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Home of Krista Bre'Anne Chaidez

A FRIENDLY GAME — Four local residents beat the holiday blues with a game of dominoes this morning at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. Taking part in the game were, from left, Manley Burrow, Texa Ball, Marie Walton and Bill Cooper. (SDN Staff Photo)

Terrorism eliminated says Afghan's leader

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Less than three months after the U.S.-led coalition began military strikes, Afghanistan's interim prime minister said today that terrorism has been largely beaten in his war-torn country.

Hamid Karzai met with his Cabinet for the second time since the interim government's inauguration Saturday, as the defense and interior ministers and the security chief reported on the security situation in the capital, Kabul, and elsewhere.

Karzai has said one of his priorities is establishing security and creating a national army for Afghanistan, where numerous armed militias hold sway in many areas.

At the same time, U.S.-led forces are hunting for the remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network and the former ruling Taliban militia. Bin Laden — accused in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States — and Mullah Mohammed Omar, the supreme Taliban leader, are still at large.

Karzai said today that terrorists sheltered by the Taliban during their five-year rule were mostly eliminated.

"Some may be still here, but I don't think they are in large numbers. I think that terrorism is largely defeated in Afghanistan," Hamid Karzai told The Associated Press.

"There are remnants in the form of individuals or small groups. Those should be looked for and arrested and put to trial," Karzai said.

"With regards to Osama bin Laden, I don't know where he is," Karzai said. "We receive reports now and then that he may be here or there, and if we get a detailed report about his whereabouts, we will certainly go after him and arrest him."

Pakistan said today it had arrested 43 Afghans with suspected ties to bin Laden and Omar near the port city of Karachi. They were seized by the coast guard and are being interrogated, said Maj. Mohammad Akram.

Still, Karzai said, there was still a need for U.S.-led coalition troops in Afghanistan and airstrikes on suspected mountain hide-outs.

"They need to fight terrorism right now physically inside Afghanistan, to bring them out of their hide-outs and to deliver them to justice, to international justice and to Afghan justice," he said.

Although he couldn't say where Omar was hiding, Karzai said he believed the Taliban leader was still in Afghanistan. Karzai receives regular reports from southwest Afghanistan that Omar is in the area. He has asked his loyalists to fan out across that area to hunt him down and arrest him.

There have been reports that Omar is hiding in the snowy peaks of Helmand province, northwest of Kandahar, the spiritual heart of the Taliban until it fell to anti-Taliban forces earlier this month.

"We will look for him, and if we find where he is, we will definitely arrest him," said Karzai.

Kenton Keith, spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition, said today that U.S. military action in Afghanistan would continue. Pockets of resistance remain, mostly in eastern Afghanistan, he said. "The job isn't finished," Keith said in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Ahead of today's Cabinet session, ministers have been assessing the poor conditions they inherited — and the intimidating tasks ahead.

"We are beginning from nothing, from less than nothing," Education Minister Rassool Amin said while visiting his dilapidated ministry.

Armed militiamen were still wandering the streets this morning, despite a requirement, agreed upon in Bonn, Germany, that all soldiers leave Kabul after the arrival of international peacekeepers.In other developments:

—Turkey, which has close historic ties to Afghanistan, offered training to Afghan military and police officers to help build national security forces.

—Sources said the United States has asked Yemen to allow U.S. Marines to take part in what has been a deadly hunt for al-Qaida members. A diplomat said the United States also has proposed setting up a joint task force in Yemen that would include officials from the CIA and other agencies to coordinate operations.

Search continues around Possum Kingdom for missing six-year-old boy

CADDO— A missing 6-year-old boy's tennis shoe was found in a lake Christmas Day by search teams, who are dragging the lake at Possum Kingdom State Park in search of the child.

Ira Clutter of Silsbee has been missing since Saturday, when he disappeared while hiking with his family.

"We haven't found him yet, but we did find a shoe of his in the water," said Kristen Everett, spokeswoman for Texas Parks and Wildlife. "The mother identified it as his."

Rescue workers and hundreds of volunteers have searched the area around the state park for four days, with few clues before the discovery of the shoe.

Everett said the shoe was found in a crevice in some rocks near the shoreline about three-quarters of a mile southwest of a spot where dogs had picked up the boy's scent on Monday.

Everett said nine boats were used to look for the boy Christmas Day, including some operated by civilians who came out to help. Several horseback riders also searched. The search was halted for the night and it resumed at daybreak today as divers were scheduled to search the lake.

The family said Ira didn't know how to swim. The park consists of a rocky terrain and lake shore about 100 yards from the trail, Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Traci Bowen said.

Bowen said searchers found a few footprints Sunday that they believed were the boy's.

Divers searched a small portion of the 19,800-acre lake Monday. Search teams probed the bottom of the lake near the shoreline where the boy's scent was picked up.

"They're actually going foot by foot near the shoreline where his scent was picked up," Everett said.

The rocky area along the shoreline could be difficult to walk on, Everett said.

Ira's father, Randy Clutter, told park officials that the family had walked only a few hundred yards Saturday before noticing he was gone, Bowen said.

"They think he walked off after some deer tracks," Bowen said. "The brush is so thick he wouldn't have had to go very far and they wouldn't have been able to see him anymore."

Ira was wearing jeans, a short-sleeve shirt and tennis shoes during the hike with his parents and four brothers and sisters.

Bowen said a doctor told officials that a boy of Ira's size wearing his clothing could reasonably be expected to survive in the cold for 36 to 50 hours. He had been missing for more than 72 hours by Tuesday. Temperatures were in the upper 20s all three nights.

Bowen said the family, which had been staying in a campground at the park, remained there Tuesday. Their home is in Silsbee, about 350 miles to the southeast.

The more than 300 rescuers who scaled steep hills and combed through heavy brush Monday were sent home Tuesday, Everett said.

Fewer than 20 searchers continued the ground search, continually expanding the search area near where the boy was reported missing in the 1,500-acre park. The area is rocky and covered with juniper trees.

"Some of the guys have been out there for 24 to 30 hours," Everett said. "Nobody's grumbling that it's Christmas or anything like that. Everybody just really wants to give this family some sort of closure."

Aggravated robbery under investigation

The Snyder Police Department is investigating an aggravated robbery that occurred Tuesday night in the 3000 block of Avenue V.

This charge stems from an aggravated assault that was reported around 11 p.m. in which a person allegedly removed items from the pocket of an assault victim.

Investigating officers were not available for additional information this morning, but one person who was assaulted was apparently transferred to a Lubbock hospital for treatment.

Larry Thompson, county juvenile probation officer, did transport one juvenile to the Garza County Detention Center late Tuesday.

The case is still under investigation as Snyder Police Sergeant Terry Leucke was interviewing witnesses this morning.

By volunteers...

Recovery efforts continue Christmas Day at WTC

NEW YORK (AP) — Recovery workers searching for human remains at the World Trade Center ruins paused for a brief Christmas dinner Tuesday as spectators crowded around the site.

The remains of several victims had been discovered in the rubble during the night as crews picked through what had been underground levels of the trade center. Those working at the site had volunteered to work on Christmas.

"People are saying 'Merry Christmas' and stuff, but it doesn't feel like Christmas out there," said Patrick Shea, an emergency service police officer, as he finished work for the day. "We'd like to recover people today. In a weird way, it would be like a gift for somebody."

Christmas Day marked 15 weeks since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when two hijacked airliners crashed into the twin towers, which collapsed and left nearly 3,000 people dead or missing.

Some workers said that although their families missed them on Christmas, it was nothing compared to what victims' relatives were enduring.

"There's still a lot of people we have to look for," said Sgt. John Cafarella, who missed Christmas morning with his three children to start work at 6 a.m.

Inside a large tent where recovery workers take breaks, Salvation Army volunteers served a Christmas dinner of prime rib, turkey with apple gravy, glazed ham, twice-baked potatoes, green beans with almonds, and yams.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani donned a red Salvation Army smock to help serve food and greet workers at the site, while a quartet played Christmas carols and patriotic tunes.

Giuliani later filled a plate with prime rib and green beans and sat to eat with five firefighters.

"To be able to do such dangerous work for such a long time really indicates how brave and strong they are," Giuliani said of the workers at the site.

Several workers said Giuliani's visit boosted their mood.

"It's different today, people are in better spirits," said firefighter Tom Sweetman. "Most times people walk around with their heads down, but today there's a little hope."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If TV isn't bad enough, it's now that time of year when you have to endure all those weight-loss commercials."

If trimming down is on your list of things to do next year, you're in heavy company.

Folks that watch such stuff, say 62 percent of Americans will make some type of commitment to shed holiday pounds. And this time next year, the percentage will likely be even higher.

Eating reminded us of this little item we got on the e-mail. It contains positive thoughts and actually might help take our minds off the refrigerator. It's about "Taters."

—Dick Taters: Some people are very bossy and like to tell people what to do.

—Speck Taters: People who never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

—Comment Taters: People who never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

—Agie Taters: Folks who are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

—Hezzie Taters: These are people who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised task.

—Emma Taters: They put up a front and pretend to be someone or something they are not.

"Then there are those who are considerate, kind and dependable. They are always willing to take time to lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called, 'Sweet Taters.'"

There's a wedding next year, and we just heard the sobering news that a tux rental will kill a hundred dollar bill.

It reminded us of the story about the man who died and was survived by two sons. One stayed on the farm while the second son went to the city and became a successful businessman.

When the son in the city learned of the news, he told his brother to spare no expense – give dad a first-class funeral and burial.

A couple of months later, the son got a bill for $7,800, which he promptly paid. One week later he got another invoice for a $100, which he also paid.

When a second invoice arrived for another $100, the son in the city decided to call his brother.

"Well," declared the brother back on the farm, "You said to spare no expense, so I buried pop in a rented tuxedo."

ASK US

Q—How does Scurry County's cotton crop measure up to other counties?

A—It varies. Mitchell County is expected to produce some 25,000 bales, while Dawson County has produced 64,026 bales so far this ginning season.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 46 degrees; low, 25; high Tuesday, 55; low, 24; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 27; no precipitation; total for 2001, 20.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low mid 20s; SW winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly sunny, high 50-55. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low 20-25.

Darlene Kaska
Mostly Sunny

Sunset: 5:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Of 359 days in 2001, the sun has shone 346 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When someone prizes us just as we are, he or she confirms our existence.
—Eugene Kennedy

DEC 26 2001

Dallas woman sends meals to needy

DALLAS (AP) — Before Mary Rutledge opened gifts and ate her Christmas meal, she spent the morning toiling in the kitchen at Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

She and about 70 other volunteers prepared meals for some 600 shut-ins in Dallas.

Rutledge began making meals for people in need in the mid 1970s. At first, it was just for around 17 people.

"Meals on Wheels didn't make deliveries on Christmas Day, and I kept saying 'That's ridiculous,'" she said.

As the years passed, word spread of the hot Christmas meals, and Rutledge found herself having to move to a larger kitchen to continue the operation.

Now, volunteers come in from all parts of the city to help. Some have been by Rutledge's side since the beginning.

Chad Sneed can't exactly remember when he started helping cook turkeys, but he knows the job.

"We just do whatever Mary says we have to do," Sneed said.

As Sneed and his team of volunteer chefs prepared a main course of turkey and dressing, another group of people formed an assembly line to box desserts, including pies.

There were others in the main hall of the church preparing the bags with the names and addresses of those receiving the Christmas treat.

"Everybody goes where they feel they're needed," said volunteer Dan Rose.

Glen Schmucker, pastor of the Baptist church for more than three years, said he feels for the elderly who don't have families to celebrate Christmas, or who are too old to leave their house.

"These are incredibly lonely people. It's the only human contact for some of these people," he said. "It's not just the food. Watching people do all this work, it's really inspiring."

Parents find that the gift of giving is an important lesson for their children. Some of their kids have grown up and are taking meals to people with their children now.

Valerie Long, 9, opened presents early so she could come with her mother to help put meals into the bags.

"That's what Christmas is about, helping people," she said.

Continental flight diverted to El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — A Continental Airlines flight from Houston to Los Angeles was diverted to El Paso on Tuesday because of two unruly passengers, officials said.

Flight 627 left Houston at 11:50 a.m. and landed in El Paso at 1:43 p.m., said Roland Herwig of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"There were actually two unruly passengers on board the aircraft and as a precautionary measure the plane was diverted to El Paso," Continental spokeswoman Julie King said.

The flight continued on its way about two hours later after FBI agents questioned witnesses and a couple who apparently became involved in what FBI agent Al Cruz described as a "verbal exchange" with a flight attendant.

El Paso police told The El Paso Times that they escorted the couple from the plane.

Cruz said agents concluded that no federal violation occurred. He said they consulted with the U.S. Attorney's Office, which agreed there was nothing to prosecute.

Linda Anderson, the supervisor for Continental Airlines in El Paso, told the newspaper that normal procedure was followed throughout the incident and that the plane was not escorted by military aircraft when it landed in El Paso. "It was handled as a normal incident," she said.

After five years, no one knows who killed JonBenet

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — "Listen carefully! We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction. We respect your business but not the country that it serves. At this time we have your daughter in our possession."

So began the chilling ransom note that demanded $118,000 for the life of JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old child beauty queen whose life came to a brutal end five years ago.

It was early Dec. 26, 1996, when JonBenet's mother, Patsy Ramsey, called 911 and reported finding the ransom note on the back stairs of their upscale Boulder home. Hours later, John Ramsey found his daughter's body in the basement.

After many spinoff criminal cases and lawsuits, infighting among police and prosecutors and a grand jury investigation that ended without an indictment, no one has been arrested for strangling JonBenet.

Police say JonBenet's parents remain under suspicion. The Ramseys repeatedly have professed their innocence and maintain that an intruder killed JonBenet.

This year will be a difficult one for the family, said their attorney, Lin Wood.

"The five-year anniversary carries with it ... the lack of progress in finding the killer of their daughter and the stalemate in their minds of the status of the investigation," he said.

"They survive Christmas the same way they survive every other day of the year and that is through their faith," Wood said.

No break is likely without new forensic technology or new evidence, legal analyst Scott Robinson said.

"Short of something relatively astounding, JonBenet's death will never become the subject of a criminal trial," he said.

Wood said charges probably will never be filed unless experienced new investigators take over.

The Ramseys declined to be interviewed, but told the Rocky Mountain News earlier this month they believe authorities have failed them and their daughter.

"Our strength comes from our innocence," John Ramsey said. "We cannot sit idly by for JonBenet's sake, for the sake of the next child this person will attack, if he's still alive. This is not right. Our government has failed, and our intention is to hold them accountable."

The Ramseys have since moved to Atlanta, but the curious still seek out their former home. Its new owner recently got the address changed and young evergreen trees on the front lawn help block the view.

JonBenet's grave near Atlanta also attracts visitors, many of whom leave remembrances such as small angels or stuffed animals.

Tensions among police officers, the Ramseys and the prosecutor flared almost immediately after JonBenet's body was found. They disagreed on conditions for interviews, and neither parent was formally interviewed by police until four months later.

Former District Attorney Alex Hunter was accused of hindering the police investigation, which he denied.

Hunter, former Police Chief Tom Koby and several of the detectives have resigned or retired.

Today, four police investigators and one commander are still assigned to the case.

On the Net:
Boulder police: http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/police
Ramseys: http://www.ramseyfamily.com

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
15-17-20-31-39

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-3-7-15-24

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery in order:
5-5-0
(five, five, zero)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-1-3

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
2-14-17-22
Bonus number 19
Estimated jackpot: $500,000

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 12-26-01 ♠ A 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ A K J 6 5 3 ♣ A J 3	
West ♠ K Q 8 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ 10 9 8 7 ♣ 9 7 4		East ♠ J 9 7 6 3 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 8 2
	South ♠ 10 5 4 ♥ A Q J 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 6 5	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

The thrust and counterthrust

By Phillip Alder

Today is Boxing Day in Canada and Great Britain. It recalls the period when lords of the manor took gifts in boxes to their workers.

In boxing, we have thrust and counterthrust as each pugilist tries to gain an upper hand. This happens in bridge too. How many metaphorical punches missed their mark in this deal?

Against three no-trump, West led the spade king: two, nine, four. West continued with the spade eight to dummy's ace. Declarer finessed the heart queen. West won with the king and cashed the spade queen, but when hearts broke 3-3, declarer took the rest for an overtrick.

You might not like South's three-no-trump rebid with no spade stopper, but what is better? Three hearts would strongly suggest at least a six-card suit.

First, West should have sacrificed his spade queen under dummy's ace. East had made an encouraging signal at trick one with his nine, which presumably meant he had the spade jack. Then, if declarer immediately takes a heart finesse, the defenders can cash out for one down.

South misplayed, unless he somehow knew that West had blocked the spades. Declarer needed either the hearts or the diamonds to come in. South should have begun with dummy's two top diamonds. When the queen drops, declarer has nine tricks: one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs. But if the diamond queen doesn't appear, South takes the heart finesse. If it wins, declarer has nine tricks via one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs — and can consider taking a second heart finesse for at least one overtrick.

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Berry's World

Date Book

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001

Today is the 360th day of 2001 and the sixth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, Continental troops led by Gen. George Washington captured about 1,000 Hessian mercenaries at Trenton, N.J.

On this day in 1865, James Nason, a resident of Franklin, Mass., invented the coffee percolator.

On this day in 1941, less than three weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the House of Representatives and the Senate met in the Senate chamber to hear an address by British prime minister Winston Churchill.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Miller (1891-1980), writer; Mao Tse-Tung (1893-1976), Chinese communist leader; Steve Allen (1921-2000), humorist-composer; Alan King (1927-), comedian, is 74; Phil Spector (1940-), recording engineer-innovator, is 61; Ozzie Smith (1954-), baseball star, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, the Philadelphia Eagles won the NFL championship by defeating the Green Bay Packers 17-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In giving advice seek to help, not to please, your friend." — Solon

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 22) and full moon (Dec. 30).

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A Gift for God

What is the greatest gift a child can give to his or her parents? Parents want nothing more than that their children make decisions that will make the children themselves happy. When children choose to live wisely, they bless their parents with the greatest gift they could give. What can we give God? Ourselves. Living for God and obeying God is the greatest gift we could give. Why does God want us to obey Him? Why does Jesus want us to follow Him? Is it for control? No. Is it because God wants to restrict us from enjoying the good things of life? No. God wants us to love and obey Him because He knows that then we will have real life, real joy, real love and real peace. Jesus said that he came that men might have life and have it abundantly, John 10:10. To have that life, Jesus invited men and women to follow Him in obedience. In return, Jesus promised they would find rest for their souls, Matthew 11:28-30. God gave Jesus and He died so that we might live for Him, II Corinthians 5:15. When we live for God, we give Him the one gift He really wants from us. In living for God, we also give ourselves the very best gift we could ever have!

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U.S. Congress told that better federal oversight needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials need to improve their oversight of university biomedical research to assure that potential conflicts of interest don't taint findings or harm human subjects, congressional investigators say.

Under current rules, researchers do not have to disclose their financial interests to independent review boards, even though the boards must evaluate projects for risks to human subjects, according to a study by the General Accounting Office.

The GAO said the universities it studied kept information about research activities and financial interests in different offices and in different formats, "making it a challenge to ensure that conflicts of interest were appropriately managed and not overlooked."

Officials at some of the universities told the GAO that they were beginning to develop a central database for financial information. The GAO is the investigative arm of Congress.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., requested the study because of concerns that researchers or institutions were becoming too focused on financial rewards.

Collaborations between government-funded researchers and private industry have increased. A 1980 law let universities, nonprofit corporations and small businesses keep the patents and profits from their federally funded projects.

The budget of the National Institutes of Health, the main federal agency that funds biomedical research, grew from more than $3 billion in 1980 to more than $20 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Funding from drug companies grew even more rapidly, from $1.5 billion in 1980 to $22.4 billion in 2000.

The report said the five universities had developed policies for financial conflicts of interest, but they were all different.

Dud bombs a problem in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-led coalition strikes in Afghanistan are complicating the task of clearing the remnants of two decades of conflict: unexploded bombs.

The Pentagon has not said how many bombs it has dropped on Afghanistan, but experts on unexploded ordnance estimate that besides the array of dumb bombs and bunker-busters, coalition forces have dropped 600 cluster bombs.

About the size of a garbage can, each cluster bomb contains 202 mini-bomblets designed to pierce light-armored vehicles, start fires and send shrapnel flying in all directions. Some are duds.

"If you're a child in a country like this where there are no toys around, you're going to throw rocks at one of these to see if it goes BANG!" said Paul Heslop, an expert on unexploded ordnance with The Halo Trust, a nonprofit mine-clearing organization in Afghanistan.

When the bombing ends, several thousand unexploded cluster bomblets alone will be left behind.

Dud rates are difficult to pinpoint, but if the experience during NATO's 78-day bombing campaign in Kosovo is any indication, 5 percent of the bomblets will fail to explode when they land. That could mean Afghanistan would be seeded with 6,000 unexploded cluster bomblets, not counting other kinds of duds or the ordnance still littering the ground from earlier battles.

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the U.N. Mine Action Program in Afghanistan estimated that leftover ordnance still contaminated nearly 300 square miles — an area roughly four times the size of the District of Columbia. Last year, 1,114 people were killed or injured by mines or unexploded ordnance, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Making matters worse, the more than 2 million humanitarian food packets dropped in the country are still bright yellow — the same color as unexploded cluster bomblets — despite Defense Department plans to distinguish rations from munitions.

"Children are children. They'll shoot their slingshot at them," said Andrew Wilder, director of Afghanistan and Pakistan for Save the Children. Wilder said an estimated 10 million land mines and pieces of unexploded ordnance still need to be cleared from Afghanistan, roughly one for each of the 10 million children who live there.

Some bomblets fail to explode because the arming mechanism malfunctions in flight. A soft landing in the mud, snow or sand also could prevent detonation. Stamping the ground, talking on a walkie-talkie nearby or hitting the bomblet with a rock could be enough to detonate it.

"It depends on what they land on," explained Caleb Rossiter, defense analyst for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. "These bomblets are light like Coke cans and so at the last minute, a stiff wind could blow them sideways. The nose won't hit the ground, and it's the impact of the nose that makes it go off." The foundation and other groups argue that they should be equipped with a backup feature, developed in past few years, that causes boomlets to detonate even if they don't explode on impact.

The backup fuse is being discussed this week at the U.N. Convention on Conventional Weapons in Geneva, and will be addressed at an upcoming congressional hearing requested by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

"In Kosovo, more than 14,000 of our cluster bomblets — about 5 percent — did not detonate," Leahy said. "Those duds have maimed or killed scores of civilians. The Army has developed a reliable self-destruct fuse that would have reduced that number of duds to under 500."

Since the late 1980s, the United States has spent nearly $28 million on ordnance cleanup in Afghanistan. In recent weeks, an additional $7 million was approved, which includes $3 million for The Halo Trust.

On the Net:
U.N. Mine Action Program: http://www.un.org
International Committee of the Red Cross: http://www.icrc.org
The Halo Trust: http://www.halotrust.org
Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation: http://vvaf.org
Save the Children: http://www.savethechildren.org

Family members can't have evidence

BOSTON (AP) — A judge said the state does not need to share forensic evidence with the families of a man who confessed to being the Boston Strangler and a woman believed to be the strangler's last victim.

Judge Vieri Volterra on Monday said the families of Albert DeSalvo, who confessed to the killings, and Mary Sullivan, who was found murdered on Jan. 4, 1964, are not entitled to evidence from the crime scene because the investigation into the murders remains open.

The DeSalvo and Sullivan families believe DeSalvo did not kill Sullivan. They said DeSalvo confessed to the strangler murders in 1965 because he wanted the notoriety and fortune a confession would bring.

DeSalvo, who was never charged in the killings, later recanted the confession. He was murdered in state prison in 1973 while serving a sentence on an unrelated rape conviction.

Earlier this month, a team of forensic scientists working with the two families said tests on Sullivan's clothing and remains found DNA from two individuals that did not match Sullivan or DeSalvo's DNA.

They said the evidence appears to clear DeSalvo of sexual assault in Sullivan's killing and raises significant doubt that DeSalvo killed Sullivan.

The ruling means three parties named in the families' lawsuit seeking access to the evidence — Attorney General Thomas Reilly, Dr. Richard Evans, the state's chief medical examiner, and John DiFava, the former state police superintendent — are no longer part of the suit.

Reilly has asked the DeSalvos to provide a DNA sample from a family member so investigators can conduct tests to see if it matches evidence found at the crime scene.

The family said it would not provide the sample unless Reilly's office turns over crime scene evidence so they can do their own testing or have one of their scientists observe the state's testing.

"Once again, the court has backed us up in our insistence that this investigation be done in a professional and impartial manner," said Reilly spokeswoman Beth Stone. "We hope that the plaintiffs use this as an opportunity to allow us to do our job and move forward with DNA testing."

Reilly's office has said the new findings don't resolve the question of whether DeSalvo killed Sullivan.

"We have proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Albert DeSalvo did not kill Mary Sullivan and was not the Boston Strangler," said Daniel Sharp, an attorney for the DeSalvo and Sullivan families. "The judge's ruling says nothing about that."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Father of flower girl finds it's no bed of roses at home

DEAR ABBY: My nephew is being married in a few months and has asked my 7-year-old daughter, "Shelley," to be the flower girl in his wedding. He is her godfather.

I also have a 5-year-old daughter, "Ruthie." My wife thinks it is unfair that Ruthie wasn't asked to be in the wedding because "it's every little girl's dream" to be a flower girl. The truth is, Ruthie did not feel slighted in the least when she heard Shelley was asked. However, my wife, her mother, two sisters and a couple of her friends think it is wrong and mean-spirited for Ruthie not to be included.

This argument has caused a great deal of strain between my wife and me. She has even stated that rather than attending the wedding, she may stay home with Ruthie. Abby, do you think I am being an insensitive father for not telling my nephew that he must ask BOTH girls to be flower girls? — **BEWILDERED IN TEXAS**

DEAR BEWILDERED: Certainly not. Being a flower girl isn't "every little girl's dream" unless someone has planted the notion. Tell your wife and the meddling in-laws to stop interfering with your nephew's wedding plans. If your wife prefers to stay home with your 5-year-old, that's her choice.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my father's heart surgeon. He is extremely busy and calls less and less often as the weeks go by. He makes very little time to see me, although he claims he will make more time for me in the future. I know he has a lot of pressure, but I'm sure he doesn't do heart surgery 24 hours a day.

Every time I decide to give up on him, he calls, apologizes, and promises to see me "soon." He also pays me lavish compliments. I really like him a lot, but the relationship is going nowhere.

What must I do to resolve the situation? I don't have the strength to say no. — **HEARTBROKEN OKLAHOMAN**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Don't let this cardiologist break your heart, and don't burn your bridges. Accept his compliments, issue no ultimatums, and make it a priority to meet and date other eligible men. He may, indeed, have an extremely full schedule. However, until he's willing to place you higher on his list of priorities, make sure your social calendar is as full as you want it to be.

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DEAR ABBY: I thought you and your readers might enjoy these announcements from actual church bulletins. Get ready to chuckle! — **LOIS IN HELLERTOWN, PA.**

DEAR LOIS: Although these have appeared in my column before, I'm sure many people would welcome a chuckle. Read on:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.

2. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Jenny Palmer to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

3. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and may be seen in the fellowship hall all day Friday.

4. This afternoon, there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

5. Tonight's sermon will be "What is Hell?" Come early and hear our choir practice.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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1 Fastened a shoe
6 Customary action
11 Mollusk
13 Lady from Madrid
14 Perturb
15 Eaten away
16 Sigh of content
17 Period of time
18 Bow shape
21 Have a strong desire
23 Throng
26 Spoil
27 Dine
28 Vagrant
29 Width
31 Kind of rug
32 Guide
33 Uses
36 Hostess Maxwell
37 Once named
38 Jell
39 Change hair color
40 Get the show on the road
42 Publishing execs
43 Couple
44 German one
46 Kits and cubs
49 T-bones
53 Provides
54 Brewing need
55 Please a great deal
56 Tuckered out

DOWN

1 Chaney of films
2 Affirmative vote
3 Chicago hrs.
4 Soul singer James
5 Held up
6 Wading bird
7 Prolific auth.
8 Physique
9 Wrath
10 Little kid
12 Warm over
13 Tarot user
14 Walked slowly
19 Seldom
20 Wrinkle
22 Parthenon goddess
23 Downcast
24 Complied
25 Crows over
28 Actor Holbrook
30 Computer language
34 Least
35 Small sizes
40 Stockholm native
41 Pitch
43 Lean to one side
45 Half-moon tide
46 "So long!"
47 Run a fever
48 "Luck — — Lady"
50 Lincoln nickname
51 Nebr. neighbor
52 Noncom

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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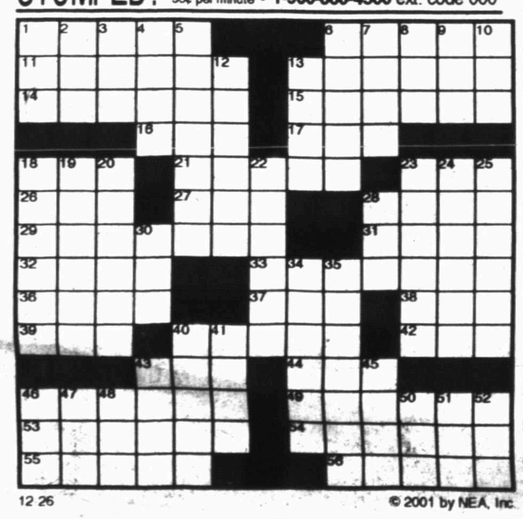

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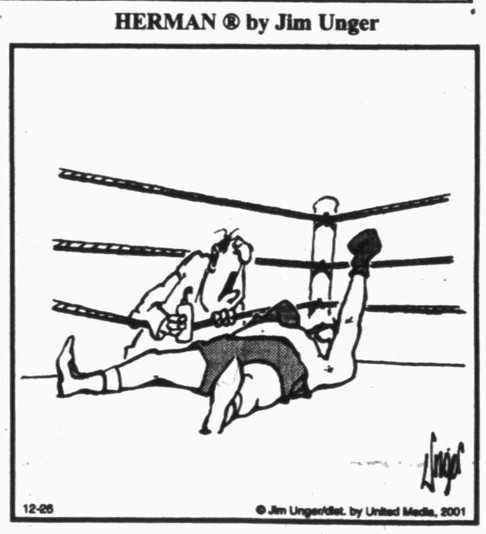

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SPORTS

Smith close to 11th 1,000-yard season

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith's season-best performance against the Arizona Cardinals has brought him closer to his quest for an NFL-record 11th 1,000-yard season.

He gained 128 yards in the Dallas Cowboys' 17-10 loss to Arizona, giving him 818 yards for the season with two games to play.

The Cowboys play the San Francisco 49ers in Texas Stadium on Sunday, then close the season a week later on the road against the Detroit Lions.

Smith has missed two games with injury and is averaging just 58.4 yards per game, but head coach Dave Campo said he believes his running back has a good shot at 1,000 yards. He said the Cowboys will do their best to get him there.

"The last two games will be based around our running game. He will have a chance to get the football," Campo said.

The Cowboys aren't doing anything special for Smith, Campo said. It's the same game plan they've used since rookie quarterback Quincy Carter returned to the lineup a month ago.

Campo said the running game has been the focus of the Cowboys' attack, and as long as Carter can convert third downs, Smith will get a chance to run as much as possible.

Campo said rookie fullback Terry Witherspoon, who was signed off the practice squad last Friday, had a part in Smith's success against Arizona. Smith had 95 of his 128 yards after halftime, when the Cowboys started running the ball outside with the 5-11, 250-pound Witherspoon leading the way.

"I was very pleased with Witherspoon. He made a lot of key blocks as we were going to the perimeter in the second half. It was a good game for him. He earned some more playing time," Campo said.

Former Cowboys great dead at 51

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Harvey Martin, once a Super Bowl MVP, has died of pancreatic cancer. He was 51.

Baylor Health Care Center spokeswoman Maureen Porter said Martin died at 8:24 Monday night at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

The four-time Pro Bowler starred for the Cowboys in the 1970s and highlighted his 11-year career by being the co-MVP of the 1978 Super Bowl with teammate Randy White. Martin is the first Super Bowl MVP to die.

Martin underwent major surgery about a year ago and his condition worsened recently. Porter said Martin's family planned to issue a statement by Wednesday.

Martin was one of the Cowboys' most popular players in the 1970s and early '80s, setting team records with 114 career sacks and 20 in 1977. That season he was the Associated Press' NFL defensive player of the year.

In seven seasons, he led the Cowboys in sacks. Former Dallas coach Tom Landry called Martin the team's best-ever pass-rushing defensive end.

"He'll be remembered as one of the great Cowboys of the golden years," former Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm told The Associated Press Tuesday night. "He was a great player, one of the first in the group of the first great pass rushers. He accomplished more than was anticipated of him."

Schramm said Martin entered the game at a time when defensive ends weren't expected to make many sacks. Martin and defensive ends such as Deacon Jones of the Los Angeles Rams brought sacks into vogue: their skill in getting to the quarterback helped convince coaches to turn the defensive end into more of a pass-rushing threat than a run-stopper.

"He was a warm and kind-hearted man, who was also a tremendous contributor to this organization," said Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones. "As the first defensive lineman to be named Super Bowl MVP (along with Randy White), his ability as a player spoke for itself."

Teammates always joked with Martin that he never returned a fumble for a touchdown and that he was once even tackled by the quarterback.

"It never happened to me," Martin said in an interview with The Dallas Morning News. "Closest I came was with a fumble. I got tackled by the quarterback, and everybody laughed at me. Both teams.

"I killed many a quarterback. I felt like I scored when I took their head off."

The Dallas native starred at South Oak Cliff High School and East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University at Commerce) before the Cowboys selected him in the third round of the 1973 draft.

A&M quarterbacks are ailing

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M's top two quarterbacks missed Tuesday's practice for the GalleryFurniture.com Bowl and are listed as day-to-day by the team.

Starter Mark Farriss was suffering from food poisoning, the university said. Backup quarterback Vance Smith was out with an abdominal strain.

The Aggies, who face TCU in Friday's game, worked out for two hours at the Astrodome.

Utah defense dominates USC

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Adam Tate rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown, and Utah's defense limited Southern California to 1 yard rushing as the Utes won the Las Vegas Bowl for the second time in three years, beating the Trojans 10-6 Tuesday.

The Utes (8-4) got a surprisingly dominant performance from their defense, which embarrassed USC's high-powered offense. The Trojans (6-6), who had their four-game winning streak snapped, finished with 151 total yards.

Despite going scoreless in the second half, Utah converted two long third downs in the final 3:30 to run out the clock. When Tate surged for yet another first down with 1:30 left, the Utes doused coach Ron McBride with Gatorade to celebrate Utah's third bowl victory in six trips during his 12 years in charge.

Tate and Dameon Hunter, who rushed for 94 yards, were two of the first players to hug McBride after the final snap.

Moved to Christmas Day to capitalize on a captive TV audience, the game was expected to draw a tiny crowd to Sam Boyd Stadium. Instead, 30,984 locals and fans of both teams filled the stadium, improbably setting a new attendance record for the 10-year-old bowl.

Utah scored its only touchdown on its second possession. Tate, the bigger of the Utes' massive tailback tandem, bulled in on a 3-yard run.

The Trojans played dismally while going scoreless in the first half. Thanks to an amazing series of sacks and tackles behind the line by Sheldon Deckart and the Utes' aggressive linebackers, USC had minus-53 yards rushing in the first half — and just 15 total yards.

Even kicker David Davis had his string of 12 straight field goals snapped when he was left and short on a 47-yard attempt 3:28 before halftime. Utah pulled ahead 10-0 on Ryan Kaneshiro's 26-yard field goal three minutes later.

But USC woke up briefly, driving 80 yards to open the second half and scoring on Sunny Byrd's 1-yard run. Both defenses then began to dominate once again, with the Trojans led by 16 tackles from star safety Troy Polamalu.

On third-and-14 from the Utes' 9 with 3:30 left, quarterback Lance Rice hit Michael Richardson for a 20-yard reception. Facing third-and-5 a minute later, Tate bounced off several defenders for a 10-yard run that essentially sealed it.

Both teams made their impressive defensive stands despite playing without key defenders.

Negotiations still underway...

Georgia Tech denies hiring Dolphins' offensive coach

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech said Tuesday it still is negotiating to hire Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Gailey as the Yellow Jackets' football coach.

Athletic director Dave Braine denied reports Gailey already had been hired and said a new coach won't be introduced until after Georgia Tech, under interim coach Mac McWhorter, plays Stanford in the inaugural Seattle Bowl on Thursday.

ESPN said Tuesday that Gailey, the former Dallas Cowboys head coach, already had accepted the job. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on its Web site late Tuesday that Georgia Tech intends to introduce Gailey as its new coach on Saturday.

"We've told the kids we're not going to do anything until after the game," Brain said Tuesday.

Braine declined to say if an announcement was expected then, but said, "We're coming home right after the game."

The Telegraph in Macon cited unidentified sources close to Tech's athletic department in Tuesday's editions that Gailey was close to a deal to succeed George O'Leary.

The Miami Herald said in Tuesday's newspaper that Georgia Tech administrators were impressed with Gailey during a recent interview and decided to offer him the job, even though Gailey insisted on finishing his second season with Miami.

The Dolphins, fighting for an NFL playoff spot, play the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday in Miami.

Gailey, a native of Gainesville, Ga. grew up in Americus. He declined comment on the report Monday and did not immediately return a call Tuesday.

Vickers earns football honors

Jarrett Vickers

Post High School tight end Jarrett Vickers earned a spot on the Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains Class 2A football team.

The 6-5, 200-pound junior is the son of Kathy Jones, and the grandson of Howard and Dolores Jones.

Vickers was a key blocker in the Antelopes' rushing attack, while also hauling in 11 catches for almost 230 yards and three touchdowns. He also handled the deep-snapper duties.

Bowl Glance

All Times EST

Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
$750,000
Colorado State 45, North Texas 20

Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
$750,000
Marshall 64, East Carolina 61, 2OT

Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$750,000
Pittsburgh 34, N.C. State 19

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 28, Gray 10
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
$800,000
Utah 10, Southern California 6

Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
$750,000
Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 2:15 p.m. (CBS)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2.2 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$2 million
Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$4.25 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
$11-13 million
Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	17	8	.680	—
New Jersey	16	9	.640	1
Washington	14	12	.539	3½
New York	13	15	.464	5½
Orlando	13	16	.448	6
Philadelphia	11	16	.407	7
Miami	5	20	.200	12
Central Division				
Milwaukee	15	9	.625	—
Detroit	14	11	.560	1½
Indiana	16	13	.552	1½
Toronto	15	13	.536	2
Charlotte	12	15	.444	4½
Cleveland	11	16	.407	5½
Atlanta	10	17	.370	6½
Chicago	4	21	.160	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	20	5	.800	—
Minnesota	18	8	.692	2½
Dallas	18	9	.667	3
Utah	13	15	.464	8½
Denver	9	17	.346	11½
Houston	8	20	.286	13½
Memphis	7	20	.259	14
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	4	.833	—
Sacramento	20	9	.690	2½
L.A. Clippers	15	11	.577	6
Phoenix	15	13	.536	7
Portland	13	13	.500	8
Seattle	14	15	.483	8½
Golden State	11	17	.393	11

Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
New York 102, Toronto 94
L.A. Lakers 88, Philadelphia 82
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
x-New England	10	5	0	.667	333	266
Miami	9	5	0	.643	289	269
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	275	259
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Buffalo	2	12	0	.143	244	377
Central						
y-Pittsburgh	12	2	0	.857	301	179
Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	274	240
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	277	324
Cleveland	6	8	0	.429	237	253
Jacksonville	6	8	0	.429	255	223
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	177	265
West						
y-Oakland	10	4	0	.714	360	280
Denver	7	7	0	.500	307	293
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	255	284
Kansas City	5	9	0	.357	272	297
San Diego	5	10	0	.333	310	296
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Arizona	6	8	0	.429	248	316
Washington	6	8	0	.429	196	276
Dallas	4	10	0	.286	209	302
Central						
x-Chicago	11	3	0	.786	281	190
x-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	332	228
Tampa Bay	8	6	0	.571	289	253
Minnesota	5	9	0	.357	274	347
Detroit	1	13	0	.071	255	380
West						
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Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
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Sports Briefs

Businessman interested in buying Twins

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Mets must complete Vaughn trade today

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets have until Wednesday to complete a tentative trade that would bring them Mo Vaughn from the Anaheim Angels for Kevin Appier.

Raptors' assistant in stable condition

TORONTO (AP) — Raptors assistant coach Stan Albeck was resting comfortably and remained in stable condition, two days after he had a stroke in the locker room before a game.

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One WTC survivor's e-mail touches hundreds

NEW YORK (AP) — After barely escaping from the 87th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower on Sept. 11, Adam Mayblum poured out his heart in an e-mail sent to family and friends.

Less than 24 hours after he wrote his account of fleeing the burning tower and sent it to about 25 people, Mayblum received nearly 100 replies — most from people he had never met.

And it kept building.

Since then, more than 1,000 strangers from around the world have responded to his harrowing story, which was so detailed that it described the smell of the smoke on the 87th floor and the conversations he had with people who never made it out.

"You don't know me," one woman wrote. "My son-in-law forwarded your story to me and I'm not sure who sent it to him but the thing is I felt it necessary to let you know how happy you made me. The fact that you survived ... helped to lift the terrible weight from my heart. We live in L.A. and when you were coming down the stairs we were watching the towers collapse with such a feeling of helplessness and despair."

Mayblum said he spent several hours writing his 2,100 word e-mail entitled "THE PRICE WE PAY" as he sat at his suburban New Rochelle home on Sept. 12, still stunned from the experience. He knew it would help to put his thoughts into words, but he also wanted to let loved ones know he was safe.

"We were moving down very orderly in Staircase A. Very slowly. No panic. At least not overt panic. My legs could not stop shaking. My heart was pounding. Some nervous jokes and laughter," wrote Mayblum, 36, an employee of May Davis Group, a private investment firm.

His cell phone worked, so he spoke with his parents and sister-in-law. He couldn't reach his wife, who had taken their infant for a checkup. He never heard the second plane hit the other tower.

Around the 44th floor, he began to see firefighters, police officers and other rescuers coming up the stairs. Mayblum told them about a friend who had stayed behind on the 87th floor, and a heavyset man who was resting on the 53rd.

"I later felt terrible about this," Mayblum wrote. "They headed up to find those people and met death instead."

The e-mail went out to his family, his wife's family and a few friends — mostly in Florida, California, Connecticut and New Jersey.

"Within 24 hours it was ridiculous. I was getting responses from New Zealand. I got a postcard from Santa Barbara," Mayblum said. "I still get things like that, like the letter from a brokerage firm in Frankfurt."

His e-mail has been posted on several Web sites. Mayblum said the responses still come, several a day. He tried to reply to each one, but stopped after 500.

"I think the ultimate thing that made the e-mail is that it helped a lot of people understand what was going on inside the building at the same time they had seen what was going on outside the building," he said.

Mayblum has received prayers from Texas, praise from Seattle, best wishes from London and, from Paris, an apology that poor English skills didn't allow the writer to express her true feelings.

Some told Mayblum they wept while reading his story. Many thanked him for providing a window into an event that was so hard to imagine.

"Your writing really gave us a feel of the calmness, camaraderie and terror all at the same time," one woman in Baltimore wrote. "Your co-workers and you deserve a medal of honor and your quick thinking probably saved lives."

Mayblum said many respondents have called him a hero — including a group of 16-year-old girls in Los Angeles — but he doesn't agree. He wrote about heroes in his e-mail.

"Those men and women that went up were heroes in the face of it all," he wrote. "They must have known what was going on and they did their jobs. Ordinary people were heroes, too. ... If you want to make us stronger, attack and we unite."

On the Net:

Text of Mayblum's e-mail can be found at http://www.wire.ap.org, under the "In Depth" section of U.S. news.

Bush changes stand on foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meaning it as a compliment, George Mitchell remarked the other day that President Bush had reversed himself on "nation-building" with his tough policy on Afghanistan.

The former Senate Democratic leader said it was to Bush's credit that he did not allow his campaign rhetoric to stop him from using force to counter terrorism and to go on from there to try to rebuild Afghanistan.

Switches like that are not unusual. Well-remembered by President Clinton's critics was his pursuit of better relations with China after accusing Bush's father during the 1992 presidential race of coddling the Chinese.

Once Clinton moved into the White House he saw things differently.

George W. Bush, struggling with foreign policy issues and trying to strike a balance between Republican isolationists and interventionists, criticized his Democratic opponent, Al Gore, during the 2000 campaign for getting involved in what Bush called "nation building."

He said Clinton and Gore had overextended U.S. military forces by intervening in places where U.S. security interests were not at stake.

But after the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks Bush all but declared war on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers for sheltering Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida terrorist network. Bush is using U.S. troops, successfully, to root out the Islamic fundamentalist militia and to hunt for bin Laden.

When that campaign ends, Bush has vowed to pursue terrorism beyond Afghanistan's borders. However, his tools might be financial and diplomatic, not military. There have been hints in both directions.

In any event, U.S. troops are not likely to be part of the gathering international peacekeeping operation in Afghanistan, although the Bush administration is directly involved in trying to reconstruct the country — nation-building, in effect.

Bush is falling in line with a long tradition.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, running for a third term in 1940, capitalized on having kept the United States out of the war in Europe. But his sentiments were clearly anti-Nazi, and the United States generously assisted the British war effort until Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 drove the United States directly into the war in Asia and Europe.

John F. Kennedy, in 1960, charged in his campaign against Richard M. Nixon that the Eisenhower administration, in which Nixon was vice president, had permitted a "missile gap" to evolve, giving the Soviet Union a critical security edge over the United States.

After Kennedy settled into the White House the notion of a missile gap and a program to bridge it vanished.

So did Nixon's "secret plan" to end the war in Vietnam, which he had used in his successful race for the presidency in 1968, capitalizing on widespread sentiment against the war.

The war went on for years after Nixon was elected, and if he ever had a secret plan to end the conflict, he never revealed it.

Ronald Reagan, in his 1980 presidential campaign, attacked the process of arms control agreements with the Soviet Union. It was a position that reflected the suspicions of Reagan and other deeply conservative Republicans.

After he was elected he refined his opposition and developed the mantra "trust, but verify," meaning he would continue the process of seeking nuclear weapons reductions through negotiations but make sure agreements with Moscow contained safeguards against cheating.

Barely a year into his presidency, Bush's views on foreign policy are only beginning to evolve.

Like candidate Reagan, he is suspicious of arms control agreements and already has decided to opt out of a landmark pact outlawing national missile defenses.

On the Middle East, Bush, like candidate Clinton before him, pledged to have the U.S. Embassy in Israel moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. That, in effect, would bolster Israel's claim to the city as its capital.

"As soon as I take office, I will begin the process of moving the U.S. ambassador to the city Israel has chosen as its capital," Bush told an American Jewish group in May 2000.

Last week, Bush exercised an escape clause in congressional legislation that called for the shift and delayed it for six months. It would be no surprise if he delayed the move again next year.

On the other hand, Bush vowed during the campaign to act as a benevolent broker — nudging, rather than trying to force — Israel and the Arabs toward peace agreements.

As president he has held to this course, agreeing with the Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that violence must be curbed before steps toward peace can be taken.

Bush also has taken a hard line on Yasser Arafat, not inviting him to the White House and demanding he dismantle terrorist groups that have attacked Israelis.

At the same time, Bush has endorsed statehood for the Palestinians.

Last month, Secretary of State Colin Powell delivered a speech in Louisville, Ky., that suggested a larger role for the Bush administration in peacemaking if the violence is brought down.

Powell said Israel was strangling peace hopes by constructing homes for Jews on the West Bank and in Gaza, and he called Israel an occupier of land that Powell said should be turned over to the Palestinians in exchange for peace and security.

Daschle called obstructionist but GOP acknowledge skill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle has been called an obstructionist by Vice President Dick Cheney, a bad faith negotiator by Speaker Dennis Hastert and empty headed by Rep. Bill Thomas, a senior House Republican. And that's just in December.

Privately, Republicans acknowledge Daschle's skill, while hastening to add it is employed in the service of partisanship.

"He has a very soft glove and he has a very nice demeanor," says Sen. Rick Santorum, the Pennsylvania Republican. "He feels he won't take any heat for being an obstructionist."

There is no doubt that Daschle, D-S.D., has exercised his power with determination in the six months since Democrats gained control of the Senate. That was painfully clear to Republicans and the White House when he successfully led the battle to shelve President Bush's economic stimulus plan last week.

But the soft-spoken and genial Daschle disputes the charges that he's an obstructionist.

"I believe that if one looks at the record this fall and the plethora of legislation passed on an overwhelming bipartisan basis, it is hard to make that accusation with any credibility," he said.

Daschle became majority leader when Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont bolted the GOP last summer to become an independent allied with Democrats. Since then, he has put a Democratic stamp on the agenda while also giving strong support to Bush's war against terrorism.

He delayed action on energy legislation after wresting control of a bill from a committee that could have approved oil exploration in protected wildlife refuge lands in Alaska.

When Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., dispatched an aide to seek a patients bill of rights compromise with the White House, Daschle relayed concern that any agreement — likely to involve limits on lawsuits — would prove difficult to move through the Democratic ranks. The bill, a top Democratic priority, was deferred until an election year.

When Bush's nominee for a State Department post, Otto Reich, sought help in gaining a hearing from a reluctant Senate Committee, Daschle meet with him but declined to intervene.

More recently, liberal Democrats complained that the education deal Kennedy reached with Republicans and the White House shortchanged funding for children with special needs.

"My heart is with you," Daschle told the critics in one meeting, according to two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. But he let the bill pass, deciding the better move was to fight over the funding issue next year.

Daschle has had setbacks.

Republicans held ranks this month to defeat a Democratic anti-terrorism spending proposal the White House deemed too large. And the GOP held together to prevent the Senate from passing a Democratic farm bill that Republicans said was too costly.

Daschle has lent Bush rhetorical and visible backing on the war against terrorism since Sept. 11. And the two men have been thrown together in unexpected ways since the attacks.

It was the president who announced that anthrax had been found in the majority leader's mail after one of the White House breakfasts that Daschle attends weekly with the three other party leaders in Congress.

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Caterpillar	52.55	51.76	52.43	+ .43
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Citigroup	50.78	50.06	50.69	+ .72
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DeltaAirl	28.57	28.00	28.08	—.12
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DowChem	34.72	34.39	34.63	+ .28
DuPont	42.69	42.26	42.46	+ .16
EastmanChem	39.18	38.90	38.90	—.03
EstKodak	31.15	30.50	30.99	+ .45
EDS Corp	68.85	68.40	68.60	+ .60
Entergy	38.90	38.29	38.81	+ .72
ExxonMobil s	40.04	39.12	39.80	+ .80
FstBksAm	31.35	31.25	31.35	—.05
FootLocker	16.16	15.92	16.13	+ .33
GenDynam	78.50	78.01	78.25	+ .21
GenElec	41.28	40.89	41.17	—.02
GenMills	52.15	51.75	52.14	+ .40
GenMotors	47.95	47.51	47.90	+ .44
GaPacGP	27.64	27.02	27.05	—.44
Goodrich	25.97	25.61	25.91	+ .31
Goodyear s	24.07	23.38	23.86	+ .21
GtAtlPac	24.81	24.20	24.80	+ .76
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Hanson ADS	33.60	33.45	33.54	+ .14
HartfeHanks	27.48	27.35	27.48	+ .15
HomeDepot	52.04	51.39	52.01	+ .69
Honeywellnt	33.44	32.80	33.30	+ .20
IBM	123.70	121.81	123.50	+ 2.05
IntlPaper	40.21	39.66	40.14	+ .36
JohnsonJn s	59.80	59.05	59.77	+ .31
K mart	5.26	5.12	5.24	+ .09
KinderMorg	57.05	55.70	56.92	+ 1.12
Kroger Co	20.70	20.52	20.60	+ .10
LockheedM	46.30	45.70	45.70	—.49
Lowes Cos s	48.48	47.38	48.32	+ .94
Lubys	5.80	5.70	5.78	+ .13
LucentTech	6.20	6.06	6.13	+ .04
MayDeptStr	36.20	35.94	36.12	+ .26
Medtronic	51.35	50.70	51.25	+ .56
Motorola	15.10	14.77	14.96	+ .11
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Penney JC	26.39	25.92	26.31	+ .50
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PepsiCo	49.69	48.90	49.56	+ .31
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PhilipPet	60.58	59.83	60.40	+ .80
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SouthernCo s	25.40	24.82	25.29	+ .33
SwstAirl s	18.77	18.51	18.63	—.02
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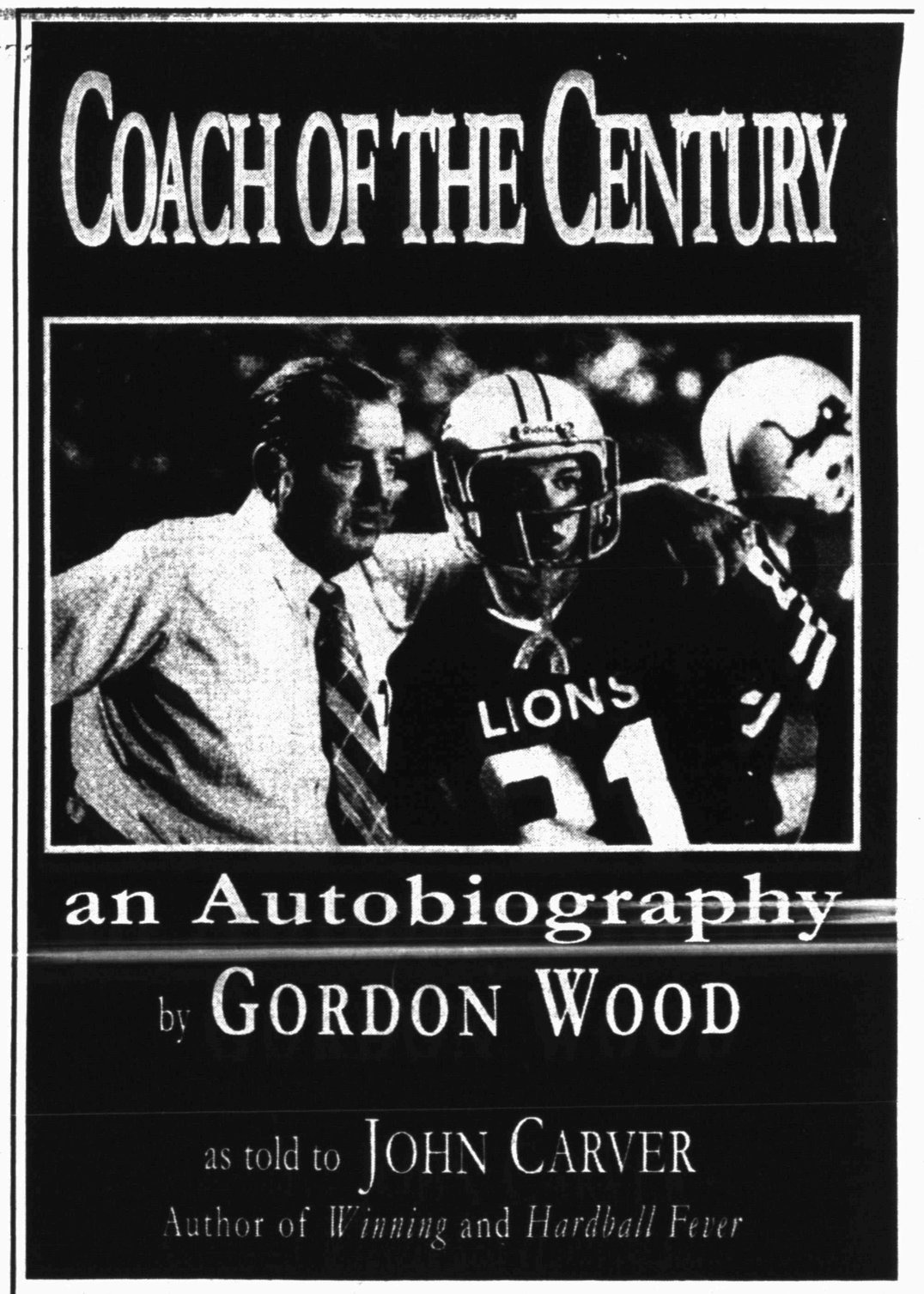
Sunoco Inc	37.49	36.70	37.33	+ .47
TXU Corp	46.50	45.85	46.40	+ .69
TempleInland	56.30	55.70	56.25	+ .25
Textrnd	36.50	36.15	36.45	+ .40
TexasInst	28.97	27.53	28.80	+ .97
Textron	39.70	39.25	39.68	+ .18
TriconGlbR	50.82	50.35	50.46	—.24
TrinityInds	28.15	28.09	28.13	+ .14
TylerTech	4.20	4.00	4.10	+ .14
USX-Marathn	29.56	29.15	29.56	+ .54
USX-USS	17.38	17.12	17.25	—.06
UnionPacif	57.50	57.16	57.26	+ .26
UnitedTech	64.85	64.09	64.46	+ .40
Unocal	36.00	35.30	35.79	+ .52
VerizonComm	47.75	47.00	47.56	+ .36
WalMart	58.34	57.70	58.33	+ 1.20
WellsFargo	43.40	43.27	43.36	+ .06
WstnGasRs	32.57	31.85	32.56	+ .96
WinnDixie	14.17	14.02	14.13	+ .07
Xerox Cp	9.73	9.50	9.54	+ .03



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Michigan farmers planning reintroduction of chestnuts

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. (AP) — The native species of American chestnut almost entirely disappeared by the 1950s — the result of what scientists call the greatest species die-off in modern North American history.

But a bloc of Michigan chestnut-growers has organized to start a chestnut comeback and make inroads into the $20 million import market.

The Chestnut Growers Inc. cooperative hopes to develop and expand a cash market for chestnuts from blight-resistant Chinese chestnut trees, the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune reported.

An estimated 3.5 billion American chestnut trees were wiped out by a fungus, Endothia parasitica, which accidentally was carried to this country in a shipment of exotic chestnut trees in 1904.

What began as a mysterious death of chestnut trees in the Bronx Zoo continued to spread throughout the eastern United States. By the 1950s, all chestnut trees in American forests were dead.

Today, chestnuts sold in supermarkets are imported mainly from Italy.

Chestnut grower Roy Adkin, a member of the Chestnut Growers cooperative, went to California seven years ago to check on a Chinese species of chestnut called Colossal that was discovered in the eastern part of the state.

The 85-foot tree had a reputation of producing an abundance of chestnuts. It also appeared to have some resistance to the blight.

With 15,000 Chinese chestnut trees growing in California, growers in Michigan plan to begin reintroducing chestnuts to a much wider population — especially to restaurants looking to offer something unique to their customers.

Thomas Kalchik, a Michigan State University agricultural agent with the Cooperative Extension Service, thinks there will be a demand for the chestnuts.

Unlike the Italian chestnuts, which tend to be dry and need to be cooked, the Chinese chestnut varieties are smaller and sweeter. And unlike Italian chestnuts, they can be eaten raw.

"In our market survey, commercial chefs are very interested in a product that is in a bag that they can open and use immediately," Kalchik said.

The group recently purchased a sheller from Italy, which will be used to begin larger-scale processing of the state's crop, estimated at around 10,000 pounds.

"Production will increase rapidly," said Dennis Fulbright, a Michigan State plant pathologist who is studying the chestnut blight.

A tree begins bearing nuts after about six years, and a 10-year-old tree will produce 50 pounds of nuts, Fulbright said. A few Michigan growers already have 1,000 young trees planted.

Couple make space to park an old tractor in family room

SABIN, Minn. (AP) — Builders usually had two questions for Jim Briden when he explained his plan to park a 20-ton antique steam tractor in his new family room.

"Are you married?" Then, "Does your wife know about this yet?"

"I'm married to a man that's just always outside the box," Lynette Briden said with a laugh, sitting on a couch under a Christmas tree and tractor that both stand taller than 12 feet.

Jim Briden's 110-horsepower Case tractor was one of 50 the company built in 1913, and one of only five restored intact today.

Briden said he became interested in old tractors as a child. He finished the restoration on the Case tractor 20 years ago, after six years of work that led him around the country, borrowing parts from other owners so he could have replacements cast for his machine. He and another steam-engine aficionado bought the tractor from a British Columbia saw mill, which was using just the boiler and engine for power.

Now its sole owner, Briden shows the machine at the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in nearby Rollag, where collectors of antique farm and construction equipment meet every Labor Day weekend.

The tractor runs fine, although it needs 350 gallons of water to power one hour of work.

The tractor had been stored in Rollag until about a year ago, when the Bridens moved to a ranch house near Sabin, about 12 miles southeast of Fargo, N.D., and began planning to add a family room.

To support the tractor's weight, 3- by 5-foot footings were sunk into the ground beneath a concrete floor. The floor is 6 feet thick under the tractor's large iron rear wheels, which carry 18 tons of its bulk.

A 13-foot-square door in the wall is camouflaged on the outside with the same blue siding as the rest of the addition. Inside, the door is painted the same dark green as the rest of the room.

A neighbor brought over a modern tractor to push in the old Case. At 11 feet wide and 12 1/2 feet tall, it fit inside with inches to spare, Briden said.

"I'm sure this would give Martha Stewart a headache," Lynette Briden said. "How do you decorate with a 20-ton piece of iron in your living room?"

But the red-and-dark green tractor blends in well in the family room, which is a study in old things put to new use: The lights that hang from the 16-foot ceiling came from a small Clay County church; a cast-iron spiral staircase salvaged from Fargo's demolished water plant rises to a loft office.

Wheat farmers in Canada have advantage over rivals

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Government backing and favorable rail shipping rates give the Canadian Wheat Board considerable market power, according to a federal agency that is probing a trade complaint by North Dakota wheat farmers.

The North Dakota Wheat Commission filed the trade complaint a year ago, accusing the Wheat Board of unfair trading practices.

Jim Peterson, the commission's marketing director, said the new U.S. International Trade Commission report adds momentum to that complaint and to the commission's effort to get tariffs on some Canadian wheat shipped to the United States.

"It's not that this report itself is going to make the decision," Peterson said. "But it definitely tips the scales very much in our favor."

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick is expected to consider the report's conclusions in deciding next month whether to impose tariffs on Canadian durum and hard red spring wheat. Durum is used to make pasta; hard red spring wheat is milled for bakery flour.

In North Dakota, a major producer of both types of wheat, farmers believe Canadian export policies drive down U.S. prices. The North Dakota Wheat Commission has alleged that Canadian durum is sold below cost.

The Canadian Wheat Board's president, Greg Arason, said Friday he believes the new report shows the board trades fairly in the world wheat marketplace.

He cited a survey of durum export customers as an example: It shows Canadian durum was more expensive than its U.S. counterpart in 59 of the 60 months surveyed, he said.

"We've always said that we sell for premium values, and I'm pleased to see that this report confirms this fact," Arason said.

The ITC report says the Wheat Board, based in Winnipeg, "is in all significant respects an arm of the government of Canada, with government approval and backing of its borrowing and other financing."

Its structure "reduces its costs, and insulates it from the commercial risks faced by large and small U.S. grain traders," it says.

The report was first provided to the U.S. trade representative in November. It was withheld from public release because it contained confidential data, which was removed from the version released Friday.

The Wheat Board controls the marketing of wheat and barley from western Canada's prairie provinces. Farmers are required to sell their crops through the board.

"In the United States, the middleman sector consists of numerous producer cooperatives, and small and large grain trading companies," the ITC report says.

Ag Talk

By Rep. Charlie Stenholm, Congressman 17th District

Senate Fails to Move Farm Bill This Year

There was no good news to report from the Senate last week regarding the efforts to complete a farm bill by the end of the year.

Despite three separate votes on cloture, a Senate parliamentary procedure, the Senate failed to secure the 60 votes needed to limit debate, making it impossible to proceed with further action on the farm bill.

The cloture votes to move the farm bill forward were supported by all Democrats, four Republicans and one Independent.

In the end, the 60 votes needed for cloture were not achieved. Under these circumstances, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle had no choice but to pull this legislation from further consideration this year.

The Republican senators, for various reasons, did not vote for cloture. This prevented the farm bill from being passed in the Senate and brought to a conclusion this year.

As I have said on many occasions, the House was able to pass a farm bill this year because the Republicans and Democrats worked together in a bipartisan way to fashion a bill that is needed in rural America.

Given the limits of the budget, the House Agriculture Committee managed to write a farm bill this year that balanced the needs of conservation, commodities, nutrition and agricultural research. And we did so within the budget.

When this legislation was brought before the full House of Representatives, I am pleased to report that it was passed by equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats.

This is how the legislative process should work, with Republicans and Democrats working together to pass legislation that addresses the common needs of their constituents.

It hasn't been an easy process, however. The House Agriculture Committee held hearings all over the nation to get producer and industry input on the farm bill.

In addition, the committee made repeated requests for input from the administration, while the farm bill was in the process of being written.

The administration waited until the day the farm bill was brought before the full House for consideration to tell us that they had problems with it. This was not helpful.

Last week, in response to the Senate failure to move forward with the farm bill, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman issued a statement saying that the administration had hoped that a bipartisan bill would be developed.

She said the administration wanted a bill that had a safety net for producers, strong conservation and rural development programs, was pro-trade, and within the budget.

I guess she didn't have time to review the House-passed farm bill because we managed to do all of those things with our legislation.

The secretary went on to say that the administration remains committed to completing a farm bill quickly, and she expects this can be accomplished soon after Congress goes back into session in 2002.

She says we must work together to complete a farm bill that is fair and responsible, and I could not agree with her more. I look forward to having input from the administration as this process moves forward.

In terms of next year's congressional schedule, it is unlikely there will be any further action on the farm bill until February, and it is far more likely that action will drag on into the spring.

Unfortunately, our nation has once again started down the path of deficit spending, and budget limitations will probably further complicate the entire process.

Senate Action on Trade Promotion Authority

The Senate Finance Committee took further action this week to give the president trade promotion authority (TPA). Formerly known as fast track authority, TPA would increase the president's authority to negotiate international trade agreements with other countries.

This week, the Senate Finance Committee added three new negotiating objectives. The first objective would be to address the underlying causes of unfair trade.

Secondly, U.S. negotiators would be requested to put pressure on the World Trade Organization (WTO) to enforce decisions made by its settlement panels.

Finally, the third objective of the Senate version would be to ensure that small businesses secure equal access to international markets.

The full Senate will not take up this legislation until sometime next year, possibly as late as next summer.

On the subject of trade, I noted last week that future prices on wheat have started to soar in response to the prospect of trade with China.

With one fifth of the world's population, China has tremendous potential as a market for U.S. commodities and products.

China's recent entry into the World Trade Organization means that they will have to play by the same rules of the game as our other trading partners.

Two weeks ago, I mentioned that 24,000 tons of U.S. corn had been shipped to Cuba.

In addition, 220,000 tons of wheat, rice, soy, chicken, and other products have been bought by Cuba for delivery through next February. These shipments are valued at $35 million, with payment in cash upon arrival.

As I have said before, Cuba has the potential to be an important market for U.S. commodities, and I am hopeful there will be more movement in this direction next year.

Congress Adjourns

This will be my last agriculture column for 2001, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the best during this holiday season and the coming new year.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 659 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 20 sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-41.50
Canner and low cutters: 32-36
Slaughter bulls: 48-55.50
Feeder steers — choice:
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400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-93
600-700: 81-86
700-800: 75-83
Feeder heifers:
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400-500: 85-101
500-600: 77-85
600-700: 75-82
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-92.50
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Children focus of pope's thoughts at Christmas

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II turned his thoughts at Christmas to children — Palestinian, Israeli, American, Afghan and African — declaring that humanity's hope depends on helping them.

In his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message (Latin for "to the city and to the world"), the pope said: "Day after day, I bear in my heart the tragic problems of the Holy Land; every day I think with anxiety of all those who are dying of cold and hunger.

"Every day there reaches me the desperate cry of those who, in so many parts of the world, call for a fairer distribution of resources and for gainful employment for all."

With only a few hours rest after celebrating midnight Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, the 81-year-old pontiff appeared quite tired Tuesday when he spoke from the basilica's central balconey.

He sat while reading his message and had to be helped to his feet. The words of his blessing sometimes were almost unintelligible, and after he finished, he slumped quickly back into the chair.

In deference to his age and his frailness, John Paul several years ago stopped celebrating Christmas Day Mass in the basilica.

"Today my thoughts go to all the children of the world: so many, too many, are the children condemned from birth to suffer through no fault of their own the effects of cruel conflicts," John Paul said, his voice trembling. "Let us save the children, in order to save the hope of humanity."

In the baby Jesus, the pope said, there is "the face of every little child who is born, of whatever race or nation: the little Palestinian and the little Israeli; the little American and the little Afghan; the child of the Hutu and the child of the Tutsi," in Rwanda and Burundi, African nations bloodied by ethnic fighting.

John Paul made no direct reference to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or to the U.S. bombings in Afghanistan. But he said the new millennium began with much hope "but is now threatened by dark clouds of violence and war."

He also prayed that God "come where the fate of humanity is most in peril. Come and do not delay."

The pope made a prayerful appeal that "God's holy name never be used as a justification for hatred! Let it never be used as an excuse for intolerance and violence."

The pontiff has said in recent speeches that nothing could justify terrorism. The Vatican has indicated that a "just war" could be waged to stop terrorist attacks but has also said that innocent people must be spared any harm.

Leading Roman Catholic bishops have also decried the poverty that is often the environment for terrorist groups.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Herpes infection of the ear

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with Ramsay Hunt syndrome. Please tell me more about it.

DEAR READER: Ramsay Hunt syndrome (herpes zoster oticus) is, basically, a shingles infection of the ear. It is very unusual; shingles ordinarily affects other nerves in the body. However, this herpes virus infection causes severe ear pain, paralysis of the facial nerve (leading to a droop of one side of the face), vertigo and hearing loss (that may be permanent). The diagnosis is established by the presence of viral skin blisters in and around the ear.

Cortisone and analgesic medication have been the traditional treatment of choice. However, newer anti-viral drugs, such as Zovirax and Famvir, are now the preferred therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You owe an apology to the mother you chastised when she insisted on counseling for the six-year-old boy who had been playing with her five-year-old daughter under a table at a day care facility. The mother was correct to want to protect her child from sexual predators. I suppose you would endorse the practice of nudity and would let day-care children take off their clothes, play with each other's privates and get rid of all the curiosity. You are a mean, depreciating, insensitive man.

DEAR READER: I am printing this letter - and my response to it - precisely because I am not a mean, depreciating and insensitive man — at least, for the most part.

Any mother in her right mind would protect her daughter from "sexual predators." (Any self-respecting father would, too.) But you're going to have to convince me that a 6-year-old boy is in the same class as a sexually mature adult who abuses children. I think that this argument is doomed to failure. Here is a pre-pubescent little boy and girl who engage in a completely innocuous investigation, at the day care center, with supervisory adults in attendance. What harm could come from this?

The practice of nudity in day care centers does not appear to me to be such a far-fetched idea. Young children commonly go nude in most parts of the (tropical) Third World and in many American homes. Kids just sort of accept this — without horrendous consequences. And their curiosity about anatomical variations becomes unimportant. So, in answer to your jibe, I don't see a problem with this, although I do admit that it probably won't become standard operating procedure in the near future.

In summary, readers have every right to disagree with my views and I encourage them to do so. However, you're going to have to talk fast and smooth to convince me that harmless, anatomical curiosity among pre-schoolers is a threat, a danger or a practice that must be met with all the resources of our modern society. I am unaware of any valid scientific study proving that "playing doctor" — in the traditional sense — leads to psychological or emotional problems.

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Study links multiple sclerosis to virus for mononucleosis

CHICAGO (AP) — A common virus may increase the risk of developing multiple sclerosis, new research suggests, bolstering evidence linking the nerve disorder with the Epstein-Barr germ.

Harvard University researchers found that women whose blood contained significant levels of antibodies to the Epstein-Barr virus were four times more likely to develop multiple sclerosis than women without high levels.

The virus, a member of the herpes family, is best known as a cause of mononucleosis — the so-called "kissing disease." It also has been linked to other ailments, including some other nerve disorders and cancers, and is so common that by some estimates it has infected as many as 95 percent of U.S. adults by age 40.

Most exposure to the virus probably occurs in childhood, ity of Colorado neurologist, said that while MS probably is caused by a virus, Epstein-Barr probably isn't the culprit. He said blood tests such as those used in the study are not useful in determining cause and effect.

Nicholas LaRocca of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society said the study shows "a statistical association but not anything that you could really pin down as being causal or anything that really identifies a mechanism."

About 350,000 Americans have MS, a nerve disease that causes varying degrees of symptoms including numbness, muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis.

It is thought to be an autoimmune disorder, meaning the body's own disease-fighting immune system mistakes normal tissue as foreign. In MS, a protective nerve-fiber coating called myelin comes under attack. Previous research has suggested that viruses may trigger the autoimmune response in diseases like MS.

One problem with such studies is that it's unclear which came first — exposure to the virus or multiple sclerosis. LaRocca said determining when MS begins is difficult because symptoms may appear after the disease process has begun.

Ascherio says he sought to avoid that dilemma by studying women who had blood tests as much as 61/2 years before they developed MS.

The authors examined blood samples taken from 62,439 women who participated in a Harvard-based nurses' health study beginning in 1989. The women gave blood samples in 1989-90 and 1996-99 and were followed up through 1999.

Among them, 144 had multiple sclerosis, though most were thought to have developed the disease before their blood tests. For each woman with the disease, two women without MS were randomly selected, matched by year of birth.

Of 16 women whose blood was taken before they developed MS, 15 had significantly elevated levels of Epstein-Barr antibodies, Ascherio said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is the day to work out any existing kinks that involve a social event you're planning with friends. Once everything is worked out, it should prove very successful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This could be a day of happy endings in a matter of some importance to you that has been hanging fire, even if it has to be tackled along with some other matters.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is an excellent day to cultivate some important contacts that could be helpful in furthering an enterprise you'd like to take on in the new year. The season makes them receptive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't postpone taking care of financial matters today, because you are luckier than usual at this time. [illegible] to material matters. You'll get the terms you're seeking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It won't be self-serving to focus on your interests today. Apply your efforts to those endeavors that could advance your most prominent, personal desires.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — One of your greatest assets today will be your intuitive perceptions. They could help you greatly in your business dealings, as well as with personal ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Spend your day with friends whose likes and dislikes are in close harmony with yours. You'll be more comfortable today with their companionship than with those who challenge you a lot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If all the signals are positive today, go ahead and take that calculated risk that is required of you to improve your lot in life. The odds favor you at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Try to find time today to partake in a physical exercise of some kind. You could use it after all the holiday eating, plus you'll enjoy doing something like playing a competitive sport.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something over which you've had no control to change might undergo a transformation on its own today, without any prodding from you. You'll like what transpires.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Nobody needs to tell you today that, in order for an agreement you're negotiating at this time to stand the test of time, the terms must benefit all equally. You'll do what's right.

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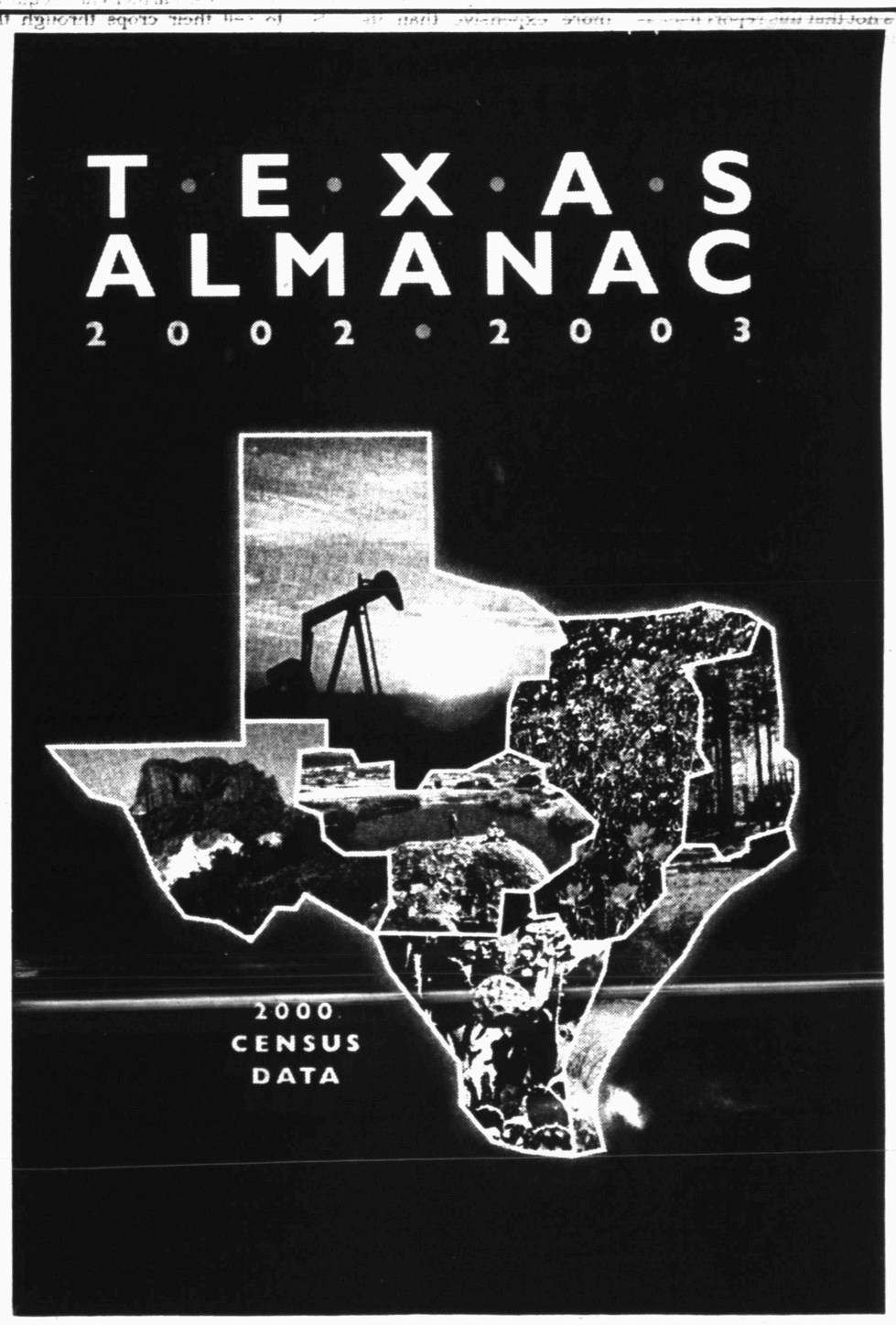

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Grandmother killed on Christmas Day

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Police said a man shot his father on Christmas Day, then went to the home where his infant son lives and shot the boy's mother and grandmother, killing the older woman.

Ramiro Gonzalez Jr., 23, was arrested late Tuesday after a standoff at his former girlfriend's home, according to San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Nelida Stone.

Stone said police were called about a family dispute and found Ramiro Gonzalez Sr., 51, with several gunshot wounds to the head. He was taken to a hospital and was in critical condition today morning.

About eight blocks away, the shooter allegedly kicked in the door where Mona Lisa Espinoza, 21, lived with Gonzalez's 7-month-old son, Stone said. Espinoza was shot and her mother, Maria Alicia Espinoza, 42, was killed. The daughter was treated and released, Stone said.

Gonzalez then reportedly barricaded himself inside the residence until a S.W.A.T. team persuaded him to surrender. Gonzalez and his girlfriend, Jeanette Molina, were taken into custody, Stone said.

Gonzalez was booked on suspicion of murder, four attempted murders and child endangerment. Any charges against Molina were not immediately disclosed.

Tensions rise between India and Pakistan

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India said its missiles were "in position" and air force jets flew near the Pakistan border every few minutes today as Pakistan accused India of whipping up "war hysteria" between the nuclear-armed neighbors.

Despite the tensions, daily exchanges of gunfire at the countries' border subsided today, officials from both sides said. Anwar Mahmood, Pakistan's information secretary, said Islamabad would "act with restraint."

India's security Cabinet met today to discuss "further diplomatic offensives," Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said. Further steps could include a possible ban on Pakistan airline flights, abrogation of a water treaty, downgrading of embassies and cancellation of Pakistan's "most favored nation" trading status.

No decision would be made until Thursday, when Indian Defense Minister George Fernandes returns from visiting Indian troops on the Siachen Glacier, which borders Pakistan and China.

News reports quoted Indian military sources as saying they would not be ready for a full-scale war for several months and would prefer to avoid fighting during winter.

And Singh confirmed that Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee would go to a summit of South Asian leaders in Katmandu, Nepal, next week that Musharraf also plans to attend.

Still, Fernandes told Press Trust of India that "missile systems are in position." India's arsenal includes medium-range Russian missiles and the Indian-made Prithvi I, which can be fired from a mobile launcher and has a range of 93 miles.

Pakistani missiles — including medium-range Chinese-made weapons — have also been put on alert, Pakistan and Indian news media reported, as troops on both sides moved toward the border.

Both sides' missile systems can be converted to deliver nuclear warheads, but it is not clear whether such steps have been taken.

Tensions between the two countries have spiraled in recent weeks.

After Camp David Christmas, Bush heads to his Texas ranch

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a traditional family Christmas at Camp David, President Bush headed for his Texas ranch today to continue his vacation.

Bush was bundled in overcoat and scarf against a cold wind as he left the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains north of Washington. He and his wife, Laura, were joined by several family members, including her mother, Jenna Welch; Bush's parents, former President George Bush and Barbara Bush; and the Bushes' twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna.

The family exchanged presents following a Christmas brunch, White House spokesman Taylor Gross said. Laura Bush gave the president several sweaters and a commemorative keepsake marking Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit last month to the ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The Bushes gave books to their daughters: Barbara received a fashion book and Jenna the memoirs of Holocaust survivor Ruth Kluger.

The evening's activities included a family dinner and the Camp David staff's Christmas celebration, Gross said.

Bush planned to fly to Texas today, where he was expected to stay through next week, possibly making day trips off the ranch.

In a Christmas radio message to the nation, the president said Americans were thinking of families who lost loved ones, both in the Sept. 11 attacks and in the campaign against terrorists in Afghanistan.

"America grieves with you," Bush said in his taped holiday message.

"During this time of conflict and challenge, Christmas is a day on which we celebrate hope and joy; when our thoughts turn to justice and compassion, and to a Prince of Peace born long ago," the president said.

Bush also telephoned nine men and women in the military to pass along his best wishes and to thank them for their service, White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said.

Report of felony theft filed Monday morning

• ***Thefts***

A report for felony theft was filed Monday morning in reference to a Freightliner and a trailer being stolen from the Precinct 4 yard.

Several law enforcement personnel responded to the call and the truck and trailer was later located on CR 473, east of CR 466.

Deputies filed a report for felony theft and the incident is still under investigation.

Officers were called to the 1100 block of 28th Street Sunday morning at 11:45 in reference to bicycles stolen from the address.

• ***Assault, family violence***

Officers were notified at 4 p.m. Saturday of an assault that had occurred earlier at Wal-Mart. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

Officers responded to a call at 4:12 p.m. Saturday at the Coleman Apartments and submitted a report for Class A family violence, and issued a criminal trespass warning.

• ***Burglaries***

Deputies were called to the 4600 block of Avenue R at 11:34 a.m. Monday in reference to a burglary. Deputies filed a report for burglary of a habitation.

Officers responded to a report at 5:30 Monday in the 3000 block of 37th Street that someone had been using an extension cord to obtain electricity from a neighbor's residence. Officers filed a report for burglary in the case.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers were called to the 300 block of 31st Street at 1 p.m. Sunday as damage had been done to a vacant house. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

Sunday morning, officers filed another report for criminal mischief as a window had been broken out on an automobile while it was parked in the 3700 block of Avenue U.

• ***Harassment***

Officers filed a report for telephone harassment at 7 p.m. Tuesday as a subject was receiving calls from a person in a neighboring county.

• ***Arrests***

Officers arrested a 43-year-old male at 11:52 p.m. Monday in the 1100 block of 13th Street on outstanding DPS warrants from Kerrville for speeding, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

A 45-year-old male was arrested by officers at 4 a.m. Monday for driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody in the 1100 block of 34th Street.

• ***Gunshots***

Officers were notified at 4 p.m. Tuesday that someone had been discharging a firearm. It was determined that the person shooting was located outside the city limits.

Obituaries

Claudia Day

1927-2001

Claudia Day of Snyder died Wednesday, Dec. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Day, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Slaters Chapel Cemetery in Nolan County. Arrangements are by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on June 23, 1927 in Winters and married Velta J. Day on Dec. 18, 1947 in Winters. A homemaker, she was a longtime member of 4th & Elm Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater. After living in Sweetwater for many years, she moved to Snyder in December of 2000.

Survivors include her husband, Velta J. Day of Snyder; one daughter, Velma Jean Ward of Snyder; one son and daughter-in-law, Velta James and Jimmie Day of Snyder; a sister, Barbara Gray of Winters; one brother, Rance Hord of Sterling City; four grandchildren, Michael Allen Ward and Melissa Jean Wells, both of Snyder, Jodi Latrisha Wall and Jennifer Robin Phillips, both of Amarillo; and four great-grandchildren, Christopher Ward, Hunter Ward, Amanda Wells and Chase Gaines.

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Leonor Leal

1918-2001

Leonor Casas Leal, 83, of Snyder died Monday, Dec. 24, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Leal was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Steven Pena, pastor of Mt. Sinai Assembly of God in Snyder, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born April 19, 1918 in Beeville, Mrs. Leal was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was a former resident of Roby and had lived in the Fisher and Scurry County area since 1949.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Maria Leal in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Olga Hernandez of [illegible] Quinlan; one son, Joe Leal of Roby; two sisters, Matilda Perez of Littlefield and Juanita Carvajal of George West; a half brother, Esidro Casas of George West; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

J.M. Miller

1915-2001

HASKELL — Jacob Melvin "Judge" Miller, 86, father of Kenny Miller of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 22, at his home in Haskell.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and the Rev. Charles Fischer officiating. Burial followed in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Born on June 6, 1915 in Haskell, he married Gladys Juanita Jenkins on Jan. 2, 1937 in Haskell. A lifelong Haskell resident, Mr. Miller was a farmer and a cattle buyer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served in the National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Miller of the home; another son, Dave Miller of Haskell; two brothers, J.R. Miller of Haskell and Roy K. Miller of Abilene; one sister, Polly Kendrick of Vega, Tex.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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CADA Christmas schedule

The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be closed for the holidays through Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor H.V. Walker, director of maintenance for Scurry County courthouse, will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the district courtroom.

New Year's Eve celebration

Far Above & One Generation will provide music and Doorkeeper of His Glory dance troupe will perform at 8 p.m. Monday at Thee Place, 904 26th. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Lodge No. 706 will have a slated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration remains open for the Weigh Down workshop that begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Call 573-9615 for further information or to sign up.

Lions Club meetings

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet the next two Tuesdays. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with a program about the Texas Boys Ranch.

Funeral expense account

An account has been opened at West Texas State Bank for donations to assist in funeral expenses for accident victim Stacy Copeland. Contact Lisa Williams at 573-2980 or Beth Bowen at 573-2670, for additional information.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail the byrds@nts-online.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Chicago police search for missing toddler kidnapped on Christmas

CHICAGO (AP) — Police combed the city today for a 16-month-old girl who was allegedly taken from a bus station on Christmas Eve by a woman with a tattoo. The toddler's mother appealed for her safe return.

"All I can think about is her and her little face and not knowing where she's at or who she's with," Marcella Anderson said at a news conference today of her daughter, Jasmine.

At least 100 detectives have been working to find the girl, Detective Allen Jaglowski said. Police and the FBI had received numerous tips but none provided any solid information, police Officer Alice Casanova said.

Anderson said she and her two daughters — Jasmine and 3-year-old Alicia — were at the Greyhound bus station waiting for a bus home to Milwaukee after flying in from St. Louis, where she had visited a sister.

It was her first time traveling alone with her children and she was stressed. All three were tired and Alicia was restless.

"I needed help," Anderson, 21, said today.

She said a woman with a tattoo of a name or a word on her neck came up and offered to give them a ride to Milwaukee.

Anderson said the woman, who said her name was Christine or Christina, suggested she hold Jasmine while Anderson cashed in her bus tickets.

"I probably should have said no," Anderson said. "Because I know you can't trust everyone."

Still, she said the woman "had a warm, friendly face."

"She just didn't seem like she could take a baby," Anderson said.

Anderson said that when she was waiting in line at the ticket counter she turned around and saw the woman walking away.

A man who earlier had helped Anderson with her luggage tried to chase them, but "in a split second, they were gone," Officer Thomas Donegan said.

The children's father had been waiting for them in Milwaukee.

"I don't believe that anybody could try to do something that crazy on Christmas," the father, Greg Knowles, told WISN-TV in Milwaukee.

"We're hoping the woman will see the anguish of this mother and turn the child over," said Joe Gandurski, deputy chief of detectives. "This touches every detective with a family. ... We want to have a happy ending to this."