

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday Friday Saturday



High 42 Low 23 High 50 Low 22 High 46 Low 23

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of snow before 11 am, then a slight chance of rain and snow between 11 am and noon, then a slight chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Wind chill values between 13 and 23. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. East wind around 5 mph becoming north.

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Rushing Wind Emmaus

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on January 9, 2010, at the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck supper followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited and a nursery will be provided. The RW Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the conference room.

Texas troops to ring in the new year at home

BY SGT. WILL HILL, CAMP ATTERBURY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from the Texas Agribusiness Development Team flew half-way around the world on Christmas day, but not on Santa's sleigh. They did, however, bring gifts for their family and friends from Afghanistan after completing a year-long deployment.

The 65-member team arrived at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center on Christmas day for their demobilization process. They are scheduled to head home just before the New Year.

Lt. Col. Michael Rockwell, deputy commander of the Texas ADT, said he was glad he was back in the United States and mentioned how proud he was of the success of the mission.

Their mission included teaching the Afghanistan people better farming techniques in the field and teaching the business aspect of farming distribution while furthering agriculture development.

"We built a slaughter facility to help change the health and sanitation of the meat," said Rockwell. "Now health inspectors check the quality of the meat and control the slaughter point, because before they slaughtered the animals in the street and had the blood just run down into ditches."

The Texas ADT also surveyed a key location for a fish farm.

"The fish farm will give them a new crop [rainbow trout], and the farm will help them have multiple crops of fish a year and an aquaculture building will allow them to raise their own fish," said Sgt. Marty Conricote, a hydrologist for the Texas ADT.

"This fish farm will affect the local community and add a new agricultural crop to the area and by adding fish to their diet it will help improve their nutrition," he said.

After Soldiers check off their demobilizing check list, they pack their bags filled with gifts and wait patiently to head home.

"It feels great to be back in the states. If I can't be home at least I am on my way home," said Conricote with high spirits.

Obituaries

Reba Hon, 71

Pampa—Reba Hon, 71, died December 28, 2009, in San Angelo, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2009, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, with Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Hon was born July 3, 1938 in Wink, Texas. She passed away on December 28, 2009 in San Angelo, Texas, at the age of 71 years, 5 months and 25 days. She graduated from Lamesa High School. She married Cloyd S.

Hon on July 13, 1957 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2006. Reba had been a resident of Pampa since 1959. She was an active member of Cornerstone Baptist Church where she was involved in the children's ministries. Reba was known for her loving and giving spirit, and she was a loving "Granny."

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Diane Weaks and husband Chris of San Angelo, and Theresa Lynn Bruce and husband Tommy of Midland; a son, Shaun Kevin Hon and wife Jennie of Pampa; five grandchildren, Misty Fritz

and husband Michael of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Amber Smith and husband Chad of San Angelo, Tiffany Bruce of Midland, Kera Bruce and Eugene Abernathy, and Trey Hon, all of Pampa; three great-grandchildren, Tyeson Smith, Kolten Abernathy, and Kymber Abernathy. Reba was preceded in death by her parents: A. K. and Bea Bible; and two sisters, Kay Schwartz and Melba McCurdy.

MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends



Hon at the funeral home from 5 -7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Brecken Parker Stark

Pampa—Brecken Parker Stark, was stillborn on December 29, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 29. Valdomero Salas, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check in another county.

Brenda Sims, 47, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check in another county.

Leonardo Alonzo III, 32, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a warrant charging him with having an expired vehicle registration and failure to appear.

Jeremy Wilson, 22, of Skellytown, was arrested by deputies on a warrant from another county charging him with theft and possession of marijuana in another county.

Sheli Lynn Brandt, 39, was arrested by deputies on a warrant from another county concerning failure to identify.

Wednesday, Dec. 30. Michael Longo, 54, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported seven

traffic-related incidents and two accidents.

Animal control officials reported six animal-related calls.

Tuesday, Dec. 29. Officers had escort duty in the 900 block of East 23rd and in the 600 block of North Ward.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of Williston.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Ripley.

A forgery was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A forgery was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of North Somerville.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

An alarm was reported in the 500 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at Buckner and West.

An alarm was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of South Graham.

City officials reported

a water call at Tuke and Gillespie.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Linda.

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

A suspicious person was reported at Albert and Reid.

AMBULANCE

Pampa EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, December 23 to 7 a.m. Sunday, December 27.

Wednesday 8:18 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the PRMC, transported one patient to UMC.

11:03 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:48 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of S. Wells, transported one patient to PRMC.

Thursday 5:13 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky, transported one patient to PRMC.

5:30 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 12000 block of Highway 60, transported one patient to PRMC.

5:40 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Chestnut, no transport.

11:50 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1900 block of N. Beech, transported one patient to PRMC.

6:17 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to Perry Lefors Airport.

Friday 6:38 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of S. Love, no patient.

2:24 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 900 block of E. Malone, transported one patient to PRMC.

9:18 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter, no patient.

10:51 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter, transported one patient to PRMC.

Saturday 1:24 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC transported one patient to N.W. non emergency.

3:48 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 700 block of E. Albert transported one patient to PRMC.

8:14 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 500 block of N. Carr, transported one patient to PRMC.

8:23 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of S. Faulkner, transported one patient to PRMC.

Kraft may sponsor Texas Stadium implosion

IRVING, Texas (AP) — This massive demolition of a Texas icon is brought to you by Kraft Macaroni & Cheese.

That could become a true statement Thursday when Irving officials

vote on a contract making Kraft Foods the official sponsor of the scheduled March implosion of Texas Stadium.

The famed stadium was home of the Dallas Cowboys until they moved

into their swanky new Arlington stadium this season.

Mayor Herbert Gears says Kraft's advertising campaign is expected to bring in more than \$1 million worth of national

exposure to Irving. A Kraft official says the company's excited about the deal, but the won't talk about its plans until after the deal is done.

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Colossal win at NBC



The winners of National Bank of Commerce's "Colossal Christmas Stocking" on December 23 were Jade Ward, 5, and Chae Ward, 7.

state briefs Man dies after getting stuck in snowdrift

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Officials say a Dimmitt man has died after being run over by his pickup as he was trying to get it out of a snowdrift over the weekend. A Texas Department of Public Safety official tells the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal this week that 63-year-old Douglas Carl Pybus died at a Lubbock hospital

Sunday. Another man was helping Pybus pull his pickup out of a ditch after he got stuck Saturday night in the snowdrift when a DPS report says Pybus opened his door, fell out and got pinned under the vehicle, which ran over him.

Man turns over live grenade to San Antonio police

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man turned over three grenades to San Antonio police, and one of them was live and still had the pin in it.

The man had found the grenades in his late father's house about 10 years ago, but decided to bring them into a police substation early Wednesday because he was concerned about them being a danger to his young son.

He left them in a box in his car and told officers, who called in the bomb squad. Police determined two of the grenades were just training devices

Sgt. Michael Oliva said: "We looked at him like, 'What?' Bringing grenades to the sub is pretty unusual."

Oliva said the man was right to have notified police of the devices, but should have left them at home.

Goal

January on either a monthly or semi-monthly basis. We can do a bank draft that will begin in January or we can bill you on a date or dates you prefer, either

monthly, quarterly, etc.," Bigham explained. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to help Pampa United Way reach our goal this year may mail

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a pledge to P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Tx 79066-2076 or bring it by the office at 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105.

Streets

Hooper said. The city's public works director said citizens could help by notifying his office of potholes by calling Pampa's Action Center at 669-5888. "That's probably best way," he said. Citizens can tell the city employee on the phone or leave a message on a recording as to where the

pothole is located. "That way it can go on a list," Hooper said, "and be given to Ed Turner, who's our superintendent of the streets." Potholes, Hooper said, are something that happen in this part of the world. They're a natural phenomenon. "This is something that a lot of other cities doesn't

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have to deal with," he said, "but we have warm temperatures and cold temperatures to extremes." The constant expansion and contraction caused by the changing temperatures leads to a lot of problems with the streets. "We do try to get out and get them fixed as quickly as we can," he said.

Landfill

the recycling activity or help people who have questions." That should eliminate the need for part time positions at the present recycling location. The new location is adjacent to the larger diversion areas at the landfill where metal, concrete and tree limbs can be discarded for recycling. Hooper said the recycling center accepts cardboard, white paper, newsprint, No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, tin cans and aluminum cans. The center will also be a residential drop off point for used oil and oil filters. "Only residential items will be accepted," Hooper said.

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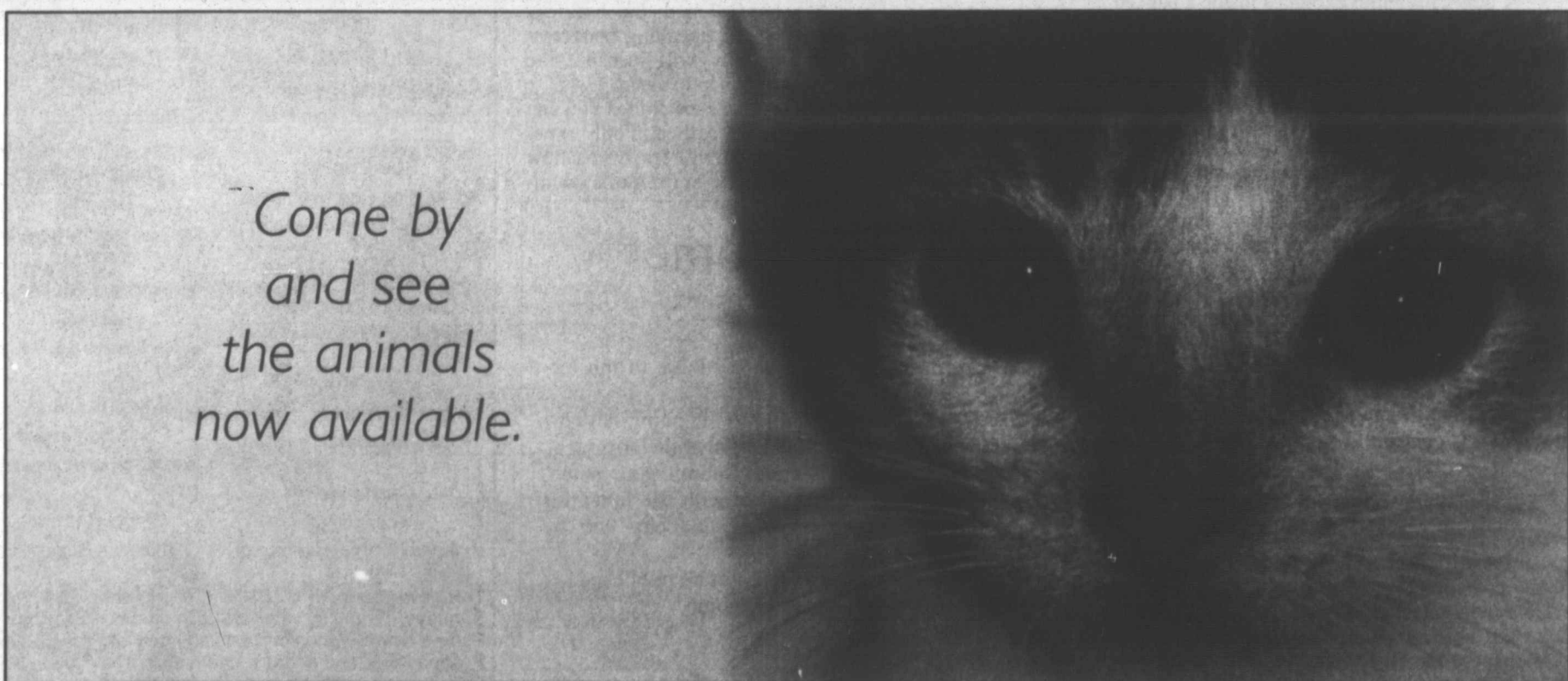
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2009. There is one day left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1758 - French forces advance against Madras in India.
- 1777 - Bavaria, on death of Maximilian III, passes to Charles Theodore, Elector Palatine, igniting the War of the Bavarian Succession.
- 1803 - Sindhia of Gwalior submits to British in India.
- 1853 - The Gadsden Purchase signed with Mexico to sell southern portion of Arizona and New Mexico to the United States for \$10 million.
- 1880 - The Transvaal Boers under Stephanus Kruger declare a republic.

'The meek shall inherit the earth— if that's all right with you.'

— Anonymous

1886 - Germany and Portugal agree on boundaries between Angola and German Southwest Africa.

1903 - Some 600 people die in the Iroquois Theater fire in Chicago.

1911 - Revolutionary Provisional Assembly in China elects Dr. Sun Yat-sen as the nation's first president.

1922 - The Transcaucasian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, consisting of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, joins the Soviet Union.

1947 - Romania's King Michael abdicates under Communist pressure.

1949 - France transfers sovereignty to Vietnam.

1954 - The French National Assembly ends four years of indecision over West German rearmament by accepting to bring West Germany into the Western European Union.

1958 - French West African states decide to form a federation within the French community.

1962 - China warns that the cease-fire in border conflict with India is unstable.

1964 - U.N. Security Council calls for an end to all foreign intervention in the Congo, a cease-fire and withdrawal of mercenaries.

1972 - The United States halts its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

1980 - The Spanish government agrees to allow the autonomous Basque government to raise taxes in the region and return only about one-third of the revenue to Madrid.

1988 - Yugoslavia's Premier Branko Mikulic and entire Cabinet resign following mounting criticism of how they handled the nation's economic crisis.

1989 - Polish Parliament approves reforms that allow formation of political parties, protect private property and deny Communist Party guaranteed monopoly on power.

1990 - Albanian Jews are allowed to begin emigrating to Israel for the first time.

1991 - Meeting in Minsk, Belarus, leaders of Commonwealth of Independent States fail to preserve unified military, allowing each republic to form its own army.

1992 - The California gray whale, a species once threatened with extinction, is removed from the endangered species list.

1993 - Israel and the Vatican agree to establish full diplomatic ties.

1994 - North Korea releases U.S. Army helicopter pilot Bobby Hall, ending a 13-day crisis.

1995 - Italian Premier Lamberto Dini submits his resignation, but wins a chance for a second year in office when Italy's president tells him Parliament should decide if he stays.

1996 - A powerful bomb explodes inside a packed express train in northeastern India, killing 38 passengers; the death toll from days of bitter cold, snow and ice across Europe reaches more than 140.

1997 - China announces stronger restrictions on the use of the Internet, aiming to curtail the use of e-mail and the World Wide Web among dissidents; armed men massacre 412 men, women and children in four mountain villages in Algeria.

1998 - The U.S. Federal Trade Commission approves the \$53 billion merger of British Petroleum Co. and Amoco Corp.

1999 - A man walks into the office of Pakistan's largest Urdu-language newspaper and confesses to killing 100 children.

2000 - A passenger breaks into the cockpit of a British Airways flight and grabs the controls, sending the Boeing 747 into two violent nosedives before the crew regains control. The plane eventually lands safely.

2002 - New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg signs a law banning smoking in almost all bars and restaurants in the city starting March 30, 2003.

2004 - Israeli warplanes fly over large parts of Lebanon, prompting the United Nations to again urge the Jewish state to stop sending its military aircraft over the Arab country in breach of the U.N.-drawn Lebanese-Israeli border.

Today's Birthdays:

Rudyard Kipling, English author (1865-1936); Stephen Leacock, Canadian humorist (1869-1944); Carol Reed, English film director (1906-1976); Bo Diddley, U.S. singer/guitarist (1928-2008); Skeeter Davis, U.S. singer (1931-2004); Patti Smith, U.S. punk musician (1946-); Tracey Ullman, British actress-singer (1959-).



The key to good politics? Good communication

BY LEE H. HAMILTON

Not long ago, I was speaking to a group of high-school students when one raised his hand, declared that he wanted to run for Congress, and asked what he should study in order to prepare. I suspect my answer surprised him. I told him to study English.

What I had in mind were writing, reading, and public speaking. Members of Congress need to be good at a lot of things if they want to be effective, but chief among them is the ability to communicate. Politics — both getting elected and making a meaningful contribution to public life — is largely about interaction with other people. You won't succeed if you can't make yourself understood, don't know how to pay attention to what others think, and don't care about the dialogue that underlies our democracy.

When I say "communication" I mean it in the broadest sense: formal and informal; one-on-one and before a mass audience; in writing, in speeches and in discussion; with small, friendly groups of admirers and in front of larger, not-always-friendly crowds; on television, on the radio, on the Web, and in print; in the formal setting of the House or Senate floor and sitting at a formica-topped luncheonette table over coffee and doughnuts.

Sometimes politicians have a chance to spend time choosing their words, but more often they have to speak off the cuff, weighing the import of their words even as they say them. Some people are born with this ability, but for lots of us it's a skill we learn with practice, and it's

invaluable to a politician.

When you accept an invitation to speak, you never know what the environment is going to be — not just in terms of the venue, which could be anything from an old VFW hall to someone's living room, but in terms of the political moment. More than a few times, I've prepared for a public appearance only to have my speech become irrelevant when some national issue became the only topic people were interested in discussing.

And the truth is, most audiences are less interested in hearing a speech read than in having it delivered in a way that seems fresh and spur-of-the-moment. They prefer dialogue with their elected representative rather than a set speech.

It also helps to remember that in public life, presentation matters. You have to be able to write clearly and, even more important, speak clearly: don't slur your words, don't let your voice fade — you'd be amazed how many people have difficulty hearing.

Be enthusiastic and energetic, and speak with conviction: if you don't believe what you're saying, your audience won't, either.

Learn how to calibrate what you say to the medium you're using: you'll be much more convincing on television if you speak conversationally than if you come across as angry or impassioned; but before a crowd, speaking conversationally will just put the audience to sleep.

These are things you can practice, though only experience will teach you how to relax in front of an audi-

ence, put them at ease, and, most important, enjoy your time in front of them.

All of these things are helped enormously by preparation. You may not have to know your exact words ahead of time, but you most certainly want to master your subject. When you're not sure of the facts or even of your own position, you have to tread extremely carefully: that's when politicians make mistakes, and in politics a bad slip can be devastating, especially in the age of mini digital recorders, camcorders and YouTube.

At the same time, the best politicians know that a crucial part of good communications is the ability to listen to constituents, to members of an audience, and to political opponents. The importance of paying attention to the first two should be obvious. You want to be able to address the concerns of listeners and to be ready to learn from them: not only do you not want to come across as an arrogant know-it-all, but

also you'd be surprised and humbled to discover how much a crowd of average Americans can teach even the best-versed politician. The same is true of your colleagues and opponents. Any public policy debate of consequence will have good points on both sides, and learning to welcome multiple perspectives is vital.

Because in the end, politics is a discussion among many interested parties — lawmakers, lobbyists, policy analysts, journalists and ordinary Americans. Being a good politician means being a good conversationalist, not simply scoring a few rhetorical points and then going home. Our system depends on give and take, not on drawing lines in the sand, and the more budding politicians there are who understand that, the better off we'll all be.

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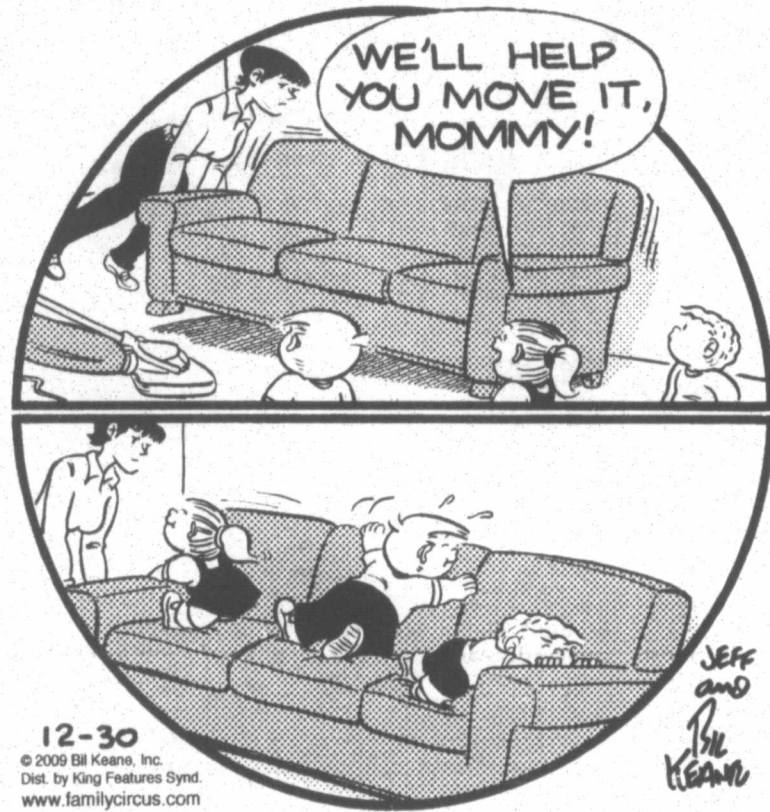
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"He's not staring at you, Uncle Fred. He's staring at your food."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Spill the beans
- 5 Addition column
- 9 Wash against, as the shore
- 11 The South
- 12 Old marketplace
- 13 "— ear and out ..."
- 14 Not pos.
- 15 Made
- 17 Sounded like old floorboards
- 19 "— a deal!"
- 20 Hawks
- 21 Quite cold
- 22 Copycat's cry
- 24 Methane, e.g.
- 26 Like some beer
- 29 Plop down
- 30 Folded
- 32 Defeated soundly
- 34 Use a needle
- 35 Texas landmark
- 36 Carp
- 38 Out of bed
- 39 Stand for a portrait
- 40 Glimpsed
- 41 Jazz great Al

DOWN

- 1 Mel of many voices
- 2 Some beers
- 3 Orbital point
- 4 Saloon
- 5 Fey of "30 Rock"
- 6 Strangely wondrous
- 7 Summer temperature
- 8 Canary chow
- 10 Gridiron event
- 11 Went out
- 16 Make good as new

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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Some charity
- 21 Tiny bit
- 23 Anxious
- 24 Kind of risqué magazines
- 25 Comfortable
- 27 St. Francis' home
- 28 Eyeball, in slang
- 29 Surgery souvenirs
- 30 "You know you want to!"
- 31 Resided
- 33 Word from the pews
- 37 Word from the bleachers

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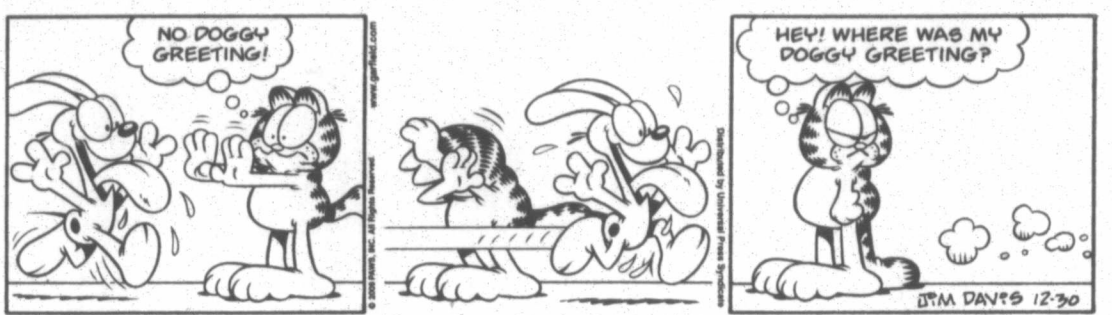
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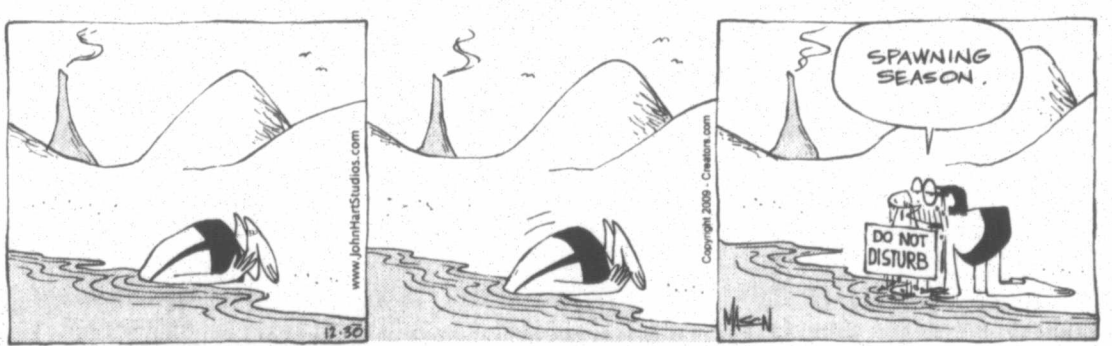
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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009.
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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)
***** Lighten up about what is going on in your immediate circle. Getting together with others, meetings and open discussions benefit you. A dear friend could play a significant role in events. Tonight: Talk New Year's resolutions.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Understand what is going on in your immediate circle. Just because the new year is coming doesn't mean that some people stop working or brainstorming business ideas. What appears could be too good to be true. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Don't hesitate; swing into gear. If you could do or have anything, what would it be? Use today's strong energy for manifesting it. A boss could be a little out of kilter. Tonight: Use good sense.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Step back from a problem or a change in perspective. Accept rather than reject. Don't fight transforming your perceptions and ideas. Accept the possibility that you might not have all the answers. Tonight: Nap and then decide.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** A meeting provides an excellent platform for zeroing in on what you want. Someone you thought was more stable could reveal another dimension of his or her character. Don't ignore what you are seeing, but be aware. Tonight: Where the action is.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Someone demands a lot, and you respond in kind. Your way of dealing with a situation, of making a difference, is evident. Understanding allows greater give-and-take. Your vision of what might work could change radically, and someone displays his or her true colors. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** See what is going on around you with new eyes. Sometimes by detaching and being less involved, you see a situation in a totally new light. You might ask someone to do you a favor. Tonight: Let your imagination decide.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** How you see a situation and what occurs could change. Deal with others on a one-on-one level and confirm what works. A risk could cause quite a

jolt in your life. Decide to head in another direction. Tonight: Togetherness is a good theme.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Someone shakes up the status quo. You don't need to make a radical decision, especially as more is likely to be forthcoming. Take in different opinions. Honor what is going on between you and another person. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Listen well to what someone is sharing. It could be more important than you realize. Clear out as much as you can prior to the new year. Your efficiency is highlighted. News could be disruptive. Tonight: Nap and then decide.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Tame your personality in order to get the job done. Examine new financial options or different ways of handling a risk. Extend a lunch break or take an early day if possible. Tonight: Let your naughtiness out.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Use care not to misplace your energy. You could be on top of your game if you can handle your imately nervous energy. Schedule a walk or do something unique by yourself. Tonight: The later it gets, the better you feel.

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Author Rudyard Kipling (1865), singer Davy Jones (1945), boxer Laila Ali (1977) ***

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Sports

Harvesters fall to Plainsmen in tournament opener

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Both the Pampa Harvesters and the Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen had five days off over Christmas Break. Nevertheless, the break affected the Harvesters more as they lost 62-38 in the first round of the

Caprock Tournament at Lubbock High School.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said it looked like his team had a break.

"We couldn't make a shot," Miller said. "Definitely everything was out of sync."

Pampa (7-7) trailed early as the Plainsmen took an early 11-4 lead in the first

quarter. Lubbock Monterey outscored Pampa the rest of the quarter 7-5 to lead 18-9 after the first quarter. In the second quarter things didn't get much better for the Harvesters. The Plainsmen opened the quarter with an 8-2 run to expand their lead to 26-10. The closest the Harvesters would get was 12. Lubbock

Monterey led 33-14 at half-time.

The Plainsmen maintained their lead in the third quarter. Pampa outscored Lubbock Monterey 15-14 in the third but still trailed 47-29 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, the Plainsmen didn't allow the Harvesters to rally. The closest Pampa would get

was 16 points as they made the first shot of the fourth quarter. Lubbock Monterey outscored Pampa 15-9 in the final quarter. Miller said poor shooting was part of Pampa's problem in this game.

"Defense wasn't very good either," Miller said. "We missed 14 free throws as well."

Latigo Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 13 points. Alex Clendening scored 10, Ryan Jimenez had eight and Garrett Ericson had four. Pampa will start play in the consolation bracket today at noon against Glen Rose at Lubbock High School.

Judge to hear Leach's restraining order motion

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Who will coach Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl may be decided in a Lubbock court Wednesday morning.

Mike Leach, suspended this week by the university, is asking for a temporary restraining order that would allow him to coach the Red Raiders against Michigan State on Saturday.

In an affidavit included in the court filing Tuesday, Leach said he "would never intentionally harm or endanger a player" and that he has been "forced into this situation without being afforded any process." He also said "absolutely" no evidence had been given to him that showed he had violated any university rules or standards.

University officials suspended Leach on Monday while the school investigates a complaint from receiver Adam James and his family regarding a concussion. James is the son of former NFL player Craig James, now an analyst for ESPN.

A person close to James with direct knowledge of the situation alleges the player was twice forced to stand in a small, dark place while the team practiced. The person spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the complaint.

An in-chambers hearing in Lubbock on the restraining order motion will be in the 99th District Court. If the court rules against Leach, defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill will lead the Red Raiders in their 10th-straight bowl appearance.

The attorney for Leach says the suspended Texas Tech coach did nothing wrong in how he treated a player with a "mild" concussion.

Leach was "begged to work something out to avoid a confrontation," said a person familiar with the inquiry who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

That person also said Leach late last week postponed a meeting related to the inquiry and refused to sign a letter saying "no one injured would be returned to work out without doctors' permission."

The school's attorney left a voice mail message with Leach's attorney that the university needed a letter of apology by noon Monday, the person said.

It did not arrive. "That's when they made the decision to suspend (Leach), thinking that would bring him to his senses," the person said. Jerry Turner, vice chairman of the university system's board of regents, declined to comment on whether, if true, the incidents might lead to Leach's departure.

"We haven't gotten to that point, of course," Turner said. "This is an ongoing inquiry, and I certainly do not want to prejudice the results of the inquiry."

Leach led Texas Tech to the best season in program history last year, going 11-2 and garnering him Big 12 Coach of the Year honors. But he and the university were at odds for

months over negotiations for a contract extension. In February, Leach and the school agreed to a five-year, \$12.7 million deal that could keep him there through 2013.

The clock is ticking on a portion of that contract. If Leach is the coach as of Thursday, the school owes him an \$800,000 bonus.

Texas Tech is the second Big 12 school to launch an internal investigation into a coach's treatment of his players.

On Nov. 16, Kansas investigated Mark Mangino, who was the national coach of the year and got a big raise when he went 12-1 in 2007. Players said Mangino was insensitive, though others defended him. Mangino resigned Dec. 3 after reaching a settlement with the school that was later disclosed as a \$3 million buyout.

James was injured Dec. 16 and the next day was diagnosed with a concussion by team doctors, the person close to James said.

The person alleged James was sequestered at two consecutive practices:

On Dec. 17, James said Leach told trainers to put him "the darkest place you can find." James was sent to an equipment shed near the practice field, where a member of the athletic staff checked on James to make sure he did not lean against anything or sit on the floor. James said Leach told him that if he came out he would be kicked off the team.

When the team returned to practice two days later, on Dec. 19, James said Leach told trainers to "find the tightest, darkest place" for the player. James, in street clothes, was put in an electrical closet inside the football stadium for hours, again monitored by a member of the athletic staff.

The person close to the inquiry said James spent two hours on Dec. 17 in a shed the size of a one-car garage that was filled with coolers and that the player was "caught" sitting down on one. All the coolers were removed, the person said, and James was shut inside.

On Dec. 19, James was taken to an electrical room but the buzz was too loud, so he was taken to a press room where the furniture was removed, the person said.

Craig James called to report the allegations on Dec. 19; a university attorney interviewed him and his son Dec. 20; Leach was questioned Dec. 20 or 21; and trainers, student trainers and the doctor who examined Adam James also were interviewed, the person close to the inquiry said.

Liggett said he has a letter from the doctor who examined James supporting Leach's actions.

"He was not hurt by what happened in the equipment room," the lawyer said. "And Mike did not do anything to worsen the situation, in fact he put him in a safer environment by being inside."

Liggett said Leach did not postpone or blow off a meeting about the inquiry.

"Nope, didn't happen," the Lubbock attorney said. "I've been denying that all

day."

He said Leach learned about the specific allegations against him when he talked with the school attorney Dec. 20 or 21, but he was not told of "any rule he broke."

Liggett also denied a voice mail message was left for him demanding an apology by Monday.

"Nobody did that," Liggett said.

Turner said the investigation is being handled by the school president's office, with the assistance of its general counsel and athletic director Gerald Myers.

The NCAA is letting Texas Tech conduct its investigation and has not gotten involved, NCAA spokesman Cameron Schuh said. The Big 12 has no authority to investigate what the conference labeled an "institutional matter." Big 12 spokesman Bob Burda said.

Texas Tech players, speaking to reporters Tuesday for the first time since Leach was suspended, declined to discuss the incident. Cornerback LaRon Moore called Leach "different" but said the coach only wants the best from his players.

"He goes about it an unconventional way," Moore said. "But all he wants to do is push us, and we've talked about it with the coaches. That's just his way of doing it. He tries to push us, tries to make us better and tries to make us men and get the best of our ability out of us."



In this file photo, Texas Tech coach Mike Leach yells at officials during an NCAA college football game against North Dakota in Lubbock, Texas. Texas Tech suspended Leach on Monday, Dec. 28, while the school investigated complaints from receiver Adam James and his family about how the coach treated the player after a concussion. (AP Photo/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Geoffrey McAllister)

Lady Harvesters

The Pampa Lady Harvesters (5-11, 0-2) lost their opening game of the Caprock Tournament 56-49 to the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors Tuesday at Lubbock High School. Details and comments of the game were unavailable as of press time. Pampa plays Denton Guyer in the consolation bracket today at 10:30 a.m. at Frenship High School.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR

ABBY: I am 80, and "Doreen" is 72. When we started dating seven years ago, I "simply wanted to be her friend." Now the tables have turned, and she just wants to be MY friend.

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DEAR EDDIE: Your statement that if Doreen plans to date someone else, you should be free to do the same seems logical to me. Continue to have an affectionate, loving friendship with her -- and by all means "be gentle" -- but keep your options open and date others in the knowledge that if her snowbird flies home, she'll be billing and cooing with him, and you'll be flying solo.

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DEAR TAKING CARE: Was your wife the

only child in the family her step-grandfather had access to? Will the baby you're planning be the first in the family -- or has this man had unsupervised contact with others? Keep in mind that if he would molest Audrey, he may also have done it to others -- neighbors, etc.

Not only should the family be informed about what happened by you and Audrey now that she is "old enough to be believed," but also ask if anyone else may have been victimized because other children may have been afraid to speak up.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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