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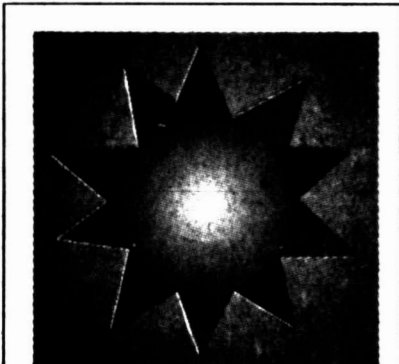
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 For weather details, see Page 2

TASP exam set for 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5

PAMPA - A Quick TASP exam is scheduled at 9 a.m., Friday, Jan. 5, at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Cost of the examination is \$29 to be paid in the form of a check or a money order. Participants should bring: 1) government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license; 2) Social Security Card; and 3) calculator.

Woman and her two children die in blaze

INGLESIDE (AP) - An Ingleside woman and her two young daughters have died in a house fire that investigators believe was accidental. Melanie Lynn Martin, 31, and daughters 9-year-old Chelsea Lynn Spicer and 7-year-old Ashley died in the fire about 11:30 p.m. New Year's Day. A neighbor called for help after noticing the fire. Investigators believe the fire started in the center of the family's mobile home. Fire Marshal Dean Shirley said the fire was either caused by cigarettes or was electrical. Some material has been sent off for lab work. Ingleside is about 15 miles north of Corpus Christi.

- Opal C. Dunn, 86, sister of Pampa resident.
- Louie Bill George, Jr., 76, retired farmer and rancher.
- Sam C. McPherson, 57, pipefitter.
- Lucille Murrill, 63, homemaker.

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 Sports 5



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Jennifer Jones, 10, looks at the ruins of the home of Randy Townsend, 641 N. Wells, destroyed by a fire over the weekend. Jones was visiting her grandmother who lives next door to the burned house. City fire officials are continuing to investigate the cause of the Dec. 30 blaze that caused \$25,000 in damage and required 19 firefighters and six fire units to control.

Fire marshal examines cause of \$25,000 blaze

City fire officials continue to search for the cause of a weekend fire that destroyed a residence at 641 N. Wells. "I'm still interviewing the firefighters," said Fire Marshal Gary Stevens Tuesday. "Right now, it's still under investigation." Six units of the Pampa Fire Department and 19 firefighters responded to the blaze at 8:28 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 30. When firefighters arrived, heavy smoke was billowing from

under the eaves of the residence, according to fire reports. Despite the firefighters' efforts, the two-bedroom, wood frame house with attached garage became engulfed in flames and was totally destroyed. Stevens estimated the loss at \$25,000. Randy Townsend, owner of the residence, was not at home at the time of the fire, Stevens said.

Homeland announces plan to close

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

A longtime Pampa business will be closing its doors at the end of January, according to an announcement Tuesday.

Prentiss Alletag, vice-president of human resources of Homeland, told *The Pampa News* today that a definite closing date has not been set, but the company plans for the Pampa store to close no later than the end of January.

Alletag said he "deeply appreciated the loyal customers" who have continued to shop with Homeland through the years. He said the 45 employees of the

local store will be offered positions elsewhere within the company.

Other major grocery stores which remain in Pampa are Albertson's, Frank's Thriftway and United supermarkets. Construction on a new United is currently under way and is expected to be complete later this year.

The local Homeland is among seven stores to be closed by the Homeland Holding Corporation, officials said. The business has been in operation in Pampa for approximately since the late 1970s, first as Sateway before the changeover.

(See STORE, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa's Homeland store on Perryton Parkway will close by the end of January, officials announced today.

Former Pampan involved in fatal shooting

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Rangers called in to help investigate

BELTON - Texas Rangers have been called in to assist in the investigation of a fatal New Year's Day shooting involving a former Pampa police officer.

James Cory Powell, a Pampa police officer for two-and-one-half years, was involved in the incident, according to a news release from the Belton Police Department. The news release stated Powell used deadly force in self-defense which resulted in the death of a Temple man.

Juan Hernandez Anzaldus, 25, was shot

in the abdomen as the two men struggled. According to the news release, at 3:51 a.m. Monday, Powell stopped a speeding vehicle on I-35 occupied by five males.

During the traffic stop, one passenger bolted from the car and ran south across the access road, the release stated.

Powell gave chase and caught up with the suspect behind a business building. The suspect charged at the officer resulting in a physical altercation. During the altercation, Anzaldus was shot in the

abdomen.

He was transported by ambulance to Scott and White Hospital in Belton where he later died. A local justice of the peace pronounced him dead and ordered an autopsy. The body was sent to Southwest Institute for Forensic Science in Dallas.

Powell sustained minor injuries and was treated at Scott and White. He has been placed on administrative leave, with pay, until the investigation is complete. The Belton Police Department request-

ed Texas Rangers assist them in the investigation. Belton officials said they hope to have the investigation completed by next week. At that time, the case will be taken before the grand jury, officials said.

No other charges were filed with any of the other occupants, according to the release which stated the occupants in the vehicle were not a part of the shooting. They were released after being interviewed.

According to the release, Powell left the Pampa Police Department in August 2000 to join Belton Police Department.

Belton is located near Killeen in south central Texas.

Law's 'long arm' reaches fugitive

California police capture first one of 'Dirty Dozen'

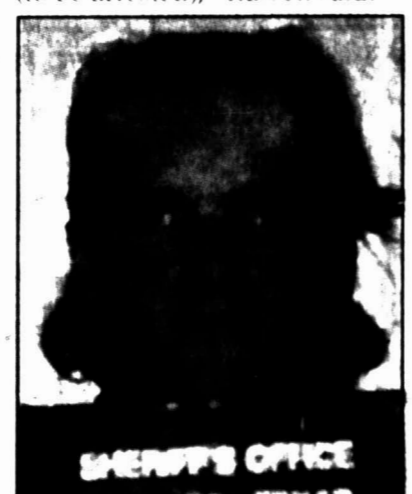
One of the Gray County Sheriff's "Dirty Dozen" sits in a California jail today awaiting extradition back to Pampa.

Officer Chris Rathbun of the Redding, Calif., Police Department arrested David Wayne Shook, 27, on an outstanding warrant from Gray County Monday, Jan. 1, Redding police officials confirmed.

Shook remained in Shasta County Jail late Tuesday while authorities worked to extradite him back to Pampa. Shook was wanted on a warrant issued by Gray County for violating the terms of his probation. Shook had been convicted and placed on probation approximately eight years ago for burglary of a habitation. "The (Redding, Calif.) police

department called me last night and said 'we're fixing to go pick him up,'" Chief Deputy David Russell said.

Shook is one of 12 people listed on the Gray County Sheriff's "Dirty Dozen," a "most wanted" list of fugitives featured on the sheriff's department's web site. "I believe this is the first one (to be arrested)," Russell said.



David Wayne Shook

New DA sworn-in



(Photo courtesy of the County Star News)

Richard J. (Rick) Roach, right, was sworn in as 31st District Attorney Friday by 31st Judicial District Judge Steven Emmert, left, in the Wheeler District Courtroom. Roach's wife, Cindy, and the couple's three sons, Kyler, James and Kris, were present for the swearing-in.

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Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharon Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open

from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall

beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end

of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

SQUARE HOUSE
Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will offer a photo preservation workshop from 7-9 p.m., Jan. 11, and a china painting class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 16 in Hazelwood Education Building, 5th and Elsie in Panhandle. The workshop will be facilitated by Christy Sanders, "Creative Memories" consultant of Dumas, and will include a \$10 fee. Participants should bring five to seven pictures to work with. The china painting class will be facilitated by Janice Sackett of Pampa, a 30-year art educator in the public school system. Cost of the class will be \$10. For more information or to RSVP, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA
The Third Annual Miss Top of Texas Area Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 27 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Prior to the Miss Top of Texas Pageant, a junior pageant will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 in FPC auditorium for young women between the ages of 2-17. The Miss Top of Texas competition is a preliminary to the Miss Texas Pageant to be held in July 2001 at Fort Worth. Eligibility requirements: Participants must be between the ages of 17 and 24; must be at least a senior in high school; and must currently attend or plan to attend college. The winner will receive a \$250 cash scholarship, a \$250 wardrobe allowance, official crown and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Texas Pageant. Titles for the junior pageant are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Young Miss. The winner will compete in the Miss Teen Texas Pageant slated in July at Fort Worth. Teens must be between the ages of 13-17. The Teen titleholder will receive a \$100 cash scholarship, official crown and her entry fee to Miss Teen Texas. For more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804.

FPC WEBSITE
Spring class schedules for Frank Phillips College in Borger are available on the college's website located at www.fpc.cc.tx.us on the Internet. Registration for the spring semester will be conducted

Jan. 10-11 in the library at FPC. Off-campus registration will be Jan. 8 at various area locations including Canadian, Dalhart, Perryton, Sunray and Spearman.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering a free "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS
Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

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TUITION ASSISTANCE
U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

Toy drive



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Cable One customers recently dropped off scores of toys at the local business for local children for Christmas. Whitney Davis, left, Cherie Sark, Barbara Preas, Cable One manager, and Lupi Juarez gathered the toys to be given to Tralee Crisis Center.



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Daughter Cries for Father Who Didn't Want Her Born

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 4-year-old daughter. I have raised her alone, with no help and no child support. The father has never seen her. I dated him for two years and broke up before I knew I was pregnant. He and his family tried desperately to convince me to abort, almost threatening me if I kept the baby.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Four years later, my little girl is now saying, "I don't have a daddy," and weeping about it. I tell her that God is her father and he's my father, too.

Abby, this guy is extremely volatile, spiritually weak, fickle and disrespectful. It took me a while to grasp all he was about, and when I did, I left.

My daughter has a great life, is very grounded, feels safe, has a one-home, one-church family and incredible grandparents. I do not want to disrupt her life by bringing a man into it who made it clear he wants no part of her, and who is not the role model I want for my child.

What's the next step regarding conversations with her, getting child support, etc.?
 — SAD GIRL'S MOM

As well. You were also wise to forgo child support. If you demanded it, the father would be in her life, for better or worse.

In order to fulfill your child's need for a father figure, enlist the help of a male relative or longtime male friend to function as a surrogate father, or at least a part-time male presence in her life. Another option is to join a group for single parents so your daughter can see she's not the only child without a dad.

An appointment with a child psychologist to discuss what else may be causing your daughter to weep could also be helpful.

them I wasn't up to socializing due to pain and discomfort. Two weeks later, they offered again. I thanked them, but declined for the same reason.

In the meantime, another friend called to say she wanted to drop off some meals she had prepared. She told my husband she would not stay, but that I could call her if I felt like talking.

My recuperation lasted longer than I anticipated, but she brought me more meals. You can imagine how we welcomed those homemade meals. I've told her many times over I'm forever grateful for her kindness.

This taught me a valuable lesson. I promised myself I would perform this same act of kindness in the future. When the first group of friends called for the third time, I hinted that I appreciated the home-cooked meals my other friend brought. Their answer: "We'll go out to lunch when you're better."
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DEAR PERSON: Talk about a letter with an important message. Thank you for sharing this valuable lesson. Many can learn from it.

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DEAR MOM: While I sympathize that your daughter doesn't have a father figure, based on your description of her father, you used sound judgment in ending your relationship. To reconnect with him now could lead to your daughter being rejected once again, not only by him, but by his family.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 2001

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)

**** Seek alternative routes to the same solution. You might be pressured to the max as you juggle funds with a key goal in mind. What you are looking at might not be realistic. Pressure builds between you and another. A discussion takes a lively turn. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You see someone in your life as highly idealistic. Though this person can be inspirational, he can lead you astray. An associate is hot under the collar. How important is it to keep this person calm? Tonight: Your smile wins the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Sit back and think. Say little and seek out information. Your sense of what is happening could change after a heated discussion with an associate. Give someone the space to think through his position. Make calls. Check out a possible trip or vacation. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Join friends and get to the bottom of a problem. Think about what you ultimately want from a partner. Be

realistic about what is happening with this person. Your libido directs your energy. Flirting can only get you in trouble. Tonight: Play the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Maintain a high profile with those in charge. Others might confuse what seems perfectly clear to you. Help another see your thinking and logic. You might lose your temper if you aren't careful. Many turn to you for ideas and feedback. Your influence makes waves. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Others see you as visionary in some respect. You might get into a contest of wills with another. Be careful with your words. You don't want to trigger a situation and make a disagreement unresolvable. Tonight: Take the high road.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You and a partner or business associate need to get down to brass tacks financially. Though you might not be comfortable with all that is said and shared, it is important to air different views. Find a midpoint. Tonight: Work as a team.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might have an overly strong reaction to another. You might not see eye to eye. In fact, it is quite likely that there will be a point of contention. Imagine what it is like to walk in this person's footsteps. Tonight: Be agreeable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Take your time. Really, there is no reason to push others to agree with you. Think about what is going on with an associate or someone who has an impact on your day-to-day life. Take time to go

to the gym and get additional exercise. Tonight: Whatever you do, make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Spin a fun tale or two. Think about vagueness that surrounds a money matter. You want to stay directed and focused. A friend could distract you from what you want to do. Your lively nature comes out with a child or loved one. Be more playful. Tonight: Enjoy those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Stay upbeat and allow others to see your whimsical and positive nature. Dealing with someone in charge could be difficult. This person is often touchy, but right now he's assertive and aggressive. Know that your emotions run high. Tonight: Take personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Stunning news might encourage you to revamp your opinions or change plans. Communication flourishes, but you might not be as clear as you could be. Keep seeking solutions, and don't accept a no. Return calls and e-mail. Tonight: Out and about.

BORN TODAY
 Musician Michael Stipe (1960), actress Jane Wyman (1914), boxer Floyd Patterson (1935)

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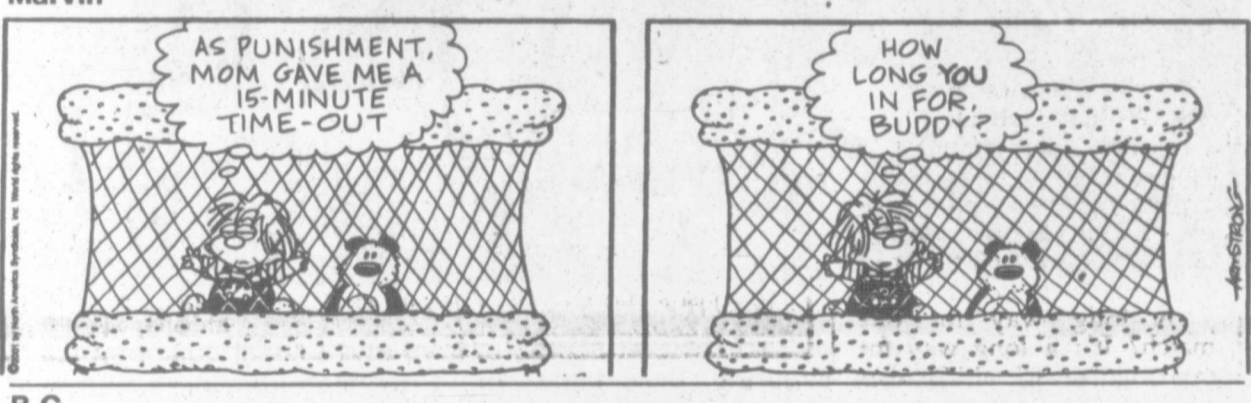
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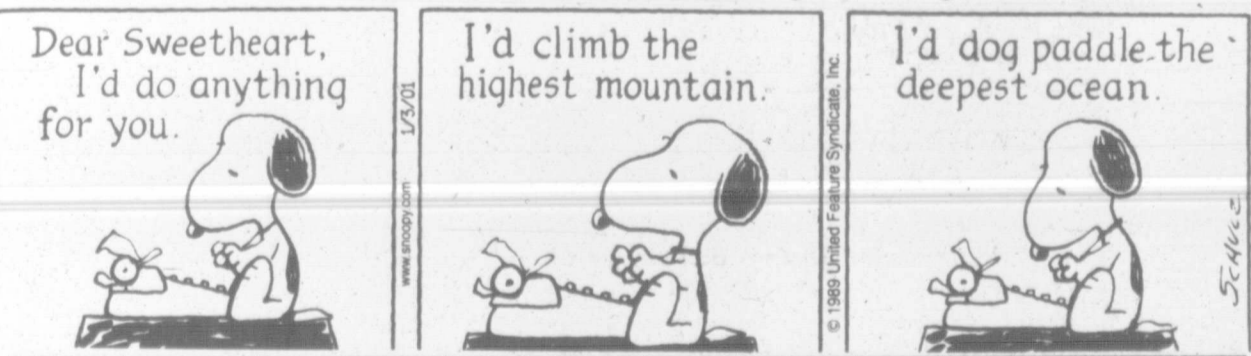
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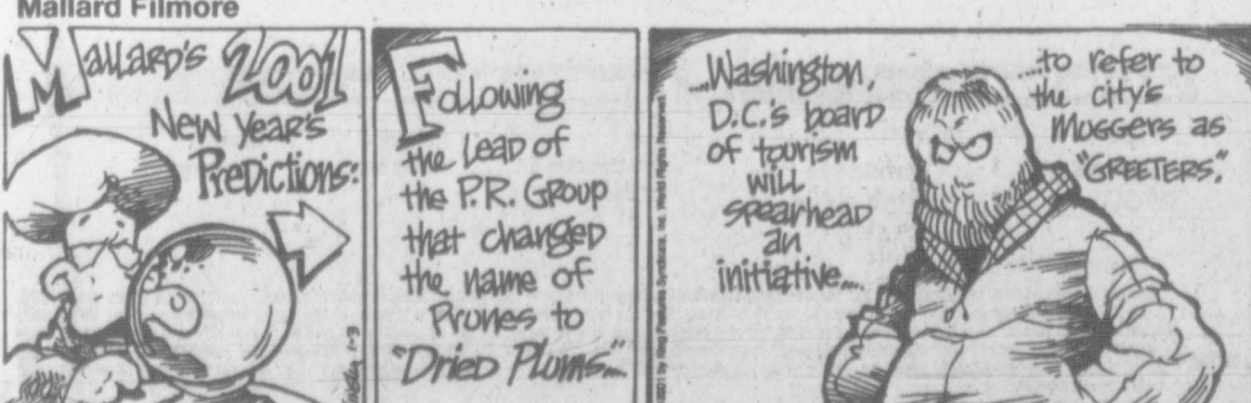
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Mexican snack
- La Scala song
- Roma's nation
- Sty group
- Curl creator
- Volcano output
- Nice guy
- Harass
- "Platoon" setting
- Hawks
- See
- 13-Across
- Eye part
- Long time
- Penalties
- Inverted e
- Golf support
- Under way
- Change
- High hit, in tennis
- Like sponges
- Chablis, for instance
- Fly
- Cuzco native
- Restaurant fixtures
- Call for

Yesterday's answer

1-10: HIFI, SPEAR, OMARS, HALVE, MARATHONMAN, EGOREDOLE, REUBEN CROW, STEER HENS, STYLE, TREE VISAS, HOLT, INTROS, EMU PIE, AMA, MEDICINEMAN, ERECT, STILL, DOSES, ASIA.

Marmaduke



"It's my mistake. When I was at the store, I accidentally grabbed kitty treats instead of doggy treats."

The Family Circus



"He looked cold."

DOWN

- Hemingway nickname
- Writer
- Viewing concern
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- Fountain drink
- Everything
- Deceit
- Corn unit
- Balloon fill
- Different
- Ted
- Koppel's show
- Freshly
- Plateau's cousin
- Make finer
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- Butter serving
- Eggs, to Caesar
- Umbrella part
- Take the trophy

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PAMP/ Optimist basketball through club's sign-up is sixth grad Sign-up both Thu Saturday 2 p.m. to Sign-up

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SPORTS

Notebook BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist Club will have boys basketball sign-ups Thursday through Saturday in the club's meeting room. The sign-up is for third through sixth graders. Sign-up times are at 6-7:30 both Thursday and Friday. Saturday's sign-ups are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign-up fee is \$35.

GOLF

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Hal Sutton grimaced and groaned with each swing, then grabbed his lower back and hobbled up the fairway in a hopeless bid to catch a young, healthy Nick O'Hern in the Match Play Championship.

Four holes down with six to play, Sutton wasn't sure if he could keep going. He wasn't sure he wanted to. His lower left back was dotted with four small bruises, the handiwork of a physical therapist digging his fingers deep into the muscle.

No one would have thought the less of him had he conceded the match. Except for Sutton. "I'm not a quitter," he sneered in his thick, Louisiana drawl. "That's not my style."

Despite a courageous comeback to force extra holes, Sutton finally ran out of heroics with a bogey that let O'Hern escape with a victory on the 21st hole and made Sutton one of 32 casualties Wednesday at Metropolitan Golf Club.

Sutton was among 22 Americans and six Europeans who spent an entire day flying to Australia, and left with \$25,000 and one round under their belt.

"A long way for one match? It's a long way for seven matches," said Stewart Cink, on the wrong end of a 1-up decision by Mark McNulty.

It was less than that for Fred Funk and Skip Kendall, both of whom did not get past the 13th hole in opening-round routs at the hands of Pierre Fulke and Dudley Hart.

"I still don't regret coming," said Duffy Waldorf, who lost to Frenchman Jean Van de Velde on the 19th hole.

They all knew the risk of match play, a capricious format where a 75 could still mean an extra day in the hot sun of Melbourne, and a 65 could mean joining the waiting list for the next flight out of Australia.

Ernie Els took the biggest risk of all.

He didn't come to Australia until the last possible minute, eschewing the normal two days of getting to know Metropolitan and its subtle contours and wicked bunkers. He arrived Tuesday night, sneaked in a practice round Wednesday ahead of the opening matches and put in a long day at the office.

The good news? He made short work of Greg Kraft, 3 and 2.

"I think the golf I played this morning before the round started helped me, especially getting a feel for the golf course," Els said.

Under match play rules, he could play the course before his round because his competition was not the field, but one player. Kraft could have played a morning practice round, too.

"I don't think I'll do it every day," Els said. "It was a long day."

Two other top seeds also advanced, with Tom Lehman getting a scare from Australian Greg Chalmers, and Vijay Singh easily dispatching Kevin Sutherland.

A dozen Americans advanced, including high seeds such as Justin Leonard, David Tom, Scott Verplank, Chris Perry, Bob May and Dudley Hart.

Lady Harvesters roll past Caprock

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvesters had no trouble dealing with visiting Caprock Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

With 10 players making the scoring column, the Lady Harvesters evened their District 3-4A record at 2-2 with a 76-46 win over Caprock.

Three Lady Harvesters — led by Chasity Nachtigall's 15 points — scored in double figures.

Ashlei Jordan followed with 12 points and Cali Covalt added 10.

Pampa, 6-9 for the season, led by 21 (39-18) at halftime.

Charli Golden had 11 points to lead Caprock, followed by Brenda Farner 8.

Pampa's pressing defense forced 39 Caprock turnovers.

Other Pampa scorers were Ashley Derington 8, Lindsey Narron 8, Charity Nachtigall 8, Jennifer Lindsey 5, Stephanie Cameron 4, Morgan White 4 and Randa Morris 2.

Caprock gained an early lead and Pampa could never catch in District 3-4A boys

action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Caprock took a 19-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and stayed on top the rest of the way for a 62-45 win.

Both teams are now 1-1 in district play.

Derrick Collins topped the Longhorns in scoring with 20 points while J Fields chipped in 17.

Gary Alexander also finished with 20 points for the Harvesters.

Victor Brooks had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Harvesters.

PHS head coach Jerry Schaeffer was ejected early in the third quarter after drawing two technical fouls.

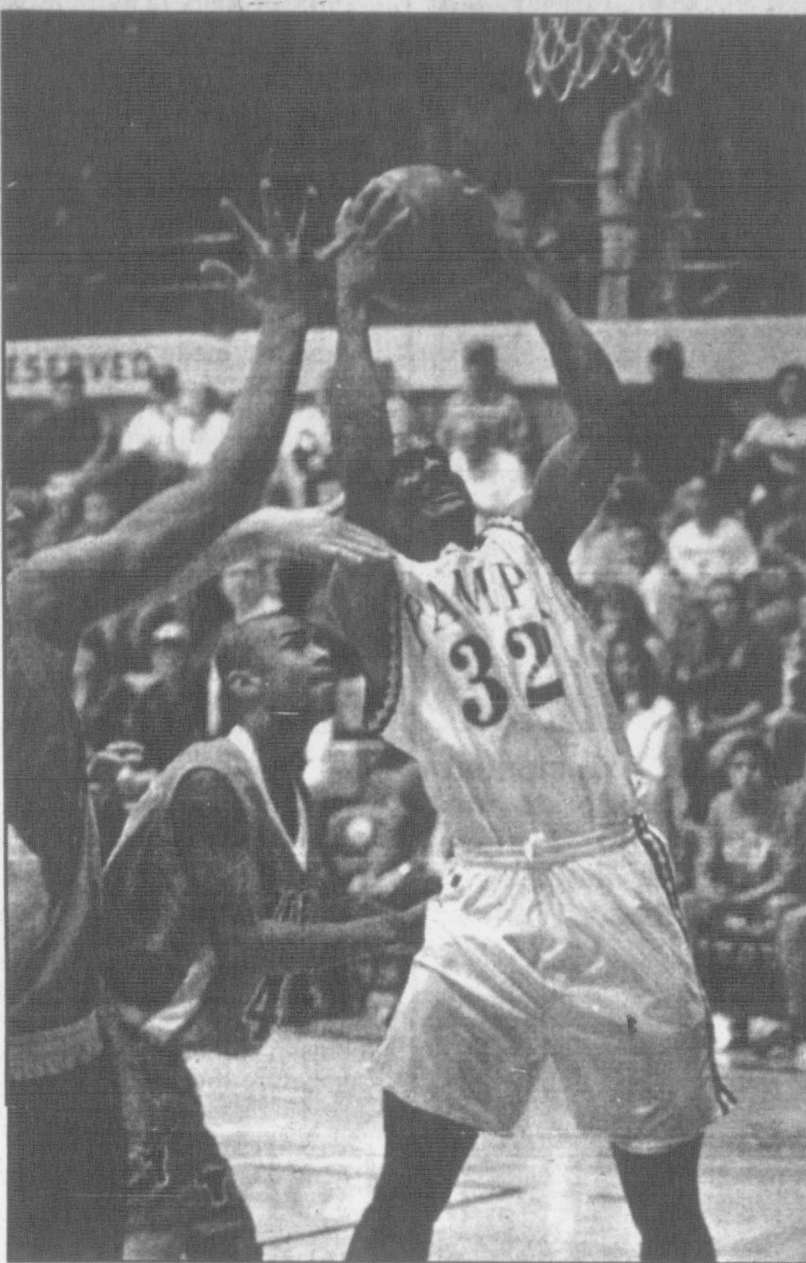
Schaeffer drew the first technical after protesting fouls called on his players.

He then stomped his foot and the referee told him, "Coach, you can't stomp your foot."

Schaeffer answered, "I do it 20 times a game."

Then, the official hit him with a second technical and Schaeffer was out of the game.

Adam Rodgers added 9 points and Kyle Francis 4 for the Harvesters.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Victor Brooks turns an offensive rebound into two points.

Orange Bowl battle tonight

MIAMI (AP) — Top-ranked Oklahoma has a chance to end to all the confusion: Beat No. 3 Florida State in the Orange Bowl and become undisputed national champions.

If not, get ready for the great Who's No. 1 debate.

Is it Florida State? Or Miami (11-1), which defeated Florida State? Or Washington (11-1), which defeated Miami? Or even Oregon State (11-1), which routed Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl?

The winner of the Orange Bowl, the Bowl Championship Series' designated title game, automatically finishes No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

But Miami could be voted national champion in The Associated Press media poll, in which the sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS; and Washington and Oregon could make a case for No. 1.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden doesn't want to think about the possibilities.

"All I hope is that we win the doggone ball game," Bowden said Tuesday. "I don't care what happens after that. I know this: We'll win the BCS if we beat Oklahoma. What happens on the other poll, fine."

Following Miami's 37-20 victory over Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday night, most of the Hurricanes flew home. Some might even be at the Orange Bowl to cheer on the Seminoles. Linebacker Dan Morgan stated Miami's case.

"We're the best team in the nation," he said. "We proved that all year by beating Florida State, Virginia Tech and now Florida. If they don't give it to us, it would be a real shame. But it won't make us any less of a team."

Bowden thinks the Huskies and Beavers have a claim, too.

"I'm surprised Washington and Oregon State haven't been more vocal about this," Bowden said. "Washington did beat Miami."

Dolphins have that comeback knack

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Despite the retirement of Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins still have a knack for coming back.

The Dolphins trailed at halftime in their past four games, a disturbing trend for them going into Saturday's playoff game at Oakland. But Miami rallied for victories the past two weeks, including Saturday's 23-17 wild-card win over Indianapolis in overtime.

"It just seems like we've played better with

our backs to the wall lately," said Marino's successor, Jay Fiedler. "But you don't do that too often in the playoffs."

With a dominant defense and improved running game, the Dolphins are built to control the ball and milk the clock, and they would prefer to play front-runners at Oakland. An early lead would take the Raiders' rabid crowd out of the game and allow Miami to rely heavily on Lamar Smith, who ran for 209 yards against Indianapolis.

But if the Dolphins fall behind, at least they'll know they can come back.

Needing a victory in the final regular-season game to clinch the AFC East, Miami trailed 21-17 at the half at New England, but won 27-24. Against the Colts, the Dolphins overcame three early interceptions by Fiedler and a 14-0 halftime deficit.

"It's not the funnest way to win, but whatever it takes," All-Pro defensive end Jason Taylor said.

Miami wins Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Miami Hurricanes danced around like champions on the Sugar Bowl logo after their final triumph.

Next comes an Orange Bowl vigil to see if a share of the national title will be theirs. And they'll be rooting for their archenemy, Florida State.

"I'm a big Seminoles fan now," fullback Najeh Davenport said after the second-ranked Hurricanes defeated No. 7 Florida 37-20 on Tuesday. "I wish I had a Florida State hat. Go Bobby."

Bobby Bowden leads No. 3 Florida State against No. 1 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on Wednesday in the Bowl Championship Series national title game. If 12-point favorite Florida State wins, the title in The Associated Press media poll is up for grabs and the voters will have to decide whether Miami is their champion.

Miami held a considerable 53-point lead over Florida State in the last AP poll.

"I don't think we need to convince anyone," linebacker Dan Morgan said. "We just need to sit back, let things happen and not worry about it. If we don't get a national championship, it won't make it any less of a season. But it would be great to have one, because I feel we definitely deserve it."

One thing is for sure: Miami (11-1) is the best team in the state of Florida, after its 27-24 victory over Florida State on Oct. 7 and a victory in the renewal of their rivalry with the Gators.

"They've got my vote," Florida defensive end Alex Brown said. "They beat the best two teams in the state of Florida."

But were they impressive enough against the Gators (10-3)?

The game wasn't secure until Davenport scored with 4:21 left after Florida quarterback Rex Grossman's second interception of the night. Hurricanes mascot Sebastian the Ibis celebrated by running onto the field, kissing a Miami player, then drawing a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

It was a fitting moment on a night that was filled with happiness, but was far from perfect.

"We didn't expect to come in here and blow them out," receiver Santana Moss said. "We knew they had a lot of talent. We just had to grind and grind and see how long they could fight."

The fight seemed to last a little too long for comfort.

After Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey threw an interception, Florida went ahead 17-13 on Earnest Graham's 36-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter.

But Dorsey responded by moving Miami 80 yards in 12 plays, capped by a 19-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Williams. A roughing-the-passer penalty by Gerard Warren kept that drive going.

After Florida stalled, Daryl Jones returned a punt 44 yards to put the Hurricanes in striking range, then Davenport responded with the play of the game.

Linebacker Marcus Oquendo-Johnson had perfect coverage on Davenport and looked like the intended receiver, but the fullback reached over his helmet and snatched the ball away for a 10-point lead.

It was missed opportunities lil that, plus nine penalties for 79 yards, that had coach Steve Spurrier steaming after Florida's first trip to the Sugar Bowl in four seasons turned sour.

"We got what we deserved," Spurrier said. "Miami played more disciplined and with more desire. They were a better team. They were better coached and played with more of a purpose. I'm embarrassed."

While the Gators might be a year away from competing for the title themselves, they offer poll voters a good gauge to consider when they make their decision. They can stack Tuesday's result against Florida State's 30-7 victory over Florida in November.

They'll also look at Miami's 10-game winning streak, an offense that averaged 42 points and a defense that made big plays when it had to all season.

Miami showed a little of all that against Florida — but also failed to capitalize on abundant opportunities.

When Graham scored on the play after Keiwan Ratliff's interception early in the third quarter, the Gators had the lead and the Hurricanes were simply concerned with winning the game, not the national title.

Experience helped the Hurricanes do just that, and they started to look like champions toward the end.

Clinton Portis ran for 97 yards, most after leading rusher James Jackson went out, to keep the Miami offense moving. Moss had 89 yards in receptions even though he was hurting.

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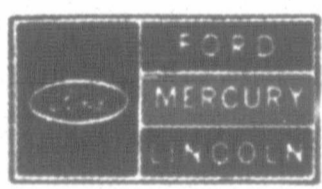
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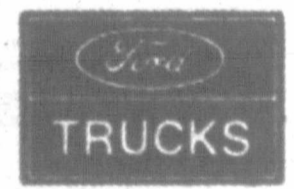
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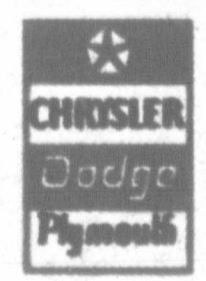
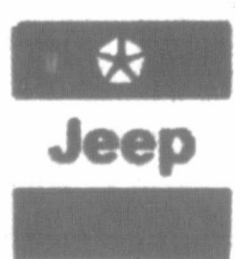


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