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Home of Connie Fine

SECOND PLACE — The Garry Kubena home, 3725 Ave. V, won second place and $50 in the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat's Christmas lighting contest. The first place winner will be featured in the weekend edition. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Textile mill not likely to re-open as Lorber

Development Corporation of Snyder board members were told Thursday that it is unlikely that Lorber Industries of Texas would re-open under the same name.

"I believe the decision has been made by the owner not to re-open as Lorber," said John DeLille, DCOS executive director. "They are trying to sell the business."

DeLille said he knew that one company had made an offer to the owners in California, but it was lower than what had been hoped for.

"As far as I know though, both parties are still talking."

Lorber closed its doors Oct. 31. Two weeks earlier, half of the firm's 42 employees were laid off.

At its peak, around 75 persons worked at the textile spinning mill.

DeLille also presented the board with a letter from a Lubbock law firm that represents various taxing entities in the county in collecting delinquent taxes.

David Ellison of the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder Collins & Mott wrote that the only taxes Lorber presently owes are Snyder Independent School District taxes for 2001.

Ellison said those taxes would become delinquent on Feb. 1.

Lorber Industries received tax abatements from Western Texas College, Scurry County and the City of Snyder.

Ellison added that the entities could not enforce the payment of the 2001 taxes before they became delinquent, until the equipment and machinery at the textile plant were about to be removed from the county.

"If such activity takes place, we will prepare an Application for Tax Warrant and ask the district judge to authorize the sheriff and tax collector to seize the property for the 2001 taxes," Ellison said in the letter.

"Once a seizure is instituted, the property may be advertised and sold for the tax liability."

Ellison also said that the college, city and county could recapture ad valorem taxes that had been abated if the firm fails to pay the school taxes.

Ellison also stated that he had received feedback from the various entities that indicated no action would be taken at the present time in hopes the plant could be opened with a new owner.

"There is a desire that we avoid any activities that might dissuade Lorber, or other potential operators from doing business in Snyder," Ellison wrote.

The attorney said he would take no further action unless equipment or other assets are about to be removed from the county.

In his letter, Ellison added that he had recently been informed that a Georgia creditor had filed suit against Lorber for around $500,000, but that action should not affect the taxing entity's position.

In action items Thursday, the board approved the monthly financial statements and Christmas bonuses for the two-person staff.

DeLille will receive a $700 bonus, while the secretary, Tatiana Nail, will receive $100.

Board president David Cotton presided and board members in attendance were James Brown and Mike McWilliams.

Marines joining terrorist search

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is considering whether to get American troops more deeply involved in the search for Osama bin Laden and other terrorists. More U.S. forces, including Marines for the first time, could be sent to the abandoned al-Qaida cave complex in eastern Afghanistan to help search for clues.

Senior defense officials say the Afghanistan war's commander is considering sending several hundred Marines, and possibly a smaller number of Army troops, to the Tora Bora area.

Gen. Tommy Franks, head of U.S. Central Command, is inclined to send the troops but has not made the final decision, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

"We are focused hard on how can we do the systematic search of the caves and tunnels that we want," Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today.

If they went, the U.S. forces would help search hundreds of caves and tunnels where bin Laden may have been hiding before his al-Qaida forces broke and ran. A few dozen U.S. special operations troops are already in the area helping Afghan tribal forces search the caves, but the United States is concerned that the Afghans are unwilling or unable to complete the search anytime soon.

The troops would be looking for evidence such as the videotape of bin Laden discussing the Sept. 11 attacks that was found in Jalalabad last month. A more thorough translation of that tape shows bin Laden mentioning several of the Sept. 11 hijackers by name, one of the translators hired by the Pentagon said Thursday.

Translator George Michael said bin Laden asks God to accept the actions of several hijackers. They include Wail Alshehri, one of the hijackers of American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center. They also include Nawaq and Salem Alhamzi, who were aboard American Airlines Flight 77, which smashed into the Pentagon.

Snyder ISD...

Trustees extend Lomax's contract

Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax received a three-year extension on his present contract following the school board's annual performance evaluation during a noon meeting Thursday.

Lomax's contract with the school district now runs until June 1, 2005.

His present contract was to expire June 1, 2002.

No change in his $83,000 per year salary was made.

The unanimous vote on the new contract came after a 30-minute closed session.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and board members in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Janet Stribling, Cathy Peoples and Glenn Clarady. Mike Levens was absent.

Christmas Eve...

Banks to have special hours

The Christmas holiday will prompt local financial institutions to close early Monday.

Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Texas Savings Bank will close at noon Christmas Eve and will reopen at regular time Wednesday.

First American Bank will shut its doors at 2 p.m. Monday and also will resume normal hours Wednesday.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce closed for the holidays at noon today and will reopen Jan. 2.

Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday through Christmas Day, resuming normal hours on Wednesday.

City and county offices will be closed both Monday and Tuesday, while the city landfill will be closed Saturday and Tuesday, but open Monday.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the Western Texas College campus, will close Monday through Wednesday for the holiday.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools dismissed classes today for the holidays. Snyder students return to class Jan. 8, but teachers have a workday scheduled Jan. 7.

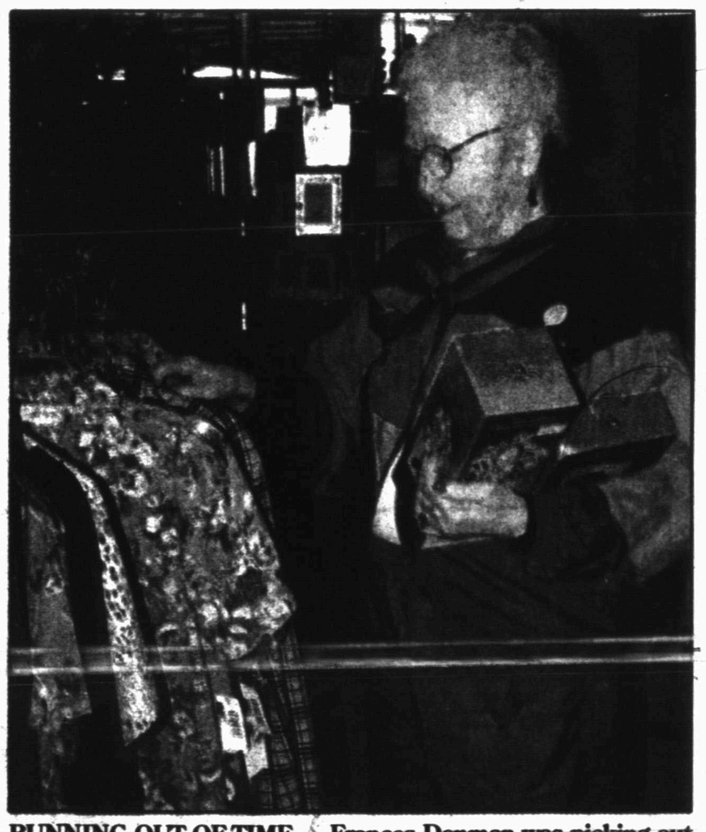
Ira teachers and students and Hermleigh students get back to work on Jan. 7, while Hermleigh teachers have a workday Jan. 4.

Western Texas College students start spring semester classes Jan. 15.

The post office will not deliver mail or put any in boxes Tuesday. Regular hours apply otherwise at the post office.

As per tradition, the Snyder Daily News will not publish Christmas Day.

Monday's edition with Santa Letters and holiday greetings will be delivered early Christmas Eve. The SDN office will be closed Monday and Tuesday.



RUNNING OUT OF TIME — Frances Denman was picking out gift items this week at Bealls. Only three shopping days remain until Christmas. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senate confirms new NASA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate confirmed the new leader of America's space program and the government's new chief promoter of the arts.

But in one last jab at the president, Senate Democrats sent the State Department nomination of Otto Reich back to the White House again.

The Senate late Thursday confirmed Michael Hammond as chair of the National Endowment for the Arts; Sean O'Keefe as the administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; James Newsome as chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Kathleen Burton Clarke as director of the Bureau of Land Management.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Christmas is the time of year when the milk of human kindness is available for everyone."

Just a reminder guys, if you've put off shopping for that special someone, you'd better get in gear.

This is the final shopping weekend before Santa's arrival next week.

Scurry County farmers and ranchers got an early and unexpected Christmas gift last weekend.

Forecasters had given West Texas only a fraction of a chance for moisture.

There were wide smiles that the forecasters had missed again. The slow, gentle rain that fell Sunday night was just perfect, and it gives the area a shot at missing a new drought of record.

The 1.05 inches recorded Sunday brought the year's rainfall total to 20.77 inches.

Prior to Sunday, Snyder needed 1.71 inches before year's end to avoid a new eight-year drought record. Now, the area needs only .66 of an inch to keep the 1950s in the record books.

In the period ending in 1958, the area received 145.22 inches. Thus far the rainfall total for the eight-year period that ends Dec. 31 is 144.52.

I'm dreaming of a blacked-out Christmas...

After observing what happened to the telephone company after the breakup of Ma Bell, we've been skeptical about the benefits of deregulation of the electrical industry.

Well folks, the first indication that we're no longer going to enjoy corporate participation in our community came in the form of notification that the chamber likely can hang Christmas decorations on utility poles next Christmas, but there won't be any power.

Charitable organizations are trying to take advantage of the season.

We liked the appeal by a famous neurological institute asking that brains be bequeathed for research.

The appeal concluded, "Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully appreciated."

Note of local interest: Some will remember Gene and Joyce Dow, former Snyder residents. Gene was publisher of General Aviation News.

For the past 13 years, he has been publisher of the Seminole Sentinel. Gene is retiring and a reception in his honor will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the Sentinel office in Seminole.

Happy last-minute shopping!

ASK US

Q—Will the National Weather Service hold a SKYWarn training session in Snyder in the next few months?

A—The NWS has a session planned on Feb. 12 at the fire department. The time is from 7-9 p.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 63 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Friday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2001, 20.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, breezy; low mid 30s; SW winds 15-25 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, breezy, cooler, high mid 50s; W winds 15-25 mph.

Bridget Garcia
Sunny

Sunset: 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Of 354 days in 2001, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The best place to succeed is where you are with what you've got.
—Charles M. Schwab

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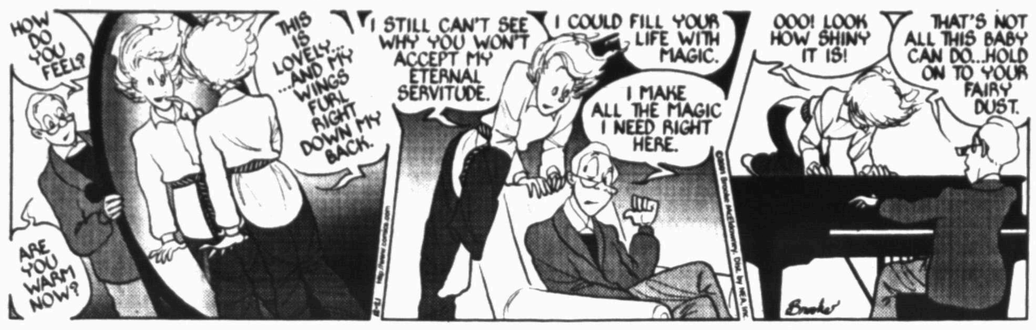
A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney



Latest version of Windows vulnerable to hacker attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is urging customers to quickly install a patch to repair serious flaws in the newest version of Windows, which was marketed as the most secure ever.

The problems allow hackers to steal or destroy a user's data files across the Internet or implant rogue computer software.

A Microsoft official acknowledged that the risk to consumers was unprecedented because the glitches allow hackers to seize control of all Windows XP operating system software without requiring a computer user to do anything except connect to the Internet.

Microsoft made available on its Web site a free fix for both home and professional editions of Windows XP and urged consumers to install it immediately.

The company sold more than 7 million copies of Windows XP in the two weeks after it hit stores Oct. 25.

"If a hacker could get in this easily, it makes a lot of difference," said Anthony Gaskin of New York, a shopper at an office-supply store who was considering buying Windows XP. "I don't want to have my computer vulnerable."

Microsoft's stock, one of the most widely held, fell $2.73 Thursday, or nearly 4 percent, in moderate trading.

The vulnerabilities were discovered by three young security researchers with eEye Digital Security Inc. of Aliso Viejo, Calif., led by Marc Maiffret, a 21-year-old former hacker. In recent months, Maiffret, who calls himself the firm's "chief hacking officer," has advised the FBI and the White House on Internet security questions and testified before Congress.

The Windows XP problems affect a little-used feature that eventually will allow consumers to control high-tech household appliances using their computers. Called "universal plug and play," the feature is activated by design in every copy of Windows XP and can be added manually to Microsoft's earlier Windows ME software, also used by millions of consumers worldwide.

"This is the first network-based, remote compromise that I'm aware of for Windows desktop systems," said Scott Culp, manager of Microsoft's security response center. "Every Windows XP user needs to immediately take action." He called it a "very serious vulnerability."

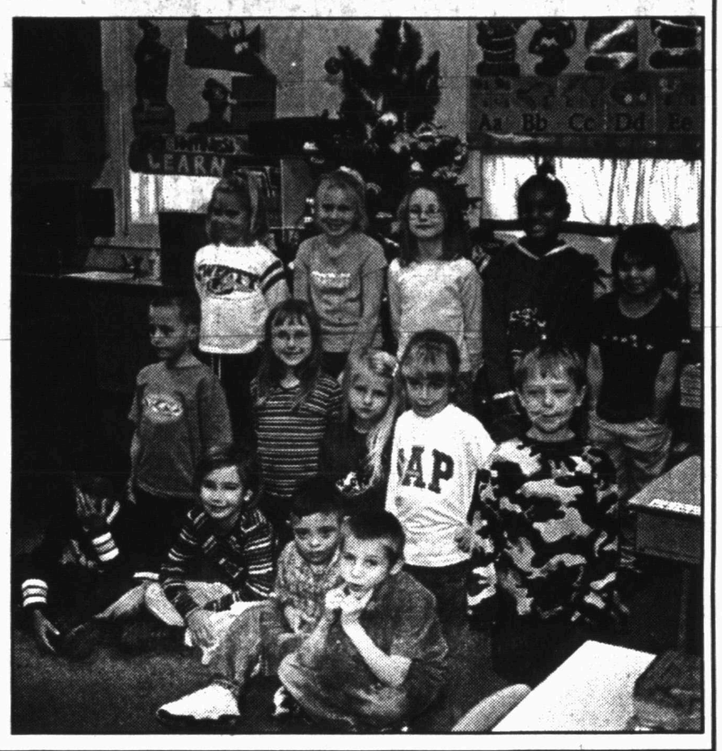
Microsoft said a new feature of Windows XP, known as "drizzle," can automatically download the free fix, which takes several minutes, and prompt consumers to install it. Microsoft also is working with other software companies, such as leading antivirus and firewall vendors, to build protection into their products.

James Aggrey Jr., a college student who sells computers in downtown Washington, compared Thursday's announcement with tire problems on Ford Explorers. "That was a serious flaw and people still drive Explorers," he said. "At least Microsoft is telling people instead of covering it up."

eEye's Riley Hassell, also 21, discovered methods for hackers to either disrupt a Windows XP computer, order it to attack other Internet users or instruct it to run commands — such as to delete or steal files or install rogue software.

West...Food Can Drive

SIXTH GRADE WINNERS — Sixth grade students who collected the most cans for the annual Goodfellows drive include from left, counterclockwise, Zackary Key, Wes Richardson, Santiago Jaimes, Brandon Jones, Whitney Jenkins, Ashley Thatcher, Kayla Pitman, Kaden Billingsley, Christin Willson, Tiffany Carrisalez. Jacob Scifres is not pictured. Students were treated to a pizza party last Friday. The Goodfellows and the Kiwanis Club distribute food to needy families during the Christmas holiday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HENSLEY'S CLASS WINS — West Elementary primary students who brought the most canned goods enjoyed a pizza party last Friday. Kay Hensley's class collected 168 cans to win. Students from left include back row, Amanda Luecke, Mindy Warren, Kaiti Donley, Aaliyah Wesley, Rochelle Sapien; middle row, Taylor Duzan, Jessica Martin, Kellie Sanders, Hannah Duddleston, Brandon McCann; bottom row, Roy Gordon, Megan McWilliams, Gavian Hernandez, Matthew Wilson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman

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Bin Laden tape names some hijackers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden speaks fondly of several Sept. 11 hijackers on the videotape released by the U.S. military, asking Allah to "accept their action," according to a more thorough translation of the tape by a government-hired Arabic expert.

The new analysis of the videotape released last week revealed "a whole bunch of names," translator George Michael said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Michael, one of two translators hired by the government, said he handed his more detailed transcript to the Pentagon on Wednesday at 1 p.m. He would identify only three names: Nawaq Alhamzi, Salem Alhamzi and Wail Alshehri.

"You'll have to talk to the Pentagon about the rest," Michael said.

An independent translator, who is a native Saudi, told the AP that bin Laden also utters the name Alghamdi several times in reference to suspected hijackers Ahmed Alghamdi, Hamza Alghamdi and Saeed Alghamdi.

References bin Laden made in the original transcription of the tape already tied him to the attacks — but naming and blessing several hijackers suggests an intimacy that would reinforce U.S. claims of his deep involvement in the planning.

Federal investigators believe Alshehri was on American Airlines Flight 11, the first plane to hit the World Trade Center in New York; Alhamzi and Alhamzi were on American Airlines Flight 77, which hit the Pentagon.

Ahmed and Hamza Alghamdi were aboard United Flight 175, the second plane to crash into the World Trade Center. Saeed Alghamdi died aboard United Flight 93, which crashed 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The names only emerged now, Michael said, because the first translation was rushed in 12 hours, in a room in the Pentagon. It took four days to complete the fuller transcript, Michael said.

Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke said Thursday night that she was unaware of a new translation, but said it was not surprising to find more information with a more in-depth study of the conversation, considering the poor quality of the sound on the tape.

White House officials declined to comment on the reports.

The Pentagon released the first transcript last week, offering a glimpse of terrorist planning as bin Laden told his aides and clerics that the deaths and destruction achieved by the Sept. 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations.

Bin Laden appeared calm and at times amused as he talked about the attacks on the hour-long tape, dated Nov. 9, that the Bush administration said was found in Afghanistan.

Bin Laden's voice was difficult to hear on the tape, and government-hired translators at several points wrote "inaudible" when they didn't agree on an interpretation or when they couldn't make out the words. None of the hijackers' names that Michael included in his new translation were in the first transcript.

The first government translation disclosed that bin Laden mentioned Mohamed Atta, the suspected ringleader of the terrorists.

In the more thorough version, Michael said, bin Laden names several other hijackers and says: "may God accept their action," according to the English translation. Bin Laden used "Allah," the Arabic word for God.

Michael, who is originally Lebanese, translated the tape with Kassem Wahba, an Egyptian. Both men had difficulties with the Saudi dialect bin Laden and his guest use in the tape, Michael said.

Attempts to reach Wahba were unsuccessful.

Some passages remain a mystery, Michael said: Bin Laden's Saudi guest names the person who smuggled him from Saudi Arabia into Afghanistan.

Michael and Wahba were unable to make out the name, and Michael said that if anyone was able to identify the name, it would be a Saudi.

Ali al-Ahmed, a Saudi who translated the tape, told the AP that the visitor attaches the words "jalad alhayaa" — a phrase that some use to describe the Saudi religious police — to the smuggler's name.

Al-Ahmed's translation also claims that bin Ladens' guests delight in the support that several prominent Saudi clerics are giving to terrorists.

"Right at the time of the strike on America, he gave a very moving speech, Sheikh Abdulah al-Baraak," bin Laden said on the tape. "And he deserves thanks for that."

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Military will resume testing 'Osprey'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon announced today it will resume testing of the V-22 Osprey, which has been grounded since last year following two crashes that killed 23 Marines.

Pete Aldridge, undersecretary of defense for acquisitions, said while he still has "some serious doubts about the safety, reliability and operational suitability" of the V-22, flight tests on the helicopter-like aircraft are scheduled to resume in April 2002, in hopes of fixing the problems.

Testing is expected to last for about two years, he said.

"We have to make sure it's reliable, safe and operationally suitable — it can fly off the decks of ships, it can land safely in very cluttered areas and it can fly at the speeds and conditions that we will have during combat operations," Aldridge said during a Pentagon news conference.

Once the Osprey can accomplish those things, the aircraft "will provide our military, marines and special operation guys some unique capabilities."

The Osprey is designed to take off and land like a helicopter, but to cruise like an airplane. Each V-22 costs about $89.7 million. Of the 20 Ospreys built so far, four have crashed.

More than 2,000 employees of Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. assemble the aircraft in Fort Worth and Amarillo.

The fleet was grounded indefinitely after four Marines were killed in December when their Osprey crashed and burned in woods near Jacksonville, N.C., on the way back from a training flight. A crash in Arizona in April 2000 killed all 19 Marines aboard.

In September, two Marine officers received letters of reprimand amid allegations that they ordered Osprey maintenance records to be doctored to exaggerate the troubled aircraft's readiness.

Aldridge said the tests would be comprehensive and focus on combat maneuverability and low speed hover conditions. It also will center on a phenomenon known as "vortex ring state," a condition where an aircraft descends so fast that the air flowing through the rotor blades moves as fast as the air being pushed down. Investigators believe the condition caused the Arizona crash.

During a Pentagon news conference, Aldridge said the engineers who built the Osprey "grossly underestimated the difficulties" of the phenomenon. While the military failed to implement a proper test plan that would have found the problem, "now we have one."

The test flights will be "event driven, as opposed to schedule driven," Aldridge said. "We will not be driven by trying to accomplish something within a certain amount of time."

Aldridge said while he personally had some doubts about the program, he said independent panels reviewing the Osprey could not find "any fundamental reason why the airplane would not work."

Aldridge added that the future tests would not use any troops.

The Marines last month estimated that the Osprey V-22 could be put into service in a year or two if flight testing resumed in the spring.

Congress recently passed an authorization bill with $1.044 billion for 11 Osprey aircraft.

Free tickets given to the families of terrorist victims

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 100 entertainment organizations, including sports teams, museums and theaters, have banded together to offer free admission to the families of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"If we can advance the healing process for the families of the victims — even for a few hours — by making these facilities freely available to them, then we've done something that is good for all of us," said Andrew Tisch, chairman of the executive committee of Loews Corp.

The program, announced Thursday, runs from January 2002 through April 2003 and is being offered to spouses, children, parents and siblings of those who died aboard the four hijacked planes and in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The organizers estimate that 150,000 tickets worth $6 million will be distributed to 30,000 family members.

Participants include the Metropolitan Opera, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Bronx Zoo, the New York Mets, the New York Yankees, the National Football League, the National Hockey League and the National Basketball Association.

California prison riot leaves five critically injured

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A state prison in the Mojave Desert remained locked down this morning after a prison-yard riot involving more than 300 inmates left five critically injured.

The California State Prison, Los Angeles County, had been under lock-down since Dec. 11, when a guard was beaten by four inmates, said Terry Thornton, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Corrections. The inmates were just starting to get some of their privileges back when the fighting broke out Thursday morning.

The riot drew in 300 to 400 maximum-security inmates in a recreation yard about 40 miles northeast of Los Angeles, said prison spokesman Ron Nippur. It took less than 15 minutes for guards to quell the violence, he said.

The guards used pepper spray, tear gas and wooden bullets on the prisoners before firing several warning shots, said Margot Bach, a Department of Corrections spokeswoman.

"The inmates started to fight, and it just gained momentum," with prisoners using fists and homemade weapons, Nipper said.

When it was over, authorities recovered 26 homemade weapons. No guards were hurt, but five inmates were hospitalized with puncture wounds and 12 others were treated for cuts, Bach said.

By Thursday afternoon, many inmates were confined to their cells.

Those from the section of the prison involved in the riot will slowly be returned to their normal routines over several weeks as authorities try to determine what started the fighting and who was directly involved. Those found to be responsible could face criminal charges, Nipper said.

The prison was designed to hold 2,200 inmates but has more than 4,000 in its minimum- and maximum-security wings. It was not immediately clear whether crowding may have contributed to the rioting.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Alarm is pitched too high for hearing-impaired man

DEAR ABBY: National Fire Protection Association President John M. Buckman III urged families to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when changing their clocks back to standard time.

I recently installed two smoke alarms in my home with the help of an elderly gentleman friend. When the job was done, I pushed the test button and the sound nearly knocked me off my feet.

My friend didn't bat an eye. When I asked him if he had heard it, his response was, "Heard what?" I asked him to put his ear next to the alarm and pushed the button again with the same result. I knew he couldn't hear high-pitched sounds like the singing of birds, but the alarm sound was so sharp and intrusive I couldn't believe he didn't hear it.

I called the 800-number listed on the brochure and was told the alarms are manufactured with only one pitch!

Are people afflicted with this condition expected to remain at risk should fire erupt in their home because no one makes an alarm attuned to their disability?

It would seem like a simple adjustment to make alarms with a lower pitch audible to everyone. Mr. Buckman asked you to remind readers about the importance of maintaining working smoke alarms. I would like to remind him about how important it is they work for everyone, including people with hearing impairments.

Now that I've sounded my alarm, I hope it is heard by those who can respond to it. — **CONCERNED READER, NEWPORT, VT.**

DEAR CONCERNED READER: Your letter is news to me — and I'm sure it will be of interest to many others. Surely some enterprising manufacturer will see the wisdom of producing a smoke alarm with an adjustable tone that would make it audible to almost everyone. There is clearly a market for such a product.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about the elderly widower whose daughters drove away his second wife and thwarted his subsequent attempts to find love, I offer some suggestions:

1. Rather than telling his daughters to take a flying leap or rewriting his will, he should pick up the phone and call his daughters every day. If they're not home, he should call again and demand to know where they were.

2. Call them several other times a day just to tell them how lonesome he is.

3. Tell them how much he misses their mother — and whine.

4. Try the phrase, "I don't want to worry you, but ..." and complain he's not feeling well, making sure to fully describe every ache and pain.

5. Invite them to his house, saying he needs their help with something ... and whine some more.

6. Drop by for meals unannounced. Better still, stop by any time of day or night and hang around, making a nuisance of himself.

7. Be sure to criticize their housekeeping, child-rearing and anything else he can think of.

If he does this often enough, he'll make them wish he WOULD remarry. — **ANN RIDDELL, PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR ANN: You're a clever psychologist. If Dad were to become unrelentingly needy and demanding, his self-centered daughters would probably waste no time in distancing themselves.

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

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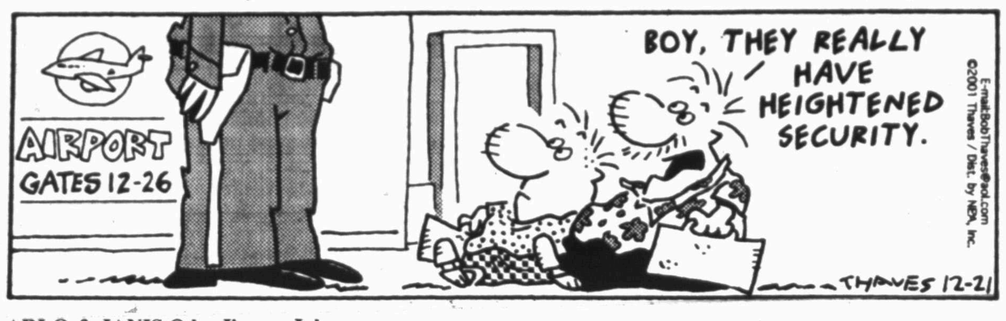

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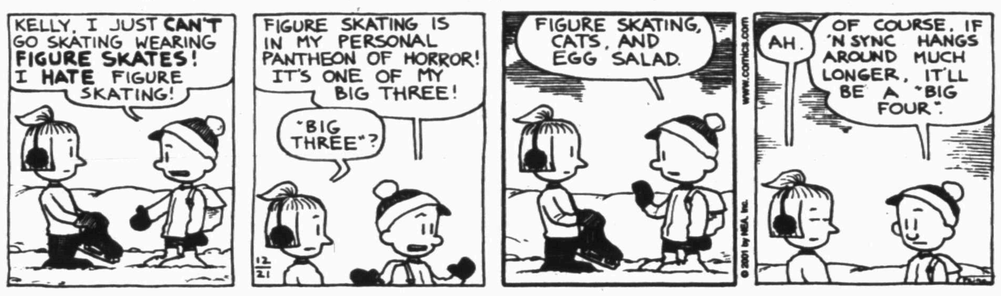

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5 Perform
8 Fine spray
12 Mighty Dog rival
13 Fellow
14 Fascinated by
15 Killed
16 Placated
18 Cut down
20 Shark part
21 Deuce
22 Water lilies
25 Droop
28 Battery word
29 Greenish-blue
33 Soup bowl
35 Roll up
36 Savings accts.
37 Lubricate
39 Stadium walkway
40 Hydrox rival
42 Trial VIPs
43 Win narrowly (2 wds.)
46 Harden
49 Bird beak
50 Prepare the salad
53 Dinned
56 Fabric unit
58 Nick and Nora's dog
59 Seine alt
60 This, in Barcelona
61 Just around the corner
62 Nine-digit ID
63 Faculty advisor

DOWN

1 Experiences
2 She, in Seville
3 Triangle tip
4 Wooden rod
5 Turkish potentate
6 Recipe measure
7 Office worker
8 Farrow of "Zelig"
9 Prof.
10 Meat dish
11 Commotion
17 Compass pt.
19 Cote dweller
23 Coal measure
24 Not dangerous
25 Mix up
26 Halo, of sorts
27 Lab weight
30 Campus area
31 Livy's bear
32 Porter et al.
34 Sports channel
37 Earth, in combos
38 Defeat
40 Isis' beloved
41 Revolts
44 Sean Lennon's mom
45 Played at
46 Read rapidly
47 "If all — fails . . ."
48 "Cheerio!"
51 Letter encl.
52 Mile., in Barcelona
54 Nick or scratch
55 Hibernation spot
57 Actor Aykroyd

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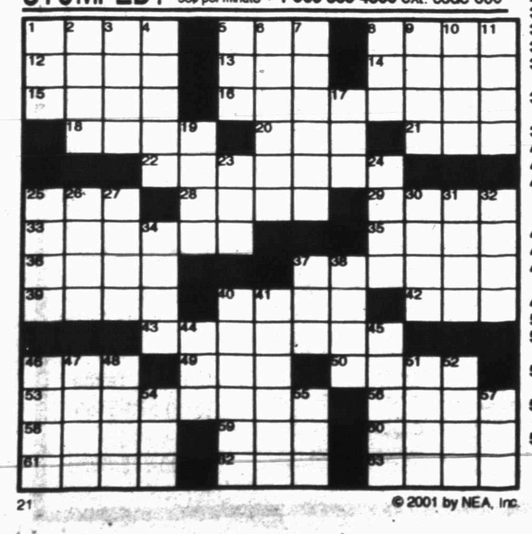

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SPORTS

Hermleigh, Ira in action this evening

In the final contests before the Christmas break, Ira and Hermleigh highlight today's local basketball schedule.

Ira hosts Jayton this afternoon, and Hermleigh travels to Loraine tonight. The Snyder Tigers and Lady Tigers have the day off.

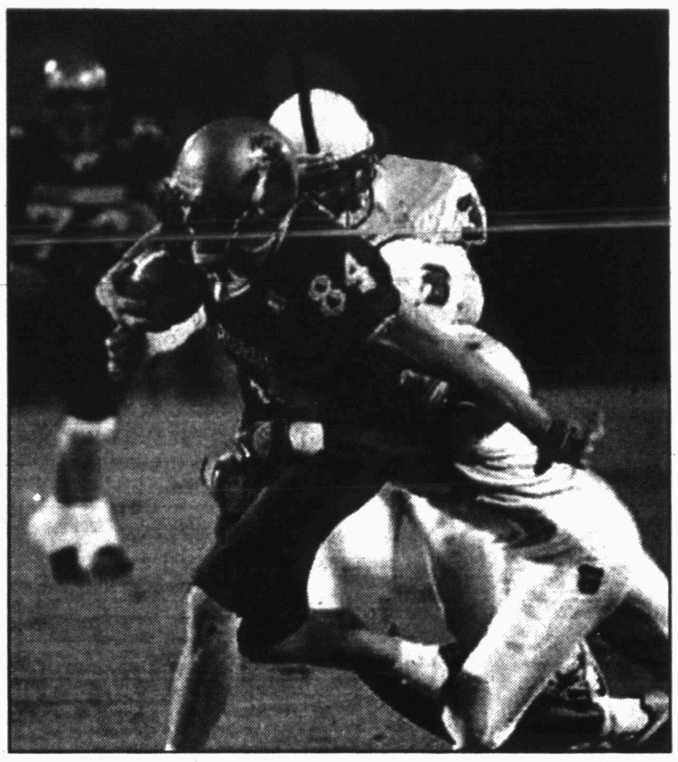
The Lady Bulldogs tip off the action against the Lady Jaybirds at 3:30, followed by the Ira boys at 5 o'clock.

The Lady Cardinals hit the floor at Loraine at 6:30, with the Hermleigh boys getting underway at 8.

Both Snyder squads are in action again Thursday.

The Lady Tigers square off with Abilene Cooper at 2:30 in the opening round of the Abilene High tournament. The Snyder girls face either Merkel or Smyer in the second round. Also competing in the tourney are Abilene High, Mason, Lake View and Ballinger.

The Snyder boys open the Brownwood tournament at 10 a.m. Thursday against Winters. The Tigers face Brownwood or Sweetwater in the second round. Also entered in the event are Wichita Falls High, Brownwood JV, Brady and Killeen Harker Heights.



PANTHER PASS — Pittsburgh wide receiver R.J. English (84) is brought down by North Carolina State's Brian Williams, right, and Avery Gibson after a pass reception Thursday night in the Tangerine Bowl. (AP Photo)

Pitt tops NC State

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Antonio Bryant caught two touchdown passes as the Panthers closed out a remarkable turnaround season with a 34-19 victory over North Carolina State in the Tangerine Bowl on Thursday night.

Bryant was the game's MVP but he wasn't the only star.

David Priestley threw for 271 yards. And Pitt's defense came up big after N.C. State (7-5) closed to 27-19.

Lewis Moore sacked Philip Rivers and forced a fumble that was returned 16 yards by Tyre Young for a score with 6:15 left to clinch it for the Panthers.

Pittsburgh began 1-5, but came back with the program's longest winning streak since 1983.

Bryant had all seven catches for 101 yards in the first half as the Panthers built a working margin. He caught TDs of 15 and 2 yards as the Panthers went up 24-10 at halftime.

The teams traded field goals in a closely played first quarter before the Panthers took control in the second, scoring on drives of 80, 98 and 70 yards.

Nash, Finley step up to lead Mavs to fifth straight victory

DALLAS (AP) — Milwaukee was effective against the Dallas Mavericks' top scorer, Dirk Nowitzki. The Bucks had few answers for Steve Nash and Michael Finley.

Nash and Finley had 33 points apiece Thursday night, sending the Mavericks to their season-high fifth straight victory, 113-101 over the Bucks.

Nowitzki had only eight points, 15.3 under his season average, but Nash and Finley picked up the slack.

"Both of those guys are in a zone right now," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We're on a bit of a roll right now. We're playing our best basketball. We've waited a long time to click like this offensively."

Nash forced the tempo early in the game, and that got the Mavericks into open court situations, enabling them to shoot 51.7 percent from the field.

"Offensively we had it going," Finley said. "We came out of the box quick and set the tone early. Steve had it going in the third quarter. I didn't think he was ever going to miss."

Tim Hardaway added 15 points, and Juwan Howard 13 for the Mavericks, who won despite Nowitzki's 3-for-14 shooting.

Nowitzki led Dallas with 12 rebounds. Finley and Nash added eight assists apiece.

"It's been like that all year," Hardaway said. "One of our big three always seems to have a big game, and when one doesn't, the others seem to pick it up."

Nash went 12-for-18 from the field, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range. Finley made 16 of his 31 shots.

Allen and Glenn Robinson both scored 21 points and Michael Redd added 16 for the Bucks, whose three-game winning streak ended.

Finley and Nash took over after halftime, combining for 26 of Dallas' 28 third-quarter points as the Mavericks built an 87-75 lead entering the final quarter.

"We got in a rhythm in the third quarter," Nash said. "It makes it easy on the team when you get hot from the perimeter."

The Mavericks held a 70-67 lead with 6:51 left in the third quarter, then took control with a 17-8 run in the final six minutes of the quarter.

Nash triggered the decisive run with a 3-pointer and had nine of the 17 points.

"Nash did a great job," Milwaukee coach George Karl said. "He had total control of the game. We fought back, but they would make the 3 or Finley would make a spurt."

Allen and Robinson were a combined 16-for-44 from the field, and the Bucks got only 12 points from Sam Cassell.

Helling cut loose by Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Former 20-game winner Rick Helling and three other Texas players were cut loose Thursday, possibly clearing the way for the Rangers to pursue free-agent pitcher Chan Ho Park.

Outfielder Ricky Ledee, pitcher Justin Thompson, infielder Scott Sheldon and Helling were not offered contracts for 2002, making them free agents.

Helling was Texas' opening-day starter this season and went 12-11 with a 5.17 ERA in 34 starts. He gave up 38 home runs.

Helling is 72-58 with a 4.75 ERA with Texas and Florida in a major league career that began in 1994. He was 20-7 for the Rangers in 1998.

"We had discussions with Rick and his agent, Jeff Moorad, regarding a 2002 contract prior to making this decision," Texas general manager John Hart said. "We were unable to come to an agreement and with the potential of salary arbitration, we felt that this move was in the best interest of the club."

The Rangers, whose 5.71 ERA was the highest in the majors, have added pitchers John Rocker, Dave Burba, Todd Van Poppel and Jay Powell since the season ended. They traded starter Darren Oliver to Boston for outfielder Carl Everett.

Park is the top available free-agent pitcher, and Texas has been talking to his agent.

Big 12 extends contract with Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Big 12 has extended its agreement with the Holiday Bowl through 2005.

The extension, which begins with the 2002 game, will continue to place the third selection from the Big 12 against the Pacific-10 runner-up. The Pac-10 extended its agreement for the same term earlier this year.

No. 9 Texas plays No. 21 Washington in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28.

In the three Holiday Bowls since the Big 12 started playing the Pac-10 in 1998, the total difference has been just 12 points. Arizona beat Nebraska 23-20 in 1998, Kansas State beat Washington 24-20 in 1999 and Oregon beat Texas 35-30 last year.

A caveat in both the Pac-10 and Big 12 agreements would allow San Diego State the opportunity to play in the Holiday Bowl if it is ranked higher than the best available Big 12 team in the final Bowl Championship Series rankings.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	4	0	.692	276	249
New England	9	5	0	.643	313	253
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	246	231
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	339	405
Buffalo	2	11	0	.154	214	344
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	254	185
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	258	240
Cleveland	6	7	0	.461	230	223
Tennessee	6	7	0	.461	264	314
Jacksonville	5	8	0	.385	222	220
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	177	249
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Oakland	10	3	0	.769	350	267
Seattle	7	6	0	.539	231	257
Denver	7	7	0	.500	307	293
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	293	276
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	252	280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	299	161
N.Y. Giants	6	7	0	.461	221	239
Washington	6	7	0	.461	181	256
Arizona	5	8	0	.385	231	306
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	199	285
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	261	175
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	302	221
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.539	241	232
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	271	314
Detroit	1	12	0	.077	241	343
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-St. Louis	11	2	0	.846	392	211
x-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	337	252
New Orleans	7	6	0	.539	302	283
Atlanta	6	7	0	.461	231	295
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games
Miami at New England, 1:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5 p.m.
Tennessee at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.
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College Bowl Glance

Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
At New Orleans, La.
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Colorado State 45, North Texas 20

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)

Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas, Nev.
$800,000
Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
At Seattle, Wash.
$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, Calif.
$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, Ariz.
$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), noon (CBS)

Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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, Ga.
$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, La.
$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami, Fla.
$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)

Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division II Championship
Lufkin (14-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-1), noon Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division II Championship
Ennis (15-0) vs. Bay City (14-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 3A
Division II Championship
Commerce (13-2) vs. La Grange (12-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco

CLASS 2A
Division II Championship
Celina (15-0) vs. Garrison (13-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Waco

CLASS 1A Championship
Celeste (14-0) vs. Burkeville (9-3), 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Tyler

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	16	7	.696	—
Boston	15	8	.652	1
Washington	12	12	.500	4½
Orlando	13	14	.481	5
New York	12	14	.461	5½
Philadelphia	10	15	.400	7
Miami	5	18	.217	11
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	14	8	.636	—
Detroit	14	9	.609	½
Toronto	14	12	.539	2
Indiana	14	13	.518	2½
Charlotte	12	13	.480	3½
Cleveland	10	15	.400	5½
Atlanta	9	16	.360	6½
Chicago	4	20	.167	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	4	.826	—
Minnesota	16	8	.667	3½
Dallas	17	9	.654	3½
Utah	12	14	.461	8½
Denver	9	15	.375	10½
Houston	7	20	.259	14
Memphis	6	19	.240	14
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	19	3	.864	—
Sacramento	19	8	.704	2½
L.A. Clippers	14	11	.560	6½
Phoenix	14	12	.539	7
Portland	12	12	.500	8
Seattle	12	15	.444	9½
Golden State	10	16	.385	11

Thursday's Games
Toronto 96, Chicago 91
Memphis 90, New York 88
Dallas 113, Milwaukee 101
L.A. Lakers 107, Houston 101

Friday's Games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

Red Sox price tag reaches $660 million

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox, controlled by the Yawkey family and its trust since 1933, could be turned over as soon as January to a Florida financier and a New York television executive in a record-breaking $660 million deal.

The team's limited partners voted unanimously to sell the franchise to a group led by Florida Marlins owner John Henry and producer Tom Werner, a former San Diego Padres owner.

Dodgers, Nomo reach deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Free agent Hideo Nomo, who led the AL in strikeouts last season, and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed on a $13 million, two-year deal.

Detroit players named in rape charge

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Three NFL players and a former player were accused in a lawsuit of drugging and raping a woman at a Las Vegas apartment and hotel room in May 2000.

The woman is seeking at least $20,000 in damages, although she is able to seek a higher figure later.

Detroit Lions safety Ron Rice and quarterback Charlie Batch, former Lions defensive back Tyree Talton and Miami Dolphins wide receiver Dedric Ward are named in the lawsuit filed in Clark County District Court.

Chick Hearn recovering

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chick Hearn, recovering from open heart surgery, missed the Los Angeles Lakers' game, ending the announcer's string of consecutive games at 3,338.

Turner pulls plug on Goodwill Games

ATLANTA (AP) — Turner Broadcasting pulled the plug on the Goodwill Games, the multisport event organized by Ted Turner after the Olympic boycotts of the 1980s.

After the 2001 games in Brisbane, Australia, some Turner officials said it no longer made financial sense to continue the games.

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Anthrax hoaxes create dilemma in states forced to pay for tests, medicine

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A waitress at a doughnut shop who got suspicious powder on her fingers after opening a roll of pennies. An X-ray technician who noticed white powder in a tissue after blowing her nose. A restaurant manager whose employees found brown and white powder on plastic bags containing pizza sauce.

All three cases involved people who feared they had encountered anthrax and were considered by the state of Ohio to be — in essence — victims of terrorism. So, the state agreed to pay workers' compensation claims for the employees' medical tests and prescriptions for Cipro and other antibiotics.

"There were a couple of claims here where we kind of shook our heads when they came in, but to that person, I'm sure it was a very stressful and difficult time," said Jim Conrad, administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

The bureau in late October announced it would pay for anthrax-related testing on a case-by-case basis. Testing must have been ordered by emergency or medical personnel.

It's unclear if other states are taking the same approach. Some have similar statewide workers' comp programs, while other states have numerous private insurance funds that handle injured workers' claims.

No national statistics are available, but Conrad said Ohio has been contacted by other states interested in its approach.

Of the 153 workers' comp claims filed for potential anthrax exposure from Oct. 11 through Dec. 18, the bureau said it would pay 115. The state denied payment in 27 cases, and 10 cases were pending. One claim was withdrawn.

The bureau cannot say exactly how much the claims will cost, but the range is modest — a total of $40,250 to $138,000 — depending on the nature of testing and type of medication.

"Ultimately it came down to the fact that we should do it and establish a policy because it's the right thing to do," Conrad said. "You had the president declaring a national emergency, the governor saying all state agencies should do everything you can for victims. We sort of considered these terror victims."

In California, the State Compensation Insurance Fund, the state's largest workers' compensation fund, has received no claims to date but will pay for testing. The Texas Workers' Compensation Commission fund does not have a policy for accepting anthrax-related claims and has received no claims to date, spokeswoman Linda McKee said.

In New York, the State Workers' Compensation Board does not have a policy for anthrax claims and hasn't received any, spokesman Jon Sullivan said.

HCA teams up with 'Labor' to train jobless workers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The nation's largest hospital company and the U.S. Labor Department are teaming up and paying $10 million to train people who've lost their jobs, particularly after Sept. 11, to work in health care.

The partnership, to be announced today in Washington, D.C., calls for Nashville-based HCA and the federal government to each pitch in $5 million.

The money will be used for scholarships and assistance for the government's training centers. Trainees must sign contracts agreeing to work for HCA the amount of time that they've received assistance.

The program will be offered immediately in six areas where large numbers of workers have been laid off since the terrorist attacks and where HCA has a strong presence: Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Denver, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla.; and south Florida.

"First and foremost this could help workers dislocated as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks, and with the congressional inaction on the economic stimulus package, it's a superb opportunity for us to help individuals move into jobs in a high-growth sector of the economy," Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant secretary for the Labor Department's employment and training administration, said Thursday by phone from Washington.

Jack Bovender, HCA's chief executive and president, said he came up with the idea after seeing announcements of post-Sept. 11 layoffs.

"It just seemed to me a natural to offer to people at this stage of life, where their careers have been disrupted, a chance to change direction, and to satisfy our own needs in the future," he said.

The health care field is expected to face a severe shortage of workers over the next several years. For example, the national supply of nurses is predicted to drop 20 percent below minimum needs by 2020, resulting in a shortage of more than 400,000 registered nurses, HCA said.

"The situation looks very bleak, primarily with the demographics of an aging population anticipated to increase demand for the services, and fewer people in their mid-20s and 30s available to select health care as a profession," said Janet Heinrich, who works on public health issues for the U.S. General Accounting Office.

She said such a partnership is worth a try, but she is concerned scholarship recipients must work for HCA. "People need some flexibility in their lives. I guess HCA has facilities in a variety of places in the country, but it's hard to see how the federal government would put money in a program that restrictive."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Thyroid not linked to obesity

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 42-year-old daughter has gone from a svelte 120 pounds to an unattractive 200 pounds over the past 10 years. She tells me she has a sluggish thyroid but is allergic to iodine, so nothing can be done about her condition. Is there an alternative treatment?

DEAR READER: Yes. A good diet.

As a general rule, most people who gain too much weight do so because they consume too many calories.

Many years ago, the poor thyroid gland was blamed for obesity. We now know this assumption is false. Patients with hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid glands) may gain some weight — usually modest fluid retention causing puffiness — but they seldom become obese, unless they eat too much.

Therefore, I suspect that your daughter's problem would respond to sensible calorie restriction, such as a low-fat, low-carbohydrate diet that is heavy on vegetables and grains.

Moreover, if your daughter has a thyroid condition, iodine is not the appropriate therapy. Modern thyroid supplements, such as thyroxine, do a much better job and are quite inexpensive.

Finally, I doubt that your daughter is allergic to iodine, a ubiquitous substance that is present in many edibles, especially seafood. Inasmuch as iodine is a necessary trace mineral, people are never "allergic" to it, although they may be intolerant to drugs that contain high concentrations of it.

I think your daughter is reacting to normal maternal criticism by putting you off with a scientifically unsound excuse. She needs to diet — and to obtain proper medical care if she does, indeed, suffer from hypothyroidism.

I might add that my observations are directed toward more than cosmetic issues. Obesity can lead to hypertension, diabetes and coronary artery disease; hypothyroidism is associated with fatigue, depression and heart failure. Therefore, your daughter should address her health issues without delay. A physician may be the place to start.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Control through Calorie Control." 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: For the past two months, my 8-year-old grandson has been leaking urine. He's the oldest of four, and his mother comes down hard on him. Could his problem be emotional? They have no money or insurance, and it's almost impossible to get him to a doctor.

DEAR READER: Urinary incontinence in an 8-year-old boy could be due to emotional upset, stress and tension. It could also be caused by urinary infection or an abnormality in the urinary tract. I believe the youngster should be examined by a pediatrician. The child needs a diagnosis.

He probably also needs a well-child exam and to have his inoculations brought up-to-date. While I share your concern about financial matters, a lack of money should not deprive your grandson of proper medical attention.

Although many states have health insurance provisions for needy children, I have never met a pediatrician who would refuse to care for a child because of money. In this respect, pediatricians are traditionally a special breed. They are like doctors used to be: concerned more about patient care than the fees. Consequently, I urge you to take your grandson to a pediatrician. I am sure the doctor would be willing to reduce the fee — or waive it — if the boy needs assistance.

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♥ Q J 9 8
♦ K J 9 5 4 2
♣ 6

South
♠ A Q 6 5 2
♥ K 7 5 4
♦ —
♣ A 10 3 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Safety is great when guaranteed

By Phillip Alder

In Jane Austen's "Emma," Frank Churchill says, "There is safety in reserve, but no attraction. One cannot love a reserved person."

Look only at the North-South hands. You cruise into six spades. West leads the diamond ace. What would be your line of play? Although you are reserved and loath to offer predictions, how likely are you to make the contract?

You should ruff the diamond ace, draw trumps, cash the heart king, and continue with a low heart. If West follows low, finesse dummy's 10 and claim, conceding only one heart trick. If West plays a heart honor, you win with the ace and again are safe. (If East [illegible] cards, you return to hand and lead toward dummy's heart 10.) Here, though, West discards.

You win with dummy's heart ace, cash the king-queen of clubs, and continue with the club four. If East plays the jack, you win and claim, discarding one of dummy's hearts on the club 10. If East discards, you win with the club ace and continue with the club 10, discarding a heart from dummy. West will be forced to lead a diamond, allowing you to discard dummy's remaining heart loser while you ruff in hand. Here, though, East follows low. Finesse your club 10! If it wins, claim. But when it loses, West must give you a ruff-and-discard. One of dummy's hearts goes away now, and the second disappears on the club ace. So, the contract is guaranteed.

After hearing that observation by Churchill, Emma replied, "Not till the reserve ceases towards one's self; and then the attraction may be the greater." Touche.

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	High	Low	Last	
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AT&T Corp s	18.18	17.83	17.98	+ .13
Albertsons	32.15	31.40	31.40	—.74
Alltel	62.80	62.22	62.50	+ .03
AmEl Pw	42.68	42.10	42.10	—.48
AnderkPtr	54.45	53.71	54.37	+ 1.10
ATMOS Egy	21.34	21.10	21.17	—.16
Aviall	7.41	6.77	6.97	—.43
BP PLC	45.60	44.95	45.60	+ 1.20
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Health minister seeks to help Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban once dismissed her from her job as a top surgeon because she is a woman. Now Suhaila Siddiqi, poised to become one of two female Cabinet ministers in the new Afghan government, dismisses them — with the precision and economy of a scalpel's sweep.

"I knew they could never last," said Siddiqi, shaking her steel-gray head and smiling faintly. "From their actions, it was always clear to me the Taliban would not be able to impose their will forever."

One of Afghanistan's most respected surgeons, the 60-year-old Siddiqi will be sworn in Saturday as the country's health minister — and handed the daunting challenge of presiding over a medical system driven to the point of collapse by warfare and deprivation.

"I want to rehabilitate our hospitals," she said in an interview this week with The Associated Press, gesticulating with long, slender fingers as she ticked off her priorities. "I want to care for our people and help them in every way. And I want women working everywhere."

With a regal bearing and a demeanor that can sometimes be severe — she held the rank of general under Afghanistan's Soviet-backed administration in the 1980s, and many still use the title when referring to her — Siddiqi didn't hesitate to stand up to the Taliban.

She was forced to accede when they sent her home from her job as chief of surgery at Wazir Akbar Khan hospital in Kabul — along with women all over Afghanistan. But within months, they realized their loss, and invited her back to work at one of Kabul's premier medical institutions — its 400-bed military hospital, where the Taliban themselves often sought treatment.

Colleagues say Siddiqi was never afraid to speak her mind in the presence of the Taliban, whatever the risks.

"Once, we were in a meeting with some mullahs, and she was arguing in favor of training for female medical students, so strongly that one of the mullahs finally sat there silent, then said, 'I don't know what to say to you,'" said Dr. Masoom Saboorzai, who now holds Siddiqi's former post as chief of surgery as Wazir Akbar Khan.

As formidable as she can be, colleagues also describe Siddiqi as unstintingly kind, strict but motherly with younger colleagues. Once, treating a patient who would need blood transfusions but was alone in the capital without friends or family, she donated a pint of her own blood, Saboorzai recalled.

She is also described as unflappable in emergencies, tireless in dealing with the demands of her profession. On one occasion during Afghanistan's civil war, 120 patients poured into the hospital at once, grievously wounded from a rocket attack. She set methodically to work, performing surgery for 24 hours straight.

When the Taliban fled Kabul almost six weeks ago, Siddiqi was one of the first to abandon the burqa, the long shroud-like garment all women were required to wear in public.

On a recent day, hurrying from the hospital to a meeting at the Foreign Ministry, she wore a long black skirt and headscarf — but her bespectacled face was bare, and strands of long gray hair peeped out from beneath the covering.

Siddiqi never married. In an interview during Taliban times, she said she hadn't wanted to take orders from a man — "Look at us now," she said regretfully then.

Saddened by the death this year of a particularly close sister, Siddiqi has resolutely avoided the limelight since her ministerial appointment at a U.N.-brokered conference of Afghan factions in Bonn, Germany earlier this month. In conversation, though, she has an engagingly direct and energetic style.

"I knew you would ask that, so I'll tell you the answer," she said at one point, when asked if she hoped her appointment would be an inspiration to other Afghan women, closeted in their homes during the long Taliban years.

"I think they are happy about this, and that makes me happy," she said.

Women have served in past Afghan governments, but none has had a prominent public role for more than a decade. The 1992-6 civil war shattered the country's institutions, and then came the Taliban.

Born, raised and educated in Kabul, Siddiqi spent only one long stretch outside Afghanistan, completing her medical studies in Russia. Over the years, as Afghanistan fell into one chaotic conflict after another, she had many opportunities to emigrate, she said — but was never tempted.

"I always felt it was important for all Afghans to stay in their country, and serve it," she said. "Now I am hoping that people who left will choose to come back and help. Our country needs us."

Siddiqi does have one regret: she expects her work as health minister will leave her with little or no time to continue practicing medicine.

Priest who helped children escape dies

MIAMI (AP) — The Roman Catholic priest who led Operation Pedro Pan, which brought 14,000 children out of Fidel Castro's Cuba to Florida 40 years ago, has died.

Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh was 71 when he died Monday at Mercy Hospital of cardiac arrest.

In 1960, the Irish-born priest set up the Cuban Children's Program to help Cuban parents evacuate their children from Castro's new communist state.

The program, which became know as Operation Pedro Pan, accepted its first two children Dec. 26, 1960. Within the next two years, 14,000 unaccompanied children would arrive. The Miami archdiocese sent them to camps, relatives' homes, foster homes and orphanages until their parents could join them.

Among them were U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Mel Martinez and outgoing Miami Mayor Joe Carollo.

"Words cannot express the depth of appreciation in my heart for Monsignor Walsh, whose perseverance and courage made it possible for me to taste freedom," Martinez said in a statement. "Few people have touched the lives of thousands of immigrant children in such a profound way."

Walsh also gained attention for writing a 1963 condemnation of segregation as a sin, for helping Haitian refugees and for working to improve the Catholic Church's relations with Jews.

"Many people in public will thank him, but thousands on thousands who remain anonymous will thank him in their own hearts," the Rev. Arthur Dennison, a longtime friend of Walsh, said in today's South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "And they will never forget his name."

Date Book

Friday, Dec. 21, 2001

Today is the 355th day of 2001 and the first day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1849, the Skaters' Club of the City and County of Philadelphia was founded.

On this day in 1937, Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" premiered in Los Angeles.

On this day in 1969, Diana Ross and the Supremes made a farewell appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." They sang "Someday We'll Be Together."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Stalin (1879-1953), Soviet dictator; Heinrich Boll (1917-1985), novelist-poet; Kurt Waldheim (1918-), U.N. secretary general, is 83; Joseph Paterno (1926-), football coach, is 75; Jane Fonda (1937-), actress-activist-fitness instructor, is 64; Frank Zappa (1940-1993), singer; Chris Evert (1954-), tennis player, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, in the American Conference playoff game, the Oakland Raiders defeated the Miami Dolphins 28-26.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning." — James Russell Lowell

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Dec. 22).

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001

Exciting developments could be in the offing for you in the year ahead, because you'll have a greater eagerness to try new things and tread in fresh areas. You may be in for a few surprises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The only way to lead today is to lead by example, and then when you do issue orders, make sure they are clear and explicit. Failing to do so will lead to desertion by followers. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a chance today you could talk so much about doing something that, in your mind, it becomes a fait accompli. Don't talk, do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Going to the wrong person today for financial advice could cost you a substantial amount of money. Better to be your own counsel than to follow someone else's ill-advised tip-off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be fair-minded today or else you could classify anyone who disagrees with your ideas or opinions as enemies. They're simply individuals who have other points of views.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your success or failure today will depend upon your attitude. If you see yourself as a loser, you'll find a way to prove that you are right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Just because someone is reluctant to discuss certain confidential matters with you today doesn't make him or her disloyal. This person's loyalty is to the classified information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — No one can plead your case better than you can, so don't depend upon another to speak on your behalf. Have the courage to be your own advocate if you want to win.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The only way you're going to get a important job accomplished today is to roll up your sleeves and get it done. Issuing orders to others to do so will fall on deaf ears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's important today that you don't make any changes that involve a commercial endeavor without first consulting everyone concerned. Without full approval, sparks will fly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make certain you keep all disagreements between you and your mate strictly private today. Aired out in the open will only make you look extremely bad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's a strong chance today that you could make mountains out of molehills. Keep your passions and intensity under control so you see things for what they really are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you buy on impulse today, it could lead to two things: One, you may purchase inferior merchandise; and two, chances are you'll spend far more than you should.

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Hamas to suspend suicide bombings

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Islamic militant group Hamas today announced a suspension of suicide bombings and mortar attacks in Israel, boosting chances for a U.S.-brokered truce to take hold. In internal Palestinian fighting, five people were killed when a militant's funeral turned into a gunbattle.

The Hamas announcement came after two days of clashes between Palestinian police — who have been trying to enforce a cease-fire — and supporters of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad group. In all, six Palestinians have been killed and 94 hurt in internal confrontations since Thursday, doctors said.

Hamas said in a leaflet faxed to news agencies that it ordered the attacks suspended "until further notice" to preserve Palestinian unity. The announcement was seen as a victory for beleaguered Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been under intense U.S. and European pressure to prevent attacks on Israel.

It was the first time Hamas had made such a promise in the 15 months of fighting.

However, the Hamas decision only referred to stopping suicide attacks in Israel, not in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, leaving open the possibility of further violence. The ban on mortar fire extended to both Israel and the Palestinian territories, according to the leaflet.

A senior Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Hamas announcement was a result of negotiations between leaders of the group and senior Palestinian Authority officials that ended early today.

Israel's reaction was guarded. In the past 15 months of fighting, scores of Israelis have been killed in attacks by Islamic militants, including 36 this month.

"What's positive? That they stop terror activities in one place, but keep murdering women and children somewhere else?" said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "As long as the terror activities continue ... we will implement our right of self-defense, and we will act against them with all our might."

It was not clear whether Islamic Jihad would also suspend attacks. Abu Imad Rifai, the Islamic Jihad representative in Lebanon, said his group would continue suicide attacks against Israel.

Despite the Hamas announcement, tensions were running high in Gaza.

In the Jebaliya refugee camp near Gaza City, thousands of mourners on today joined the funeral procession of a 17-year-old Islamic Jihad supporter killed Thursday in a gunbattle with Palestinian police. "Resistance will continue despite the sacrifices," the crowd chanted as dozens of gunmen fired in the air.

When the funeral procession passed a police station, gunmen opened fire at officers inside, drawing return fire. Five Palestinians were killed and 55 hurt in the exchange, doctors said. At least two of those killed were Islamic Jihad activists, Palestinian security officials said. Frantic bystanders, including a woman holding an infant swaddled in a blanket, ran for cover or crouched down behind cars.

Earlier in the day, about 400 Hamas supporters marched on a police station in the Dir al-Balah refugee camp in central Gaza, throwing rocks and bottles. Police fired in the air to repel the demonstrators.

Argentina awaits provisional president following bad riots

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Driven from power by a devastating economic crisis and deadly riots, Argentina's outgoing President Fernando de la Rua returned to his offices for a last time today, lifting a state of emergency as he awaited the handover to a caretaker government.

After two days of anti-government unrest around the country left 22 people dead, supermarkets and homes ransacked and De la Rua's government in chaos, Argentina was relatively calm today. Protests had largely subsided the night before, but more looting was reported today.

In one of his last acts as president, the 64-year-old departing leader signed an order revoking the emergency powers he took up Wednesday night to control spiraling social unrest. He had originally announced that the state of emergency would be in place for 30 days.

As Congress geared up to formally approve De la Rua's resignation, as required by law, a temporary leader waited in the wings: Senate Leader Ramon Puerta was getting set to take over today as provisional president.

Speaking to reporters, Puerta said today he wished only to hold the presidency temporarily while Congress decides whether to call new elections that could be held in two to three months.

"I've never held a post for which I have not been elected," Puerta told reporters. "But I will fulfill my duties to the republic in these very difficult moments."

De la Rua was departing as one of the most unpopular leaders in Argentina's history. He took office in December 1999 with a popularity rating above 70 percent, a no-nonsense image and a pledge to improve the economy. But he soon became seen as indecisive, and left with ratings in single digits.

Speaking at the Casa Rosada, or Government House, today morning, De la Rua lashed out at the opposition Peronists for failing to join him in a national unity government — a decision that hastened his political downfall.

"The Peronists made a mistake," he said. The opposition rejected his request Thursday as angry and hungry Argentines around the country protested and looted.

Wearing a dark suit, De la Rua returned to the Casa Rosada hours after signing his resignation late Thursday and flying from the government palace in a helicopter. In his final hours in office he shook the hands of close aides after signing the order declaring the state of emergency over.

The 30-day state of emergency, or state of siege, gave authorities the right to make arrests without court order and prohibited unauthorized public gatherings. It was the first time in 11 years that an Argentine president has enforced such a decree.

Several arrests made in Snyder on Thursday

•Arrests

Edward Garrett, 28, of 411 30th Street was arrested by sheriff's deputies at 3 p.m. Thursday on a warrant for parole violation.

Police officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 3800 block of Austin Ave. Thursday morning on a warrant for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of possession of marijuana.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody at Snyder High School just before 2 p.m. Thursday for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man on North Ennis Creek Rd. Thursday on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation.

•Theft

Tommy Green reported a gun stolen Thursday morning. An officer contacted Green and advised an offense report for theft would be filed.

Robin Marisch requested an officer at Snyder Lanes Thursday night in reference to items missing from her car. The officer submitted a report for burglary of a vehicle.

•Criminal mischief

Dick Browning reported five men tearing the door off of a bathroom stall at Handi-Mart. The men were last seen in a vehicle traveling north on U.S. 84 and an officer submitted a Class B criminal mischief report.

Kelly Jackson requested officers at her 30th Street residence at 8:45 a.m. Thursday because of damage done to her car. An officer submitted a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Obituaries

Zelma Anderson

1913-2001

Zelma Anderson, longtime resident of Scurry County, died Thursday, Dec. 20, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Anderson, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Avenue D Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Anderson

Born Aug. 22, 1913 in Hermleigh, she married Jalette Anderson on June 19, 1945 in Roby. He died in August, 1968. Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker and a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Boyd and Mary Christian (Jones) Ryan; three brothers, Earl, H.B. and Bobby Ryan; and a grandson, Kelly Browning.

Survivors include six daughters, Shirley Giddens and Nelda Colvin, both of Snyder, Lora Heard of Ira, Barbara Hulme of Lubbock, Mary Browning of Dallas and Sue Butts of Lamesa; two sisters, Frances Dowell of Cleveland, Tex., Ruth L. Taylor and Betty Jo Carey, both of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Community Care Hospice, 1510 South Gregg in Big Spring 79720.

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Clara Cain

1911-2001

Clara Alma Cain, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 20, in Lewisville Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cain, 90, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 18, 1911 in Madill, Okla., she married Charles C. Cain on Nov. 20, 1931. He died Jan. 25, 1999.

A homemaker, Mrs. Cain had lived in Snyder since 1950 before moving to Flower Mound three years ago. She was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by two sons and a daughter-in-law, William E. and Joyce Cain and Joseph Wayne Cain.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Jim Smith of Flower Mound; a son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Ramona Cain of Snyder; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Cain of Irving; three brothers, L.J. Ross of Pryor, Okla., Roy Ross and Charles D. Ross, both of Fresno, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Johnathen Ramos

Infant

SAN ANGELO – Johnathen Isaac Ramos, infant son of Johnny and Misty Ramos of Carlsbad, Tex., died Sunday, Dec. 16.

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Grape Creek Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors also include his grandparents, Angela Williams of Snyder, Martha and Sylvestre Martinez and Robert Doty, all of Carlsbad.

Bobby Scott

1934-2001

Bobby Gene Scott, 67, died Thursday, Dec. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Scott is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 8, 1934 in Sweetwater, he married Geraldine Johns on Nov. 10, 1982 in Snyder.

Mr. Scott worked as a roustabout and pumper for Texaco for more than 30 years and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Ann Washington; a sister, Annie Mae Stiles; and two brothers, Charles and Doug Scott.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Scott of Snyder, two daughters, Terri Wells of Snyder and Myrtis Scott of Big Spring; three sons, Douglas Scott of Mississippi, David Scott of Dublin, Ga., and Bobby Scott of Huntsville; a brother, Walter Scott of Big Spring; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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CADA Christmas schedule

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

American Legion Christmas appreciation

The American Legion Christmas appreciation for members and customers will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Birthday party for Jesus

Northside Baptist Church will have a birthday party for Jesus from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship, 1909 16th St. For van pick up, call 573-7105.

Northside Baptist cantata

The Northside Baptist Church Christmas cantata, "When Christmas Comes to Me," will be at 11 a.m. Sunday. There will be interpretation for the hearing-impaired. Call 573-7105 for transportation.

Christmas Eve service

Trinity United Methodist Church, located at the entrance to Cogdell Medical Center, will have a Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Candlelight service

First United Methodist Church will hold a candlelight service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Candlelight service

A candlelight service will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at Grace Lutheran Church.

Lions Club meetings

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday or Tuesday, Jan. 1. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with a program about the Texas Boys Ranch.

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, Dec. 31, 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.

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@ntsonline.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assi...

Body may be missing scientist

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A body found snagged on a tree in the Mississippi River carried the identification of a missing Harvard University scientist who was last seen in Memphis over a month ago.

Memphis police Lt. Joe Scott said the body and the wallet with Don C. Wiley's identification were found Thursday by workers at a hydroelectric plant in Vidalia, La., about 300 miles south of Memphis.

An autopsy was scheduled in Memphis today.

Wiley, 57, has been missing since Nov. 16, when his rental car was discovered on a Mississippi River bridge. The keys were in the ignition and the gas tank was full.

The molecular biologist had been in Memphis for a two-day annual meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

His disappearance, following the terrorist attacks by about a month, had raised larger concerns because Wiley had done research into a number of potentially deadly viruses, including Ebola, a fever that is highly contagious and lethal.

Scientific organizations, including St. Jude, posted rewards totaling $26,000 for information leading to the "arrest and charge" of anyone responsible for Wiley's disappearance.