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Fire marshal retires after 23 years

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

Pampa no longer has an acting Fire Marshal, since Keith Fisher retired Dec. 31. After 23 years of service with the Pampa Fire Department, Fisher said it was just time to move on from this line of work.

The Pampa Fire Department will host a retirement party for Fisher from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at Central Fire Station #1 on Foster Street. The public is invited to come by and say farewell to Fisher and wish him well in his next ventures.

Fisher said that he has been with the Pampa Fire Department since March 1984. Unlike many firefighters who say they always knew they wanted to go into this line of work, Fisher said he actually took the job

originally because it was a good steady job that would provide for his family.

"I worked at Ingersoll-Rand and IRI as a welder until times got tough with the oil boom in the mid-80's," Fisher said. "After that, I just did miscellaneous work at a variety of jobs. Then, a neighbor of mine got a job with the fire department and he told me how great of a job it was so I thought I'd give it a shot."

He attended the fire academy in Amarillo, before the training was done at Amarillo College. The fire training field was out at the Wonderland Park area.

After receiving training at the fire academy, Fisher had to become an EMT, which he did. Throughout the years, he was a firefighter, an equipment operator, a captain and a training officer before becoming the fire

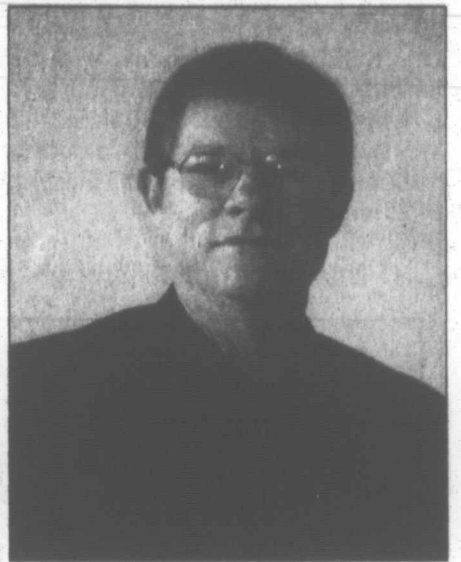
marshal in April 2005.

"The main job of the fire marshal is to investigate fires and determine the cause of the fires," Fisher said. "To some people this job may seem difficult, but after you've been through all of the training and know what to look for, it's usually not that hard to determine what caused a fire."

Fisher said that some fires have been more difficult to deal with emotionally, especially when someone died or a family lost everything they owned.

"You really feel sorry for the people that lose everything in a fire," Fisher said. "And you especially feel bad when the cause of the fire is something that could have been prevented."

Fire education and prevention is also a part of the fire marshal's job.



Fire Marshal Keith Fisher

Fisher would go out on public service calls to schools and other organizations to give pointers on how to

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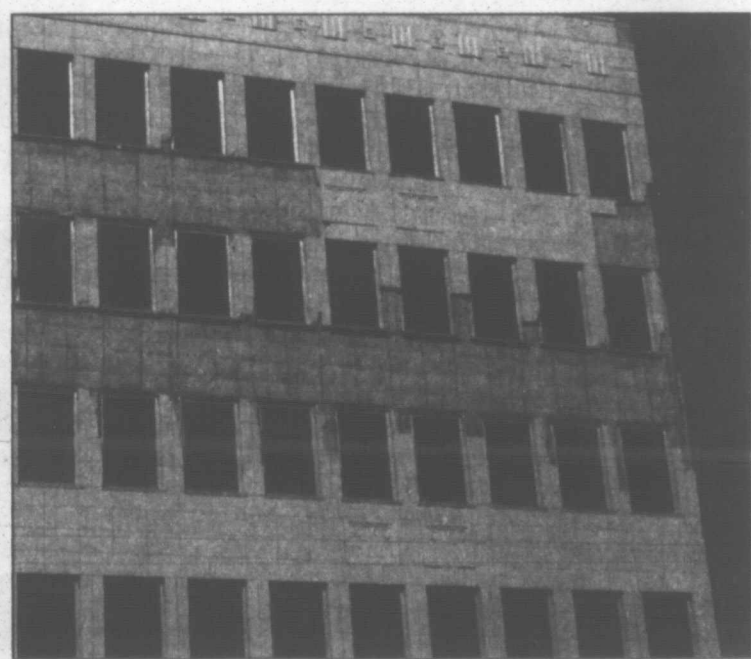
Facade work



Photos by **VALERIE O'BRIEN**

▲ Two workers look up from a small crane they are working in to scrape off some of the crumbling facade from the front of the Hughes Building.

▼ Areas where the facade has been chipped away can be seen on the front of the Hughes Building.



VOLUNTEERS

CASA needs more volunteers

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

An informational meeting for persons interested in working as volunteers for CASA of the High Plains will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 14 at The Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard.

CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains and supports volunteer advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. The advocates speak for the children in court and other situations, and they work with the children and others involved in the children's cases while the children are waiting for a permanent decision concerning their futures.

Information on what being a CASA volunteer involves will be given at the Jan. 14 meeting, said Ofelia Marszal, volunteer coordinator for CASA.

"Right now, we have more volunteers than we've ever had, but we're utilizing all of them and don't have any in reserve," Marszal said.

Training dates for those who decide to become CASA volunteers will be Jan. 22, 24, 26, 29 and 31. The training session will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on each date with the exception of Jan. 26, when training is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at The Brown Alliance.

"By standing up for these children and speaking on their behalf, you'll help ensure that these children find safe, permanent homes, something every child deserves," Marszal said. "Volunteer as a CASA advocate and change one life at a time."

"The CASA volunteer is frequently

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Ashmore and Associates Insurance earn praise from Goldline Research

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

Ashmore and Associates Insurance Agency, LLC has been selected by Goldline Research as one of the most dependable insurance brokers of Texas, according to a press release. This list of these Texas brokers was scheduled to be published in a recent issue of Forbes Magazine.

This company is a full service agency with a home office in Lubbock and a local

office in Pampa at the NBC Plaza 2, Suite 1, 1224 N. Hobart, which is managed by Jim Bruton.

Products and services offered include commercial casualty and property, bonds, employee benefits, individual life, health and disability, as well as consulting services.

Goldline Research's lists have appeared nationwide for four years in a wide variety of print publications.

Dallas man cleared by DNA after 26 years in prison

DALLAS (AP) — Charles Chatman said throughout his 26 years in prison that he never raped the woman who lived five houses down from him.

Now 47, Chatman is expected to win his freedom Thursday after new DNA testing that lawyers say prove his innocence and adds to Dallas

County's nationally unmatched number of wrongfully convicted inmates.

"I'm bitter. I'm angry," Chatman told The Associated Press during what was expected to be his last night in jail Wednesday. "But I'm not angry or bitter to the point where I want to hurt anyone or get revenge."

If released on bond at a Thursday




court hearing as expected, Chatman will become the 15th inmate from Dallas County since 2001 to be freed by DNA testing. That is more than any other county nationwide, said Natalie Roetz of the Innocence Project of Texas.

Texas leads the country in prisoners freed by DNA testing. Including

Chatman, the state will have released at least 30 wrongfully convicted inmates since 2001, according to the Innocence Project.

Mike Ware, who heads the Conviction Integrity Unit in the Dallas County District Attorney's office, said he expects that number to increase.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. West-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Windy, with a west-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Windy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Milo	7.28
Corn	8.26
Soybeans	10.83

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

OXY	80.48	+2.13
BP PLC ADR	74.96	+1.60
Cabot Corp	31.80	-0.40
Celanese	43.03	+0.01
Cabot Oil Gas	42.00	+0.53
Coca Cola	61.67	+0.58
VLO	67.87	-1.58
HAL	39.46	+0.77
XCEL	22.36	+0.19

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Nat'l Oilwell	76.90	+1.54
Limited	17.72	-0.45
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COP	88.88	+0.99
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Tenneco	25.53	-0.35
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Wal-Mart	46.66	-0.24
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New York Gold	860.80
Silver	15.29
West Texas Crude	99.62

Dallas officers accused of pulling gun on singer

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department is asking the district attorney's office to prosecute two officers accused of holding country music singer Steve Holy and a friend at gunpoint at Holy's home while they were off duty.

Police investigators have requested the filing of misdemeanor deadly conduct charges against Randy Anderson, 25, and Paul Loughridge, 48. But Terri Moore, first assistant Dallas County district attorney, said prosecutors are reviewing the Dec. 27 incident to determine whether more serious charges such as aggravated assault should be filed.

The department has placed both officers on administrative leave. Police Chief David Kunkle said he expects a disciplinary hearing soon for the two, who are accused of drawing their guns during a game of foosball.

"It just makes not one bit of sense why they would have drawn their guns and threatened these gentlemen," Kunkle said. "If the evidence supports what we initially heard they had done, it's a serious crime and we will make sure that we use all of our influence to get the maximum prosecution on it."

Holy told The Dallas Morning News that the reality of what happened was only beginning to hit him.

"It's the worst thing I've ever dealt with," he said, declining to comment further.

Holy's attorney has said the singer and a friend were at a bar not far from his home when Holy saw an off-duty Dallas police officer he knew. That officer introduced him to Anderson and Loughridge.

When the bar closed, Holy, his friend and the officers went to play foosball in Holy's garage. The first officer left a short time later, but Loughridge and Anderson stayed.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

GARRETT, H.D. "Dale" — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Restland Cemetery, Olney.
LUNSFORD, Ruth Caroline — 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

H.D. 'Dale' Garrett, 80

LEFORS, Texas — H.D. "Dale" Garrett, 80, of Lefors, died Jan. 2, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Chris Webb, minister of the First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating.

Graveside services will be

at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at the Restland Cemetery in Olney under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garrett was born July 12, 1927, in Goree. He married Brucille Gardner on December 18, 1949 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 2006. He had been a resident of Lefors since 1961.

Dale worked as a pumper for Sinclair and Atlantic Richfield for 31½ years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a daughter, Dale Ann Epps and husband Joel of Amarillo; two grandsons, Ross Anthony Epps and Ashley Garrett Epps; one sister, Marcy Hall of Olney;

and one brother, Benry Garrett of Jacksboro.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan Garrett in 2000.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Glen Earl Hillman, 78

WHITE DEER, Texas — Glen Earl Hillman, 78, of White Deer, died Jan. 2, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hillman was born July 11, 1929, in Roll, Okla., and was reared in that area of Oklahoma. He married Berta L. West on Aug. 4, 1947, in Wheeler.

He worked for Cabot & IRI as a crane operator, retir-

ing in 1987 after 35 years of service. He was a Baptist.

He had been a resident of White Deer for 55 years. He loved to travel and visit with others. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Berta L. Hillman, of



Hillman

the home; two daughters, Glenda Weatherly of White Deer, and Frances Rankin and husband Jacob of Amarillo; one son, Dwayne Hillman and wife Teresa of White Deer; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death

by two brothers; eight sisters; and two nephews, Calvin Hillman in 2007 and Sonny Townesly.

MEMORIALS: White Deer E.M.S., P.O. Box 98, White Deer, TX 79097, or the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Ruth Caroline Lunsford, 76

Ruth Caroline Lunsford, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church with Nancy Ruff, commissioned lay pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lunsford was born Dec. 22, 1931, in Waukegan, Ill. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Illinois and later taught school in Illinois. She came to Pampa in 1969 where she taught at Pampa Junior High School for 25 years.

Following her retirement, she volunteered for First Presbyterian Church, Good



Lunsford

Osborne and husband Valton of Red Oak, and Terri Senior and husband Richard of Waco; one son, Steve Busse of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Lynn Wright and husband Gene of Austin, and Lea Hobbs and husband John of Keller; one brother, David Knox and wife Gladys of Williamsville, Ill.; one sister, June Mackey of Waukegan, Ill.; four grandsons, Brandt Osborne of Red Oak, and Jerrod Busse, Taylor Busse, and Jeremy Busse, all of Pampa; three granddaughters, Lauri Osborne, Ashlie

Senior and Stephanie Senior, all of Waco; two step-granddaughters, Lauren Hobbs and Jennifer Hobbs, both of Keller, and Christy Wright of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065; or First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Forty-eight traffic stops were made. Traffic stops in the 500 block of North Wells, the 200 block of North Starkweather, the 900 block of Huff Road and the 500 block of Oklahoma resulted in arrests. The stop in the 500 block of Oklahoma involved a wrong/fictitious/alterred registration for 30 days dated May 29 with an expiration date of Aug. 28.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of West 19th. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of 25th and Chestnut streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Gray, the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 1500 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 600 block of Bradley Drive and the 2600 block of Seminole.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Gwendolen and Naida streets.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter and criminal mischief were reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Property valued at \$50 was damaged.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of Lefors.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in

the 600 block of East Foster, the 1000 block of South Wells and twice in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of Coffee.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 700 block of Sloan. Minor injuries to the face which did not require medical attention were reported in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved money orders of \$850 each, with a total of \$4,500, for the purchase of a dog. The victim was unable to contact the seller after payment was made.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Laurie Lynn Soliz, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North West by Pampa Police Department for failure to appear concerning a Carson County charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Ronald Maury, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Starkweather by PPD on capias pro fines for no insurance and following too closely.

Harold Pendergrass, 69, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Starkweather by PPD on bond surrenders for three counts of violating a protective order.

Wendy Gammage, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

Xenia Buckhaults, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD on a capias pro fine concerning consumption of alcohol.

Ignacio Salgado, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Sloan by PPD for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Spencer Boyd, 55, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Huff Road by PPD on a capias pro fine for expired motor vehicle registration.

Tommy Ray Carver, 51, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by PPD for wrong/fictitious/alterred registration, no valid driver's license, no proof of liability insurance, and capias pro fines for no seat belt, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no Texas driver's license and displaying expired registration.

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

Thursday, Jan. 3

5:29 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of East 25th on a motor vehicle accident.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

8:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Jupiter and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

4:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Foster. No transport.

10:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

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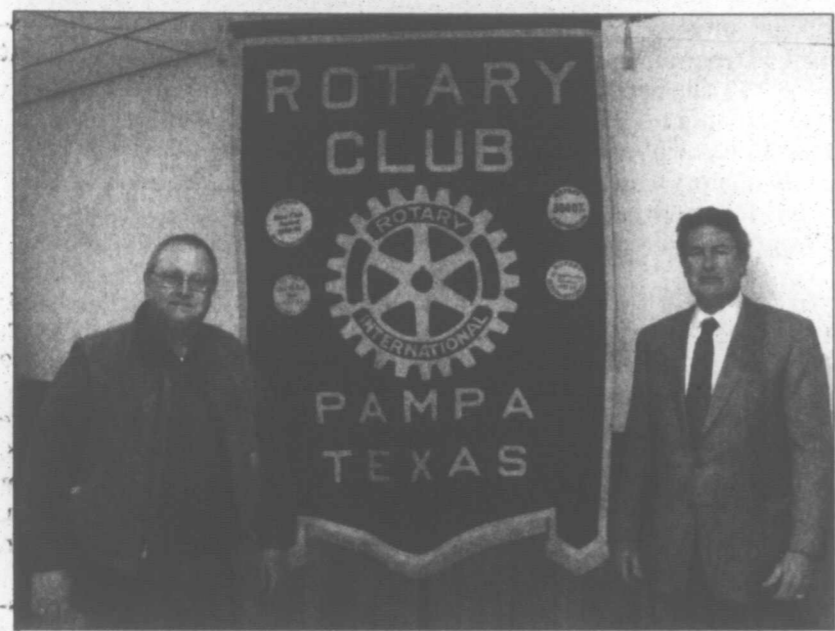
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Rotary speaker



Pampa News Photo by SEAN SMITH

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, left, from the Gray County Sheriff's Office spoke at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Gene Thompson, right, is the Rotary program chairman for January. Rushing, who has 35 years of experience in law enforcement, is one of 13 deputies currently in the GCSO, along with 18 jail staff. He spoke on the importance of serving the people of Gray County.

Fisher

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prevent fires. Fisher, who has one daughter, Vanessa, said he plans on working at his investment properties around town for a while. "While working, I haven't had time to keep up with the work and repairs on my properties, so I plan on just doing that for a while," Fisher said. "I'll do a little carpentry work and construction to keep me busy for now. I'd also like to do a little bit of trav-

eling when I get the chance." He said it is possible that he might get another full-time job in the future, but he does not have any set plans for that right now. "I really appreciate what the city of Pampa has done for me over the past 23 years," Fisher said. "They've always been good to me and it's been a great place to work. The fire department here is well trained and I appreciate all of the training that I was allowed to get while employed there." The fire marshal position is currently open and anyone interested in the position should contact Fire Chief Kim Powell at 669-5800.

CASA

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the most consistent person in the child's life during their involvement with the court," she said. A CASA volunteer reviews all material in child protective services case files on the child, monitors the family's compliance with a CPS serv-

ice plan, visits with anyone who can give them information about the child, visits with the child if the child is old enough to respond, and prepares reports for each court hearing involving the child. The CASA volunteer is also required to see the child monthly if the child lives within a 150-mile radius. The volunteer's court reports include recommendations on what they feel is in the best interest of the child. For more information, call CASA at 669-7638.

Removal of Mexico's last tariffs on U.S.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Activists lifted a blockade at the U.S.-Mexico border on Wednesday, ending a 36-hour protest against the removal of Mexico's last tariffs on U.S. and Canadian farm goods.

Mexico abolished its last protective tariffs on basic crops like corn, beans and sugar on Tuesday, under the terms of the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. Mexican farmers have complained they won't be able to compete with U.S. farmers who can sell cheaper products because they receive government subsidies.

Mexico's Roman Catholic Church has warned that the changes could spark an exodus to the U.S.

"It is clear that many farmers will have a difficult time competing in the domestic market, and that could cause a large number of farmers to leave their farms," the archdiocese said in a statement issued on New Year's Day.

Dozens of farm activists in Ciudad Juarez blocked one lane of the border bridge leading into El Paso, Texas, to protest the unrestricted imports of U.S. corn, as part of a 36-hour demonstration that started in the first minutes of the New Year.

They had pledged not to allow any U.S. grain into the country, but none of the trucks they stopped and inspected at the bridge were carrying any grain. They lifted the blockade around midday on Wednesday.

Holiday motorists visiting fami-

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ly members south of the border were frustrated by the partial blockade.

"They should go somewhere else to stage their show. They're not going to solve anything here," said Luis Santillan, an El Paso resident trying to get across the bridge.

Front pages of Mexican newspapers, meanwhile, were filled with predictions, that the trade opening would hurt Mexican food production and cause conflict.

The open battle against

NAFTA begins," read a banner headline in the daily La Jornada.

In Mexico City, activists announced plans to march through the capital and hold a nationwide conference on Jan. 14 to plan further protests.

"This is going to be a complicated year, and there will certainly be a lot of demonstrations," said Enrique Perez, a spokesman for the National Association of Farm Distributors, one of the groups organizing the marches.

Mexico, the birthplace of corn, obtained a 15-year protection for sensitive farm crops when NAFTA was negotiated in 1993. That protection period ran out on Jan. 1. Mexico still grows almost all of the corn consumed here by humans, but imports corn to feed animals.

NAFTA also opened U.S. markets to Mexican crops like winter vegetables and avocados.

Not everyone in Mexico is against the trade opening.

"There are many who don't like globalization, but it exists and we can't run away from it and hide," an editorial in Mexico City's El Universal newspaper read Wednesday.

Large men claim restaurant banned them because they ate too much

HOUMA, La. (AP) — A 265-pound man says a restaurant overcharged him for his trips to the buffet, then banned him and a relative because of how much they consumed during their visits.

Ricky Labit, a 6-foot-3 disabled offshore worker, said he had been a regular at the Manchuria Restaurant, eating there as often as three times a week. But on his most recent visit, he said a waitress gave him and his wife's cousin, Michael Borrelli, a bill for \$46.40, roughly double the buffet price for two adults. "She says, 'Y'all fat, and y'all eat too much,'" Labit said.

Labit and Borrelli said they felt discriminated against because of their size. "I was stunned, that somebody would say something like that. I ain't that fat, I only weigh 277," Borrelli said.

Accountant Thomas Campo, who spoke for the restaurant because the owner's English is limited, said the men were charged an extra \$10 each on Dec. 21 because they made a habit of dining exclusively on the more expensive seafood dishes, including crab legs and frog legs.

"We have a lot of

big people there," Campo said. "We don't discriminate."

The argument over the bill grew heated, and police were called. The police report states that the disagreement was settled when the restaurant said the bill was a mistake and, to appease Labit, the meal was complimentary.

Labit said he insisted on paying but was told not to come back. He complained that when seafood on the buffet line runs out,

the restaurant only grudgingly cooks more. Campo said the proprietress tries to reduce waste of quality food.

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Viewpoints

Center for Consumer Freedom hosts 'awards'

My vote is decided. It was a tough decision, but I've made up my mind. Yup, I've cast my vote for ... PETA. The Center for Consumer Freedom recently held its yearly "Nanny Awards," and that's my pick.

Oops. You weren't thinking I'd made up my mind on a candidate this early in the United States presidential race? Come on, now. Give me a little more time. After all, the primaries have barely begun.

According to an e-mail I received from TownHall Spotlight, the center was polling for the "Worst Nanny of 2007."

Here were the contenders copied and pasted verbatim from the Web:

- Michael Jacobson, "No Yummies for Dummies' Tummies" Award — It would be quicker to list all the foods the Executive Director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) *didn't* attack in 2007. Chinese take-out, margarine, quesadillas, and caffeine all made it onto his blacklist. In February, Jacobson told CBS Radio that "restaurants have every right to make these foods and you have every right to eat them." But CSPI's lobbying efforts suggest otherwise. The group has sued restaurants for using margarine (trans fat) and is petitioning the FDA to control how much salt you can have.

- Pamela Anderson, "Tuna Tacos Make

Merry Marriage" Award — The publicity-starved spokes-blondie for the animal rights wing nuts at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) was caught yet again flouting her veggie "principles." In June, Anderson got married (for a third time). The menu at her post-ceremony dinner? Pigs in a blanket, tuna tacos, and lobster.

- Adria Hinkle and Andrew Cook, "Dumped Dogs Tell No Tales" Award — Let's get this straight: PETA employees Hinkle and Cook admitted in court to picking up perfectly healthy dogs and cats from North Carolina-area shelters, killing said animals in the back of their PETA-owned van, and tossing the bodies into nearby dumpsters. Yet PETA President Ingrid Newkirk criticized them only for using the dumpster!

- Putnam County Office for the Aging, "86-ing Octogenarians' Food Choices" Award — Everyone knows the expression, "Like taking candy from a baby." But health officials in this small New York county got it backwards: They tried to take donuts from the elderly. To protest the ban on donated baked goods at local retirement centers, sen-

ior citizens wore signs to remind officials that they're "86, not 8."

- Meme Roth, "Real Cops Need to Arrest Food Cop" Award — This self-appointed obesity activist crammed a whole lot of crazy into the past year. She called out the Keebler Elves, Girl Scouts, and even Santa Claus as obesity culprits. Roth had to be *physically restrained* from vandalizing a YMCA snack table. And when asked on "The Daily Show" if "eating a cupcake is the same as putting a gun in your mouth," she agreed.

- Thomas Frieden, "Der Kommissar" Award — As commissioner of New York City's humorously named "Department of Health and Mental Hygiene," Frieden spearheaded a ban of *trans* fat, a common ingredient in crackers and pastries. In November he reintroduced complex mandatory menu labeling legislation. No word yet on the proof his version of menu labeling works any better.

- Wayne Pacelle, "If You Can't Beat Them, Kill Them" Award — It was a pretty rough year for the president of the \$152 million Humane Society of the United States. In May, Pacelle got battered during a

Congressional hearing for his claims about mad cow disease. In the wake of the Michael Vick dog fighting scandal, HSUS promised to care for the disgraced NFL star's pit bulls. When it was later revealed that HSUS was doing nothing of the sort, Pacelle publicly recommended that government officials kill the dogs.

- Dan Kinburn, "Suing Everything Under the Bun" Award — A lawyer for the PETA-affiliated Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) has been encouraging trial lawyers to use California's Proposition 65 (a notorious "bounty hunter" law) to sue "virtually every restaurant in the state of California that is not serving an all-vegetarian diet."

- Harold Goldstein, "PhD Most in Need of Summer School" Award — He heads the California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA), the food cops for the West Coast. Though Goldstein holds a doctorate in public health, he failed his own organization's quiz on basic nutrition. CCPHA designed the test to support government-mandated calorie-posts on menus. But it really only shows the need for high academic standards for Public Health degrees.

Er, I just realized PETA wasn't up for the award, was it? Well, it gets my vote anyway!

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Downloading: More you need to know

Last week, I discussed the basics of downloading programs. If you missed it, you can read it, or ANY of my

columns, at this newspaper's Web site or at my site (<http://www.EricSpellmann.com>).

This week, we're going to tackle two topics — types of software you can download and the pitfalls you need to avoid. First, the types. Software comes in all forms, but you can categorize it into two basic categories — programs and data. Programs are simply sets of instructions that your computer can perform. Data is the information that the program manipulates. For example: Microsoft Word is the program and your letter to Grandma is the data. You can download programs OR data files.

In most cases, when someone discusses downloading, they are talking about programs. Basically, five types exist: utilities, games, business programs, educational programs and drivers.

Utilities are programs that will speed up or add to the capabilities of your computer. Commonly downloaded utilities include virus scanners, Internet add-ons, PC diagnostics, and screensavers.

By far the most popular types of programs downloaded, though, are games. Everything from shoot'em-ups to solitaire can be played on your computer. **GameSpot** (<http://www.gamespot.com>) is my favorite site to download these entertaining diversions.

What most companies don't know is that the Web

is a great place to try out business programs. Spreadsheets, budget analyzers, contact organizers, and daytimers, are just some examples of the software bounty waiting for you. My favorite business program source is the category by the same name at [Download.com](http://www.download.com) (<http://www.download.com>).

Many parents buy PCs to educate their kids. Check out the "educational" section of [Download.com](http://www.download.com) for some great files. If you are dead-set on buying educational software, check out my favorite educational software review site, <http://www.superkids.com>.

Drivers are those files that actually make your computer "go." You'll find printer drivers, CD-ROM drivers, monitor drivers, even mouse drivers. Constantly being updated, these drivers can be hard to find. When I need to find an update for my computer, I check out <http://www.win-drivers.com>.

When searching for downloadable programs, you will no doubt run into the following terms: freeware, shareware and postcardware. Whenever you buy a piece of software at the store, you pay for it

BEFORE you get to try it. Not what you expected or wanted? Want to return it? If you've opened the package, you're out of luck! A costly mistake, indeed!

Shareware, on the other hand, is different. Most downloadable software is shareware. You download the program and use it freely for a period of time. After that time limit has passed, you are expected to pay for it or erase it from your system. Think of shareware as "try before you buy." Some shareware

authors enforce this time limit and disable the software after it expires. To re-enable it, you have to get a super-secret-decoder-ring password from the author. And, you guessed it, he won't give it to you until you pay. Most shareware authors go on the honesty principle. They put little "nag" screens in the software that remind you that you haven't paid, but they don't disable it.

Freeware is just what it sounds like. The author creates the software and offers it on the Internet for anyone who wants to use it. Some great freeware sites are out there. My two favorites are <http://www.freewarefiles.com>

and <http://www.nonags.com>.

Postcardware is the most interesting of the three. The author will not charge you anything to use his programs. However, instead of payment he wants you to send him a postcard just so he can see how far his program circulates.

So, what should you watch out for when downloading files? What are the pitfalls to avoid? First, only download files from reputable sites, like Microsoft and [download.com](http://www.download.com). Avoid weird little sites like "Uncle Yahid's House of Swedish Software."

Downloading from sites like that is a lot like buying a Rolex from a street vendor. Mistakes can lead to nasty virus infestations. Second, always check your downloaded files for viruses BEFORE you install them. While it is improbable you would get a virus from Microsoft, it is NOT impossible. Finally, limit your download sites to the USA, Britain and Australia. Other sites, particularly those located in China and the former Soviet Union are full of viruses and should be avoided at all cost.

Downloading need not be scary or frustrating. With a little practice, you can download with the best of them!

See you in Cyberspace!

Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2008. There are 363 days left in the year.

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On this date:

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— Anonymous

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic.

(Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.)

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

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Sports



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Pictured here (L-R) are Pampa Harvesters Adam Anguiano, Jad McGuire and Garrett Eggleston as they watch last Friday's game against Odessa High from the sidelines of Lubbock Coronado's home court.

Harvesters to hit the road Friday

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

After having been on a recent losing streak, the Pampa Harvesters have evened out their win-loss record and currently stand at 9-9 on the season.

With only two games to go before starting their district season next Friday, head coach Dustin Miller and the varsity boys hope to work improving certain areas of their game.

"What I would like to see is for us to improve on turnovers and our free throw percentage," Miller said. "Those are two things we have to get fixed before district starts."

This weekend will be their last chance to work on those improvements in a game setting as they begin by fac-

ing off with the Bulldogs in Plainview Friday.

Originally scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, the game will begin at 6 p.m. in Plainview.

For the first time in their three meetings with the Bulldogs, the teams will play on Plainview's home court.

The first time they played this season was at the Canyon tournament, and again at McNeely Field House in Pampa in December.

Pampa's current record with Plainview is 0-2, but the Harvesters hope to end their recent losing streak with a win over the Bulldogs.

To follow Friday's match, Pampa will return to McNeely and welcome Amarillo Tascosa in their last game

before district.

In their first game against the Tascosa Rebels, Pampa celebrated a 62-59 victory on the Rebels' home court.

They plan to continue that success as they head into Saturday's home game, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. at McNeely Field House in Pampa.

"I expect us to play really hard this weekend and show some improvement," Miller said. "We had a really good week of practice."

Following this weekend, the Harvesters will go into what they hope will be another good week of practice as they prepare to begin their district season, which will kick off next Friday as they travel to Palo Duro to face the Dons.

Hidden Hills results

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Carroll Pettit

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Charlie Byrum
Carl Johnson
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Howard Musgrave

4th Place (67)
O.K. Lee
Howard Wells
Harvey Malone
James Gray

Cloest to the Pin
Carroll Pettit (#8)
Harley Knutson (#12)

Optimist boys basketball coaches to meet this evening

Optimist Boys' Basketball coaches and those interested in the program will meet today at 7 p.m. to plan the season, according to Commissioner Chris Engle. The program will be divided into a third and fourth grade division and a fifth and sixth grade division.

"We plan to have registration and tryouts Monday through Friday of next week," Engle said. "We are also looking forward to having Dustin Miller, the Pampa High School Boys' Basketball Head Coach, give us a clinic at 2 p.m. Sunday at Optimist Gym."

Engle continued, "I have worked out a tentative schedule of games to start the season before the end of this month, but it will necessarily depend on how many teams we have."

For the first time, professional referees will be utilized in the program. "I think this will give the boys a better experience," Engle said. "Having professional referees seemed to work well for the girls' program which ended last month."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

ALUMNI SOCCER SCRIMMAGE

The annual PHS Alumni Soccer Scrimmage will take place Saturday at the Travis Elementary soccer fields.

Any and all PHS soccer alumni and current high school athletes are invited to attend and compete.

The girls game will take place at noon and the boys will play at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club.

West Texas A&M hoops returns to action tonight

CANYON, Texas - After a 16-day break for the holiday season, the West Texas A&M men's basketball team will jump back into action on tonight when it hosts defending Lone Star Conference North Division Champion Southeastern Oklahoma State in an 8 p.m. match-up at the First United Bank Center.

Prior to the tip-off of the men's game, the Lady Buffs will hit their

home court for the first time since Nov. 29, putting their 37-game home winning streak to the test against the Savage Storm.

Thursday will be the Lady Buffs' first chance to shake off the disappointment of a 79-72 setback to then-No. 6 Drury in the Championship game of the South Padre Sports Tour on Dec. 29, a loss which dropped their record to 6-3 on the season. Additionally, it

will be a chance to avenge a 67-62 loss to Southeastern Oklahoma from a season ago.

Junior All-American guard Emily Brister, who tallied a 24-point, 14-rebound performance against Drury, has been streaking from the free throw line where she has successfully made her last 29 attempts.

The SOSU women enter the contest with a 7-4 overall mark, but are

looking to reverse a trend which has seen them drop three of their last four games.

The late match-up of the double-header will see the 7-4 Buffs attempt to bounce back from a setback of their own during their last action when they dropped a 65-59 decision to Lubbock Christian.

Junior point guard Kyle Shields has scored 28 points in the teams' last two contests to lead the Buffs

as he continues to find his groove on the court after missing all of last season due to injury.

WT's opponent, the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma, come to town on Thursday with a 3-7 overall record and, like their women's squad, have not been hot of late, dropping five of their last six contests.

Bill Stewart selected as West Virginia's head football coach

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia has selected Bill Stewart as its coach.

The school dropped the interim tag from his title after the 11th-ranked Mountaineers' 48-28 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday night.

The 55-year-old Stewart will be officially introduced Thursday at an 11 a.m. EST news conference at the team's hotel in Scottsdale, Ariz., athletic department spokesman Mike Fragale confirmed in a phone call with The Associated Press.

Stewart was promoted from associate head coach to interim coach after Rich Rodriguez left for Michigan last month. Stewart earned \$139,000 this year in his position that also included coaching tight ends and fullbacks, and being the special teams coordinator for the 11th-ranked Mountaineers. Rodriguez signed a seven-year deal in August worth almost \$2 million a year.

Mountaineers quarterback Pat White, who ran for 150 yards and threw for 176 and two touchdowns in the victory over the No. 3 Sooners, began stumping for Stewart on the field after the game.

"He deserves it," White said. "A great man. A great coach. All the players respect him and all the players love him. You couldn't ask for a better man to lead us to victory today."

Fullback Owen Schmitt, who scored on a 57-yard run, called Stewart the "glue" that kept the Mountaineers together during a rocky month.

"We're a family," Schmitt said. "That's why we prevailed."

Stewart came to West Virginia as quarterbacks coach in January 2000 after two seasons as offensive coordinator in the Canadian Football League.

Don Nehlen, the retired Mountaineers coach who hired Stewart, said Thursday he was glad his former assistant had landed the job.

Dolphins fire Cameron after 1-15 season

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Cam Cameron was fired as the Miami Dolphins' coach Thursday by new boss Bill Parcells after plunging to an 0-13 start in his first year on the job and finishing with just one victory.

The dismissal comes three days after Parcells ousted general manager Randy Mueller and means the reeling franchise will have its fifth coach in five seasons.

Parcells began work Dec. 27 as executive vice president of football operations and quickly concluded the Dolphins need another fresh start.

It has been 37 years since the

Dolphins fired a coach. But they never finished 1-15 before.

All but two members of Cameron's coaching staff were also fired, but some might be rehired by the new head coach, the Dolphins said. Retained were assistant special teams coach Steve Hoffman and linebackers coach George Edwards.

Parcells made the decisions in consultation with new general manager Jeff Ireland, hired Wednesday after seven years in player personnel with the Dallas Cowboys. Ireland replaced Mueller, who was fired Monday after three seasons with Miami.

The early front-runner to replace Cameron is another Cowboys employee, assistant head coach Tony Sparano. He's scheduled to interview Friday for the head coaching vacancy in Atlanta.

Cameron's firing was announced in a morning news release.

"This is a difficult decision, and I want to thank Cam and the rest of his staff for their work this past season," Ireland said. "By making this decision now, it gives all of the coaches the greatest chance to pursue other opportunities."

Mavericks take out several years of frustrations on Warriors

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki wasn't about to admit anything.

According to him, the 29 points, eight rebounds, six assists and three blocks he had in leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 121-99 victory Wednesday night were all part of just another night at the office — even if they came against the Golden State Warriors, his team's nemesis and the club that's most to blame for people saying he didn't deserve to be MVP last season.

So for the real answer, listen to what his teammates said after seeing the big German carry them to their most lopsided victory of the season.

"He exorcised some of his demons," Jerry Stackhouse said. "It's something that needed to be done."

"He just refused to allow them to

double-team him," added Jason Terry. "This was definitely his best game of the year. I liked everything he did."

Following a game plan drawn up by Golden State coach Don Nelson, the mastermind behind Nowitzki's ascent in the NBA, the Warriors chopped Nowitzki and the Mavericks down in last year's playoffs, knocking out the eventual MVP and a 67-win team in the first round of the playoffs.

Other teams have cribbed Golden State's strategy to try neutralizing Nowitzki this season. While some teams have made it work, Nowitzki wasn't about to let the Warriors pull it off again.

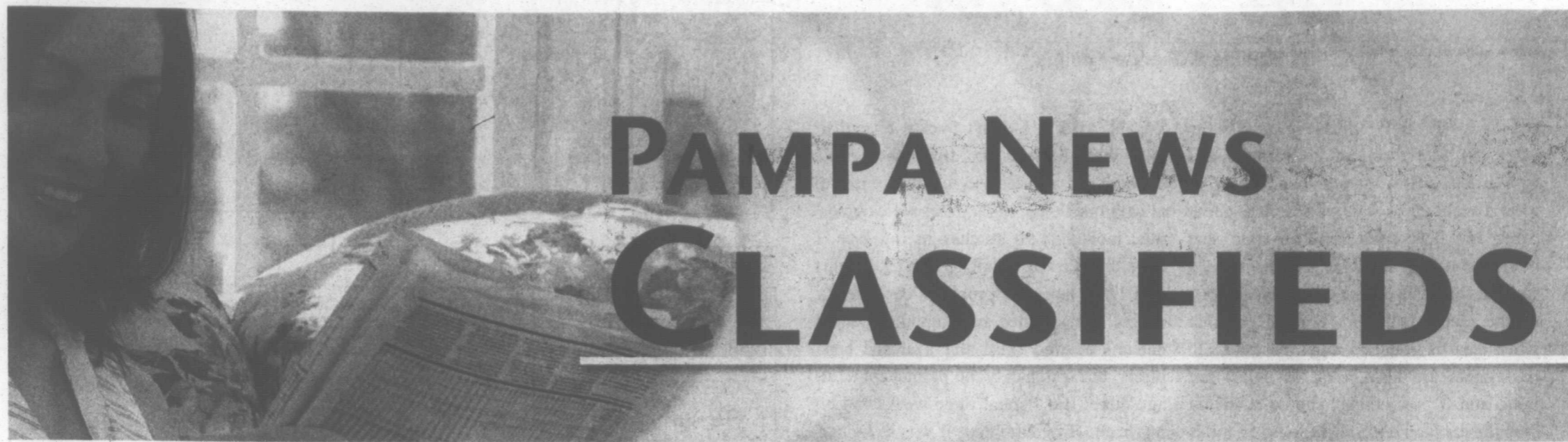
Nowitzki settled in closer to the basket than usual, then took open jumpers or charged the rim whenever he sensed single coverage and passing whenever

a second defender came at him. He also decided what he wanted to do much quicker than usual. On defense, Nowitzki was so active that he had two blocks on one possession.

"I think Dirk just played his game, like the MVP," said Stephen Jackson, who along with Baron Davis led Golden State's playoff upset. "I thought he played great. I think if I could put my hand on one thing it was that he was more patient on the block. I think he just stayed under control. He definitely carried them tonight."

Warriors forward Al Harrington noticed, too.

"Dirk was aggressive. He wasn't passive," said Harrington, who scored 21 points. "He was determined to put his team on his back and play at an MVP level."



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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) ***** Let your imagination call the shots. Be aware of your limits and what goes on. Prepare to indulge someone near and dear. The method you choose needs to be unique to you. Investigate new ideas more openly. Tonight: Break new ground. Try something different.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Togetherness makes everyone happy, if you're with the right person. You can make that happen if you so choose. Deal with joint financial matters with care. Yes, there is a tendency to overindulge. Tonight: Say yes to living.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others make an offer that you cannot say no to. As light and easy as a

situation is, the more dynamic your life will be, if you let someone take the lead. Learning to be docile takes talent. Tonight: Be smart; indulge a family member.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You might want to do something very different from in the past. Center on your daily life and what honestly works for you. Someone has an interesting manner of letting you know that he or she likes you. Tonight: Easy does it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Creativity stems from your ability to relax and let go. How you handle a situation might define your relationship with a key person. Allow others the freedom you give yourself. If you want to break new turf, do just that. Tonight: Take a risk.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Basics count, and you do make a difference. Your ability to move others and make an impression comes through. Consider if you are overly stern when dealing with a family member or are negative about a real estate investment. Tonight: Head on home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You might have a lot to say. You discover this fact when you start expressing yourself and don't seem to be able to stop. Allow creative brainstorming to happen, but also allow others to participate. Tonight: Allow more fun in your life.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You know what you want and where you are heading. Your sense of destiny takes over, and you might go to extremes. You will want to do things a lot differently from in the past. Listen to

feedback. Tonight: Smiling works.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You are all smiles. You do make a difference. Understand what it is you want from someone and make it happen. Listen to others with an ear to potential and possibilities. Your personality speaks. Tonight: As you like.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take your time with the full knowledge that you have options and other choices. Investigate possibilities with an eye to greater potential. Assume a laid-back stance for now, and you will get the type of results you have dreamt of. Tonight: Timeout for you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You soar in meetings when others just hang loose. Your smile wins friends left and right. Know what you expect, but don't demand it. You will be much happier when you smile about what is happening. Tonight: Where the gas is.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others look to you for leadership and direction. Though you might not be clear about what your expectations are, you are likely to achieve them. You have many reasons to step up to the plate. Tonight: Check out your options.

BORN TODAY
Actress Jane Wyman (1914), voice of Winnie-the-Pooh Sterling Holloway (1905), inventor Louis Braille (1809) *****
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: May I please respond to the letter you printed on Oct. 29 from the seventh-grader whose stepmother refuses to wear a seat belt? I, too, was careless about using my belt when shoulder-strap seat belts were first available. At the time, I worked for an insurance company, and one of the claims adjusters pointed out that when a car is going 55 miles per hour, the passengers are also going 55 miles per hour, and if "something" should suddenly stop the car, you are STILL going 55 miles per hour until the point of impact. Needless to say, I never failed to wear my seat belt after that. — **LORI IN ARNOLD, CALIF.**

DEAR LORI: Thank you for the reminder. I hope the letters I am printing today will be a wake-up call to the careless and the stubborn. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a retired chief deputy coroner for Madison County, Indiana, it was my duty to investigate automobile fatalities. The No. 1 contributing cause of automobile deaths was and still is the deadly head-on collision. When two cars traveling 45 miles an hour are involved in a head-on collision, their total speed at impact is equal to 90 miles per hour. The victim is either thrown through the windshield or free of the car and killed instantly when the automobile crushes him. Head-on collisions happen without warning: Another car crosses the median or center line, a tire blows out, someone was driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The reason for buckling a seat belt is to prevent making contact with the windshield and to keep the passenger inside the vehicle. When this is done, your chances of survival are far greater if you're involved in a head-on auto accident. — **DONALD G. McGRANAHAN, VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: I didn't buckle up either, until about 14 years ago. It took being in a serious car accident to convince me to always buckle up. My injuries were numerous, including 90 stitches in my face. I have the scars as a daily reminder. To this day, I still have eye problems because my eyeball was pushed back upon impact. I had a fractured skull and a closed head injury, but fortunately, no permanent damage there. But I spent three weeks flat on my back. How humbling it was to be carried to the tub to be bathed, and to be slid off the sofa and onto a bucket to go to the bathroom. I was not able to work for three months. I admire that seventh-grader who wrote about his concern for his stepmother. As a stepmom myself, I would happily and cheerfully comply with a request to buckle my seat belt and count my blessings. — **LEARNED MY LESSON IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR ABBY: My accident happened when cars were built like Sherman tanks, and seat belts were not required by law. I was seated next to my husband, who was driving. We were hit head-on by a drunk driver. I broke the windshield with my face, and I was stuck in it by a shard of glass up under my chin. Both my legs and hips were broken in numerous places from the impact and the seat being thrown forward, and I have required numerous surgeries since. If you think my experience will serve as a warning to others, please print it. — **MARJORIE H.**

DEAR MARJORIE H.: Here's your letter. Now let's cross our fingers.

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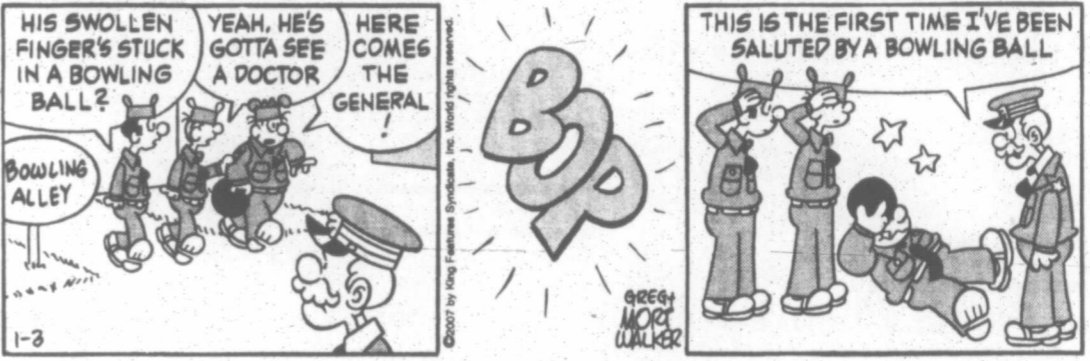
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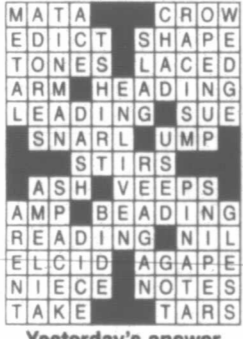


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Zodiac animal
 - 5 Food for pigs
 - 10 Robust
 - 11 Justice Antonin
 - 12 Land in the sea
 - 13 Slogged away
 - 14 Club documents
 - 16 Protesters, at times
 - 20 Chicken
 - 23 "Da — Ron"
 - 24 Detroit team
 - 25 Navajo home
 - 27 Scroll-work shape
 - 28 Strata
 - 29 Gossips, say
 - 32 Book parts
 - 36 Pickled garnishes
 - 39 Rocket Clapton
 - 40 Frittata
 - 41 Poet Dove
 - 42 Cover words
 - 43 Visionary
- DOWN**
- 1 Smart
 - 2 Foolhardy
 - 3 — breve (music mark)
 - 4 Six-pack unit
 - 5 Ridicule
 - 6 Sash site
 - 7 Foreboding
 - 8 Deceit
 - 9 Young fellow
 - 11 Place
 - 15 Not that
 - 17 Keeness
 - 18 Crowd sound
 - 19 Some heirs
 - 20 One of the Baldwins
 - 21 School member
 - 22 Painter Bonheur
 - 25 Stringed instrument
 - 26 Seafood order
 - 28 Minimal amount
 - 30 Immune system component
 - 31 Crowd, so they say
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 - 34 Solemn act
 - 35 Fight memento
 - 36 Guest's bed
 - 37 Paris pal
 - 38 Favorite



Yesterday's answer

Marmaduke

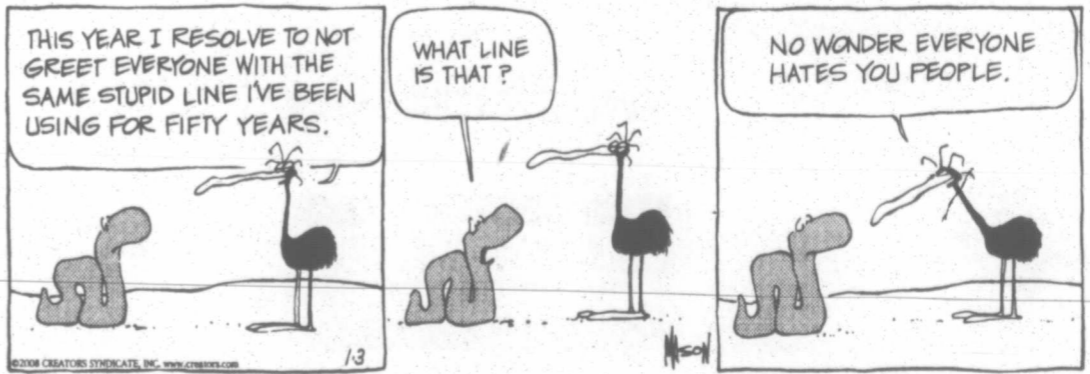


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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