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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- The Workforce Network of Big Spring, formerly the Texas Workforce Center of Big Spring, will hold an open house today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 310 Owens. Apple cider and cookies will be served.
- Big Spring Band Booster meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club, meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow. First and Goliad. All Masons welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association members will have their Christmas party at the home of Kay Smith. The regular meeting will be held on Jan. 22, in the basement of the Howard County Library at 7 p.m.
- Big Spring chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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MHMR invites public to Christmas-style open house

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The community is invited to West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation's Christmas open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Corral, 1611 E. Third St.

Refreshments, door prizes and information concerning mental health services will be available.

The Howard County Mental Health Center is conducting the open house in recognition of

Destination Dignity — a time set aside each year as a way of promoting dignity and quality of life for people with mental illness and mental retardation.

Events at each of the 15 centers in the 23 counties run under the auspices of West Texas Centers for MHMR are sponsored to increase public awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities.

More than 600 people are served by the Howard County Mental Health

Center, which provides counseling for children, medication-related services, skills training, anger management, supported employment and housing, and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT). ACT is an intensive service for adults who live with severe and persistent mental illness.

"We have respite care for adults and children who need a safe place to stay," said Tim Brower, Children's Service Coordinator. "They may need to get away from

their current environment. It provides a short-term place to stay that is staffed around the clock."

West Texas Centers for MHMR consumers enjoy holiday festivities, Brower said. Hosting a party in which the community and the consumers can enjoy seemed like the perfect fit.

"The consumers thoroughly enjoy going to Christmas parties, so we decided to host an open house with a Christmas theme," he said. "We'll have punch and cake,

and we're really excited about the door prizes. Everyone who attends the party is eligible for a door prize."

Businesses, which have donated door prizes at press time are Picate, Dunlaps, Bealls, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart Pharmacy, McMahon Concrete, Southwest Stylin' Station, Jack Kathey Construction, Perry Producing Company, Taylor Beauty Supply, Suggs

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Satin Strings swing in Big Spring

Well-known group plays for retired teachers here

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

More than 90 members and guests of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association were treated to a performance from the world-traveled Permian High School Satin Strings Monday.

"It was marvelous," said Lucy Bonner. "I think I liked best their graceful movements and beautiful music."

Twenty-nine orchestra students dressed in black evening wear played pieces from Christmas carols to Irish folk songs and even a little bit of country as they walked around serenading the audience at each table.

"It was wonderful," said Loma Jean Wynn, a retired teacher. "I like their enthusiasm and when they would walk around and play, I can't chew gum and walk around at the same time."

"I love all that fiddling and walking around," said Mildred Buckaman.

The students' version of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" brought the



Permian High School students Haley Hazzard, left, and John Rogers, members of the Satin Strings, perform at the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association Christmas party. The group performs around the world.

audience to its feet and the group earned a standing ovation at the end of the program.

The ensemble travels extensively each year performing world-wide. Monday's concert was the 15th for the high school students since Thanksgiving, said David Golden, director of the Satin Strings.

The group has performed

for two presidential inaugurations, including the 2001 Texas-Wyoming Inaugural Ball for President George W. Bush and at the second inauguration festivities for President Bill Clinton.

Other notable requests for the ensemble have come from France which invited the West Texas students to play at the country's 50-year remembrance of the D-

Day invasion and the 1998 inauguration of the governor of Chihuahua, Mexico.

When attending the more than 50 performances during the year, the students consider themselves Goodwill Ambassadors for the Permian Basin. The group does not charge for any performance.

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Local men indicted by federal grand jury

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two local businessmen have been indicted by a federal grand jury on conspiracy and odometer tampering charges.

Daniel Heckler and Jim McNutt of Red Barn Auto Sales in Big Spring were indicted Dec. 12 in



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U.S. District Court in Abilene on charges of conspiracy involving the interstate transportation of altered securities, odometer tampering and aiding and abetting.

The two men have been summoned to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Koenig in Lubbock Jan. 4, according to the U.S. district clerk in Abilene. "I wasn't aware of that," Heckler said of the charges this morning, adding he wanted to check on them before commenting.

McNutt was unavailable for comment, as was Rick Hamby, Heckler's attorney in a previous case.

In 1997, Heckler was charged with rolling back the odometer of a 1982 Volvo and for improperly printing and distributing paper dealer's license tags. While a judge ruled that there was no basis for the odometer fraud charge, Heckler paid a \$5,000 fine on the other count.

Heckler, who was chairman of the political group "Citizens for Change" in the '80s, was largely responsible for a push in 1984 to make the city police chief job an elected position. He also ran unsuccessfully for

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Midland UBS unit to begin serving Howard County

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

In an effort to cut down on travel time, the Midland unit of United Blood Services will take over providing services to Howard County from the San Angelo unit effective Jan. 1.

"The proximity is closer," said Johnny Pevey, community relations representative for UBS-San Angelo. "They are trying to give our donor techs a better quality of life by trying to cut back

on 12 to 14 hour days."

Howard County is currently serviced by UBS-San Angelo but Pevey said the hour and half drive from San Angelo verse the 30 minute drive from Midland is one of the reasons for prompting the switch.

Lee Patrick, associate executive director, said the move will allow UBS to provide more blood drives in Howard County.

"We are very delighted to be serving Big Spring," Patrick said. "Big Spring

has been an incredible source of support for UBS. They have a lot of blood donors."

Pevey said the San Angelo unit will miss Howard County.

"Some of my fondest have been from blood drives in Howard County," Pevey said. "I appreciate each and every blood drive coordinator and individual."

UBS of San Angelo will have two last drives before the switch.

"It becomes very difficult

to get the number of donors needed during the holiday season," said Sherry Morton, UBS community relations representative. "Please help us supply our hospitals at this time by donating blood."

Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. Lisa Hernandez is coordinating the Rip Griffin's blood drive and can be reached at 264-

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Big Spring man dies, three others injured in wreck near Midland

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is dead and three female relatives are in the hospital following a rollover wreck near Midland.

Maggie Medrano, 35, was reportedly driving a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban on Interstate 20 in Midland County near the Martin County line when a 10-foot by 8-foot wooden crate fell out of the bed of a Chevrolet pickup truck in front of her.

According to a Department of Public Safety report, Medrano swerved to avoid the crate, overcorrected, and rolled the Suburban two and a quarter times.

Medrano and her three passengers, Jose Medrano, 57; Maria Medrano, 56; and Irma Medrano, 37; were

taken to Midland's Memorial Hospital, where Jose later died from his injuries.

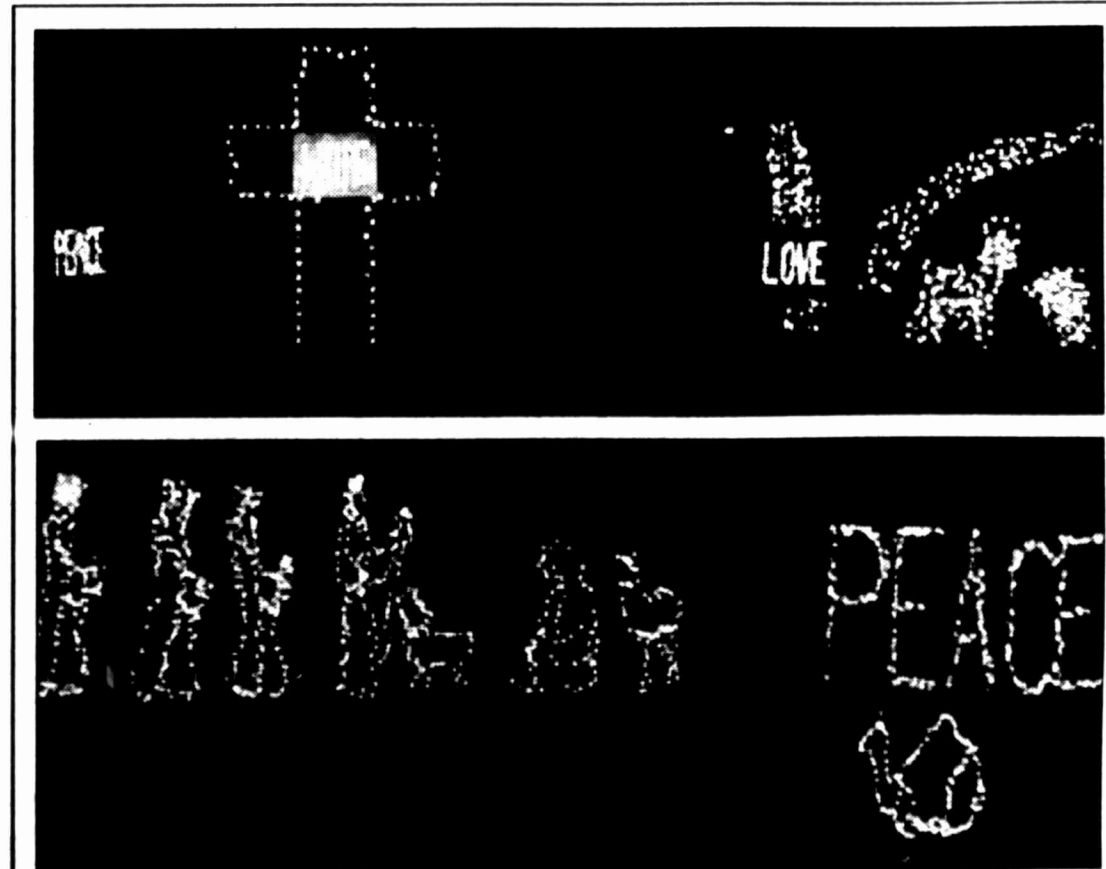
Maria and Irma are both listed in critical condition, while Maggie, the only one of the four who was wearing a safety belt, was released this morning.

"If you buckle up, your chances of survival are five times greater than not," said DPS Lt. Judy Altom.

Altom said Irma suffered multiple fractures and a head injury in the accident, while Maria suffered head and chest injuries.

The DPS has identified the driver of the Chevrolet pickup whose crate allegedly caused the accident as Vernon Calvin Baker of Odessa.

Charges against Baker are pending, Altom said.



Hundreds of thousands of lights are used to make up the many displays at the Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park. The annual event opened Saturday and already more than 3,000 people have taken the free tour. It is open from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. through Dec. 31.

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Lawmakers hope to complete \$20 billion anti-terror compromise sometime this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House-Senate compromise on a \$20 billion anti-terrorism package is near, leaving congressional leaders hoping that this is the week the measure can finally be pushed through Congress. Bargainers from the two chambers neared agreement on the plan on Monday. It would head Bush's demand that it not exceed \$20 billion, but provide less than he sought for defense and more than he proposed for domestic security and helping New York and other communities rebuild from the Sept. 11 attacks. Top lawmakers from the two chambers were tentatively planning to complete the agreement on Tuesday. That would clear the major remaining hurdle to Congress finishing its must-pass spending legislation and adjourning for the year,

which leaders hope to do by week's end. The anti-terrorism package is attached to a \$318 billion defense bill for the new fiscal year. The two other remaining spending measures are one for health, education and labor programs, and a second for foreign aid. Bush had repeatedly threatened to veto an anti-terrorism measure exceeding \$20 billion. He has said the measure provides enough money now for the war in Afghanistan and the battle against terrorism, and that he will seek more early next year if necessary. Under heavy White House pressure, the House and Senate blocked Democrats in recent weeks from advancing packages worth at least \$15 billion more. Yet the mix of spending the bargainers were dis-

cussing — described by officials familiar with the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity — tilted more toward Democrats. It would cut the \$7.3 billion for the military that Bush wanted to roughly \$3.5 billion to \$4 billion, the officials said. The Democratic-controlled Senate provided \$2 billion for defense. In addition, a bit less than \$8.5 billion would be set aside for domestic security programs, and about the same amount would be provided for the New York and Washington areas, where jets smashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Western Pennsylvania, where a fourth jetliner crashed, would get a small portion of those rebuilding funds. The exact defense figure would depend on whether money for the National

Guard and rebuilding of the Pentagon were counted as spending for the military, and how much was provided for those efforts, the officials said. Bush proposed spending \$4.4 billion for domestic security and \$6.3 billion for the affected communities. The Senate approved \$8.5 billion for domestic security and \$9.5 billion for New York and Virginia. The tentative package would include \$2.5 billion for public health and countering bioterrorism, about \$1 billion more than Bush proposed. The \$20 billion for anti-terrorism programs is half the \$40 billion that Congress approved just days after the Sept. 11 attacks. Bush controls half the total, but the new legislation must be enacted detailing how the other half will be spent.

Scientists develop medicine that provides quicker relief from common cold symptoms

CHICAGO (AP) — In a medical first, researchers have developed a drug that speeds recovery from the common cold — a significant breakthrough for scientists who have been in pursuit of a cure for decades. Since the medicine doesn't make the sniffles disappear immediately, it is still debatable whether the scientists have discovered the long-sought cure. But experts have little doubt about its importance. The drug — which is still months away from drug stores — eases cold symptoms within a day and makes a runny nose completely clear up a day sooner than usual. Experts say that is a substantial development — considering a one-day reduction in a viral disease that lasts only a few days is probably the best that can be hoped for. The findings were presented Monday by Dr. Frederick Hayden of the University of Virginia at an infectious-disease conference in Chicago sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology. The research was financed by ViroPharma Inc. of Exton, Pa., which is developing the drug. The company applied in July to the Food and Drug Administration for approval to market the drug. A decision is at least months away. Experts say they expect

the agency to be unusually cautious, since any medicine to treat a non-lethal infection in healthy people must be extremely safe. "The safety issues are dramatic," said Dr. Scott Hammer, a virus expert at Columbia University. "They will be looked at very, very carefully." Hayden said he has seen no significant side effects from the drug, called pleconaril. Some volunteers have a slight, temporary rise in cholesterol levels, which he said has "no clinical significance." The company has not said how much it will charge for the medicine, which would be sold by prescription under the brand name Picovir, but officials said it is likely to cost as much as antibiotics, which typically are more than \$40 for a course of treatment. Unlike many over-the-counter remedies, which ease cold symptoms by drying up plugged noses and soothing aches, pleconaril attacks a large group of viruses known as the picornaviruses. Among these is the rhinovirus, the bug that causes about half of all colds. "It really represents the first effective treatment for a rhinovirus illness," Hayden said. The medicine stops the virus by fitting into a groove on its surface. This jams the machinery it needs to enter and infect the body's cells.

Education bill heads for final passage in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's sweeping education plan is heading for final passage in Congress, culminating a yearlong effort to give schools more spending flexibility in exchange for more accountability. Senate passage Tuesday was virtually certain for the omnibus education bill. The House overwhelmingly approved the measure last week. Bush, who has dubbed education his top domestic priority, is expected to the bill into law early next year. "We're a long way down the road to historic change," said Sen. Edward Kennedy,

D-Mass., one of four key lawmakers who has shaped the measure. Foremost among the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is a requirement that public schools test every student in grades three through eight in reading and math. Schools with persistently low scores would have to give some of their federal aid to students for tutoring or transportation to another public school. The bill would also require schools to adopt plans to close the achievement gaps between low-income and middle-class students and between white

and minority students. Schools would have to show that teachers are qualified in their subjects, and would have to test students with limited English skills in English after three consecutive years in a U.S. school. States and school districts would get more freedom in how they spend federal dollars — money intended for teacher improvement, for example, could instead pay for salary increases, training or additional instructors. But districts would also have to submit annual "report cards" showing a school's standardized test scores and teacher qualifi-

cations compared with other schools, both locally and statewide. The bill focuses more funding on the nation's poorest children, said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H. The system that aids these populations "is not firing on all cylinders," he said. Overall, the bill authorizes \$26.5 billion in federal spending on elementary and secondary education in the 2002 budget year — about \$8 billion more than in 2001. It's \$4 billion more than Bush requested, but nearly \$6 billion less than Senate Democrats wanted.

Report: Enron wants to auction majority of energy trading operation

HOUSTON (AP) — Executives of Enron Corp. reportedly plan to auction off 51 percent of the embattled energy company's trading operations that once generated most of its profits. Lawyers for the Houston-based company have asked the judge presiding over its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding to allow it to hold an auction Jan. 10 to sell off a majority stake in the business. Sources following the deal told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions that stake is expected to fetch about \$1 billion. The auction is an attempt to salvage the business before it loses all its customers. Enron has been scrambling to put together a joint venture that will enable it to revive its oil, natural gas and power trading business following the company's financial meltdown.

"It is imperative that the customers of the wholesale business are swiftly provided with the mechanism to continue trading activities and each day that the wholesale business is not acting at full capacity is another day for a competitor to lure customers," Enron attorneys said in a court filing. Enron's rivals such as El Paso Corp. and Dynegy Inc. say Enron's collapse has not left a large void in the commodities market. But they say they won't attempt to fill Enron's shoes by trying to make markets outside energy. Enron has reportedly been talking to 14 interested parties about the energy trading business with three banks — J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup and Swiss bank UBS — considered the front-runners to form a joint venture to recapitalize the trading business. But they have chosen the auction to consider as many possible buyers in short order. All bidders must have grade A creditworthi-

ness. "The sooner the better," Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said about striking a deal. The creditors committee and the judge will have to approve any deal. The auction will be a strong predictor of Enron's survival or demise. The embattled company has promised to build its future around energy trading and pipelines, leaving everything else to be liquidated to pay down its \$40 billion debt. Many of Enron's trading customers have jumped ship since it closed its online trading operation shortly before filing for bankruptcy. The energy trading business once generated 80 percent of Enron's profits. The Intercontinental Exchange, an online trading platform formed by many of Enron's rivals, has picked up much of Enron's online trading business. Sequent Energy Management, a Houston-based energy trading and marketing arm of Atlanta based AGL Resources, has watched its volumes grow by some 300 percent since Enron filed for bankruptcy protection.

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OUR VIEWS

Congregation brings back old tradition

"Here we go a caroling..." A year ago, we recalled how in the past many of us would bundle up during the Christmas season and go door to door to nursing homes, hospitals and the like singing carols. Most often it was as a church group. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for both the carolers and those who were entertained. Afterward, we'd all gather at the fellowship hall for hot chocolate and cookies. We noted that while that custom is not as prevalent as it once was, some churches continue to go out among the public and spread the joy of the season in song.

All of which led us to mention that Baker's Chapel AME had decided to bring that age-old tradition back. Joined by members of other congregations, they were to go caroling at various locations — Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Big Spring Care Center, Mountain View Lodge and then on to H-E-B, Wal-Mart and the Big Spring Mall.

The Rev. Michael King, pastor of Baker's Chapel, said he hoped it would be an annual event.

Well, it is. This Saturday, beginning at 6:15 p.m., members of the Baker's Chapel choir, joined by others throughout the community, will be going around town caroling. They'll start at Marcy House and end up at Wal-Mart about 9 p.m. In between, they'll stop at Comanche Trail Nursing Home, H-E-B, Big Spring Care Center, Mountain View Nursing Home and the Big Spring Mall.

There's still time to join them. Those who would like to participate can attend a rehearsal at 6 p.m. Thursday at Baker's Chapel, 911 N. Lancaster. It's informal, and they'll be glad to have you.

As we said a year ago, we can think of no better tradition than to spread joy and cheer, the message of peace and sharing — and the story of the birth of Jesus — at this most wonderful time of the year.

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FBI slow on the draw on terrorists

The Justice Department announced three months after the Sept. 11 attack that Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, has been indicted in connection with terrorism.



CHARLEY REESE

Moussaoui, you will recall, was arrested last August when a flight instructor in Minnesota thought it odd that he wanted to learn how to fly a commercial airliner but not how to take off or land one.

It would have been far better for everyone, however, if the FBI had listened to French intelligence. According to a story in Le Monde, French intelligence informed the FBI on Sept. 1 that Moussaoui was a member of al-Qaeda. French intelligence told the FBI again in a meeting in Paris on Sept. 5-6.

At that time, according to foreign press reports, the FBI dismissed the warnings and said Moussaoui was

being held by U.S. immigration on visa violations and was of no interest to them. That was before the attacks on Sept. 11. You will recall that two other terrorists entered the United States and disappeared before the CIA got around to telling the FBI and the FBI got around to asking INS to watch for them. Oops.

When the FBI got around to checking out Moussaoui, phone records and money transfers linked him directly to the Hamburg, Germany, cell where the plot was apparently hatched. It's not certain that if they had followed up immediately on the French warning, the attacks could have been prevented, but it is certainly a possibility.

You have to remember, though, that prior to Sept. 11, the FBI already had a full plate, and counterintelligence and fighting terrorism were not high priorities. They were still trying to figure out how one of their top agents had been a Russian spy for 15 years.

It would be a great achievement in this war on terrorism if the CIA, FBI and state and local law-enforcement officers actually did begin to share information. They are now sup-

posed to, but I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you. Florida law-enforcement officers have complained publicly about lack of cooperation and sharing of information by the FBI.

The FBI sort of looks down its nose at local cops, though it is the local cops who almost invariably catch the people on the FBI's most wanted list. Furthermore, the FBI was never intended to be an all-purpose federal police force. It's only been in recent years that lousy politicians in Congress have been federalizing crimes. By that I mean they have made acts that were already crimes under state statutes into federal crimes. This allows these buffoons to tell the folks back home they are doing something about crime, but it also means an unnecessary duplication. In the meantime, most FBI offices are understaffed, relative to all they've been given to do.

We are imperfect beings living in an imperfect world, and we should all remember that government is included in that imperfection. We should expect the government to do the right thing, but not have blind faith that it will or is even able to do so.

Politicians often trip over their tongues and pursue hidden agendas. Bureaucracies tend to be paranoid and jealous of their turf. Officialdom is often prone to hubris. And since affirmative action, the best qualified don't always get the jobs or the promotions. At best we can, like our British cousins, hope to muddle through.

I am increasingly wary of fervor, both on the part of officials and on the part of people. If the terrorists who killed 3,300 innocent men, women and children are evil, what are we? One college professor estimates we have now killed 3,700 innocent men, women and children in Afghanistan. It is not enough to paper them over with clichés and say one group are "victims of terrorist acts" and the other group is just "collateral damage." My father's gun-safety lectures always included a reminder that if you kill somebody, they won't care whether you did it on purpose or by accident. Dead is dead. War is war, and war by any other name smells as odious.

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"RUDOLPH, WITH YOUR NOSE AS BRIGHT... 'WON'T YOU ACT AS ARMED UNDERCOVER SKY MARSHAL ON MY SLEIGH TONIGHT...?'"

Army justice for Lincoln assassination plotters

By **LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON**
Guest columnist

Less than three months after an assassin shot Abraham Lincoln, a military tribunal sentenced three men and one woman to death by hanging and put four other defendants behind bars.

Their 1865 trial before nine senior Army officers is one of several historic precedents relied on by the Bush administration as it considers prosecuting 21st century terrorists before a military commission rather than a federal court.

The death sentences in the Lincoln conspiracy trial were carried out in a heavily guarded prison courtyard at 1:21 p.m. on July 7, 1865, just one day after the defendants learned of them.

Frantic bids for presidential clemency were rejected, even in the case of Mary Surratt, the boarding house owner who became the first woman executed by the federal government.

Most of the objections now being raised to the use of military tribunals rather than civilian courts also were registered 136 years ago.

"Such a trial is not only unlawful, but it is a gross blunder in policy," said former Attorney General Edward Bates. "... If the offenders be done to death by that tribunal, however truly guilty, they will pass for martyrs with half the

world." In New York, attorney George Templeton Strong noted with approval the vigorous opposition of the city's newspapers to the use of a military court.

"There may be reasons for the course adopted of which we know nothing, but it seems impolitic, and of doubtful legality," Strong wrote in his diary.

The trial and the fate of the accused are recounted in a new and handsomely illustrated book, "Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution," by James L. Swanson and Daniel R. Weinberg.

The authors note that Attorney General James Speed concluded a military trial was fully warranted, reasoning that the assassination of the commander in chief and the attempted murder of Secretary of State William Seward were acts of war committed during an armed rebellion against the lawful government.

One senior officer contended years later that a disciplined military court was the better alternative because the public was so inflamed by Lincoln's murder that asking private citizens to serve on a jury would have thrown the accused "to the mercies of an angry and revengeful mob..."

John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln at Ford's Theatre

on the evening of April 14, 1865. Booth was already dead, mortally wounded by his pursuers, when the trial of his alleged conspirators opened on May 9 at the Old Arsenal Prison.

Over the next seven weeks the panel of Army generals and colonels heard 361 witnesses and produced a 4,900-page transcript. But many thought the procedure was badly flawed.

Defense attorneys had no time for pretrial preparation or consultation with their clients who, when they were not in court, were held in solitary confinement, their legs and hands shackled and their heads covered with canvas hoods.

The defense lawyers, Swanson writes, "had insufficient time to locate, prepare and call the witnesses they wished and little time to investigate the government's witnesses."

Writing years later, Lt. Col. Richard A. Watts, a lawyer who had observed the trial, concluded: "This Tribunal was a law unto itself. It made its own rules of procedure; It was the sole judge of the law as well as the facts."

History has concluded that three of the executed defendants were guilty as charged: Lewis Powell, who tried to kill Seward; David Herold, who accompanied Booth on his flight from

Washington; and George Atzerodt, who flunked his assignment to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson but told no one of the plot to murder Lincoln.

But debate has never ended over the fates of Mrs. Surratt, who kept the boarding house where the conspiracy was discussed, and Dr. Samuel Mudd, the Maryland country doctor who set Booth's broken leg after the assassination and was sentenced to life in prison.

Some hostile 19th century observers called Mrs. Surratt's execution "judicial murder." They noted that President Johnson, Lincoln's successor, ignored a recommendation for clemency from a majority of the military judges.

Mudd and the other living Lincoln conspirators were pardoned at the end of Johnson's term in 1869.

Mudd's ancestors have struggled ever since to clear his name by getting the conviction overturned. That has stirred a reaction by people determined to prove Mudd's guilt once and for all, an effort made clear in the title of a recent book on the issue: "His Name is Still Mudd."

Lawrence L. Knutson has covered the White House, Congress, and Washington's history for more than 30 years.

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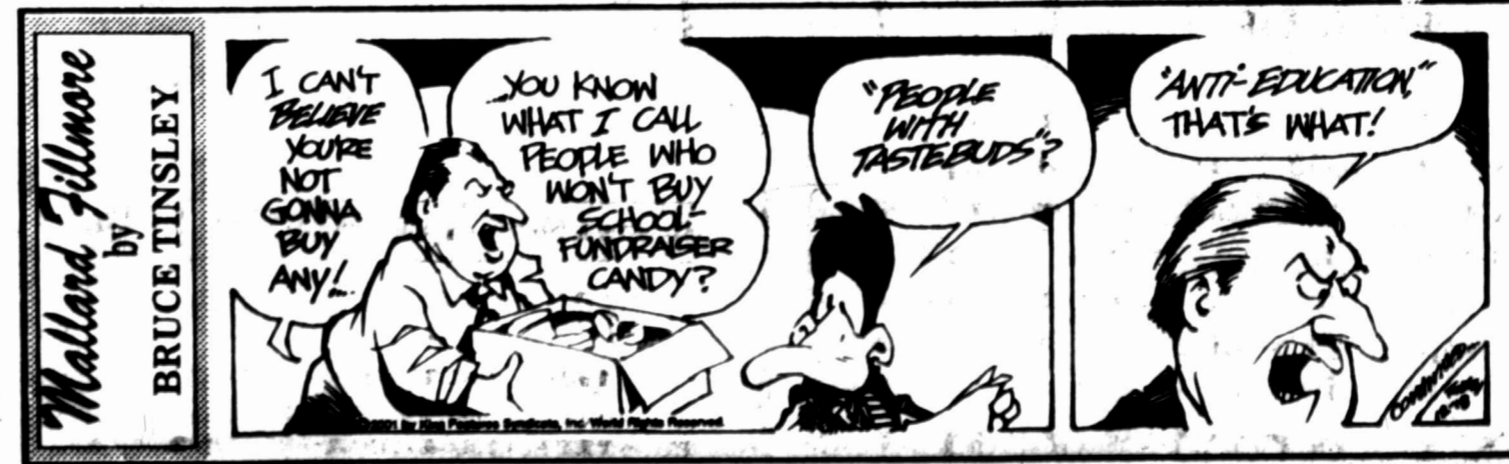
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America adds more prisoners from Afghanistan, continues search

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials have taken custody of three al-Qaida fighters from among the hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners taken by their allies in Afghanistan and dozens taken by Pakistan.

Their identities are unclear, as are the United States' plans for them. They have joined American Taliban John Walker and Australian Taliban David Hicks as captives on board the USS Pelileu in the Arabian Sea.

Pentagon officials hope they will provide answers to the burning questions: Where is Osama bin Laden? Where is Taliban leader Mullah Omar? What terrorism is al-Qaida planning on the United States and its allies? How is al-Qaida changing its planning for attacks and methods of communication?

CIA and military personnel are known to be interviewing prisoners of anti-Taliban forces in Afghanistan, and U.S. officials are believed to have access to question Pakistan's prisoners, as well. Many of the prisoners were caught fleeing the U.S. strikes in Afghanistan.

"The search is now on cave to cave to find more and to interrogate more," Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem told a Pentagon press conference Monday.

"Now becomes the more difficult and slower process of confirming who is still left to fight, or is this cave now empty and was there evidence that somebody was recently there."

U.S. forces are attempting to question the prisoners to discover who may have worthwhile information, and who is wanted by the United States.

U.S. officials want terrorist alert to continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials believe the potential remains high for another terror attack although the Muslim holiday that prompted their most recent warning is passing.

Their unease is keeping the warning the Bush administration issued this month in effect at least through the current Jewish and Christian holiday seasons.

"The alert remains in effect because the threat still remains," Homeland Security Office spokesman Gordon Johndroe said today.

Law enforcement and intelligence officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said raw intelligence on potential threats has continued to flow into U.S. agencies since the Dec. 3 warning.

The information is not specific as to timeframe, potential targets or methods of attacks but makes clear terrorists sympathetic to Osama bin Laden are agitating to strike, the officials said.

The heightened security across the globe is believed to have dis-

rupted some suspected terrorists but they remain on the loose, the officials added.

There are no immediate plans to issue a new FBI warning. Officials simply plan to get the word out that the most recent warning still applies and Americans on U.S. soil and overseas need to remain alert to suspicious activity, the officials said.

The message from government over the holidays is "not to let down your guard one bit. There are terrorists whose plans might have been disrupted who remain at large and are looking for the opportunity," one senior U.S. official said.

In its third such warning since Sept. 11, the FBI early in December warned Americans and law enforcement to be at their highest alert through Ramadan, a holy month during which Muslims fast during daytime, and the Christian holidays.

The warning was based on intelligence that attacks were being planned, possibly to coincide with Ramadan, officials have said.

Muslims are currently celebrating Eid al-Fitr, a three-day festival that began Sunday and marks the end of the holy lunar month.

The officials said the current threat assessment remains high because:

—Information continues to flow in from around the world of potential threats and plots from alleged al-Qaida supporters.

—Other sympathetic terrorist groups are believed to be looking for the chance to strike back for the devastating U.S. attacks that drove the Taliban out of Afghanistan and for the U.S. support of Israel's recent crackdown on Palestinians.

—Some intelligence analysts believe bin Laden already may have set in motion plans for attacks in case he is killed or captured by Americans.

In addition, bin Laden supporters traditionally have viewed the end of Ramadan as a period of maximum opportunity to strike the United States, officials said.

The videotape released last week of bin Laden has heightened those concerns.

meeting in Brussels, Belgium. Many were fleeing south and east into Pakistan, which has stationed troops along its border to catch them.

Pakistan had dozens of prisoners it had captured fleeing Afghanistan, officials said, but it couldn't turn them over to American troops because planned U.S. detention facilities were not ready, said one defense official.

Americans are building detention centers at the Kandahar airport and at Camp Rhino to the south.

"There'll be more detainees coming," said Stufflebeem.

But perhaps not as many as the Pentagon wanted.

Earlier this month officials said there were some 5,000 to 6,000 prisoners being held by opposition groups throughout Afghanistan. It

was unclear what had become of the thousands, but Stufflebeem acknowledged that some had bribed their way free.

Following surrender talks in the last major Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, for instance, the entire Taliban senior leadership — wanted for harboring the terrorists in Afghanistan — escaped, a defense official said. The two dozen leaders were there during surrender negotiations with Afghan opposition, but gone when the city fell.

"So you can make a pretty good assumption there that there was some coordination done with individuals who would pay for their escape and movement and whatever," Stufflebeem said.

More than 200 foreigners from al-Qaida were killed in the recent battles around Tora Bora that culminated nine weeks of attacks by American warplanes in the air and eastern alliance forces on the ground.

Hundreds more were believed to be on the run.

Asked what the latest thinking was on where bin Laden might be, Stufflebeem said: "Anybody's guess." Other officials say they believe he remains in Tora Bora, or has fled to Pakistan in recent days.

U.S. aircraft reduced bombing in the Tora Bora region so ground forces could move into the cave and tunnel complexes abandoned by the al-Qaida. But warplanes continued to cruise above Afghanistan, poised to strike quickly.

To help provide the planes, the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis arrived in the Arabian Sea and began flight operations, Pentagon officials said.

Anthrax investigation points to domestic source

WASHINGTON (AP) — The anthrax used in letter attacks appears to have been produced in the United States, the White House says, but who mailed it remains a mystery.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Monday the evidence on the anthrax sent to Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is increasingly "looking like it was a domestic source."

President Bush emphasized that the case remains unsolved.

"We're still looking," he said. "We've all got different feelings about it. We're gathering as much information (as possible)." The president promised that when some conclusions are reached, "We'll share it with the American people."

At the State Department, the FBI was called to examine a white powder found in an envelope addressed to Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage. The envelope moved through the regular U.S. mail system and officials assumed that it

had been irradiated, said Lynn Cassel, a department spokeswoman.

Cassel said the letter was addressed in "block letters," but she did not know if the envelope or the writing resembled that found on previous, anthrax-tainted letters.

On Capitol Hill, a military physician told members of Daschle's staff at a briefing that he would recommend they take an anthrax vaccine, which is considered experimental, if Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson approves its use. Thompson was expected to make his decision this week.

Technicians, meanwhile, ran into more problems trying to sanitize a Senate office building contaminated by lingering anthrax spores from the letter sent to Daschle in mid-October.

Attempts to pump poisonous gas into the Hart Senate Office Building's ventilation system to kill any remaining spores failed early Monday, said Capitol Police spokesman Lt. Dan

Nichols. He said a mechanical problem kept the gas from reaching the saturation point needed to kill the anthrax.

Technicians worked from 9 p.m. Sunday to 3 a.m. Monday before they abandoned the effort.

"The goal was to get 500 parts per million. We did not achieve that goal," said Nichols. He said he did not know what caused the problem, which did not show up the first treatment of the building with gas.

Nichols said he did not know when another attempt would be made.

The Hart building has been closed since Oct. 17, two days after an anthrax-filled letter was opened in Daschle's office. The EPA reported Friday that traces of anthrax remained after the initial fumigation.

In New Mexico, officials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, who have been conducting research in the anthrax investigation, acknowledged that they received a sample of viable,

or living, anthrax, despite telling area residents that the lab's research was limited to inactive spores.

Los Alamos, which has been analyzing the genetic content of the anthrax used in the attacks, thought it was receiving dead spores from Northern Arizona University. But after the paperwork was filled out, the university discovered that the spores were alive and able to grow.

An internal Los Alamos report indicated that its lab was not certified to handle live anthrax, prompting queries from a member of Congress, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. In fact, federal officials said Monday, the internal report was wrong, and Los Alamos is certified to handle the live bacteria.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has confirmed 18 cases of anthrax infection nationwide — 11 cases of inhalation anthrax and seven through the skin — since the anthrax-by-mail attacks began in October.

Fire breaks out at St. John the Divine

NEW YORK (AP) — Fire broke out this morning at the historic Cathedral of St. John the Divine, with black smoke billowing 40 feet high from the Episcopal church that has been under construction for more than a century.

Part of the roof appeared to have caved in but no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire, seven days before Christmas, was not yet known.

Scores of firefighters were called to the scene at about 7 a.m., about an

hour before the first Mass of the day at what is believed to be the nation's largest church, as smoke poured from a gift shop in the rear of the church and scores of onlookers stood by.

"We were just crying all the way down here," said Margaret Hurwitz, whose son, Nicholas, 12, goes to the nearby Cathedral School.

Hurwitz and her son went to find out whether it would be open; other children were seen leaving the area, cry-

ing and carrying book bags.

"You know, after the World Trade towers, you want something to be secure," said Hurwitz. "This is where we came that day."

There was no word on the extent of the damage.

Mechanic Juan Cruz, who saw the fire on his way to work at Columbia University, said: "There were clouds of black smoke 40 feet high. The winds were blowing it all over the place."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Smile at a surprise this morning. Someone cannot help himself or herself—he or she let the cat out of the bag. Add more happiness wherever you go, whether it is bringing Christmas cookies or smiling at someone who seems a bit glum. Others see you as a winner. Tonight: Where your friends are, again.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay on top of a situation. Understand more of what a boss expects by asking poignant questions. A friendship grows because of your support and caring. Schedule time with a dear

friend or loved one. You've got a lot to talk about. Tonight: Out and about.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Excitement surrounds communication. A partner softens up considerably because of news that you share. Greet the unexpected with a smile, and so will others. Do what you can to help people relax and not get into the holiday panic. Do the same for yourself! Tonight: Check out the music store.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Deal with someone directly on a one-on-one level. Support somebody in last-minute changes. Someone's nerves are fried; this person needs your help. Your words of support and your nurturing style can make the difference between success and failure. Tonight: Be a duo.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others greet you in unexpected and positive ways. A child or new friend shares his or her strong feelings. Don't be surprised by your reaction. You might not have realized how strongly you felt until this very moment. Feelings expound. Tonight: Follow someone's wishes.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You deal with unanticipated curves well. In fact, with your generous nature, you don't take others for granted and you appreciate efforts from those around you. Let a family member or roommate know when you will have time for him or her, rather than keep

putting this person off. Tonight: Buy something special for dinner.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone admires you. If you are open, more could develop with this relationship. Consider alternatives surrounding this person carefully. Increase a child's self-confidence through building his or her ego and plugging self-criticism. Tonight: Be naughty and very, very nice.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might be trying to finish off last-minute touches or ideas for the holidays. Don't forget to spend some money on yourself! Why not buy that item that you covet? Laugh with a family member who has an uncanny sense of humor. Tonight: Pass the eggnog, please.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't count on others coming through as you expected. Though feelings should not be in question, you might feel insecure. Your softer and more affectionate nature emerges with more knowledge and understanding. Be spontaneous, especially with a neighbor or relative. Tonight: Leap and the net will appear.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Expenses could easily shock you. You're overspending. Perhaps you are going overboard rather than expressing your feelings, and possibly your insecurities. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with finances. You know

when enough is enough. Follow through using self-discipline. Tonight: Think before spending.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The unexpected does occur. You could surprise yourself by what you do and say. Clear out a problem before it becomes an albatross. Your spontaneity allows someone to express his or her affection. Do something together, even if it's for just a short while. Tonight: Keep smiling.
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Funeral should not be used to save the souls of living

Dear Ann Landers: My grandfather passed away recently at the age of 84 after a long illness. At the funeral service, the minister went on and on about how it was my grandfather's final wish that all his children and grandchildren join the church and become "saved." He tried to lay a guilt trip on us by saying if we did not join the church, we would not see our grandfather in heaven.
Ann, I loved my grandfather very much, but I never did share his religious beliefs. Nor do I believe that I am "lost" or in need of being saved. I resent the minister's use of the funeral service to convert people who do not wish to be converted.
Please tell ministers that a funeral service is a time for grieving and saying goodbye to our loved ones. It is not meant to be an opportunity to recruit new members to the church.



ANN LANDERS

Thank you, Ann. — Resentful in the South
Dear Resentful: I can understand your resentment. That tasteless and inopportune attempt to recruit new members to the church was ham-handed and an insult to the bereaved. If the minister, out of a sense of religious duty, thought it was imperative that he try to "save" you, he should have approached you after the service and suggested a private meeting.
Dear Ann Landers: I know you informed your readers that it would not be possible to write to "Any Service Member" this year due to the anthrax scare and other mail problems. However, you might be interested to know there is a way to send virtual holiday greetings to our servicemen and women overseas.
Please tell your readers to log onto the Navy LIFELines Services Network at www.LIFELines2000.org or go directly to <http://AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil>. These sites will

allow participants to select from any of the five branches of the military and send personal greetings. Those who would like a response can include their own e-mail address. Just thought you'd like to know. — CDR Rudolph Brewington, USNR, Washington, D.C.
Dear Commander Brewington: Thank you so much for this information. I am sure my readers will be grateful for the opportunity to send e-mail greetings to our servicemen and women overseas. Bless them all, and bless you for letting me know.
Dear Ann Landers: I am a middle-aged woman with three lovely children and a soon-to-be ex-husband, "Joe." It all began a few years ago when my children went away to college. I was alone all day, every day, and Joe traveled on business frequently. He taught me how to use the Internet so I could entertain myself. It was fascinating at first, and then I became addicted and was online 24 hours a day. I couldn't get enough.
As the months passed, I met a very special man. We chatted for hours on end, and became very close. I soon found myself madly in love. When we met, it was magic. When I asked Joe for a divorce, he was shocked. He never saw it coming. His reaction surprised me. I was not aware that he cared so much.
And that's my problem, Ann. I find myself caught between a new, passionate lover and a comfortable, set-in-his-ways husband. Should I settle for what I have with Joe, or is it time for me to move on? — Needing Romance in Ohio
Dear Ohio: Your signature tells me almost as much as your letter. You are looking for a little excitement in your staid, comfortable, ho-hum life. Please don't be so quick to dump solid (but not so peppy) Joe for an unknown quantity. Give this matter a great deal of thought before you make a move. With the scant detail you have offered, I vote for staying with solid, steady Joe.

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6:PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Wishbone Zoboombaloo	Jack Frost	News Ent. Tonight	News Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Friends (CC)	Intrusa	PB & J Otter Rolfe Polie	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	(15) Movie: Whatever It (CC) Boxing	(CC) Boxing		Crosstalk John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	In South African Waters	Pretender (CC)	48 Hours (CC)
7:PM	Contact: Talk	70s Show Undeclared	Nova (CC)	Santa Is Coming to Town	JAG (CC)	Contact: Talk	Emeril (CC) Three Sisters	NBA Basketball: Amigas y Rivalres (SS)		Stanley (CC) Book of Pooch	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Takes (CC)	Movie: Stigmata	AI: First Look Movie: Proof of Life (CC)	Update With Nathan Knight	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	Movie: The Pretender (CC)	I Witness
8:PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	24 (CC)	She Says: Women	Life of Santa Claus	Guardian (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Frasier (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Los Angeles Clippers at Derecho de Nacer (SS)		It Nearly Wasn't	Movie: The Naked Gun	Movie: Supernova	(CC) ..	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)	100 Centre Street (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives	Island of the Haunted (CC)	Secrets of the Paranormal
9:PM	Philly (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Don Hewitt-60 Minutes	Without Santa	Judging Amy (CC)	Philly (CC)	Most Intriguing People	Phoenix Suns Inside NBA	Noticias Univ	Christmas (45) Movie:		(CC) Movie:	Queer as Folk (CC)	Greenlight Real Sex (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Boys on the Side	Loch Ness Monster
10:PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Movie: Lock Up	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	P.U.N.K.S.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Red Team (CC)	Queer as Folk (CC)	Greenlight Real Sex (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Boys on the Side	I Witness
11:PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late		El Gran Blablazo	Jett Jackson	Ultimate Fvng Mad TV (CC)	(15) Movie: Backstage	Movie: Diggstown	(20) Movie:	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	New Detectives		Secrets of the Paranormal
12:AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court		Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	(12:05) Movie: The	Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	(CC) Movie:	(CC) Movie:	Terminal Velocity (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives	Movie:	Loch Ness Monster

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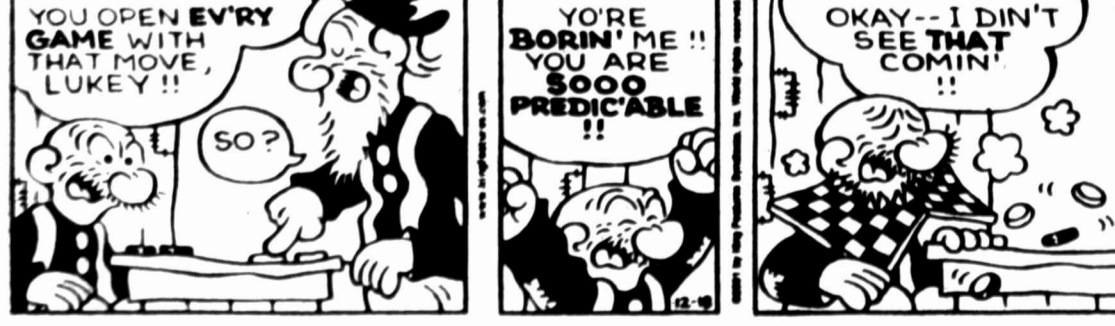
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2001. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.

Operation Barbarossa was launched in

June 1941.

In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.

In 1971, the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

In 1972, the United States began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam at that time during the Vietnam War. The bombardment ended 12 days later.

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

Ten years ago: General Motors announced it would close 21 North American plants over the next four years and slash tens of thousands of jobs in a sweeping restructuring of

the world's largest company.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ossie Davis is 84. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 74. Actor Roger Smith is 69. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 68. Rock musician Keith Richards is 58. Writer/director Alan Rudolph is 58. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 55. Blues artist Ron Piazza is 54. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 51. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 51. Actor Ray Liotta is 46. Actor Brad Pitt is 38. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SWING TIME by Lee Weaver

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Deep gorge</p> <p>6 "Woe is me!"</p> <p>10 Affirmative vote</p> <p>13 Cyclist's protection</p> <p>15 Learned completely</p> <p>17 Stir to action</p> <p>18 Plant specialist</p> <p>19 Disorderly playing</p> <p>21 Conversational fillers</p> <p>22 Canyon edge</p> <p>25 Revolutionary War site</p> <p>32 Toothpaste type</p> <p>34 Discussion group</p> <p>35 Time off</p> <p>37 Mistreating</p> <p>40 Genealogy</p> <p>41 Examine minutely</p> <p>42 Citizens of Copenhagen</p> <p>43 Match, as a bet</p> <p>44 Lettuce course</p> <p>48 Tooth pro's deg.</p> <p>50 Live and breathe</p> <p>51 Triple-decker lunch</p> <p>60 '60s French president</p> <p>63 Scribble idly</p> <p>64 Watchful one</p> <p>65 "Down by the Old Mill"</p> <p>66 Actor Gulager</p> <p>67 Wood cutters</p> <p>68 Thin coal layers</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Burn slightly</p> <p>2 Man of the hour</p> <p>3 Felipe of baseball</p> <p>4 Self-satisfied</p> <p>5 Interweave</p> <p>6 Surprise attack</p> <p>7 Neighbor of Thailand</p> <p>8 Italian wine center</p> <p>9 Getz of jazz</p> <p>10 Onassis' nickname</p> <p>11 "Permission granted!"</p> <p>12 Summer hrs. for Conn.</p> <p>14 Snicker sound</p> <p>16 MIT grad</p> | <p>20 Legendary Bruin</p> <p>23 Mexican lizard</p> <p>24 Joined the traffic</p> <p>25 Mollusc</p> <p>26 Brand new</p> <p>27 Scottish loch</p> <p>28 Film-set light</p> <p>29 "Be Seeing You"</p> <p>30 Kauai keepsake</p> <p>31 Actress Evans</p> <p>33 Robert E. and Spike</p> <p>34 Goalie's protection</p> <p>36 Close securely</p> <p>38 TV attachment</p> <p>39 Summer, in Nice</p> | <p>45 Studio stands</p> <p>46 Powerful DC lobby</p> <p>47 Uses a fax machine</p> <p>49 Chasing-away word</p> <p>52 San Obispo, CA</p> <p>53 Forearm bone</p> <p>54 Gusted</p> <p>55 Connect-the-__</p> <p>56 Had on</p> <p>57 Brainstorm</p> <p>58 Chowder mollusk</p> <p>59 Alters a skirt</p> <p>60 Army medal: Abbr.</p> <p>61 Scaleless fish</p> <p>62 African antelope</p> |
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