It was a cold and dreary morning...

Snyder residents awoke this morning to find roadways covered with a layer of snow and ice for the first work day of 2001.

Highways began to glaze over around 9 p.m. Monday and the resulting accidents kept Snyder EMS and DPS troopers busy for most of the night.

Two San Antonio residents were critically injured in one of the accidents on Highway 84 near the landfill exit, and both are in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

DPS troopers are urging motorists to use extreme caution on the highways as excess speed has been a factor in many of the accidents.

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Home of Mike Robinson

Motorists find highways dangerous

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Two San Antonio residents were critically injured in a two-vehicle accident last night on icy-slick U.S. 84.

The accident was among six reported when the highway began to ice up around 9 p.m. Three more accidents have been reported on the highway this morning.

Genero Larasso, 67, is in Lubbock's University Medical Center with head injuries after he was thrown out of a 2001 Nissan Extera. Auora Gabore, 51, is also in University Medical Center. Both were passengers in the vehicle driven by Joe Tovar, also of San Antonio.

According to investigating DPS trooper Terry Snyder, the Nissan was southbound when it hit a patch of ice. The driver lost control of the vehicle and it traveled into the median, overturning and then sliding upside down into the path of a 2000 Toyota Camry that was northbound.

The Toyota was driven by Phillip Howard of Lubbock.

In all, Snyder EMS transported nine victims to Cogdell Memorial Hospital from this one accident.

None of the other victims were seriously injured.

The first accident that was reported Monday night on Highway 84 occurred just inside the Scurry County line in the eastern part of the county and was reported at 9:04 p.m.

Just 30 minutes later, dispatchers received word of a one-vehicle rollover some 20 miles north of Snyder on Highway 84.

At 9:54 p.m., another accident was reported on Highway 84 near Ezell-Key Grain. The next accident was reported at 11:30 p.m. north of the weigh station.

At 4:53 this morning, a one-vehicle accident occurred some 15 miles south on Highway 84.

Six persons were transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Four of the victims were treated and released, and two remain hospitalized in good condition this morning.

Hospitalized are Antonio Maldanodo, six, and Angelica Maldanodo, nine. DPS trooper James Arnwine investigated.

At 10:30 this morning, dispatchers received a cell phone call from the site of yet another accident, this one on Highway 350.

The caller did not know the exact location, but reported that five persons were in the vehicle, including an elderly man with head injuries.

Later reports indicated the accident was near Big Spring in Howard County.

TWO CRITICALLY INJURED — DPS troopers said icy conditions and excess speed were contributing factors in a two-vehicle accident reported Monday night around 10:30, some five miles south of Snyder on Highway 84. Two San Antonio residents were hospitalized in University Medical Center. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There may always be death and taxes, but death doesn't get any worse year after year."

Snyder's Myrtle Brewster suggested that we needed something light to start off the new year. This little ditty has been around, but it's still entertaining.

"Dear Son and Family:

"I am writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read very fast. I don't live where I did when you were last here. I read in the newspaper that most accidents happen twenty miles from home, so I moved.

"I won't be able to send you my address, 'cause the last Arkansas family that lived here took the numbers with them for their next house so they wouldn't have to change their address.

"This place has a washing machine. The first day I put in four shirts, pulled the chain and haven't seen 'em since.

"It only rained twice last week, three days the first time and four days the last time.

"About the coat you wanted me to send you, your Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons on. So we cut them off and put them in the pocket.

"We got a bill from the funeral home. It said if we didn't make the last payment on grandma's funeral, up she comes.

"About your sister, she had a baby. I haven't heard if it's a girl or a boy, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

"Your uncle fell in the whiskey barrel last week. He drowned. We cremated him for three days.

"Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving, the other two were in the back. The driver got out as he managed to roll down the window and swam to safety. The other two wasn't so lucky. They drown 'cause they couldn't get the tailgate down.

"Not much to say at this time. Ain't nothing much happened.

"Love, Maw"

Sexual discrimination has become a big issue in America's workplace. Here's a new twist.

One police officer faced an internal inquiry because the female cop didn't show enough affection.

The officer, superiors said, didn't love Candy, her dog which was part of the department's K-9 force.

City officials denied that love between and officer and police dog is a requirement for continued employment.

Knowing that makes us feel somuch better now.

Jackson remains Scurry County's sheriff

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

It took 36 days to settle the U.S. Presidential Election.

Twenty days later - 56 days after the November general election - Scurry County officially named a new sheriff.

As expected, the Scurry County Commissioner's Court – in a split vote this morning– reappointed Darren Jackson as the county's chief law enforcement office.

The lone dissent came from Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, in whose precinct Jackson lives.

The vote came without comment, following a 35-minute executive session in which County Judge Ricky Fritz said had "extensive discussion."

The motion to appoint Jackson was made by Pct. 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey, and seconded by Pct. 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey. Both are Democrats.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer voted for the Jackson appointment while Judge Fritz, also a Republican, was not required to vote.

Idom, a Republican, said after the meeting that he opposed the appointment of Jackson based on citizen feedback that he had received.

"The people I talked to did not want me to appoint Darren," Idom said. "I only had two for and the rest were against."

Jackson, who was unopposed while seeking his second term as sheriff, was declared ineligible when he voted in the Republican primary.

The Scurry County Democratic Executive Committee then named former Sheriff Keith Collier as a proxy candidate for Jackson.

Collier said he would not serve, if elected, and said that a strong vote for him should be a clear signal that the people wanted Jackson back as sheriff.

Collier received 73 percent of the votes in the general election, but commissioners still sought applications for the job. Also applying were former DPS trooper Joe Salinas and Cole Herring. Both were write-in candidates in the general election.

Both Herring and Salinas were present at this morning's meeting, but made no comment.

After the meeting, Idom said Jackson was warned not to vote in the Republican Primary, but that Jackson ignored the advice.

Jackson's appointment is for a two-year term, until the next general election at which the office will be on the ballot for another two-year term.

In other business, the court unanimously accepted the resignation of county treasurer Charlie Bell who last week was appointed county auditor by District Judge Ernie Armstrong following the retirement of Eddie McHaney.

The commissioner's court will now have the task of appointing someone to fill the treasurer's post. Judge Armstrong has suggested that the two offices be combined, but that would require legislative action.

Commissioners also agreed to seek proposals for the sale of two rural community centers.

Judge Fritz said low utilization of the Knapp and Inadale community centers has prompted the action as a cost-cutting effort.

ASK US

Q—How many "bad weather days" are on the calendar of the Snyder ISD?
Q—Two.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 33 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 24; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, .03 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 20. N wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, sunny, warmer, high lower 50s, NW wind 5-15 mph.

Jessica Stechman
Warmer

Sunset: 5:54 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 1 day in 2001, the sun has shone 0 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone.
—G.B. Stern

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Civil rights groups nix Ashcroft's nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights groups opposing President-elect Bush's choice for attorney general, John Ashcroft, are demanding that Democratic senators abandon the tradition of supporting former colleagues and vote against the nomination.

The organizations will join with organized labor to confront Democrats at public events in their home states to win commitments of a "no" vote, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in an interview Monday.

He said the campaign also would target New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, Bush's nominee to head the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jackson said Democratic senators "will be challenged very publicly" at events such as Martin Luther King Day celebrations this month. "Those who are with the civil rights agenda must not choose collegiality over civil rights and social justice," he said.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle signaled a willingness Tuesday to "ask all the tough questions that need to be asked" of Ashcroft.

"The most important question is" whether Ashcroft will enforce laws that "he's acknowledged publicly he disagrees with," said Daschle, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America." The Democratic senator cited laws on women's rights and civil rights.

Ashcroft is a conservative Republican senator from Missouri who lost re-election on Nov. 7 to Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan, whose name remained on the ballot after he was killed in a plane crash. Carnahan's widow, Jean, was appointed to the seat.

Senators are known for supporting nominations of former colleagues — and Jackson's comment about collegiality was aimed at that tradition. The new Senate will be split 50-50 between Republicans and Democrats, although the vice president-to-be, Dick Cheney, will be able to break any tie votes in his role as president of the Senate.

Ashcroft has drawn opposition for his anti-abortion views and for leading a drive to defeat the nomination of a black Missouri Supreme Court judge, Ronnie White, to the federal bench.

Whitman has drawn the ire of blacks because of racial profiling by the New Jersey state police and because of a photograph of the governor personally frisking a black youth.

Ashcroft has countered the criticism by noting he supported 23 of the 26 nominations of black judges that came up for a vote during his Senate tenure.

As Missouri governor from 1985 to 1993, he signed into law a state holiday honoring King; established musician Scott Joplin's house as Missouri's only historic site honoring a black individual; created an award honoring black educator George Washington Carver; named a black woman to a state judgeship; and led a fight to save Lincoln University, which was founded by black soldiers.

Whitman is a moderate Republican who supports abortion rights. Regarding racial profiling, she repeatedly has defended her administration by saying hers was the first to admit to the practice and to take steps to eliminate it. Critics said minorities were involved in a disproportionate number of traffic stops, searches and arrests by state troopers.

Last year, a picture was released showing her frisking a black youth during a police tour in Camden, N.J., in 1996.

"Did I step over a line from being an observer to a participant that I shouldn't have and didn't need to in that instance? Yes," Whitman said in an interview last July. "But, unfortunately, that is my nature. When they said, 'Do you want to do it?' I said 'Sure,' without thinking, and I should have thought."

Drought still plagues Georgia farmers

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Georgians face some wacky winter weather over the next three months, with bitterly cold periods offset by intervals of comfortable warmth, forecasters say.

But nobody is sure whether the state will get enough rain to end a three-year drought, said David Stooksbury, the state climatologist. The drought has forced communities to impose water restrictions and has cost Georgia farmers millions of dollars in lost crops. It remains a serious concern as farmers make plans for spring planting.

"Right now I think we'll probably have adequate moisture for planting and we'll be in better shape than in the past two years," Stooksbury said. "The main concern going into the growing season is ... the deep-soil moisture reserve."

Stooksbury, a University of Georgia professor, said there are no strong signals from the ocean-atmosphere system that influences Southern weather to determine how much rain will fall in Georgia over the next three months.

The drought was blamed on La Nina, a cooling of the waters in the Western Pacific Ocean. La Nina has ended, but the impact on Georgia and other Southern states may not be felt for months.

Most of the South, from Virginia to Louisiana, is still classified as a drought area, but the National Weather Service predicts moisture levels are likely to improve this winter.

"We're in a neutral state," Stooksbury said. "One way to think of it is (like) two soccer teams that are evenly matched. Neither really dominates. ... We'll have periods that will tend to be cold and periods that tend to be warm."

Two days of showers last week helped increase moisture levels, but they were not enough to eliminate significant rainfall deficits in all parts of the state.

As the year 2000 closed, Atlanta had received only 35.55 inches of rain for the year, about 15 inches below normal. Other Georgia cities had similar rainfall deficits: Tifton with 36.23, 11 inches below normal; Rome with 37.07 inches, 18 inches below normal; Athens with 35.47 inches, 14 inches below normal; and Savannah with 37.63 inches, 12 inches below normal.

"What we need to end the drought are several months with above-average precipitation," Stooksbury said. "I think we'll be able to get the crops up, but the big question is what kind of moisture reserve do we have for late spring and summer?"

Terrell Hudson, who raises cattle and grows cotton, peanuts and timber in Dooly County, said his farm got about 2.5 inches of rain last week.

"Our pond, as of Wednesday, was still dropping," he said. "We've had some reasonable rain, but the ground has been taking it up as soon as it falls. The creeks had dried up, but most of them have begun to flow again."

Hudson said the drought reduced the quality of his cotton and lowered yields, even in irrigated fields. He said he destroyed 160 acres of non-irrigated cotton that didn't get enough moisture.

"We've got to get some substantial rain between now and planting time," he said.

On the Net:
University of Georgia drought site: http://www.griffin.peachnet.edu/caes/drought/

Berry's World

"MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL — WHO'S THE BEST FUND RAISER OF ALL?"

Pentagon finds lapses in Gulf security

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pentagon commission will recommend tightened security measures for U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf after concluding that there were significant security lapses in the region before the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The commission found flaws in security for ships and aircraft moving through the region, which the Cole was doing when it stopped in a Yemeni port on Oct. 12 and was attacked, the Times said. Seventeen sailors were killed and 39 were wounded.

Sweeping security changes were implemented at U.S. bases throughout the world after an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia was bombed more than four years ago, but the commission found that commanders in the Gulf were not devoting enough attention to protecting their forces from attack.

One senior defense official told the Times there was a breakdown in communication between embassies and the military commanders of the U.S. Central Command, the Tampa, Fla.-based military headquarters for the Gulf.

The commission did not determine whether any measures could have been taken to avert the Cole attack or whether any U.S. officials should be held responsible for security lapses, a senior defense official told the Times. One of the commission's leaders, retired Army Gen. William Crouch, said the commission's goal was to improve security for U.S. forces in the region, not assign blame.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen appointed the commission after the Cole attack. It has not yet completed a written report, but its findings were disclosed to Cohen and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry Shelton just before Christmas, the Times said.

The commission is expected to present its final conclusions and security recommendations to Cohen this week.

A separate Navy investigation into actions aboard the Cole found that the destroyer's captain and crew failed to follow security procedures on the day of the attack. The investigation is still being reviewed but already has raised the possibility of disciplinary action against the captain, Cmdr. Kirk Lippold, or other Cole officials, the Times said.

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001

Today is the second day of 2001 and the 13th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, Alice Sanger became the first woman to work on the staff of a president of the United States. She worked for President Rutherford B. Hayes.

On this day in 1959, the Soviet Union launched Luna I, a moon probe that missed its target.

On this day in 1988, President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada signed a treaty lifting trade barriers between their two countries.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Bacon (1647-1676), American colonial leader; James Wolfe (1727-1759), British general; Sir Michael Tippett (1905-1998), composer; Isaac Asimov (1920-1992), writer; Dan Rostenkowski (1928-), U.S. congressman, is 73; Roger Miller (1936-1992), singer-songwriter; James Bakker (1940-), TV evangelist, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, quarterback Joe Namath signed a $400,000 contract with the New York Jets, making him the highest-paid player in football.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is more fitting for a man to laugh at life than to lament over it." — Seneca

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Jan. 2).

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) -- The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
12-13-22-23-34

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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The U.S. Air Force Announces *the availability of the Electronic Scoring Sites and Emitters Sites Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI).*

The United States Air Force announces the availability of the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The final EA and FONSI analyzed the potential environmental impacts of re-siting, establishing, and constructing two Electronic Scoring Sites and two military operations areas (MOA) emitter sites that are part of the RBTI Electronic Scoring Site system. This final EA proposes to re-site an Electronic Scoring Site in Reeves County (southwest of Pecos), establish a new Electronic Scoring Site in Scurry County (Snyder Airport), and re-site two emitter site locations in Borden County. All sites, with the exception of Snyder Airport, are within a mile of the original locations proposed in the RBTI EIS.

The final EA and FONSI are available for review at the following locations: Stonewall County Library, Kent County Library, Dawson County Public Library, Reeves County Library, Post Public Library, Rotan Public Library, Scurry County Public Library, and Tahoka City-County Public Library.

You may request a copy of the final EA and FONSI by contacting Mr. Don Pitts, RBTI EA, 7th CES/CEV, 710 3rd Street, Dyess AFB, TX, 79607 or review it at the Dyess AFB website: www.dyess.af.mil.

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AARP OFFICERS — Ray Cervantes, left, of Wichita Falls installed local AARP officers recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. They included Marie Armstrong, president; Velma Lunsford, vice president; Carolyn Cox, secretary; Peggy Eubank, treasurer; M.J. Merritt, legislative representative; and James Beckham, membership chairman. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Swans and snow geese flock to northwest Washington for winter

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — Once nearly extinct, trumpeter swans now flock by the thousands each winter to the rural farmlands and estuaries of northwestern Washington's Skagit Valley.

In greater numbers than anywhere else in the Lower 48, they fly down in November from arctic nesting grounds and stay until March, feasting on leftovers from corn, potato, wheat and barley harvests.

North America's largest waterfowl, snow white trumpeters with black bills mesmerize onlookers with their size, beauty and grace. They stand 4 feet tall and have a wingspan of up to 7 feet.

"They're so big, and if it's a real still day, you can actually hear the wind move through their wings," says John Garrett, manager of the 16,000-acre Skagit Wildlife Area. "It's like watching a 747 go through the air."

Trumpeters often share their feeding grounds with their smaller cousin, the tundra swan, standing out like undulating swaths of snow against the deep brown of a harvested field.

A total of 4,094 swans were counted in Skagit County at the end of last winter — 2,275 trumpeters and 1,819 tundras. That's up about 800 from the previous year, according to Mike Davison, district biologist for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Hunting decimated trumpeter swans in the 1800s, and they were nearly extinct by the turn of the last century. Milliners used their feathers to adorn fancy hats. Women powdered their noses with swan-skin puffs. Settlers feasted on their meat.

Stiff hunting regulations and stalwart conservation efforts — starting back before the 1920s — saved them from extinction, and biologists credit their rising numbers to wildlife conservation efforts as well as cooperation from farmers and a more conscientious generation of hunters.

Swan hunting is banned in Washington state. Trumpeters are protected throughout their migration range, while hunting tundra swans is legal in several states.

The hunters' loss is the birders' gain, for those lucky enough to watch each day as dusk fades and the swans fly to sloughs and other calm waterways for a night's rest, out of the reach of predators.

Witnessing hundreds touch down against the backdrop of the waning twilight is a sublime experience, says Darryl Thompson, president of Snohomish County's Audubon Society chapter, which leads frequent tours for the growing number of bird watchers.

"We're trying to give people an appreciation for something besides their televisions, their computers and their jobs," Thompson says.

Wintering snow geese, which migrate from Russia's Wrangel Island northwest of the Bering Strait, gather in far greater numbers than their larger counterparts.

A flock of 15,000 to 17,000 at a wildlife reserve was spotted on Fir Island one recent afternoon. Russ Canniff, a biologist for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, says he expects the wintering population to reach 55,000 by the peak of the season in late January and February.

Bird enthusiasts rave about the sight and sound of snow geese lifting off by the thousands.

"It looks like a snow storm in reverse," says Tim Cullinan, director of bird conservation for the National Audubon Society of Washington. "It's deafening, too, because they all start honking, too. It just looks like an explosion of life coming off the ground."

Snow geese, however, can be hunted. Washington's season lasts from early October to early January and can be cut short if population counts dip too low. That hasn't happened since 1981.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Reader questions food safety

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: For many years, I worked in the central processing department in a hospital. This is where instruments and other things are sterilized for patient use. If an item could not tolerate steam heat and pressure, it was sterilized in another type of sterilizer using ethylene oxide gas. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has very strict regulations about the use of this gas because it is a mutagenic and carcinogenic compound. I recently heard that our fruits and vegetables are ripened in "ripening rooms" in grocery stores by a produce worker opening a canister of ethylene oxide. Is this the same stuff? Even at levels that are undetectable by smell, it is still dangerous. Are the workers at risk from exposure to this gas? Are the consumers at risk from eating these fruits and vegetables? In the hospital setting, after gas sterilization the articles were exposed to forced air for 10 to 12 hours and then were considered safe to use, but how long is the produce exposed to air before it is consumed? Would you check into this, please? — **SHERRY KINCAID, Blackwell, Okla.**

DEAR SHERRY: Ethylene oxide and ethylene gas are two different things. We talked to people at the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Drug Administration and people in the food industry, and we searched the Internet for an answer to your question.

We learned that ethylene oxide is an anti-microbial registered as a pesticide by the EPA and has very narrow uses — among them, sterilization. Ethylene gas, on the other hand, is commonly used in the food industry to hasten the ripening process of certain fruits and vegetables. The Web site http://store.yahoo.com/catalyticgenerators/whatisethylene.html says ethylene is not toxic to human health and "it was used historically as an important anesthetic until less flammable compounds were developed."

FEEDBACK: "YOU ARE SPECIAL" PLATE — Deane Hoffman of Dunnellon, Fla., was searching for this plate. Thanks to all of you who wrote to tell us these plates are available in several gift shops:

Philip's Gift Gallery in Valparaiso, Ind.; Judy C. Martin, Inc. in Baton Rouge, La.; Grimm's Hallmark in St. Charles, Ill.; The Glass Menagerie in Corning, N.Y.; and The Faith Mountain Company in Sperryville, Va. (800) 822-7238). The Miles Kimball "Just Between Us" catalog carries a "You Are Special" red plate (item No. 564252) for $36.98 plus $6.99 for shipping; a mug (item No. 406140) for $11.98 plus $3.99 for shipping, or the mug and plate (item No. 426056) for $44.98 plus $7.99 for shipping.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: South

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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001

From lambs to defenses

By Phillip Alder

In Whangarei, I stayed with Pat and Colin Porter. Both mornings I looked out of their house at newly born lambs feeding from their mothers. Behind them I could see the sun coming up over the bay. It was beautiful.

After teaching the class, I played in that evening's duplicate with Patsy Walters. This deal contained a few instructive points and a defensive guess. Look only at the North and East hands. You are defending against four hearts. Partner leads the jack of spades. What would you do?

North made a limit raise, promising four or more trumps and 9-11 support points. (It's normally 10-12, but they play an aggressive game in New Zealand.) Still, that North hand, with only "quacks," isn't strong enough. It is a good two-heart raise.

What did you do at trick two? You can cash the first four tricks: two spades and two diamonds. However, switching to a diamond away from the king around to dummy's queen looks unappetizing. Still, as declarer can always take the diamond finesse if he holds that ace, perhaps it is correct.

I fed this situation into Matt Ginsberg's GIB computer program. It works by taking the known data and simulating many deals, analyzing each and deciding which play works most often. Interestingly, it did win trick one with the spade ace and switch immediately to the diamond three. What a fine computer program!

Against me, East switched to a club at trick two. Now I could get home by discarding a diamond on the club queen and ruffing two spades in the dummy.

Information on GIB is available at www.gibware.com.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, for information call 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Key to Butterfly and Backyard Habitat," by Gertrude League; hostesses, Janice Blackwell and LaVerne Hood; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Oprah Winfrey has collection of pajamas

NEW YORK (AP) — You can catch up with Oprah Winfrey on TV, in the movies, in the pages of her magazine, at her production company, her multimedia offices — or in the tub.

"My bath is my sanctuary," she tells Newsweek magazine in its Jan. 8 issue. "It's the place where I can wash off all the stuff of the day. I soak in a hot tub and put on a nice pair of pajamas."

Speaking of pajamas, Winfrey has plenty.

"That's my thing! They help me separate from the day and relax. I have flannel and cashmere and silk, white and flowered. I love pajamas. ... I have a pajama collection. Dozens and dozens of pajamas."

Ask The Preacher

SHOULD THE BIBLE BE INTERPRETED LITERALLY?

by Bill Looney

Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:17: **"So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."**

The Bible should be read with the same common sense rules of interpretation that we use in reading a newspaper, a poem, or a history book. The Bible does use figures of speech such as simile, metaphor, hyperbole, irony, personification, and symbolism. We can recognize figures of speech in the Bible in the same way we can recognize them when we find them in a magazine article or a history book. Those who approach the Bible as if it were a mysterious document that must be decoded will produce a subjective interpretation that merely reflects their own preconceptions. **"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).**

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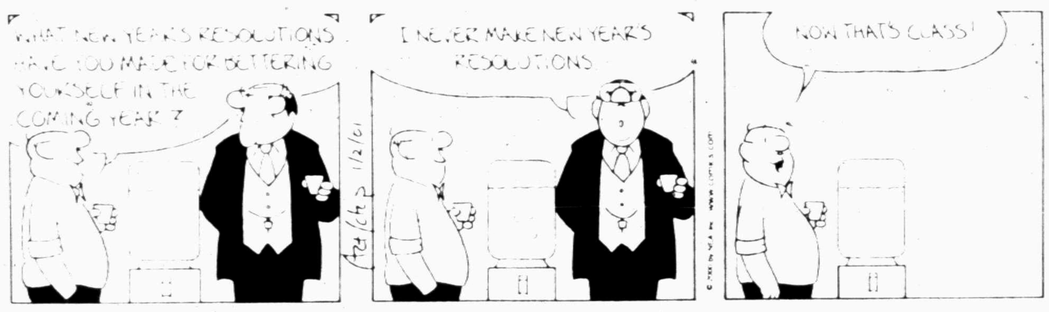

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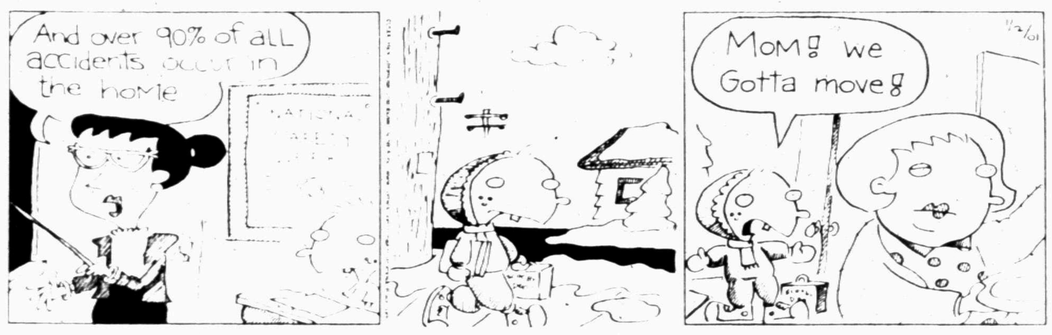

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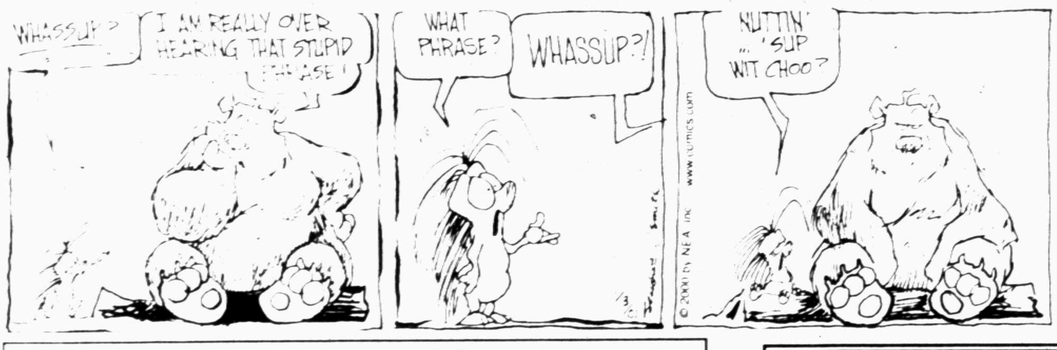

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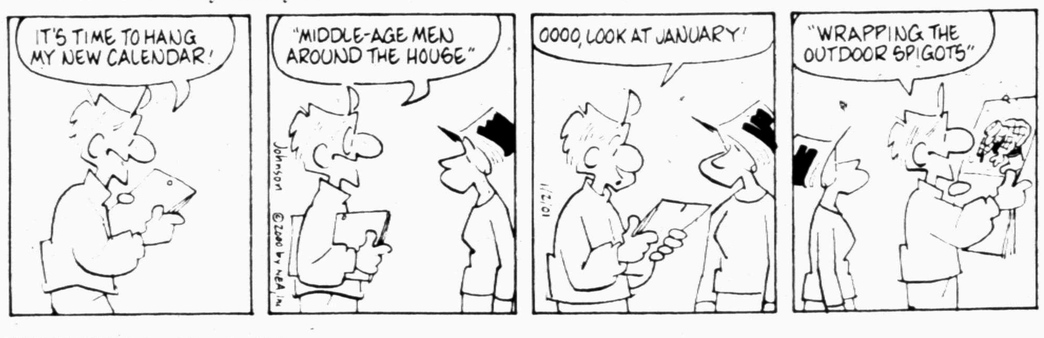

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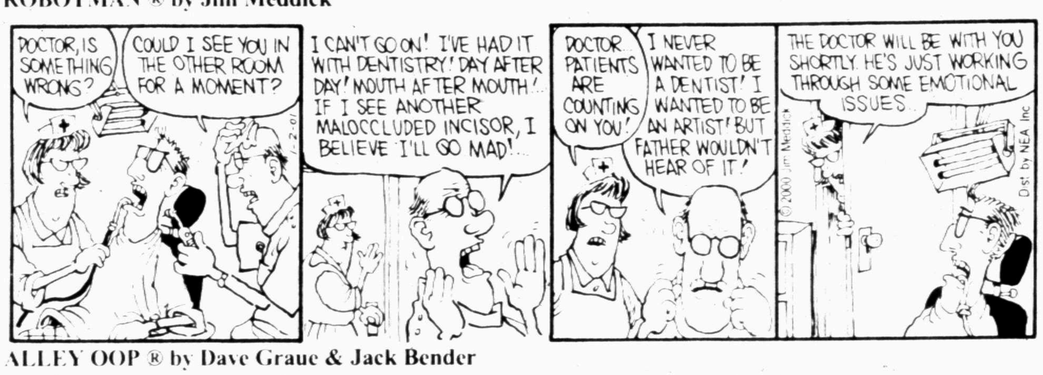

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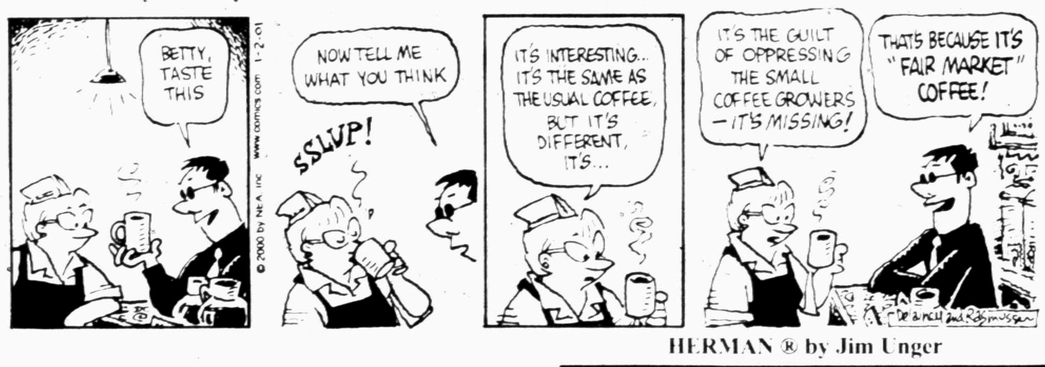

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ACROSS

1 Overthrow
7 Formal headgear (2 wds.)
13 Prepared to fish
14 Make current
15 Recently (2 wds.)
16 Tell secrets
17 Ms. Peeples
18 Sgt., e.g.
20 Sun-browned
21 Ancient Italian family
23 Title for Paul McCartney
24 Not so much
25 Part of a shoe
27 Distract
29 Jar cover
31 Drivers' org.
32 Greek letter
33 Fleur-de- —
34 Double-layered
37 Novelist Uris
40 Outer garment
41 Comparative suffix
43 Tater
45 Possess
46 Congressional agcy.
47 Marriage words
48 Entwine
51 Harm
54 Heavy boring tool
55 Click beetle
56 Skillful
57 Preoccupy

DOWN

1 Steak order
2 Like a lout
3 Pontius —
4 School org.
5 Permit to
6 Paradises
7 Explanatory computer program, e.g.
8 Org. created in 1941
9 Calif. summer time
10 Headwear maker
11 Finally (2 wds.)
12 Adolescents
19 Spanish hero El —
22 Fish trap
24 Rents
26 Speech problem
28 Colorado ski resort
30 Painstakingly industrious
34 In the direction of
35 Paler
36 Cry of affirmation
38 Sedative
39 Pushes gently
40 Terra —
42 Western competition
44 People of action
49 Mail center: abbr.
50 Medieval poem
52 Priest's vestment
53 Holiday suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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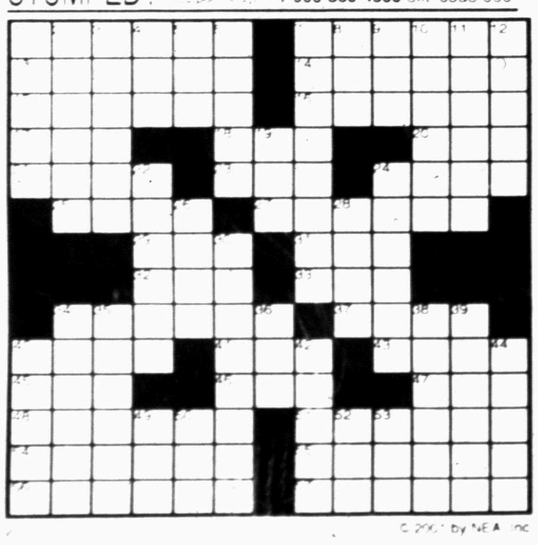

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE VACUUM JUST SUCKED UP!"

SPORTS

Tonight's district action postponed

Thanks to Monday night's blanket of winter weather, Snyder High School's return to district play will have to be postponed.

Snyder's District 4-4A contests at Plainview, originally slated for tonight, have been rescheduled for Thursday night. Ira and Hermleigh, which were to have hosted this evening's games, have also cancelled tonight's action.

Icy roads and continued freezing temperatures prompted the cancellation, which brings with it another set of problems.

Snyder's boys and girls now face the task of arriving back in Snyder around 1 a.m. Friday, then hosting Frenship in another district tilt that evening.

"It's going to make it really tough," said Snyder girls' coach Sam Tipton. "Plainview and Frenship are two of the tougher teams in district, in girls and boys. You'd like to give your team at least 24 hours to rest and prepare, but we're not going to get that luxury."

To compound the problem, tonight's Frenship-Levelland contests will continue as scheduled, giving Frenship extra time to rest and prepare for Friday's action.

The top spot in the girls' and boys' district standings will be on the line Thursday at Plainview.

The Lady Tigers and Lady Bulldogs are both 3-0 in league play. Snyder is ranked seventh in the state, while Plainview holds the No. 1 ranking.

In the boys' standings, Snyder and Plainview are both 1-0.

In tonight's Sugar Bowl...

Hurricanes seek share of title

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Miami coach Butch Davis claims a one-point win would be fine and the result of the Florida State-Oklahoma game does not concern him in the least.

It's enough to make a college football fan wonder on which planet he's been coaching the past four months.

Because once all the Sugar Bowl subplots are set aside — state bragging rights, a renewed rivalry, bad blood and the Bourbon Street scuffle — No. 2 Miami (10-1) has a clear goal Tuesday against No. 7 Florida: Win a share of the national title.

In private moments with his team, even Davis has conceded that.

"He has told us you can't let good things pass you by," tight end Jeremy Shockey said. "He said everyone would love to have the feeling we're having. This is a great opportunity, a once-in-a-lifetime chance. There are 100 other schools that would love to be in the position we're in today."

But it's an awkward position at best, and again it proves the creators of the Bowl Championship Series have fallen short of crafting the perfect system.

The Orange Bowl pits the top two teams in the BCS standings, and the folks who run the coaches' poll will award their national title to the Oklahoma-Florida State winner.

The Associated Press writers' poll has no such restrictions. If Miami beats Florida convincingly and No. 3 Florida State struggles to a victory over No. 1 Oklahoma, several voters in the AP poll have said they would rank the Hurricanes first, possibly creating the split national title the BCS was created to avoid.

So, a lopsided win would help the Hurricanes, and there's no way they can win any part of the title without an Oklahoma loss.

Listening to Davis, he might not even have the TV on when the Sooners and Seminoles kick off Wednesday night.

"I'm not concerned in the least about what happens with FSU-Oklahoma," he said. "It's one of those things that's out of our control. I can't control other teams, I can't control other games, I can't control the voters, I can't control the computers. All we can do is play the best we can Tuesday night and whatever happens is going to happen."

While the Hurricanes' motivation is clear, the Gators (10-2) come in as Southeastern Conference champions and the week's biggest spoiler. They're six-point underdogs, and playing an unlikely supporting role in this championship drama.

"I'm just worried about winning," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We need to beat those guys."

The Gators haven't been to Spurrier's favorite bowl game since winning the national title Jan. 2, 1997.

In the four years since, they have been humbled by losing their stranglehold on the SEC, falling badly to Florida State three straight times and seeing Spurrier's reputation as an offensive genius brought into question.

A lot of those issues have been smoothed over by Florida's SEC title this season when the Gators were young and thought to be a year away from returning to their prime.

"Obviously, it's a a whole different level with the national championship," said freshman quarterback Rex Grossman, one of 15 underclassmen to play significant time this year. "Hopefully in the future, we'll be there and get a shot at that. Right now we want to win a big Sugar Bowl game and get some momentum going into next season."

Miami's future isn't quite as clear.

Davis' name is associated with many NFL coaching vacancies that come up, although he virtually guaranteed Monday that he would be back with the Hurricanes next season.

Gone will be senior receiver Santana Moss and linebacker Dan Morgan, both All-Americas. Leading receiver Reggie Wayne, running back James Jackson and defensive tackle Damione Lewis are seniors, too. Left tackle Bryant McKinnie and safety Ed Reed, both juniors, are expected to make themselves eligible for the NFL draft.

Their biggest games — against Penn State, Virginia Tech and Florida State — are on the road in 2001.

Nobody at Miami will admit to thinking past Tuesday night right now. Davis claims the tunnel vision has been there since Miami sustained its only loss, Sept. 9 against Washington.

"Since Washington, our team has been in a single-game elimination situation, where we've had to take every game one at a time," Davis said. "We've approached it like we can't control a lot of the outside things and we just have to take care of ourselves."

The only question left is whether taking care of themselves will be enough.

Kansas State proves worthy of rank in Cotton Bowl rout

DALLAS (AP) — As newcomers to the elite of college football, No. 11 Kansas State still feels it has to prove worthy of its high ranking.

The Wildcats did a great job of it Monday in the Cotton Bowl.

Jonathan Beasley and Josh Scobey led a 297-yard rushing effort against No. 21 Tennessee's tough run defense, and two sacks by defensive end Chris Johnson helped derail the Volunteers' offense in a 35-21 victory for Kansas State.

"This is exactly what we wanted," linebacker Ben Leber said. "We wanted to come out and show the nation that we're tough and we can play with energy. We did that today."

The knock against Kansas State (11-3) is that it beats up on bad teams and has a lousy record against Top 10 schools. While this Tennessee squad wasn't quite that caliber, the Vols (8-4) were on a six-game winning streak and brought in the nation's third-best run defense.

"I would definitely say they are one of the better teams we've played this year," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

By winning a second straight bowl game, Kansas State reached 11 wins for the fourth straight year. The 27-member senior class is only the second group in NCAA history to accomplish the feat.

"It's unbelievable," said Beasley, who ran for a career-best 98 yards and a touchdown, passed for 210 yards and two touchdowns and even pooched a punt to the Tennessee 4. "Two years ago, people counted us out after Michael Bishop left.

"As a class, we said we didn't want to be remembered like that. We wanted to keep the tradition alive."

People around the country remember Bishop as a Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1998 who nearly led the Wildcats to the national championship. In Manhattan, Kan., Bishop's reputation is akin to Michael Jordan's in Chicago.

"It's tough to replace him, but he (Beasley) did it," said Quincy Morgan, who had seven catches for 145 yards, including touchdowns of 56 and 10 yards. "Maybe what he's doing is not as exciting, but he gets the job done."

Beasley showed the kind of all-around ability the NFL loves these days. He's already been invited to the scouting combine and hopes to join Bishop in the pros.

"My record speaks for itself," he said. "I'm one of those guys who if you give me a little recognition, I'll take it a long way."

The Wildcats bounced back nicely from a loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship. Two of their losses this season were to the No. 1 Sooners.

Two years ago, Kansas State lost to Texas A&M in the conference championship and missed the chance to play Tennessee for the national championship. Then the Wildcats came out flat in the Alamo Bowl and lost to Purdue. This time, Kansas State targeted the Vols' strength — run defense — and destroyed it.

Tennessee gave up its most yards of the season. Kansas State averaged 5.03 yards per carry, led by Scobey's 147 yards and two touchdowns.

College hoops poll unchanged

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Michigan State was No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for a second straight week Monday and the defending national champion will be on top as conference play gets under way.

There was very little change in the Top 25 after the final week of nonconference games produced few upsets.

Not only did the Spartans (11-0) hold the same spot from last week, the top 11 teams stayed in the same order and the only new member of the poll is No. 24 Texas.

Michigan State, which beat Bowling Green and Wright State last week, received 47 first-place votes and 1,607 points from the national media panel. Stanford (11-0), which beat Fordham and Santa Clara last week, was No. 1 on the other 18 ballots and had 1,577 points.

Duke was third again, followed in the Top Ten by Wake Forest, Florida, Tennessee, Kansas, Virginia, Illinois and Connecticut.

Seton Hall was 11th for the second straight week and was followed in the Second Ten by Wisconsin, North Carolina, Syracuse, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Alabama, Georgetown and Southern California.

The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Mississippi, Iowa State, Texas and Cincinnati.

Texas (10-2) moved into the rankings on a five-game winning streak that included a victory over Illinois. The Longhorns, who were ranked all last season and got as high as No. 9, have lost to Duke in the Preseason NIT semifinals and at South Florida.

Iowa (11-2) dropped out of the poll after a three-week run. The Hawkeyes finished third in last week's Rainbow Classic, sandwiching wins over Detroit and Saint Louis around an 80-68 semifinal loss to Tennessee.

Five teams — Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgetown, Mississippi and Iowa State — made modest two-spot jumps this week, while Cincinnati's fall from 19th to 25th was the biggest drop. The Bearcats (9-3) beat North Carolina-Wilmington 65-55 last week before losing 69-66 to Toledo.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
Sunday, Dec. 31
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
New Orleans at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC-NFC Championship Games

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
6 p.m. at Tampa, Fla. (CBS)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
NFC vs. AFC, 5:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

Bowl Game Roundup

South Carolina whips Buckeyes

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — South Carolina, winless in 1999, capped the most dramatic one-year turnaround in Southeastern Conference history by beating Ohio State in the Outback Bowl 24-7.

Vick, Hokies top Clemson

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — If the Gator Bowl was the final game of quarterback Michael Vick's career at Virginia Tech, he went out a winner.

Vick threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Lee Suggs ran for three scores as the No. 6 Hokies beat No. 16 Clemson 41-20.

Wolverines hold off Clemson

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Thomas ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns and Drew Henson passed for two TDs as the 17th-ranked Wolverines held on for a 31-28 victory over No. 20 Auburn on in the Citrus Bowl.

Washington downs Purdue

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Marques Tuiasosopo ran for one touchdown and passed for another as Washington won the Rose Bowl over Purdue, 34-24, and finished the season with eight straight wins.

Washington (11-1) gave the Pac-10 its first Rose Bowl victory in five years and second in the last nine games.

The Boilermakers (8-4) were playing in their first Rose Bowl in 34 years.

Beavers shred Fighting Irish

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Oregon State's remarkable rise from pitiful to powerhouse is complete.

The brash, belligerent, fifth-ranked Beavers backed up their pregame boasts and then some in a 41-9 rout of Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Oregon State, college football's laughingstock for more than a quarter-century, handed the tenth-ranked Fighting Irish their worst bowl defeat since a 40-6 loss to Nebraska in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

College Bowl Glance

All Times EST
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: $750,000
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21

Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payout: $800,000
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $750,000
Georgia 37, Virginia 14

Monday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $750,000
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: $750,000
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
Payout: $750,000
East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27

Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: $750,000
Boise State 38, Texas-El Paso 23
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: $750,000
West Virginia 49, Mississippi 38
Micronpc.com Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $750,000
North Carolina State 38, Minnesota 30
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
Payout: $750,000
Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: $1.25 million
Colorado State 22, Louisville 17
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: $1 million
Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: $1.8 million
LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: $1.9 million
Oregon 35, Texas 30

Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: $1.2 million
Nebraska 66, Northwestern 17

Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: $1.2 million
Air Force 37, Fresno State 34
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: $1.1 million
Mississippi State 43, Texas A&M 41, OT

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: $2 million
South Carolina 24, Ohio State 7
Cotton Bowl
Payout: $2.5 million
At Dallas
Kansas State 35, Tennessee 21
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: $1.4 million
Virginia Tech 41, Clemson 20
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $4 million
Michigan 31, Auburn 28
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: $13.5 million
Washington 34, Purdue 24
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Payout: $13.5 million
Oregon State 41, Notre Dame 9

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: $13.5 million
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $11-13 million
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	21	8	.724	—
New York	19	12	.613	3
Miami	18	14	.563	4½
Orlando	14	16	.467	7½
Boston	12	18	.400	9½
New Jersey	9	21	.300	12½
Washington	6	25	.194	16
Central Division				
Charlotte	20	12	.625	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	2
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	2½
Toronto	15	15	.500	4
Detroit	13	18	.419	6½
Indiana	13	18	.419	6½
Atlanta	10	20	.333	9
Chicago	5	25	.167	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	19	11	.633	½
Dallas	20	12	.625	½
Minnesota	18	14	.563	2½
Denver	16	15	.516	4
Houston	14	16	.467	5½
Vancouver	8	22	.267	11½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	20	8	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	22	10	.688	—
Portland	22	10	.688	—
Phoenix	18	10	.643	2
Seattle	17	14	.548	4½
Golden State	10	20	.333	11
L.A. Clippers	10	21	.323	11½

Monday's Games
Minnesota 106, Houston 96
Portland 89, Charlotte 67

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
New York at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Mono experiences vary

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that there is no cure for mononucleosis, but my experience of 30 years ago contradicts this view. I had mono at that time and was given a shot of gammaglobulin by my family doctor. Within two days, I was back playing basketball: an instant cure. Please make your readers aware of this.

DEAR READER: Recovery from mono varies extraordinarily. In my 35 years of practice, I've seen patients who recovered in a few days and were able to compete in athletics within a couple of weeks. In contrast, I've also seen adolescents who continued to suffer swollen glands and exhaustion for months — even years — after the infection was diagnosed. At present, there is no way of predicting which patient will return quickly to normal, and which will have a prolonged convalescence.

Gammaglobulin injections are composed of antibody proteins pooled from blood donors, and they were widely used a generation ago to provide temporary immunity (up to eight weeks) in people who were exposed to certain diseases or who were planning foreign travel. (Today, because of new vaccines, gammaglobulin is rarely used.) I am not aware of a single medical study proving that gammaglobulin prevents mono, cures it or lessens symptoms — although in theory these benefits might be expected.

Based on the scientific evidence and your personal experience, I conclude that you have a mild case of mono and were a "quick healer." Whether or not gammoglobulin affected your illness is, I'm afraid, a matter of speculation.

One final comment. The Epstein-Barr virus, the cause of mononucleosis, is virtually ubiquitous in our society. It can cause trivial, limited infection or can lead to serious brain or liver inflammation and death from rupture of the spleen. Therefore, while not necessarily a serious disease, it must be taken seriously. The current therapy for uncomplicated mono is rest, rest, rest. With this inexpensive treatment, more than 90 percent of patients will return to normal within a few weeks.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 27-year-old, female, strict vegetarian who suffers from light sensitivity and urinary frequency. Could these symptoms be caused by my diet?

DEAR READER: I cannot answer your question without knowing how strict a vegetarian you are. For example, if you confine your diet to fruits and vegetables and consume inadequate amounts of protein (too few grain products, for example), you could be suffering the early consequences of malnutrition or vitamin deficiency. For instance, light sensitivity has been reported with vitamin B2 (riboflavin) deficiency. Ordinarily, this vitamin is plentiful in dairy products, fruits, grains and vegetables; consequently, deficiencies are rare in the Western world, unless a person severely restricts her consumption of these substances.

Urinary frequency is not a symptom of inadequate nutrition; it is usually related to bladder infection.

Because your symptoms are probably not related to your dietary preferences, I urge you to bring them to your doctor's attention. In my opinion, you need an examination and further testing.

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1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
1921	.13	.96	1.05	.30	.87	7.05	.70	.40	3.15	.70	*	.03	15.34
1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
1927	1.25	1.20	.90	1.83	.70	3.05	6.35	3.85	5.30	.05	*	.50	25.85
1928	.40	.80	.40	.27	5.35	1.17	5.87	2.82	.98	.35	1.52	.28	20.21
1929	.60	*	1.99	1.05	3.97	.50	2.76	.61	2.51	1.61	.52	.10	16.22
1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
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1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
1940	.22	1.50	.32	1.44	1.37	2.81	.30	3.51	.78	.49	2.63	.29	15.66
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1943	.15	**	1.30	.60	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
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1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.13	.80	1.06	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
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1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
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1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
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1999	.95	0	1.74	2.12	1.55	7.23	3.68	2.04	1.83	.66	.00	.06	21.86
2000	.73	.75	5.83	.11	.84	5.55	.97	*	*	4.05	2.07	.30	21.20
Avg.	.65	.83	.93	1.86	3.09	2.61	2.12	2.17	2.47	2.30	.98	.82	20.83

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U.S. government set to put terrorism on trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Using the law as a scalpel, federal prosecutors hope to turn the trial of four men accused in the deadly bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa into an autopsy of a group blamed for plotting to kill Americans worldwide.

The four are among nearly two dozen men accused of engaging in terrorism after pledging loyalty to Osama bin Laden, an exiled Saudi millionaire who is on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List.

Jury selection is set to begin Wednesday.

The prosecution is unique because the crimes were outside the United States, forcing hundreds of investigators to chase leads in the Middle East, Africa and Afghanistan, where bin Laden is believed to be hiding after allegedly ordering Americans to be killed wherever they are found.

The trial will unfold in the same Manhattan courtroom where the government earlier won convictions of six men in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and 10 men in a plot to blow up New York landmarks.

This time, the government prosecutors hope to prove bin Laden and his followers conspired against Americans through terrorist networks in places such as Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Algeria, the Philippines, the Kashmir region of India and the Chechnyan region of Russia.

Before they are finished, prosecutors said they want to turn terrorism inside out, displaying how this extensive network worked since 1989 to spread fear and destruction.

The centerpiece of the case: the Aug. 7, 1998 twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that left 224 people dead, including 12 Americans. Prosecutors plan to call 100 witnesses from six countries, and use confessions and circumstantial evidence including telephone and computer records.

The defendants have all maintained their innocence, challenging the government's right to stage the trial in the United States and to use evidence gathered in foreign lands by methods they say would be illegal under U.S. standards.

The defendants heading to court for the first of several trials to result from the bombings include Wadih El-Hage, a 40-year-old Lebanon-born U.S. citizen who was a former personal secretary to bin Laden. El-Hage, who most recently lived in Arlington, Texas, could face life in prison if convicted.

Two others — Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 23, of Saudi Arabia, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania — could be sentenced to death if convicted of the conspiracy charges facing all of the defendants.

Al-'Owhali allegedly admitted to the FBI that on the day of the bombing he rode in the passenger seat of a bomb-laden van to the embassy in Nairobi and tossed a grenade at a guard outside.

Mohamed allegedly rented a house in his native Tanzania that was used as a bomb factory.

The last defendant, Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 35, of Jordan, allegedly told investigators after the bombing that he went to Kenya five days before the bombings and met an explosives expert who led the Kenyan terrorism cell. If convicted, he too could face life in prison.

By the time the case was built into a 161-page indictment more than two dozen countries — including the United States — had been identified as having played host, unwittingly or not, to tentacles of bin Laden's sprawling organization of tiny but potent terrorist cells.

America was targeted because its way of life clashed with the group's extremist interpretation of Islam and because it supported other governments and institutions including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel and the United Nations, prosecutors said.

In all, prosecutors have charged 22 men. Five are awaiting trial in New York, three are awaiting extradition from Britain and 13 remain at large. One man has already pleaded guilty.

On the Net:
State Department's 1999 Annual "Patterns of Global Terrorism" Report:
http://www.state.gov/www/global/terrorism/1999report/1999index.html
CIA: http://www.odci.gov

Study questions if cutting back helps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Your New Year's resolution was to cut back on cigarettes this year, hoping to lower those nasty health risks. Don't be too sure simply smoking less will truly improve your health.

Cutting back versus completely quitting is a hot new debate among tobacco specialists. Quit and your body starts healing. But when heavy smokers refuse to quit, the theory is that helping them to smoke less surely is healthier than doing nothing.

A major drug company even is poised to sell Europeans nicotine inhalers to help heavy smokers not quit but just drop below, say, a pack a day — very different than how Americans use such medicines.

Now one of the first studies to test that theory suggests just cutting back instead of quitting won't help your health.

It's a surprise finding and won't settle the controversy. But the Mayo Clinic's study — which found levels of toxins in heavy smokers' bodies didn't decrease when they cut smoking in half — is getting serious attention.

"That's very important because what it means to the lay public is that if you reduce (daily cigarettes), we're still not sure how much benefit you're going to get," says John R. Hughes, a well-known University of Vermont smoking expert. "So don't fool yourself."

About 48 million Americans smoke, an addiction that kills 400,000 each year. Smoking causes heart disease, lung diseases like emphysema, and lung cancer, and also increases people's risk of seven other cancers.

Quit smoking and those risks start dropping. Seventy percent of smokers say they want to stop, but only about 35 percent try in any given year. It can take repeated attempts to finally succeed.

Yet many smokers won't try to quit. Hence the "harm reduction" theory: if hard-core smokers could go from, say, 40 cigarettes a day to 20 — helped by long-term nicotine-replacement therapy — maybe they'd be somewhat healthier.

Or would it just deter them from ever quitting, without significant benefit?

Pharmacia Corp. is investing in the theory. Its studies say up to 30 percent of smokers who refuse to quit cut their smoking in half by using nicotine inhalers, nasal sprays, gum and under-the-tongue pills to curb cravings between cigarettes.

Here, nicotine replacement is approved only for short-term smoking cessation. But Denmark in 1998 let Pharmacia market those products for smoking reduction, too. The company says three more European countries just issued similar approvals, which it will unveil early this year when it begins more widely marketing the harm-reduction concept. (Nicotine patches, however, remain just for quitting because they supply continuous nicotine.)

"If they reduce the consumption significantly, then one will see a health benefit," says Pharmacia's global policy director David Graham.

But the Mayo Clinic study found no health benefit when hard-core smokers cut their puffing in half.

The problem: People apparently smoked their remaining cigarettes harder, trying to suck in more addictive nicotine from each one and consequently inhaling more carcinogens.

Dr. Richard Hurt recruited 23 people who smoked between 40 and 50 cigarettes daily but refused to quit, to see if nicotine inhalers helped them cut back to 10 cigarettes a day.

Then he measured levels of two potent cancer-causing chemicals and two other cigarette toxins — carbon monoxide and a byproduct of cyanide — in smokers' bodies.

On average, smokers cut their daily cigarette intake in half after three months of trying, but only two got down to 10 a day. Weeks later, their smoking inched up again.

Only one cancer-causing toxin decreased slightly as smoking dropped. Yet those chemicals dissipate within weeks when smokers quit completely.

Hughes cautions that larger studies must prove whether cutting back really could help some people's health. Even if it doesn't cut cancer risk, Hughes suspects it could be a confidence-building step for some smokers to eventually quit completely, something he's studying.

But "we know heavy smokers can quit cold-turkey" if helped by the right dose of nicotine patches and other medicines such as antidepression pills that fight the smoking urge, Mayo's Hurt says.

So for now, he advises that New Year's resolution ought to be to quit, not just cut back: "Set a date and go for it."

On the Net:
Government tips on quitting smoking:
http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Weddings can be beautiful and still come in on budget

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for setting "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues" straight. She's the young woman who was miffed because her parents offered her "only" $7,000 to spend on her wedding when she wanted four times that amount. How dare she assume that her parents are financially responsible! They do not "owe" her anything.

I am a wedding coordinator and have been involved in many weddings where the bride and groom had a limited budget. They were some of the most beautiful and romantic weddings I've seen. I have also done a wedding where the parents spent $100,000 to impress 2,000 people. That couple isn't any more married than a couple who spends very little.

"Singing" should wake up and rethink her plans. Allow me to offer a few suggestions:

(1) Consider having her wedding at a bed-and-breakfast or other facility that provides everything needed for a wonderful event.

(2) Have a double ceremony with her brother. (They have the same family members and probably share some of the same friends.)

(3) Change the wedding date so she and her fiance have more time to save for the splashy wedding of their dreams.

(4) Hire a wedding coordinator who will help her stay within a budget.

Abby, even if this bride-elect is a 4.0 graduate, she's showing neither maturity nor common sense, not to mention gratitude for the $7,000 her parents have offered. She is more concerned about having a wedding than a marriage, and that is sad. — **KATHY IN ATLANTA**

DEAR KATHY: Mail poured in after that young woman's letter appeared. While none of the other letters came from professional wedding planners, all of it came from readers shocked by "Singing's" attitude of entitlement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I commend you for your response to "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues." If I were writing your column, I might have chosen a few four-letter words to emphasize the selfish immaturity displayed by those young adults. Keep shooting straight. — **DOING ALL I CAN — AND THAT'S ALL, OKLAHOMA CITY**

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DEAR ABBY: My parents worked hard during my entire childhood to ensure that my sisters and I had a comfortable upbringing, only to lose everything in a business they bought for their retirement after the three of us left home. When my sister and I were being married, neither of us expected financial assistance from our parents. We were delighted they could even *ATTEND* our weddings.

My parents drew upon their life insurance policies so they could give us each $1,000 as a wedding gift. I will never forget how wonderful it was to have them with me when I married my husband, nor the heartbreak at opening their card and having to accept their gift, knowing what a tremendous sacrifice it was for them.

"Singing" should be happy that her parents are able to retire comfortably and that she won't have to worry about their future. For years, I could not say the same. — **GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN OHIO**

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DEAR ABBY: When I married in May 1977, my parents couldn't afford an elaborate wedding either. We had an outdoor wedding on my father's property. We spent the entire spring building trellises and planting flower beds. My husband and I invited 150 guests at a cost of $1,500. Two weeks before the wedding, several aunts and I made up 300 tamales. The day of our wedding, we had a huge Mexican feast.

Our wedding was gorgeous, and I have the pictures to prove it. "Singing" should quit sulking and use her imagination. — **MADE DO IN KANSAS**

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001

As a Capricorn, you are endowed with many outstanding qualities, and in the year ahead those you already possess will be accentuated. Your better self will contribute to your success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) To provide more for those you love could be your basic motivation behind striving for something ambitious today. With that being the case, your chances for success are excellent. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE 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) It might be wise to govern your behavior today by following your initial inclinations. Later you will realize your second thoughts would not have been as effective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Profitable financial currents could be stirring for you today. There's a chance you may achieve gains from something to which you'll be newly exposed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Provided you first assure those with whom you'll be involved that a measure that benefits you will benefit them as well, there's no reason why you can't advance a personal interest today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This might be one of those days when you will prefer to be alone to do what you want without any outside interference. Try to arrange things to make this possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because today promises new social contacts, it's to your advantage to put yourself in a position where you can establish some new relationships, be they personal or business-oriented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A major key to overcoming competition is to be more positive about your end of things than your competitor is of theirs. If you're facing opposition today, send out those vibes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There is an interrelationship between that which you're considering in the present context and how it might affect your future. Incorporate both in your thinking today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's quite possible for you to profit in some manner today from an arrangement where another has already done all the spade work. Be alert for just such an opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if your judgment is a trifle better than your mate's today, she or he could be more action-oriented. Pull together, with each following the other's strong suit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It will be up to you today to set the tone for co-workers to follow by the amount of zeal you express. If you want to accelerate the production line, rev up your enthusiasm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're likely to feel more at ease today at small gatherings rather than participating in large ones. Make plans to go places and be with those with whom you're most comfortable.

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West Elementary fall semester awards

West Elementary School recently presented fall semester awards.

Those receiving achievement awards include Pablo Benitez, Joseph Brooks, Fred Heins, C.J. Casas, Kelly Jones, Nathan Mayo, Logan Morris, Rochelle Sapien, Devont'a Smith, Deanna Stanley, Malak Wills.

Citizenship recipients include Casey Arnold, April Belman, Brett Bowlin, Michael Campos, Tylor Courtney, Nancy Facio, Vibeana Facundo, Brandon Garvin, William Greenwood, Ramsey Herrera, Trevor Kubena.

Others are Kaylee Lacik, Jordan Lester, Amanda Luecke, Shannon Mangis, Cassie Mhoon, Kazual Moore, Brandon Morris, Sadye Naizer, Matthew Pesina, Terann Ragland, Henry Michael Ramos, Patrick Ramos, Brandon Rocha, Amy Sauceda, Roxana Scott, Roy Sosa, Jordan Stansell, Zane Tandy, Justice Terrazas, Lacree Tippens, Sarah Traylor, Mica Triggs, Jimmy Don Wells, Heather West, Jessica Yanez.

Language arts awards were presented to Hollie Berryhill, Brandon Hagins, Kaylee Lacik, Jordan Lester, Tara Robertson, Gabriel Sanchez.

Mathematics award recipients include Kinsey Guynes, Joey Rosas, Mica Triggs, Sebastian Zamora.

Music awards were presented to Casey Arnold, Kinsey Guynes, Ryan Arredondo, Laura Culwell, Megan Griffin, Lashekka Richardson, Roman Romero.

Students receiving outstanding achievement awards include Rebekah Brown, Carson Covey, Nancy Facio, Priscilla Guzman, Tana Holley, Michael Mann, Ryan Martinez, Reid Pinson, Crystal Rodriguez, Amber Steelman, Kaitlin Stewart, Breahna Van Winkle, Sydney Wright.

Physical education awards went to Brianna Bernal, April Boyd, Chris Kuliga.

Reading awards went to Candace Chandler, Chelsey Drummond, Josh Martinez, Horatio Young.

Receiving science awards were Chelsey Drummond and Horatio Young.

Those receiving social studies awards include Jada Bilano, Chelsey Drummond, Kinsey Guynes, Cody Reed, Amanda Rivera, Brandon Robbins, Tara Robertson, Jessica Yanez. Sydney Wright, Pamela Bradshaw, and Henry Michael Ramos.

ALSO RECOGNIZED — These West students also received fall semester awards. From left are Chelsey Drummond, Sebastian Zamora, Zane Tandy and Rebekah Brown. Jimmy Don Wells is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

MORE RECOGNIZED — These West Elementary students also received semester awards. Front row, from left, Joseph Brooks, Patrick Ramos, Priscilla Guzman, Logan Morris, April Belman, Michael Campos, Kelly Ray Jones; middle row, Brandon Rocha, Nathan Mayo, Amber Steelman, Kaitlin Stewart, Breahna Van Winkle, Vibeanna Facundo, Devont'a Smith, C.J. Casas; back row, Brandon Garvin, Fred Heins, Sadye Naizer, Malak Wills, Pablo Benitez, Carson Covey. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS – These West students received citizenship awards for the fall semester. Back row, Casey Arnold, Brett Bowlin, Tylor Courtney, Nancy Facio, William Greenwood, Ramsey Herrera, Trevor Kubena; middle row, Kaylee Lacik, Jordan Lester, Shannon Mangis, Cassie Mhoon, Kazual Moore, Brandon Morris, Matthew Pesina, Terann Ragland; front row, Henry Michael Ramos, Amy Sauceda, Roxanna Scott, Roy Sosa, Jordan Stansell, LaCree Tippens, Sarah Traylor, Heather West, Jessica Yanez. Mica Triggs is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

RECEIVE AWARDS — These West students recently received fall semester awards at West Elementary School. Back row, from left, Hollie Berryhill, Brandon Hagins, Kaylee Lacik, Jordan Lester, Gabriel Sanchez, Kinsey Guynes, Joey Rosas; third row, Casey Arnold, Ryan Arredondo, Laura Culwell, Megan Griffin, LaShekka Richardson, Roman Romero, Nancy Facio, Michael Mann; scond row, Sydney Wright, Brianna Bernal, April Boyd, Chris Kuliga, Candace Chandler, Josh Martinez, Horatio Young, Jada Bilano, Cody Reed, Amanda Rivera; kneeling, Henry Michael Ramos, Jessica Yanez, Brandon Robbins and Pamela Bradshaw. Not pictured are Tara Robertson . (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Lawmaker in New Jersey seeks to rein in telemarketers

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — They have an uncanny knack of knowing when to call, like when you're in the middle of whipping up a delicate white sauce or while a messy diaper needs changing.

Telemarketers are the scourge of many a family. Just as parents and kids are settling down to dinner, the home security company calls. Or the insurance saleswoman. Or the guy hawking aluminum siding.

"I hate telemarketers," said Meredith Murphy, of East Windsor. "My usual response to them is, 'Give me your number so I can call you at home when you want private time for yourself.' They pause like I'm a crazy lady."

The way it is now, aggrieved residents can demand to be removed from a company's call list — but that only works one company at a time. Or customers can ask to be included on industrywide no-call lists, but that only wards off telemarketers who belong to the professional trade groups compiling the lists.

With the New Year, Connecticut and Idaho have legalized such "call-free" lists and begun fining companies that ignore them. Some 18 other states have similar laws.

Now one New Jersey lawmaker wants to curb the industry even further. Under legislation proposed by Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein, all telemarketers would have to abide by a mandatory no-call list, or else face $2,000 fines for each unauthorized call.

"Before I got elected, I made a little list of what I wanted to accomplish based on my personal experience, and this was on there. I personally found it very annoying," Greenstein said.

"Once I floated the idea, I got an enthusiastic response," she said.

Most New Jersey residents who were randomly telephoned at home during the dinner hour — at least those who did not immediately hang up on a reporter — agree with Greenstein.

"It's a pain," said Robert Parks, of Maurice River Township.

He has a caller ID feature on his telephone that he usually checks before he picks up an unrecognizable number, but it's not foolproof.

"I'd put my name on that list," he said.

Patricia Piazza of Vineland said her elderly mother has been startled by sales calls as early as 8 a.m. and as late as 10 p.m. "I think state government ought to be involved in putting in some regulations. It's not a bad issue," she said.

"We don't want to call people who don't want to be called," said Sharon Harrington, a lobbyist who represents the national Direct Marketing Association in New Jersey.

While the association does not yet have a position on Greenstein's proposal, association spokesman Hernan Hernandez said the industry's voluntary no-call policy is an effective tool. His group has more than 5,000 members.

Homes that place their names on the industry no-call list can experience a 60 percent reduction in cold calls, he said.

"We believe that the individual should have the right to opt out and obviously that wish should be respected," he said.

Greenstein said she modeled her bill after one in New York. Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers have already registered their names on their state's list while regulations are being written, she said.

She said she does not want to hurt the industry's bottom line or threaten jobs.

"For most major reputable businesses, they have lots of other means to do business," she said. "They can contact customers through the mail, which I personally believe is more effective."

Kenneth Dykstra of Ridgewood also said he hopes the measure doesn't backfire on telemarketing employees, especially those who are homebound or coming off welfare.

Two face sentencing in smuggling ring

HOUSTON (AP) — In rundown houses only blocks from Houston's gleaming downtown office buildings, federal officials say a modern form of slavery endured.

Young Asian women smuggled into the country were handcuffed, chained or tied with leather restraints behind barred windows in at least three brothels and were forced to have sex with about 15 men daily until each raised $40,000 to pay the smugglers, authorities say.

The Chinese and Thai women were not allowed to make phone calls, write letters or leave secret compartments in the houses where they were hidden.

"Even when they weren't physically restrained, they were held captive psychologically, by threats and by fear in a country where they had no papers and couldn't speak the language," Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Gallagher said.

Two people convicted of smuggling the women into the United States and selling them into prostitution are set to be sentenced Thursday before a federal judge.

They are among seven people charged as a result of Operation Little Dragon, a two-year undercover investigation by the Houston district of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the FBI and officials in Thailand and Chile.

Richard Kuniansky, the attorney representing Sriwan "Sonya" Sakyai, a prostitute and ring member, said federal officials are misinformed if they believe the women were exploited.

"What they view as horrible smugglers taking advantage of women, these girls look at it as the break of a lifetime," he said. "These women make less than $1,000 a year in Thailand. Here they make enough money to pay off their $40,000 contract in a year. The government should quit wasting astronomical amounts of money on victimless crimes."

Kuniansky said the women commonly are locked in at night and have limited access to a single phone, although they sometimes go on group shopping trips to a mall. He said he knows nothing of restraints or abuse.

Kuniansky, a former assistant U.S. attorney and state prosecutor, said Houston is a hub for prostitute-smuggling groups. "It goes on more in Houston than any other city, although Los Angeles and Atlanta are also big," he said.

The Houston ring, suspected to be headed by a Bangkok woman, smuggled about 30 women a month over at least two years, says Roger Piper, director of the Houston INS office.

Their journey would begin in the hold of a ship that took them from the Far East to Chile, Ecuador or Guatemala. They would then either travel north through South America overland or fly to Los Angeles or Houston.

Sakyai, 28, pleaded guilty to 17 counts of conspiracy, encouraging unlawful immigration, document fraud, and causing others to travel internationally for prostitution. She faces up to 120 years in prison and up to $4 million in fines.

Co-conspirator and brothel boss, Ratiporn "Tomboy" Tantirojanakitkan of Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to 14 counts, including encouraging others to unlawfully immigrate, transporting illegal immigrants and causing others to travel for prostitution. Tantirojanakitkan, 30, faces up to 90 years in prison and fines of up to $2.5 million.

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OFFICIALS SWORN IN — District Judge Ernie Armstrong, left, visits with Joe Price after swearing in county and district officers at the courthouse Monday. Center is Diana Williamson, Price's daughter, who was sworn in as Scurry County Tax Assessor-Collector. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

County officials sworn in

Scurry County officials, elected in November's general election, were sworn in Monday by Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney.

Those taking the oath of office were District Judge Ernie Armstrong and District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Also taking part in the swearing in ceremony were County Auditor Charlie Bell, County Attorney Michael Hartman, Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd and Scurry County Tax Assessor-Collector Diana Williamson, Pct. 2 Peace Justice Travis Brackeen and county commissioners Howard Limmer, Pct. 4, and Ralph Trevey, Pct. 1.

Bush eyes education package

[illegible] (AP) — President-elect Bush is reacting an education [illegible] al funds for schools that fail to measure up. Aides say that despite significant opposition in Congress, he will not abandon a school voucher plan.

As he puts the finishing touches on his Cabinet this week, Bush also is weighing how to present his education proposals to Congress. He has said improving public schools is his No. 1 priority, and lawmakers are certain to see his proposals just after he takes office Jan. 20.

Key elements of the plan include flexibility for states and local districts in their education programs, and increased student testing.

The most politically sensitive component of Bush's proposal is his plan to strip federal funds from the worst-performing schools and make them available to parents for private education, tutoring or "whatever offers hope," as he put it.

Using public money to allow students to go to private schools is commonly known as voucher programs, and it is the most divisive issue in Bush's plan, one sure to spark a debate in Congress. Proponents call it school choice.

Given the disputed presidential election and the slender advantage Republicans hold on Capitol Hill, Bush cannot force his programs through Congress.

Advisers say he will stick with some form of his campaign proposal to allow parents with kids in [illegible] sibling schools to [illegible] education funds as they choose.

"School choice is one of the strongest ways we have to educate our children," said Ari Fleischer, spokesman for Bush's transition effort. Bush "believes in school choice and he is going to work hard to enact school choice."

Fleischer disputed a report in Tuesday's Washington Post that Bush is likely to drop the voucher proposal because too many members of Congress oppose it. He said the proposal is "part and parcel of what he believes in."

A top adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, added that Bush might be open to discussing a mix of private and public school choice. He noted that Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., has favored public school choice.

Vice President-elect Dick Cheney met with Lieberman, his rival during the presidential campaign, last month to talk about education, among other things.

The government currently spends $7.7 billion on Title I programs to help educate poor children.

Under Bush's plan, every school getting the Title I money would be required to test its impoverished students on basic academics each year. A warning would be issued to schools that fail to make progress toward state standards.

After three years of no progress, a failing school's Title I money would be matched with other federal education money and turned over to the state, which would set up an education account — about $1,500 a year — for each affected student.

The parents could choose how to spend the money.

32 hurt in bus crash near C-City

COLORADO CITY (AP) — A bus hit a patch of ice and overturned on a stretch of Interstate 20 early Tuesday, injuring 32 people, one seriously.

The injured were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, hospital spokeswoman Amber Rich said.

"Most of them are cuts and bruises, lots of lacerations," Rich said. "We don't see any life-threatening injuries at this point." But she said one of the passengers was in serious condition.

Forty-two people were on board the Americanos bus. Americanos is a Mexican subsidiary of Greyhound Bus Lines, company spokesman Al Penedo said.

The bus originated in Chihuahua, Mexico, traveled to El Paso, and was on its way to Dallas, Penedo said.

The accident happened at 5 a.m. about a mile west of Colorado City in West Texas. Authorities closed a portion of I-20 while emergency crews were at the scene.

Obituaries

Ike G. Eischeid

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Ilo "Ike" George Eischeid, 83, of Racquet Club Road, died Friday, Dec. 22, in a local health care facility.

A former resident of Dunn, Mr. Eischeid was born March 4, 1917, in North Washington, Iowa. He was the son of the late Henry J. Eischeid and Cora Houser Eischeid. He was a member of the Marshall United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. Eischeid of Asheville; one daughter, Samantha Wynn of Arden; one son, Charles Thomas Hallmark and his wife Melinda of Bryan, Tex.; two brothers, Henry J. Eischeid and his wife, Kay, of New Hampton, Iowa; and Dale Eischeid of Indianapolis, Ind.; three step-grandsons and two step-great-grandsons.

A memorial service will be held later at Dunn.

Memorials may be made to Dunn Cemetery Association, Dunn, 79516.

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Jean Haggerton

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COLORADO CITY — Jean Haggerton of Snyder died Saturday, Dec. 30, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Haggerton, 69, was held at 10 a.m. Monday in Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glen Ronfeld officiating. Burial followed in Lone Wolf Cemetery.

Born on July 29, 1931 to the late Oral and Ettie Lucas, she married Everett Haggerton on Oct. 16, 1948. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1990.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers, John Lucas, LeeRoy "Top" Lucas, Homer Lucas and Carl Lucas; and one sister, Lois Phillips.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Mike McLeod of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Jerry-Dell of Lenorah and Terry and Cheryl Haggerton of Colorado City; one brother, Travis Lucas of Clute; six grandchildren, Chris McLeod and Shanna Porter, both of Snyder, Jim Bob Haggerton of Irving, Jennifer Haggerton of Lenorah, Bronc Flemming and Colter Flemming, both of Colorado City; and one great-grandchild, Shyann Porter of Snyder.

Man arrested on warrant for parole violation

Arrest

Snyder police officers arrested David Cloyce Gibbins, 39, of 2505 Ave. W at 2:28 p.m. Monday on an outstanding parole violation warrant.

Burglary

Cylathia Daniel of CR 3126 notified deputies at 12:15 p.m. Monday that someone had broken into her vehicle. Deputies filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Gas drive-off

The Plaza Truck Stop reported at 4:26 p.m. Monday that someone had failed to pay for $35.41 worth of gasoline.

Fire report

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at the Snyder FFA barn on Highway 208 at 9:10 a.m. Monday. The fire was limited to a couple of bales of hay and was extinguished.

Births

Tyger McClain of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter weighing six pounds, 12 ounces. She was born at 7:13 p.m. on Jan. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 1 – Charles Bransom, Dan Hicks, J.B. Lee, Betty Naquin and Laticia Rojo of Austin.

DISMISSALS: Marie Rodriguez, Raymond Johns, Juan Ruiz and Patricia Scott, transferred to Lubbock.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-16, Long-term Care-21, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

If weather permits, county students to return to classes on Wednesday

Weather permitting, Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh students will return to the classrooms after a long Christmas holiday.

Teachers at those schools had a workday today as they are getting into the groove for the spring semester.

Administrative offices on the Western Texas College campus will open also reopen Wednesday. Classes at WTC start Jan. 17.

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FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club meeting set for 7 tonight in the SHS Ag building has been cancelled.

Scurry Lodge stated meeting

Scurry Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening at the Lodge Hall. All Master Masons are invited. The February meeting will feature a film about Masonic hospitals and the film is open to the public.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. Friday. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 9 a.m. Jan. 17 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Jesus' Teaching on Civil Government," followed by "The Apostle's Teaching."

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will resume its regular noon Tuesday weekly meetings next Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. The program will be on long-term care insurance.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services (formerly Noah Project-West) will offer a Volunteer Training class from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Gateway Family Services. RSVP at 573-1822.

Country and gospel music program

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. For additional information, call 573-3996.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

Escaped convicts not linked to one robbery

DALLAS (AP) — The hunt for seven escaped convicts continued for a third week, focusing in North Texas, after law officers spent the holiday weekend on heightened alert for clues that could lead to the inmates' recapture.

Although prison officials have dismissed the possibility that the escaped convicts participated in the Sunday morning robbery of a Dallas-area fireworks stand, they believe the fugitives have remained in the Dallas-Fort Worth area after receiving some promising leads.

"We've had several sightings, but none of them have helped us make an arrest," said Larry Todd, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman. "We believe some of the sightings are possibly good and we're looking into them. We've had more sightings in the Dallas area than anywhere else."

The escaped convicts, who have avoided capture for three weeks since leaving the TDCJ's Connally Unit at Kenedy, are sought on capital murder arrest warrants for the Christmas Eve robbery of an Oshman's sporting goods store in Irving. An Irving policeman was shot and killed when he arrived at the scene.

"The tension is really, really thick," said Dallas County Sheriff Investigator Don Peritz Jr. "Hey, we're not resting until these guys are caught. They're likely to go anywhere or do anything. Any call could be the call."

On Sunday morning, a fireworks stand on unincorporated land near Hutchins was robbed by three men who brandished weapons and said they "were not going back to prison." Two employees sleeping inside were tied up but not injured.

The bandits got away with money, a pistol, fireworks and a pickup truck.

"We do not believe that the seven escapees were involved in that at all.

We