and Myrtle May Lomax Lynch. She married William G. Pool on Sept. 4, 1948, at Wheeler; he died Dec. 13, 1991. She was nursing assistant at Casa Grande Regional Medical Center in Casa Grande, Ariz., for several years.

She moved from Casa Grande to Wheeler in November of 1994.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Dana Pool, in July of 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Cathi Pool of Casa Grande; two sisters, Lenna Vick of Wheeler and Glenna Vick of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

EUNICE MARIE TICE SPIVEY

GRUVER — Eunice Marie Tice Spivey, 73, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Moore and the Rev. Jim Teeter, of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Spivey was born in 1926 at Liberal, Kan. She had been a Gruver area resident for 52 years, moving from Liberal. She married Thomas Spivey in 1947 at Gruver. She was a homemaker and belonged to Gruver United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas, of Gruver; two daughters, Linda Baker of Pampa and Annita Spivey of Dumas; a sister, Irene Butler of Stratford; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gruver United Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.

WILLIAM GARLAND STEVENS

William Garland Stevens, 57, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Max Beggs, pastor of Caprock Christian Fellowship Church, and Mike Stevens, nephew, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mr. Stevens was born at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of his life. He was a union pipe fitter.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Schooling of Amarillo; two sons, Eddie Turlington and Jimmy Stevens, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Linda Rainey of Amarillo and Wanda Hutchison of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Joe Stevens of Pampa and Gayle Stevens of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2803 Dunaway and requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

MELDA MAE VADEN

DALLAS — Melda Mae Vaden, 92, mother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at Dallas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Gregg Simmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vaden was born at Salem, W.Va. She was a Dallas resident at the time of her death and formerly resided at Borger for 60 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Borger for many years, serving as a Sunday school teacher. She also belonged to Lakeside Baptist Church of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thurman E. Vaden, in 1968.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Francis Cox of Pampa; two sons, Jerry Vaden of Dallas and Dr. Richard Vaden of Kokomo, Ind.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at Brown Funeral Directors.

EDYTHE HORTENSE WEST

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Edythe Hortense West, 89, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics following a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time in Pampa. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Teahen Funeral Home of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. West was born Dec. 21, 1910, at Hobart, Okla., to James and Lora Barriett Payne. She married Lawrence Edward West on July 21, 1926, in Oklahoma; he died in 1968. She retired from Worley Hospital in Pampa in 1974.

She belonged to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Order of the Eastern Star of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Joe Ford of Cedar Rapids; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Association or to a favorite charity.



Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 3

11:36 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at the 4100 block of North Charles.

1:58 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

6:27 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of North Hobart and West Randy Matson.

7:34 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle accident at Highway 60 and FM 2300. (See story on Page 1)

10:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

4:18 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for Lifestar standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 3

Cheryl Renay Foster, 31, Lefors, was arrested for the Pampa PD on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Gary Jernigan, 32, Amarillo, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following offense reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 3

Police are investigating the burglary of a residence at the 1100 block of Terrace.

Theft of electronic equipment was reported, no address given.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.02	Coca-Cola	56 7/16	up 1/16
Milo	2.60	Columbia/HCA	29 11/16	dn 1/2
Corn	3.05	Enron	41 11/16	dn 1/4
Soybeans	3.80	Halliburton	38 11/16	up 3/8
		IRE	29 1/2	dn 1/16
		KMI	20 9/16	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	57 11/16	dn 3/4
		Limited	40 13/16	up 1/4
		McDonald's	39	dn 5/8
		MOBIL	104 5/16	up 13/16
		New Atmos	20	dn 1/16
		Ultrasat	29 1/2	dn 1/16
		Pennsy	19 15/16	up 1/4
		Phillips	44 7/8	dn 7/16
		Pioneer Nat.	8 5/16	dn 1/8
		SLB	55	up 1/16
		Tenneco	10 1/16	up 1/16
		Texas	53	dn 1/16
		Ultrasat	21 1/8	dn 3/8
		Wal-Mart	65 9/16	dn 1/4
		Williams	30 3/4	dn 1/4
		New York Gold	289.00	
		Silver	5.34	
		West Texas Crude	25.60	

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

Occidental	21	up 3/16
Fidelity Magelln	135.11	
Puritan	18.72	

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

Arcos	53 7/8	dn 11/16
Arco	83 11/16	up 1/16
Cabot	19 5/8	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G	14 11/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	83 9/16	dn 1/16

RACE

didates are seeking the position being vacated by Sheriff Bill Britten. The candidates are Dallas Hardin, Dana Miller and Gary Pettit.

Leslie Breeding is seeking the county attorney position unchallenged. Current Roberts County Attorney Rick Roach did not seek reelection to the post as he is seeking the 31st Judicial District Attorney office.

Incumbent county Commissioners, William Clark of precinct 1 and Kelly Flowers of precinct 3, did not draw opponents.

Incumbent Tax Assessor-Collector Carol

Johnson was the only candidate to file in the Democratic Primary. She will not have an opponent in the November election.

In Carson County two incumbents' names will appear unchallenged on the Democrat ballot. They are Mike Britten, County Commissioner Precinct 1, and Barbara Cosper, tax assessor-collector.

Republican candidates in Carson County are Jerry Strawn, County Commissioner Precinct 3; Scott Sherwood, Carson County Attorney; and Gary Robertson, county sheriff.

Robertson was appointed sheriff several months ago to complete the term of former sheriff Loren Brand who took another position.

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GRANTS

The Miami Volunteer EMS received a grant of \$30,000 to support the purchase of a new ambulance for Roberts County.

The Donley County Hospital District received a grant of \$75,000 dollars to support construction of a community services facility in Clarendon. The facility will house the Rural County Health Clinic, the Texas Department of Health, the Associated Ambulance Authority, and Baptist Community Rehabilitation Services Physical and Occupational Therapy Clinic.

The Greater Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross received a grant of \$70,312 to purchase a new emergency response vehicle and some communication equipment.

The Lone Star Ballet received a grant of \$25,000.

Catholic Family Services received matching funds of \$25,000 for Students Off the Streets program. The program offers recreational and developmental projects for youth in the neighborhood surrounding the facility at 2000 N.E. Spring Street, Amarillo.

Cornerstone Outreach Center of Amarillo received \$20,000 for a matching-donations program, and also for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the following programs: distribution of food, clothing assistance, job referral, rental assistance, and counseling.

West Texas A&M University received \$9,780 for the Harrington Evaluation Fellows Program.

For information on how to donate money to the Amarillo Area Foundation, contact Tammy Shaklee Board at 806-376-4521.

And to donate to Worth the Wait, make checks or money orders payable to Worth the Wait, PO Box 962, Pampa, TX 79066. Or call 669-6222.

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ROBBERY

At that point, the Kansas man said, the man in the back seat began hitting him. Authorities said the Kansas man appeared to have been hit in the face a number of times.

Officers said the robbers took the man's wallet and apparently got away with about \$800.

Police were questioning a 31-year-old Lefors woman today in connection with the incident and searching for a 36-year-old Pampa man believed to be involved in the beating and robbery.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Christmas is over and area residents are depositing their Christmas trees at the parking lot of Warner-Horton on Duncan Street. The trees will be recycled and turned into mulch through Clean Pampa, Inc.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Tuesday, Dec. 4:

Thursday, Dec. 30

Jesus Alberto Hernandez, 14, 1084 Varnon, was cited for failure to control speed, no insurance, no valid driver's license, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, after the Pontiac Grand Am he was driving (without

permission) rear-ended the Buick Le Sabre of Wanda Hogue Eslick, 60, 217 Tignor, at the intersection of North Ballard and East Browning. Eslick was stopped at a traffic light.

Monday, Jan. 3

Agnes Watson Hall, 87, 1900 Evergreen, was cited for defective brakes after she was unable to stop her Oldsmobile Ninety-

Eight and rear-ended a Chrysler Sebring LX driven by Fransico Sotero Cruz, 22, 1035 E. Fisher. The accident occurred at the 1400 block of North Duncan.

Terry James McCarthy, 37, 405 Roberta, was cited for failure to control speed and no insurance after he lost control of his Mercury Grand Marquis and slid into a Mercury Sable driven

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 3

1:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Campbell and transported one to PRMC.

6:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to PRMC.

7:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a vehicle accident at Highway 60 and FM 2300. (see related story page 1)

8:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a vehicle accident at Highway 152 1/4 mile west of Price Road. No one transported.

9:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Rufe Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

1:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

1:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a Gray County residence and transported one to Nwth via Lifestar.

by Hubert Joseph Homer, 82, 2207 Chestnut, according to the traffic report. The accident occurred under icy conditions at the intersection of North Hobart and West Randy Matson.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 47 and northwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 27 tonight and winds from the south-southwest at 10-20 mph.

Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and breezy conditions. Yesterday's high was 32; the overnight low 14.

STATEWIDE — Winter is returning to wide sections of Texas today in the wake of the

latest cold front, which brought bone-chilling gusts up to 30 mph.

Winds continued to gust from the northwest, pushing low clouds across northern and western parts of the state. Elsewhere, winds were 5 to 20 mph.

Early-morning lows ranged from the teens in the Panhandle to mid-50s along the gulf coast. It was 35 degrees at Junction and 56 at Port Isabel.

Behind the clouds and in the western one-third of North

Texas, skies were clear and readings were colder.

Low temperatures through Friday were expected from the teens to lower 30s, with a few readings in the upper 30s. Winds should be north to northwest at 15 to 20 mph and gusty.

A developing high-pressure system should diminish in strength, dropping wind speeds to light in some areas.

High temperatures were expected to range from the 50s to middle 60s.

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Beef Gift Certificates



(Community Camera photo by Amy Brainard and Lilit Brainard)

Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently donated \$200 in Beef Gift Certificates to Tralee Crisis Center. Above: CattleWomen President Amy Brainard, Edy Brainard and Linda Town, director of Tralee Crisis Center. The Beef Gift Certificates, available in any amount, may be used to purchase beef at participating grocery stores, meat markets

and restaurants. The certificates are even accepted at area food banks. For more information, contact CattleWomen's State Beef Gift Certificate Chairman Diane Buckingham at (806) 256-3887 or visit www.texascattiewomen.org on the World Wide Web.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

RUSHING WIND EMMAUS

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet for a potluck meal and a fellowship service at 6:30 p.m., Saturday,

Jan. 8 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, 322 S. Baylor, Perryton. A training for sponsors will follow the service. All area churches, family and friends may attend.

DON AND SYBIL

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 31 at Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, in Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

WAKA NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Rushing Wind Emmaus Board of Directors will sponsor a New Year's Eve praise and worship service at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 in Waka Christian Center at Perryton. A communion service will follow at 11 p.m. Members of area churches and the public are invited to attend. Participants should bring finger foods or snacks. A nursery will be provided.

ST. JUDE'S RANCH FOR CHILDREN

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, a home for abused children, is accepting Christmas cards for recycling. The facility turns old cards into new cards to resell. Proceeds go toward the operation of the ranch. To buy new Christmas cards or to donate old ones, call St. Jude's at 1-800-492-3562.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler)

visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

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Attention PAMPA Citizens

Here is your chance to brag about your business, church, organization or family. Write an article on the above topics and send to the Pampa news. No Rules ... except it has to be positive. Let us know if sales went up, your planning expansion, the church went to Cancun or Tommy is a captain in the Army. We will print your article in the JANUARY 30th Sunday paper. You can send a photo with your article and depending on space available we will try to use it.

Deadline Jan 21st 1:00 PM

*No articles will be accepted past deadline
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BBB advisory: Beware of fake checks

AMARILLO — According to information received by the Better Business Bureau, checks are being drawn on an area member company. The company was notified by a local merchant who recognized the checks as being counterfeit.

The scam artists have used computer-generated laser checks to duplicate checks used by the company, the BBB was advised. They have made some mistakes, however. The checks were drawn on a bank other than the one the company normally uses and the zip code for the company is wrong. The BBB advised the member company to contact his bank and the bank the fake checks were drawn on immediately.

Local banks and check cashing companies should be aware of bogus checks and refuse to cash them. Notify your local police department if you receive a questionable check.

"The job the scam artists perform has gotten easier due to enhanced technology," said Janna Serrano, executive direc-

tor of BBB. "We need the help of all local merchants to catch these crooks. Keep your eyes open, don't make their job any easier for them."

The BBB cautions business-

es to protect their business information. Do business with these known companies and take precautions when shopping by telephone or via the Internet.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Free lunch is tax-free too

There is such a thing as a free lunch. When two meals are sold for the price of one, tax is collected only on the amount actually charged to the customer. The "free" meal is not taxable.



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Texas Editorials

The Dallas Morning News on long-term care for the elderly:

If you look hard, you can find encouraging examples in the cheerless world of long-term care. In Wisconsin, Good Shepherd Services Inc. and 10 other nonprofit nursing homes faced the advent of managed care. They tried to figure out how to provide excellent care cost-effectively. The result was the Wellspring Program, a training effort that covers management and clinical issues.

Wellspring helped Good Shepherd improve perennial problems like staff retention - its nurse aide turnover rate dropped from 105 percent annually to 23 percent. It also helps Good Shepherd's staff continuously monitor and improve the care it gives. Although Wellspring requires more evaluation, it looks like an important model for nursing home improvement.

A dozen Texas nursing homes, mostly in the Dallas area, are implementing Wellspring. State regulators plan to monitor and compare care at facilities that have adopted Wellspring or other management reforms, to see which - if any - reforms consistently improve care.

Wellspring breaks apart and rebuilds the way nursing homes are managed. Most homes are very hierarchical. Distant corporate executives may set budgets or decide what sort of residents to recruit. Administrators and directors of nursing handle regulatory paperwork and issue orders. Underpaid and undertrained nurse aides provide most of the actual care to residents. The nurse aides change jobs frequently and rarely help make decisions about resident care. Residents receive perfunctory, unindividualized care and limited social and physical stimulation.

Wellspring forces staff members at all levels to think about how they can continuously improve residents' physical, mental and social health. Diverse teams from each nursing home attend intensive two-day training seminars on seven topics: physical assessment, incontinence, skin care, behavior management, falls, restorative care and nutrition. A registered nurse with advanced gerontological training teaches team members the most current, effective ways to handle each condition.

The nurse consultant also helps team members learn how to collect data and teach best practices to others at their facilities. The team returns to its nursing home and implements its improvement plan. The nurse consultant visits the home to monitor progress, and care teams attend an additional seminar to compare data and experiences. The reforms try to create an atmosphere of trust and accountability within and among participating nursing homes.

For instance, one module focuses on urinary incontinence, one of the top reasons people move into nursing homes.

At most facilities, nurse aides spend hours each shift cleaning residents and changing sheets after episodes of incontinence. At bad nursing homes, residents may lie in wet clothes and sheets for hours, a miserable experience that can worsen skin breakdown. Or staff members may insert a catheter, an imperfect solution that carries a risk of infection.

The Wellspring program encourages staff members to try harder to reverse or minimize incontinence. Staff members are taught to carefully evaluate the causes of each resident's incontinence, and plan ways to help the resident stay dry. That might require a change in diuretic drugs, or it could be regularly reminding residents and helping them to the bathroom.

Staff members collect data about incontinence before and after implementing Wellspring. They may measure the amount of laundry washed, how nurse aides spend their time, and how residents feel about themselves. Participating nursing homes share data with one another and are encouraged to admit problems and offer solutions. Good Shepherd had 23,000 fewer incontinence episodes after implementing Wellspring.

Wisconsin regulators say they haven't done any formal studies of Wellspring. But state officials say they do refer administrators to Wellspring homes for advice on handling specific problems like staff turnover. A national association of nonprofit nursing homes is searching for money to objectively evaluate the program.

If Wellspring has a shortcoming, it is what statisticians call "selection bias." The facilities that designed Wellspring were above average. They devised the program precisely because they refused to compromise quality to cope with managed care. Several of the Texas test sites are already considered among the best homes in their areas. Homes that barely pass inspections and can't hold on to administrators and nursing directors probably don't have the ability or desire to implement Wellspring-style reforms.

Wellspring, like the reform movement known as the Eden Alternative, draws its potency from empowering staff members and valuing residents. Each reform has terrific potential for improving the lives of nursing home residents.

My New Year's resolutions

I resolve to make no new year's resolutions. Well, maybe I will make a few. Dang, I've already broken my resolution. I suppose I need to lose weight. Don't most people resolve to lose weight? Really, I'm a happy, healthy 215 lbs. Why mess with such a sublimely-sculpted form as mine? Maybe I could resolve to get rich. And join the Republican party. And smoke Dominican cigars. And read the Wall Street Journal religiously.

Now. What a bunch of boors. Zombies is too nice a characterization. Babbitts. Maybe I could resolve to help the poor and less fortunate. And become a Democrat. And a Catholic. And join a union.

Eck. Who cares? I'm a writer, not Mother Teresa, not Hoffa, not J.F.K.

Political parties have become too narrow to interest me.

What else to people resolve? Oh, I know, I could resolve to spend more time with my family.

"On your death-bed you're not going to wish you spent more time at work," people always say.

Wrong. I'm a writer. That's exactly what



Keith Anderson

Staff writer

I'll wish. I'll wish I had written more, that I had won a Pulitzer, that I had written the "great American novel."

Besides, my wife sees me "more than enough," she tells me, "Get out of the house, go DO SOMETHING."

Oddly enough, she doesn't consider watching TV or playing a video game doing something.

Sometimes I sit on a bench in Westgate Mall in Amarillo.

I sit there sipping my \$1.29 Cinnabon small coffee, watching schools of shoppers and strollers move quickly and aimlessly about, like small fish in a small aquarium.

I don't get it. Where are they going? Is this as good as it gets: malls, movies, restaurants, crowds, strangers?

Swimming, swimming, ceaseless swimming.

What a strange, swimming world I wander in.

A resolution should have an action. My wife is right. DO SOMETHING.

But what thing should I do?

Something heroic, maybe, like rappelling down Palo Duro Canyon.

Geronomoooo. Retch.

Something "self-affirming" maybe, like bathing with purple, soapy bubbles and tropical banana-pear smells.

Please.

Have you ever seen a Chimpanzee make New Year's resolutions? Maybe we could learn from our animal brethren.

I could resolve to save money for my trip to India this fall. Pragmatism. It just seems odd to me that a culture raised on asceticism and Gandhi would require me to pay old-fashioned American dollars to travel there.

A philosophy professor named Robert Solomon at the University of Texas wrote "The good life is the life well lived."

Whatever that means.

What if I return to my original thesis? I resolve to make no resolutions.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2000. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

On this date:

In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who would be the first native-born American saint, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what is believed to have been the first appendectomy; the patient was 22-

year-old Mary Gartside.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, An Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approach-

ing from a side track in Chase, Md., killing 16 people.

Ten years ago: Charles Stuart, who had claimed a gunman had killed his pregnant wife and wounded him, leaped to his death from a Boston Harbor bridge after he became a suspect. Deposed Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega was arraigned in federal district court in Miami on drug-trafficking charges.

Five years ago: The 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the House.

One year ago: Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising

against the dollar on world currency markets. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was sworn in as Minnesota's 37th governor.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 86. Actress Barbara Rush is 73. Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 70. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 65. Actress Dyan Cannon is 63. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 63. Maureen Reagan is 59. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 45. Actress Ann Magnuson is 44. Rock-musician Bernard Sumner (New Order) is 44. Country singer Patty Loveless is 43. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) is 40. Actor Dave Foley is 37. Actress Julia Ormond is 35.

WTO is winner for technocrats

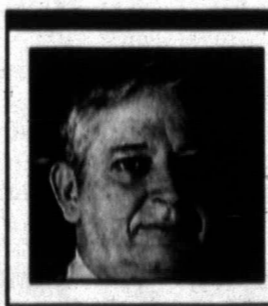
I recently heard an eloquent defense of the World Trade Organization from a man who is part of it. For all his eloquence and intelligence and, yes, benign intentions, it seems to me that he misses the point.

Human life isn't about the rule of law and economics. That's why no nation should ever turn its affairs over to technocrats or policy wonks or lawyers. Policy, technology and the law must be the servants of human beings, not the masters.

I hold with Mr. Bumble, that famous character of Charles Dickens, who said, "If the law supposes that, the law is a ass, a idiot." All too frequently these days, it is both, as legislators have forgotten that there is only one justification for any law and that is that it will contribute to the health, happiness and safety of the people.

And the same goes for economic theory. True, a corporation can get a better return on its capital if it invests in a dictatorship that will supply the corporation with cheap labor. But damn that return if it is to be gained at the expense of consigning American workers to unemployment and poverty.

In theory, we elect representatives to represent us, the American people, as a whole, not the 50 largest corporations in the world. The Constitution states that Congress shall set trade policy, yet Congress has willingly handed it over to the executive branch,



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

which negotiates in secret deals for the politically favored and then hands the voluminous package to Congress to rubber-stamp without even reading it.

The WTO apologist says the organization has more than 20,000 pages of rules. I don't doubt it. I don't doubt that he has read them all. But what's that got to do with a man in Illinois trying to provide for his family by selling his labor. The elite technocrats, policy wonks and lawyers live in a world of their own. They never get their hands dirty or their feet wet. To the, an economic choice is which vacation to take or which corporation to invest in. They don't have to choose which child will get braces or whether someone can stay in school or how they can manage to bury a loved one with some dignity.

I tend to view the technocrats, policy wonks and lawyers with the same sour eye that Thomas Jefferson viewed merchants —

as people who love no one and who are the least virtuous and the least patriotic. To them, people seem to exist only in the abstract.

The protesters in Seattle were right. The World Trade Organization is an international deal for international corporations at the expense of workers and the environment. To these people, all resources are expendable, and the only thing that matters is the god they worship — money and the privileged life it can buy.

Four-fifths of the American economy has nothing too with world trade, and the fifth that does isn't really a fifth because a lot of what is counted as trade is simply intercorporate transfers — plant materials to Mexico, finished cars back to the United States.

This so-called economic expansion is a dangerous bubble resting on paper wealth that can evaporate overnight. It is built on the little-down-so-much-a-month type of consumption, which itself is dangerous. And all of it, of course, is greatly padded further by cumulative inflation.

Naturally, I hope the protesters got the attention of the World Trade Organization. A better Congress vetoed the WTO right after World War II, when it was first proposed. We need to elect a Congress that will terminate America's participation and then enact trade policies that will benefit all Americans instead of the corporate few.

That'll be the day.

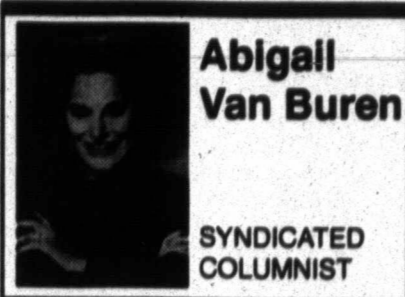
Brother Looking for Handout Is Told to Look Somewhere Else

DEAR ABBY: Recently my brother-in-law called my husband at work to ask for \$1,500 because he had fallen behind on his rent for three consecutive months. My husband, growing wiser each year, told him that he would have to speak with me because we make financial decisions together.

"David," we'll call him, is nearing 40 and is an attorney. He has led an interesting life, moving from place to place and trying his hand at a number of vocations, from bartending to medic work to tennis instructor — all the while exploring any and all professional opportunities. We receive regular e-mails from him regarding all sorts of fun week-ends, rafting trips and tennis tournaments. However, his law practice is limping along. He has never been married and has no dependents, nor is he disabled in any way.

For as long as my husband can remember, David has always gotten himself into financial trouble and someone in the family has had to bail him out. Even in his 30s, David has received thousands from one sibling or another or his parents. This is the first time David has approached us for money, as my husband is the youngest in the family.

Though it was a difficult decision to make, we determined that we were not doing David any favors by sending him money. With David's history of poor financial management, we feel we would just be perpetuating the problem. Without lec-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

turing, my husband explained our position to his brother. He became obviously upset and ended the phone conversation quickly. We no longer receive e-mails from him, and he hasn't spoken to us since. Furthermore, the rest of the family is furious with us.

Abby, were we wrong to not send money?

ANNABELLE

DEAR ANNABELLE: No, you were not wrong. Given the amount of money David has borrowed from family members, I wouldn't have chipped in any more than I could afford to lose.

Although your brother-in-law is no longer sending you e-mails, perhaps you should e-mail him the telephone number for the nearest Consumer Credit Counseling office. You'd be doing him a favor.

DEAR ABBY: "Wiser in North Texas" made a good suggestion for interacting with the 10-year-old boy

who didn't listen to his father. I would like to share a lesson I learned from my mother 50 years ago.

My son was a very active toddler, and I didn't realize I was yelling at him until the day my mom was visiting me. She quietly said to me: "Honey, if you yell at children, they stop hearing you. If you speak very softly but firmly, they will stop to listen to you."

My son was my first child. I later had four daughters, and Mom's advice worked with all of them. It is still working for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

My own advice to mothers is this: When you are the most frazzled and frustrated, take the time to imagine yourself as your child — on the receiving end of your words, and looking up at your angry face. Then ask yourself, "Is this what my child needs from me?"

GRANDMA IN OREGON

DEAR GRANDMA: That's good advice for the parents of children of all ages.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5, 2000

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)

***** You are driven and brimming with high energy. Clear out backed-up work that accumulated over the holidays. You are a mover and shaker; now is the time to get things rolling. Others respond to your leadership, but don't be surprised if someone in your midst gets a bit rebellious. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Make that extra effort. Gather information. The job of doing research for a pet project naturally falls to you. Listening and questioning are parts of the process. You might opt to revamp plans. Return calls. Stay focused on the objective. Don't get stuck on procedures. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Build on an established basis. Money agreements need to be renegotiated. A co-worker needs your feedback, despite his aggressive way of letting you know something. Avoid confrontation. Get down to the basics. Listen to another. Be sure of yourself, but work with others. Tonight: Romp with the one you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Others seek you out, but you

could easily wonder if a partner is having a "bad hair day"! Loosen up. Work around circumstances and another's mood. Your adaptability and sense of humor draw others' attention. Popularity soars. You have many different options. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Work challenges you, but you like meeting demands. Others clearly know what they want. Recognize the need for exercise and better health habits. Schedule a doctor's appointment. A co-worker asks for support. Listen to an associate or partner about money. Tonight: Buy a new plant or get flowers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your imagination runs haywire. Use your creativity, but avoid risks. An associate or partner approaches you. Listen to his opinions, and think about his ideas. A child or new friend actively seeks you out. Schedule meetings. Deal with the more social side of your work. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Dig into work. Avoid a difficult domestic situation for now. Your vision of what is acceptable could change considerably. Concentrate on one item at a time. Take a walk or get some physical exercise to eliminate stress. Consider a home office. Budget your time differently. Tonight: Relax in your easy chair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Reach out for others, while conversations are active. Another could be slightly hostile or frustrated. Use your creativity, and you'll find solutions. Dig into your resources. Explore options. Make calls; schedule appointments; get ahead on your workload. Tonight: Visit

with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Build your bank account, rather than pillaging it. You might be tempted to spend, spend and spend some more. Eye the long-term ramifications of your actions. You offer a lot. Another is clearly drawn to you. Center on what is doable rather than eliminating possibilities. Check out a property investment. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You'll make the right choices if you trust your instincts. Creativity surges. You know what works for you. Stay in contact with others; make the first move. Your overtures might be greeted with a strong reaction, but keep driving your point home. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** A lot goes on behind the scenes. Listen to your inner voice about money. You might feel you are going overboard with spending. Revamp your budget. Know your limits, and be willing to enforce them. Don't work out a problem by spending money. Get to the root of the issue. Tonight: Take some time to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You could be overly direct or pushy without realizing it. Another clearly isn't coming from the same place as you are. Listen to feedback. Think about a friendship. Make meetings, network and go for what you want. Make the most of the moment. Don't sit on your duff! Tonight: Where the gang is.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 State 43 Scoundrels

5 Letter after rho

10 operand

12 Cager

13 Samuel L. Jackson film

15 Pimple, in slang

16 Museum contents

17 Traffic sign warning

18 Tennis star

20 Sound of relief

21 Writer Jong

22 Stable diet

23 Pigeon's perch

25 Challenge

28 Paris subway

31 Aussie birds

32 Underwrite

34 Cops' bulletin

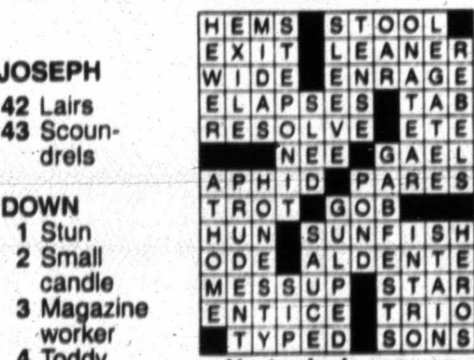
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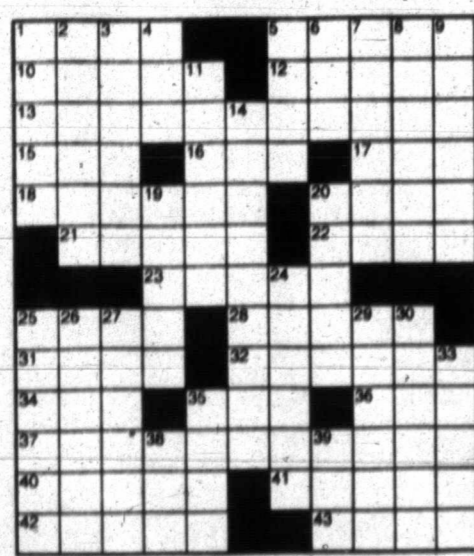
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Yesterday's answer

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- 3 Magazine worker
- 4 Toddy
- 5 Ingredient
- 6 Chimney grime
- 7 Pen filler
- 8 Japanese entertainer
- 9 Croquet need
- 10 Rap session
- 11 Gym machine
- 12 Frasier's brother
- 13 Rhymesters
- 14 Einstein
- 15 Numb
- 16 Current unit
- 17 "The Judgment of Paris" painter
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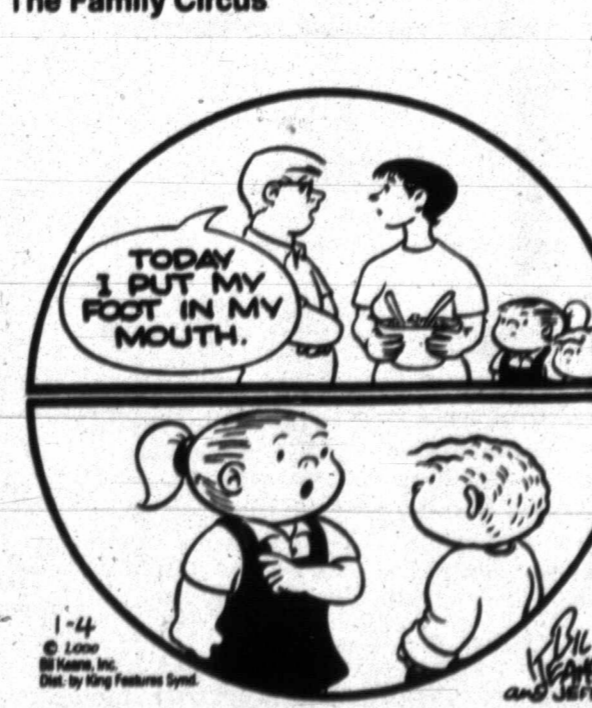
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Marmaduke



"If he were a paying customer, we could both retire."

The Family Circus



"Daddy must've learned that from P.J."

SPORTS

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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Football Banquet will be held at 7 Friday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets (\$10 each) will be available Wednesday and Thursday at the high school athletic office. No tickets will be sold at the door.

NEW YORK (AP) — Buffalo will be at Tennessee at 11:30 p.m. CST Saturday to begin the NFL playoffs, with Detroit facing Washington at 3:05 p.m. to begin the AFC schedule in the wild-card round.

On Sunday, Dallas will play at Minnesota at 11:35 p.m., followed by Miami at Seattle at 3:05 p.m.

The top seeds, who have first-round byes, start the following weekend. Jacksonville will be at home in the early game Jan. 15, followed by a late game in Tampa. St. Louis will be at home in the early Jan. 16 game, and Indianapolis will play in the late game.

Jacksonville (14-2) is the top AFC seed, followed by Indianapolis (13-3), Seattle (9-7), Tennessee (13-3), Buffalo (11-5) and Miami (9-7).

St. Louis (13-3) tops the NFC, followed by Tampa Bay (11-5), Washington (10-6), Minnesota (10-6), Dallas (8-8) and Detroit (8-8).

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas quarterback Major Applewhite will have surgery Jan. 14 to repair ligament damage in his left knee. The injury could require six months of rehabilitation, UT officials said.

Tests performed Monday afternoon revealed a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

The sophomore from Baton Rouge, La., started 23 of the Longhorns' last 24 games and earned Big 12 offensive player of the year honors. He will miss spring drills but is expected to be cleared for workouts when the team begins preparations in early August for their Sept. 2 opener at Hawaii.

"This is obviously a setback to major and our football program because he has been so productive and such a great leader," coach Mack Brown said in a statement issued by the school.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — With Ed Belfour in goal for the entire game, the Dallas Stars once again showed their dominance over the Los Angeles Kings.

Belfour made 26 saves and the Stars stretched their unbeaten streak against the Kings to 20 games with a 4-1 victory on Monday night.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock made a goalie change on New Year's Eve after Belfour gave up two early goals to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. The Stars rallied for a 5-4 victory with backup Manny Fernandez, and Belfour was unhappy with the decision.

That's what made Monday night's result so satisfying.

"No goalie is ever happy when he gets pulled, justified or not," said Belfour, whose record improved to 15-12-4. "You want to come back the next game, play better and shake it off."

Mike Keane had a short-handed goal and Mike Modano scored during a third-period power play for the Stars. Rookie Brenden Morrow added a first-period goal for the Stars, playing their 500th regular-season game since moving from Minnesota in 1993.

Keane, like a lot of his teammates, was puzzled over Belfour's removal.

"I didn't think he was playing bad when he got taken out," Keane said. "He played very well tonight."

The Stars are 14-0-6 against the Kings since losing to Los Angeles on April 6, 1995.

"I like playing them," Modano said. "Their style is different than what we see a lot, it's more wide-open. It's a relief from the clutch-and-grab you see from a lot of teams."

Long wait is over for Seminoles, Hokies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — At long last, four days into a new century, it's time to decide the 1999 national champion.

Florida State hasn't played in 45 days; Virginia Tech in 39 days. Players from both teams are sick of strolling down Bourbon Street, watching fans whoop it up while trying to keep themselves out of trouble.

"I know the kids can't wait to play, they've been here so long," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Monday, a week into the Seminoles' visit to the home of Mardi Gras. "This town has a lot of beautiful sites, but it don't do nothing. Nothing."

Something finally will be done to determine a national champion tonight when the top-ranked Seminoles (11-0) play the No. 2 Hokies (11-0) in the Sugar Bowl.

A win, and Florida State can rightly claim the title as Team of the Decade; a loss and the Seminoles might join the Atlanta Braves as consistent winners who could win the big one only once.

"You go back home and people are saying y'all always go to the big game but y'all never win them," Florida State cornerback Marjo Edwards said. "I have a little brother that's telling me that. He's 10 years old. Oh, is he making it hard for me, too. Hopefully, I can come home this time and he'll pat me on the back and say 'It's about time y'all won it.'"

This will be the 32nd time — 13th in a bowl game — No. 1 plays No. 2. For the Seminoles, it will be their sixth 1-2 matchup — five in the 1990s, plus tonight's game. Florida State is 2-3, including last year's Fiesta Bowl loss to Tennessee in the title game.

While Virginia Tech is playing for its first national crown in 107 years of football, Florida State is in the title game for the third time in four years and fourth in seven years — the 'Noles won the 1993 championship.

"Yes, if we won this one, it would be better than the last," Bowden said. "The last time it was more of a relief. 'God, we finally got a national championship.' They can't say Bobby Bowden never won a national championship. Now, they're saying Bobby Bowden can't win another one."

If Virginia Tech wins? "I ain't cutting my throat, I'm not slicing my wrists," Bowden said. "I'll come back and we'll try to do it the next year."

Adds Peter Warrick, the All-American receiver who had just one catch in the loss to Tennessee and also was around for '97 Sugar

Bowl loss to Florida. "We've been so close. This is the last one, and I don't want to let this one go by like the other two."

Florida State won a record 108 games in the '90s and has a 12-year string of top-four finishes in The AP poll. Among this year's memorable wins — so far — was Bowden's 300th, a 17-14 decision over Clemson in college football's first father vs. son coaching matchup, and the 30-23 victory at Florida.

A win over the Hokies would also give Bowden the first perfect season in his 40 years as a head coach, and it would make Florida State the first team to go wire-to-wire in the AP poll since the pre-season ratings began in 1950.

Thirteen seasons after folks in Blacksburg, Va., laughed at coach Frank Beamer for predicting he would produce a national champi-

on, tens of thousands of Hokies fans are in town for the biggest game in school history.

"I don't think our world is going to start or end with us winning this football game," Beamer said. "It would be great if we won, it would be a new day at Virginia Tech. But if we lose, it's not the end of it. I would expect to come back next year and be in it again."

Led by the pinpoint passing and flashy footwork of quarterback Michael Vick, the Hokies have turned into one of the nation's most exciting teams.

Virginia Tech was already known for a relentless defense, led by 175-pound man Corey Moore and fellow defensive end John Engelberger, and the nation's best special teams — 63 blocked kicks in the '90s. But the 19-year-old Vick has taken the Hokies to new heights.

Falcons win season finale

ATLANTA (AP) — Too bad the season had to end. Tim Dwight was just hitting his stride.

Hampered by injuries and the burden of replacing Tony Martin, Dwight needed most of the year to find his niche with the Atlanta Falcons. On Monday night, he gave a tantalizing glimpse of his potential.

The diminutive receiver caught seven passes for 162 yards, including two touchdowns, and returned a punt 70 yards for another score as the Falcons closed the NFL's regular season with a 34-29 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"He has gotten better and better," coach Dan Reeves said.

As a rookie, Dwight thrilled fans with his kamikaze style of returning kicks. He expected to take on more receiving duties this season after the Falcons released Martin, but injuries were a hindrance in training camp and during the season.

"It's a learning process," said Dwight, whose 241 all-purpose yards were the third-highest in Falcons history. "To be a good receiver in this league, you have to do it in the games. You have to do it during crunch time."

He can take a lesson from 37-year-old Jerry Rice, who showed he's not washed up. In what might have been his final game with the 49ers, Rice had six receptions for 143 yards and even drew applause from Falcons defensive back Ray Buchanan after a 62-yard reception.

"I think he can still play," Buchanan said. "If they're not going to keep him, I'll try to recruit him for the Falcons."

The 49ers (4-12) fell behind 31-7, but showed a bit of pride in their worst season since 1979, scoring three second-half touchdowns to make it close. Although the Falcons recovered an onside kick with 2:45 remaining, they still had to bat down Jeff Garcia's desperation pass in the end zone to preserve the victory.

"We made it exciting, didn't we?" Atlanta coach Dan Reeves said. "When you have control of a game like that, you shouldn't let the other team back in it."

The 49ers, projected to be some \$20 million over the salary cap, now must decide if they can afford Rice and quarterback Steve Young, who missed most of the season following another concussion.



Fifteen-year-old Dee Alston of Wheeler shot an 8-point buck recently in Wheeler County. The buck scored 136 6/8 points to qualify for the Texas Big Game Awards program.

At 8-8, Cowboys like their playoff chances

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Seeing all the newcomers in the NFC playoffs, then checking their own postseason credentials, makes the Dallas Cowboys feel a little better about their chances — even if they are limping in at 8-8.

"One of the things you like to do when you're David fighting Goliath is make sure you have a good sling and good rocks. I feel like we have that," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I'm pretty excited about the challenge."

Despite a playoff pedigree carved by winning Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95, Dallas barely made it in this season.

The Cowboys thought they were out of it after consecutive losses to teams without playoff hopes, then finally beat one Sunday to snag a wild card. Their

reward is a game Sunday in Minnesota.

Dallas and the Vikings (10-6) are the only NFC teams from last year's playoffs that are back again. The last team to win the Super Bowl after not making the playoff the previous season were the Washington Redskins in strike-shortened 1982.

That doesn't mean whoever wins their first-round game becomes the favorite, especially considering neither even won their division. But it does prove that playoff experience helps.

"There's a lot of teams lumped together," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Anybody can win this thing. People say it every year, but I think this year it's probably more true than in the previous seasons that I've been a part of."

LSU back in Top 25 in college hoops poll

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

LSU is one of three unbeaten teams left in Division I. The Tigers are also back in the Top 25. Not bad for a program that hasn't seen the better side of .500 in six seasons.

The Tigers (12-0) moved into the AP college basketball on Monday at No. 21, their first ranking since Dec. 13, 1993.

"Have we arrived? No, we haven't arrived, but we've certainly given an indication that our process is right," third-year Tigers coach John Brady said after the new rankings were released. "We basically came from zero to, in the third year, where we are."

That would be unbeaten as conference play is about to begin, something only Stanford, which held the No. 1 spot for the third straight week Monday, and No. 7 Syracuse can claim.

The Tigers were not among the preseason favorites in the Southeastern Conference, but along with No. 4 Auburn, No. 6 Florida, No. 15 Tennessee and No. 25 Kentucky, this week's other newcomer to the rankings, give the SEC five ranked teams.

Sophomore forward Stronfle Swift and senior center Jabari Smith lead the front line that has LSU where it is. The Tigers' biggest win of the season was last week's win over Oklahoma State in a matchup of unbeatens.

"The question is now, how do we handle it?" Brady said. "I want them to be aware of what they've done, the success they've had up to this point, but never lose sight of how they got to this point."

"I never want to not have the attitude of getting better."

Stanford (11-0), which won the Stanford Invitational last week, received 62 first-place votes and 1,738 points from the national media panel as the top seven teams remained unchanged.

Connecticut was second with five No. 1 votes and 1,667

points, and was followed by Cincinnati, which was No. 1 on three ballots. Then came Auburn, Arizona, Florida and Syracuse (9-0).

Duke and Kansas moved up one place each to eighth and ninth, while Indiana rounded out the Top Ten.

Michigan State, stunned by Wright State last week, dropped three spots to lead the Second Ten, and was followed by Maryland, Ohio State, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma State, Texas, Utah, Illinois and Oklahoma.

LSU led the final five teams in the poll and was followed by Tulsa, DePaul, UCLA and Kentucky.

Kentucky (8-4) has won four straight games since falling out of the rankings last month after a run of 164 consecutive polls.

The Wildcats had been in every Top 25 from Dec. 4, 1990, until last Dec. 13 — the fifth-longest run in history. Included in their winning streak was a 30-point win over Louisville and a two-point victory over Michigan State.

Temple (6-3), which lost to Wisconsin last week, dropped out from 17th although the Owls are playing short-handed because point guard Pepe Sanchez and forward Mark Karcher are injured.

Sanchez has not played since the opening game of the season because of a sprained ankle. Karcher, the leading scorer, is out for up to three weeks after spraining his shoulder against Cleveland State last week.

Wake Forest (9-3) had a rough trip to Hawaii and fell out from 19th. The Demon Deacons lost to Oregon by one point in the opening round of the Rainbow Classic, then beat Ohio University in double overtime before losing 70-57 to Villanova in the fifth-place game.

Oklahoma State's loss to LSU caused the Cowboys to have the week's biggest drop, from 11th to No. 16.

Utah and Tulsa made the week's biggest jumps, modest moves of three places to 18th and 22nd, respectively.

PSHOF will honor veteran Pampa coach, athlete

Congratulations to Frank McCullough and Wendell Palmer, who will be honored at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies Feb. 6 in Amarillo.

McCullough is a veteran coach, Palmer a veteran athlete.

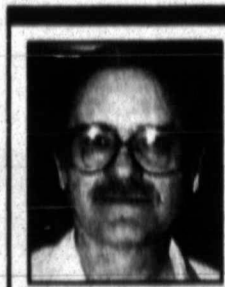
McCullough was named coach of the year in golf after leading the Pampa girls to fifth place at the state tournament.

Palmer will receive his second PSHOF special achievement award for his performance in the age 65-69 National Masters Weight Pentathlon. He received the Phil Partridge Award, which goes to the top performing men and women during the national pentathlon.

McCullough's golf teams are right in the thick of district contention season after season. It was the second year in a row for the Lady Harvesters to qualify for the state tournament.

Pampa won the boys state title in 1984 before McCullough took over as head coach, but he's kept the program going strong. He's coached a couple of boys' teams to the state meet since the '84 title run.

Thanks to McCullough and coaches like him, more



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Sports Editor

girls are going to college than ever before on golf scholarships.

Palmer has been dominating Master's track and field meets since the 1970s. He's won national and world titles, particularly in the discus throw, and has broken his own records so many times he's lost count.

There was a rumor that Palmer had to buy a bigger house a few years ago because he needed more room to store his growing collection of medals and trophies. That may not be the exact truth, but it's pretty close.

The District 3-4A basketball season is inching closer. This could be the year the Pampa girls get back into

the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters have won two tournament championships and the consolation title in another one.

The Pampa boys took their lumps against a couple of highly-regarded teams at the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament. But that could make the Harvesters an improved team when the district race gets under way.

Both Pampa teams take on non-district opponents tonight. The Harvesters visit Randall while the Lady Harvesters go to Perryton.

The Lady Harvesters open district play Friday night at Amarillo Caprock. The Harvesters won't start district action until Jan. 14 when they go to Hereford.

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Carlos Santana leads Grammy nominees with 10 nods

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Veteran rocker Carlos Santana led the Grammy Award nominees today, picking up 10 nods including song, record and album of the year on the strength of his "Supernatural."

Santana, generally overlooked by the Grammys, had previously received just five nominations during his three-decade career. He won the Grammy for best rock instrumental in 1988.

Santana's collaboration with singer Rob Thomas from the band Matchbox 20, "Smooth," was nominated for record of the

year and best pop collaboration with vocals.

His collaboration with the band Everlast, "Put Your Lights On," was nominated for best rock performance by a duo or group with vocal.

Santana's guitar collaboration with Eric Clapton, "The Calling," was nominated for best rock instrumental performance.

The album itself was nominated for best rock album and album of the year.

The pop group TLC received six nominations, including album of the year for "Fanmail" and

best pop performance by a duo or group with vocal for the song "Unpretty."

Conductor Pierre Boulez also received six nominations for classical works.

Other nominees for record of the year were "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys, "Believe" by Cher, "Livin' La Vida Loca" by Ricky Martin and "No Scrubs" by TLC.

The other album of the year nominees were "Millennium" by Backstreet Boys, "Fly" by the Dixie Chicks and "When I Look in Your Eyes" by Diana Krall.

"Smooth" also was nominated for song of the year, a writing award, for Itaal Shur and Thomas. The other nominees were Andreas Carlsson and Max Martin for "I Want It That Way," Desmond Child and Robi Rosa for "Livin' La Vida Loca," Dallas Austin and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins for "Unpretty," and Robert John "Mut" Lange and Shania Twain for "You've Got a Way."

Best new artist nominees were Christina Aguilera, Macy Gray, Kid Rock, Britney Spears and Susan Tedeschi.

Nominees for best pop album were "Millennium" by the Backstreet Boys, "Believe" by Cher, "Ricky Martin" by Martin, "Mirrorball" by Sarah McLachlan and "Brand New Day" by Sting.

Besides Santana's "Supernatural," rock album nominees were "Breakdown" by Melissa Etheridge, "Significant Other" by Limp Bizkit, "Echo" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and "Californication" by Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Other multiple nominees included Asleep at the Wheel

with five, the Backstreet Boys, Dixie Chicks, Emmylou Harris, Lauryn Hill and Whitney Houston, all with four. Martin and Cher each had three nominations.

The 42nd annual Grammys will air live on CBS Feb. 23 from Los Angeles.

Awards will be presented in 98 categories. A new category this year is best soundtrack album, given for a soundtrack record that creatively compiles existing music. The award was added to complement the category for original movie scores.

Also this year, the academy updated its movie or television song and instrumental composition categories to include music composed for other media such as video games or the Internet.

Nominees in top categories

Nominations in top categories for the Grammy Awards announced Tuesday:

Record of the Year: "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys; "Believe," Cher; "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin; "Smooth," Santana; "No Scrubs," TLC.

Album of the Year: "Millennium," Backstreet Boys; "Fly," Dixie Chicks; "When I Look in Your Eyes," Diana Krall; "Supernatural," Santana; "Fanmail," TLC.

Song of the Year: "I Want It That Way," Andreas Carlsson and Max Martin (Backstreet Boys); "Livin' La Vida Loca," Desmond Child and Robi Rosa (Ricky Martin); "Smooth," Itaal Shur and Rob Thomas (Santana) featuring Rob Thomas; "Unpretty," Dallas Austin and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins (TLC); "You've Got a Way," Robert John "Mut" Lange and Shania Twain (Shania Twain).

New Artist: Christina Aguilera, Macy Gray, Kid Rock, Britney Spears, Susan Tedeschi.

Pop Album: "Genie in a Bottle," Christina Aguilera; "Beautiful Stranger," Madonna; "I Will Remember You," Sarah McLachlan; "Thank U," Alanis Morissette; "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears.

Rock Album: "Breakdown," Melissa Etheridge; "Significant Other," Limp Bizkit; "Echo," Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers; "Californication," Red Hot Chili Peppers; "Supernatural," Santana.

Rap Album: "E.L.E. (Extinction Level Event - The Final World Front)," Busta Rhymes; "Da Real World," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott; "The Slim Shady LP," Eminem; "I Am," Nas; "Things Fall Apart," The Roots.

Country Album: "Ride With Bob," Asleep at the Wheel; "Fly," Dixie Chicks; "Trio II," Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt and Dolly Parton; "Cold Hard Truth," George Jones; "Forget About It," Alison Krauss.

Inmates stage hunger strike over solitary

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 250 Texas solitary confinement prisoners — including 48 on death row — are refusing meals, prison officials confirmed Tuesday.

Inmates began declining food on New Years Day in what supporters say is a hunger strike. The statewide protest is meant to call attention to bleak quality of life in solitary confinement, prison rights advocates say.

Prison officials initially denied reports of a hunger strike.

The protest stretches from Wichita Falls' Allred Unit, where 94 inmates are pushing away their trays, to Abilene, where 11 convicts in the Robertson Unit are fasting, officials said. At Tennessee Colony near Palestine, 37 prisoners at the Beto 1 Unit and 80 at the Michael Unit are turning down food, said Larry Fitzgerald, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman.

"They just refuse a meal one time and take it the next time," Fitzgerald said. "They're not all doing it at the same time."

Prison rights groups say conditions in solitary confinement causes prisoners to be psychotic.

Inmates are allowed out of their cells for one hour each day to exercise alone in a prison yard. The rest of the day, prisoners sit alone, forbidden to work or watch television.

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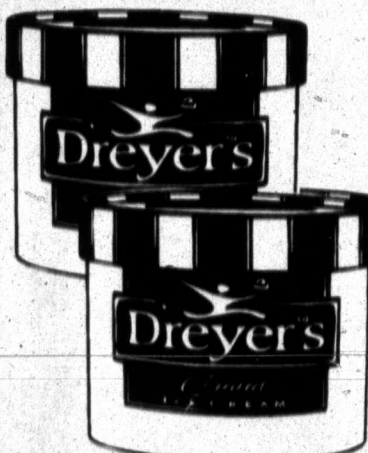
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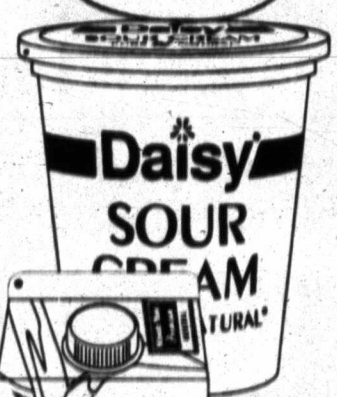


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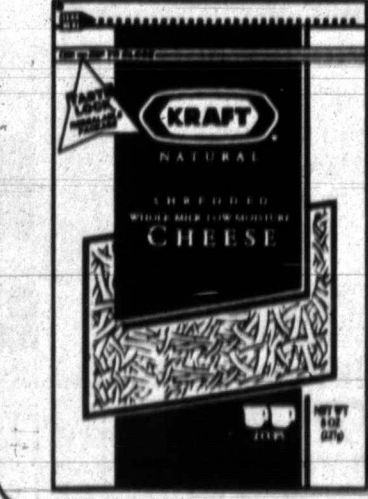


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