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WTC's fundraising drive drawing steady community response

Three weeks into Western Texas College's first fundraising campaign under the direction of first-year president Dr. Greg Williams, response from the community has been steady, with more than $5,000 raised so far.

"Money is coming in every day," Williams said. "We have received checks from the business community and from individuals and from our own faculty, staff and administration."

WTC kicked off the campaign Nov. 16, sending more than 700 letters throughout the area.

Dr. Williams said the purpose of the letters is to ask for support for new and existing programs.

"This is the first time this has been done in Scurry County, so we didn't really have any idea of what to expect," he said. "We are happy with the contributions we have received and grateful to those who shared with us. And we always welcome more and invite everyone in the community to help us achieve our goals."

Dr. Williams reiterated that all donations are appreciated, no matter the size of the gift.

"We just want people to give what they are comfortable giving," he said. "If all you think you can spare is $10, we would appreciate that $10 very much. The good news is, people in Snyder have showed us that they are willing to give."

Those contributing $250 and more will be listed in the WTC Foundation newsletter and also have their names inscribed on gold plates to be displayed on a plaque in the administration building.

Businesses also may donate goods or services in lieu of cash.

WTC Development Officer Dennis Noblett said the drive began on campus.

"Our employees were some of the first to contribute and we are very proud of that," he said.

Dr. Williams said the college's employees' willingness to give shows "how much faith we have in ourselves and how much we want this campus to succeed."

The president also said reorganizing the college's foundation will be beneficial to the school.

The foundation was recently renamed to the Western Texas College Foundation from the Scholarship Foundation, allowing the college to use funds raised in a more broad fashion such as for academic and athletic programs and for campus improvements.

Dr. Williams said money donated to the Scholarship Foundation before the reorganization would be used specifically for scholarships.

OPEN HOUSE — Mary Boone, center, of Lampasas and Terah Hatter of Snyder, representing the Winston family, presented a "Winston Field 50th Anniversary" plaque to manager Rodger Sullenger. Terah is the wife of Wade Hatter. Wade and Mary are family members of the land donors, the late Harrie and Wade Winston. In the top photo, Mary and Terah and their children, Brady Boone, Derek Boone, Travis Hatter, Tysen Hatter and Reanna Boone were boarding the Patterson-UTI jet for a ride by pilot Lynn McLarty. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Despite deaths, soldiers take pride in Afghanistan mission

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) — Four U.S. servicemen injured by a stray American bomb in Afghanistan said Saturday that the deaths of three comrades in the accident had left them "pretty numb" but expressed pride in their mission.

The men, being treated at a U.S. military hospital here, were among 20 U.S. troops injured in the blast. They were brought to Germany for treatment after the one-ton bomb, intended to hit Taliban forces making their last stand near Kandahar, landed Wednesday less than 100 yards from their position.

Capt. Jason Amerine of the U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group, based at Fort Campbell, Ky., said his team had been on a hilltop directing airstrikes against a Taliban position about two miles away when the bomb hit, and had not been under attack. Amerine was leading an 11-member Special Forces team, which was accompanied by 16 other U.S. soldiers and a group of Afghan fighters.

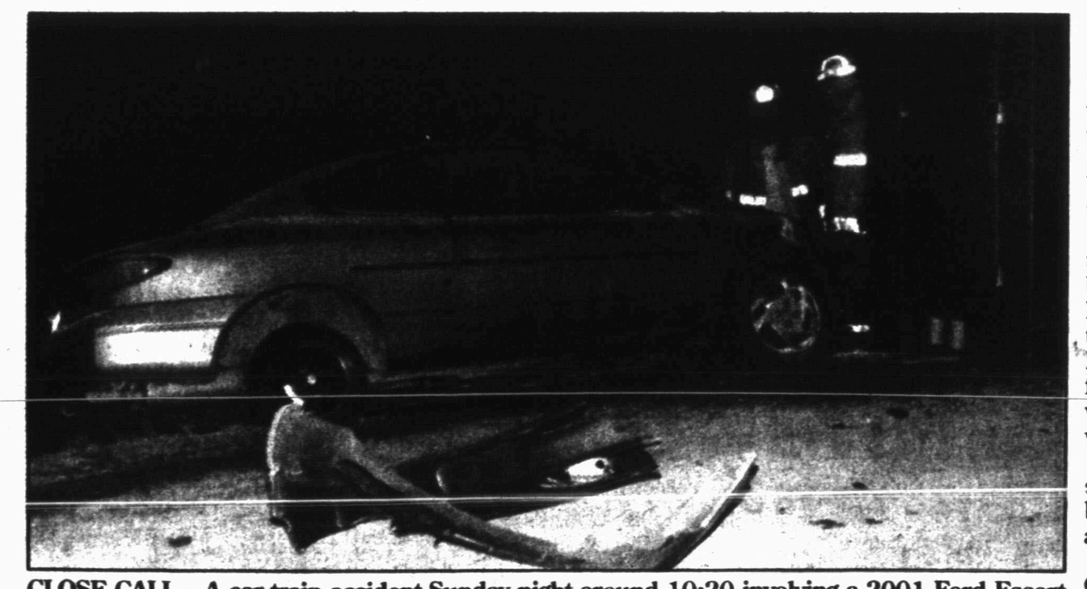
"Out of the blue, our position exploded," the 30-year-old Honolulu native told a news conference at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "The explosion came and I was thrown over the side of the hill."

Amerine was wounded in the thigh by shrapnel, while he, along with three colleagues who attended the news conference, had damaged eardrums.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Craig Musselman, 31, of San Antonio had a large gash over his left eye; Army Sgt. 1st Class Chris Pickett, 35, from Logansport, Indiana, had a wound on the back of his neck.

"There was a lot of people yelling and screaming," said Army Capt. Jeff Leopold, 28, of Ottawa, Ohio. "We weren't sure if we were under attack from the Taliban or whether it was friendly fire or what." The soldiers were evacuated by helicopter.

Fourteen wounded servicemen were brought to Landstuhl on Thursday and Friday. Of three who were in intensive care, one had improved enough Saturday to be moved to a general ward and another was airlifted to the United States, said Lt. Col. Juan Jose DeRojas, a surgeon at Landstuhl.



CLOSE CALL – A car-train accident Sunday night around 10:20 involving a 2001 Ford Escort and a Santa Fe train at the crossing on Huffman Avenue is still under investigation by Snyder police officer Mike Counts. There were reports that two persons were in the vehicle and both fled the scene after the vehicle slid into the moving train. The Escort was southbound on Huffman Ave. Skid marks on the roadway indicated the driver saw the train before the collision. The registered owner of the Escort is Jennifer and Jessie Carrisalez of 912 Ave. Q. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush weighs making bin Laden tape public

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is weighing whether to make public a videotape in which Osama bin Laden says he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

On the tape, bin Laden recalls tuning in to news shows hours before the attacks, waiting to hear reports about the destruction, a U.S. official said. Bin Laden also says that after the first plane struck, he told those with him that more devastation was coming.

Vice President Dick Cheney said the tape shows clearly that bin Laden was behind the attacks.

Today, the National Security Council was debating whether to release the tape, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. He said President Bush does not want to give bin Laden any publicity, but feels releasing the tape is important "for people to know what Osama bin Laden has said in this regard."

Fleischer said this tape is different from earlier footage that administration officials thought contained coded messages for bin Laden operatives outside Afghanistan. "This does not appear to be prepackaged propaganda," Fleischer said. "This appears to be a conversation that was taped when he was talking with other people."

Bush has seen the tape and read a transcript of its contents, Fleischer said.

A key consideration for the administration is whether releasing the tape would help win over Muslims who doubt the veracity of U.S. claims that bin Laden was behind the attacks.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said today the tape should be made public. "I believe if you have a choice between treating the American people at arm's length and as adults, you treat them as adults, and they should have the opportunity to see this tape," he said on CBS' The Early Show."

"It is ... equally important that the world see this tape because there are still some places where there is suspicion about whether there is evidence to link bin Laden to the events of Sept. 11," Graham said.

Cocaine trial set to re-start

The trial of Snyder resident Welton Cobb, charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free area, will continue at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

The trial began Nov. 26, but after one day of testimony snow and ice forced the recess.

The trial continues with the same seven-woman, five-man jury.

In the only day of testimony, the jury heard from a Department of Public Safety lab worker, an undercover police officer and a private citizen working undercover with the police officer.

Cobb, 45, of 1201 29th St. was among 26 persons arrested last December in a county-wide drug sweep.

He has been out of jail on a $10,000 bond following his arrest.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case and H. Thomas Hirsch of Odessa is defense attorney.

ASK US

Q—When is the deadline for writing letters to Santa to be published in the Christmas greetings edition of the Snyder Daily News?

A—It's this Friday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 51 degrees; low, 25; high Sunday, 54; low, 25; 7 a.m. Monday, 28; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low around 40; S winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy; high around 60. Tuesday night, low around 40.

Brandon Scott
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.
Of 343 days in 2001, the sun has shone 330 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human liberty; it is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.
—William Penn

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Russell Yates speaks to media despite gag order

HOUSTON (AP) — Russell Yates, whose wife is accused of systematically drowning their five children in a bathtub, doesn't believe he violated a gag order on the case when he spoke about his wife's medical condition on a nationally televised news program.

Yates spoke in detail about his wife Andrea Yates' severe depression with psychosis during an interview with 60 Minutes which aired Sunday night.

State District Judge Belinda Hill imposed the gag order on June 26, forbidding witnesses from talking to the media.

The Clear Lake mother has since been charged with capital murder in the June 20 deaths of three of the five children.

But Russell Yates said in a copyrighted Houston Chronicle story that he had a legal opinion that cleared the way for him to publicly speak about his children and treatment of his wife's medical condition in the months before the children were killed,

"I respect the court's order, and I tried to follow it," Yates said. "Otherwise, I would have said more."

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal also appeared on the news show and discussed why he thought seeking the death penalty is appropriate for Andrea Yates.

Both Russell Yates and Rosenthal could face up to six months in jail and up to a $500 fine for contempt of court by granting the interviews.

Hill had not yet formally addressed the matter early this morning.

In the interview with Ed Bradley, Yates said he blames doctors and hospitals for not properly treating his wife.

"I don't blame her a bit. And that's, I mean, people find that just outrageous, I know. But I don't, I don't blame her one bit, you know," Yates said. "... If she received the medical treatment that she deserved, then the kids would be alive and well. And Andrea would be well on her way to recovery. And we'd be unknown.

"A family cannot protect themselves from a psychotic person. A doctor can be putting the psychotic patient in the hospital."

Andrea Yates had been treated off and on for depression and two suicide attempts after the birth of her fourth child. After the birth of their fifth child, her condition seemed to worsen.

Russell Yates said she was put on a new anti-psychotic drug in the spring and made to attend substance-abuse classes even though she did not drink alcohol, take recreational drugs or smoke.

She was last admitted to the Devereux Texas Treatment Network in League City in May after she filled up the bathtub, but refused to tell anyone why.

She was discharged, Russell Yates said, even though her medical chart indicated she still exhibited paranoid thought patterns and impaired judgment.

"I mean there's not, there's absolutely no reason she should have been let out of that hospital," Yates told Bradley. "It was just incomprehensible."

Russell Yates said he hoped his wife would be readmitted for treatment during her last visit with Dr. Mohammed Saeed.

"I didn't actually come out and say it. But yeah, we were desperate. She was so sick. And I was at my wits' end," Yates said. "I mean, I'm just like, she's been sick for this long. Help us. And he ended the meeting ... by giving her a pep talk. And he kind of looks at Andrea, and he gets in her face and says, 'Andrea, you need to think positive thoughts, not negative thoughts. Not negative thoughts. You need to think more positively.'"

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

5-0-8

Lotto Texas

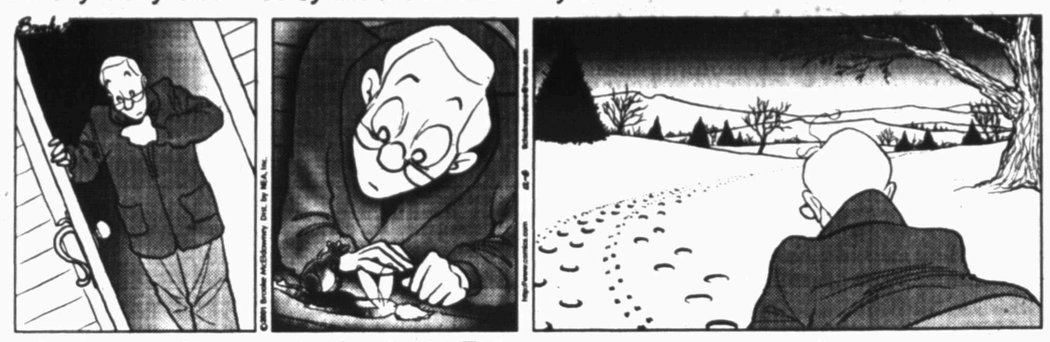
AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were:

12-20-39-43-45-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $16 million.

A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney



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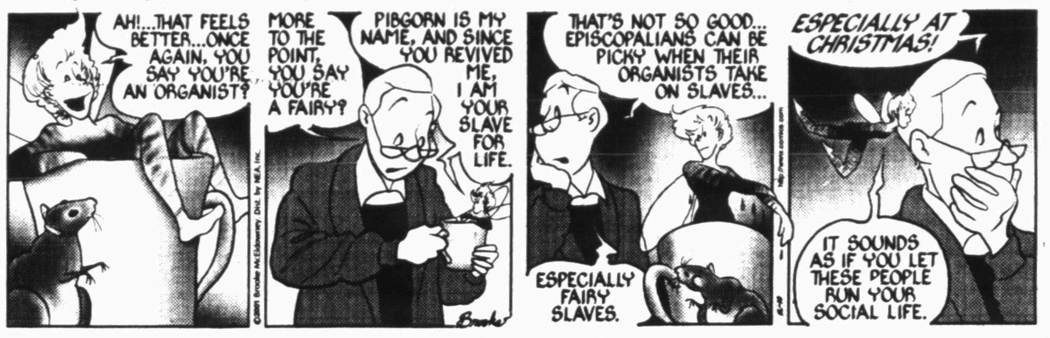

Amtrak train kills three teens on RR tracks in Philadelphia

FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa. (AP) — An Amtrak Acela Express train traveling 100 mph rounded a curve and killed three teen-agers who were walking on the railroad tracks with their backs to the train, authorities said Sunday.

None of the roughly 300 passengers was hurt.

The three victims were among a group of five teen-agers trespassing in the industrial area in suburban Philadelphia, police said. Access to the rail tracks had been blocked by a fence.

"We don't know if they heard the train or not," Falls Township acting Police Chief Neil Harkins said. "The train engineer saw them and he tried to stop and was unable to do so and they were struck."

Harkins said the victims were three males, aged 14, 15 and 19. A 14-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy got away before the train reached the group.

Police did not immediately identify any of the victims, but said two were from Morrisville, Pa. Authorities were contacting family members Sunday night, but said the survivors only knew the 19-year-old by his first name, making identification difficult.

Amtrak spokeswoman Karen Dunn couldn't comment on the details of the incident.

"We're not sure what the circumstances were yet. I haven't gotten a report from the engineer," Dunn said.

Dunn said engineers need at least a mile to stop a fast-moving train if they see someone on the tracks.

"I just don't know how much notice he or she had," she said. "It's tragic for the engineer, because in cases like this you can often see it but not prevent it."

The accident happened at about 3:45 p.m. in Falls Township near Morrisville, about 25 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Dunn said.

"It's really a tragedy — kids and at Christmas. This is going to ruin a lot of families," said Firefighter Marty Burke, who was working at the scene.

Passengers on the southbound Acela Express train en route to Washington, D.C., were stranded for about two hours.

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Ventura faces cold political winter

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — For three years, Jesse Ventura seemed like the Teflon governor; things that might have ruined a more traditional politician simply wouldn't stick to him.

Now, with a year left in office, the Independence Party maverick is showing signs of vulnerability.

A recent poll gave him his lowest approval numbers to date, his potential rivals are circling and an influential political newsletter flatly predicts he won't be re-elected if he runs.

"The governor has nine lives," said House Speaker Steve Sviggum. "I think he's used up eight of them."

After shocking the political establishment four years ago, Ventura has lately run into a series of troubles.

This month, the state learned it will face a nearly $2 billion budget shortfall, a swing of $4 billion from a prediction last year. Ventura said he may have to raise taxes.

In October, half the state's workers walked off the job for two weeks in a bid for better pay and health benefits. Both events followed a brawling summer budget battle.

But perhaps more than anything else, the governor has taken criticism for seeming unconcerned when owners of major league baseball put the Minnesota Twins in their sights as one of two teams targeted for elimination.

"I wasn't elected to govern major league baseball," he said on the day of the announcement. The day after, he left for California to shoot a small part in a movie, explaining his decision this way: "I got a chance to meet Adam Sandler and Dana Carvey. Why not?"

The stance was not new for Ventura, who has consistently opposed using public money to build a stadium for the team. Yet it angered fans.

After one exchange with a radio show caller — Ventura interrupted the man and took off his headset when the host told him to let the man speak — the newsletter Politics in Minnesota declared Ventura could forget about a second term.

He's since come around some on the Twins, taking to the airwaves and appearing before Congress to chastise the owners, and professing openness to stadium plans paid for with user fees and ticket taxes.

But it's all been a little too troublesome for many Minnesotans, who prefer their government, like the children in fabled Lake Wobegon, to be above average.

Ventura hasn't said if he will run again, and says he won't until next spring, yet new poll numbers suggest such an effort wouldn't be easy.

Twenty-eight percent of the 823 adults polled by the Star Tribune of Minneapolis said they disapproved strongly with the way Ventura is doing his job. That represents the highest number since he took office. The poll was taken between Nov. 28 and Dec. 2 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

Regardless, Ventura himself seems to have a new spring in his step after a post-Sept. 11 funk in which he refused interviews and shrouded appearances in secrecy out of professed fears of terrorism.

Even his icy relations with the press have warmed in a uniquely Ventura way. At a Thanksgiving event, he said to reporters: "Oh, look, a whole room full of turkeys."

And he maintains that he doesn't give a whit about re-election.

"You can worry about the election when the legislative session's over," Ventura said. "When that's over we can all harden and we can all start slicing each other's throats or whatever goes on."

Nonetheless, potential opponents are moving to capitalize.

Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe, a Democrat, now says he's seriously considering a run against Ventura. And a Republican opponent, entrepreneur Brian Sullivan, has begun running critical campaign ads during Ventura's weekly radio show.

Supporters say Ventura's troubles, like others he's had, will pass.

Former U.S. Rep. Tim Penny, a Democrat, notes that Minnesotans forgave Ventura after he disparaged organized religion in a Playboy interview and didn't begrudge him his moonlighting as an announcer for the short-lived XFL football league.

Registry of young sex offenders in Michigan reviewed

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The boy was only 10 when a slightly older neighbor in his northeastern Michigan town asked him to play.

The two climbed into a tree house with the neighbor's 9-year-old sister. There, he said, the neighbor told the boy to have sex with the girl.

"I didn't know what I was doing," said the boy, now 18, who asked that his name not be used because of fear of harassment. "It was kind of like me and a girl playing doctor."

After a similar incident later that summer, the boy was convicted as a juvenile of criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to a year of probation and fined $80.

But for him and hundreds of other youthful sex offenders, their sentence continues. Under Michigan law, the teen's name will be on Michigan's registry of sex offenders for 25 years. That means his name appears when potential employers, landlords or neighbors search the state's registry.

He and other young offenders say the state is sending confusing signals to juveniles, who are generally considered easier to rehabilitate than adults and can have their convictions erased once they turn 21.

Every state has a sex offender registry. Michigan is one of 28 states that requires juvenile sex offenders to register once they have completed their sentences, according to the Washington-based Center for Sex Offender Management.

Of the 28, only about one-third have limits on releasing those names to the public, according to the center.

Michigan publicly releases the names of juvenile sex offenders who have been tried as adults. The names of offenders who were tried as juveniles and convicted of the most serious sex crimes — including rape of a child — are posted once they turn 18.

In Texas and South Carolina, juveniles' names are posted publicly. In Mississippi, only juveniles who are twice convicted must register. Indiana requires those older than 14 to register. In South Dakota, the cutoff is 15.

Many supporters of sex offender registries say there's nothing wrong with including teen-agers on the lists.

Many of the laws are inspired by Megan's Law, a 1996 federal law that required states to register sex offenders. It was named for a 7-year-old girl who was raped and murdered by a twice-convicted sex offender.

Laura Ahearn, the executive director of Parents for Megan's Law, a New York-based group that supports registries, backs registering juveniles as long as they're being treated.

"A broad law that gives you release from the registry is a mistake," she said.

But others say the laws are unfair because they don't take into account whether the teens are a danger to society.

"At the minimum, if you're going to stigmatize people, there should be a showing by the government that they pose a danger to society," said Michael Steinberg of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In New Jersey, where the original Megan's Law was passed, a judge ruled earlier this month that posting sex offenders' addresses violates their privacy, undercutting a constitutional amendment overwhelmingly passed last year.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Cheap thrills in bedroom are poor substitute for intimacy

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "A Reader in St. Louis," who was indifferent to sex until she rediscovered a loving relationship with her husband and learned the true meaning of intimacy.

Her letter made me wonder how many women whose sex drive has diminished or disappeared have husbands like mine, who regards the romantic side of lovemaking as "sissy stuff," saying "real men" don't act that way.

My husband's image of a real man is any actor in a porno flick. Unfortunately, I am partly to blame for his attitude. I admit that we were both hooked on porn films as a turn-on. When we had sex, my husband expected me to writhe in ecstasy, moan and utter expletives for several minutes — just like the porn actresses did. Never was the word "love" mentioned. It was as if it didn't belong in this scenario.

Because my husband has no other bad habits, doesn't cheat, and demonstrates his love in everyday acts of kindness, I went along with this play-acting for many years. However, the arousal I once felt from this contrived sex wore off for me a long time ago. It hasn't for him, though. He can't understand why I've gone from being a hot tamale to a cold fish.

When "Reader in St. Louis" wrote that "sex isn't entertainment," that line really hit home. The truth is, I have come to this same realization, while my husband has not. And, after 30 years of marriage, he probably never will.

In spite of all the advice we hear about experimenting with sex in different ways to keep the excitement in a relationship, take it from one who's tried it all: Cheap thrills don't last forever and can even have a damaging effect if there is no communication or intimacy between lovers. — **BEEN THERE, DONE IT ALL**

DEAR BEEN THERE: It's time you and your husband attempted a new kind of sex thrill — a frank and honest conversation about what is and is not going on in your bedroom. If you haven't verbalized your feelings to your spouse, you cannot blame him for continuing to do what he still thinks is "thrilling" to both of you. I agree with you that communication is vital. Marriage counseling can help you to achieve it. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 67-year-old widow of two years. I live alone in the country, about a mile from a small two-stoplight town. My problem is that a nice gentleman who lives about seven hours away has been coming to see me from time to time, and he calls me every day, sometimes twice a day. He would like to come to see me and stay at my house, since he lives so far away. I am reluctant to let him because I don't know if it would be proper. I trust him, but I don't want to do anything that would embarrass my children and grandchildren.

What do you think? Should I let him stay at my house? — **LONELY IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR LONELY: By all means allow him to come and visit — it's the only way the two of you will be able to decide whether the relationship has a future. However, because there are no secrets in a community as small as yours, invite one of your grandchildren to "chaperone" during his visits. If the relationship becomes romantic, the two of you should arrange to take some trips together. The tongues may still wag, but at least you'll have a degree of privacy.

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Infant and toddler are found unharmed with mom's body

DALLAS (AP) — Police believe the death of a woman whose body was found clutching a 6-month-old infant on a street corner in East Dallas may be linked to another weekend slaying. A two-year-old toddler was found sitting near the body, but both children were unharmed.

Police ordered an autopsy on the woman, who was apparently shot in the head.

Police Sgt. J.D. Price said police received a call Saturday night reporting a woman on the ground on a street corner.

Strollers and baby bottles found inside the car of a slain man Saturday night could belong to the children, said Dallas police Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, a homicide unit supervisor.

"We are investigating the strong possibility that these could be connected," Kirkpatrick said in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The identities of the victims or the children weren't immediately known. Price said officers didn't know if the woman was the children's mother.

"We took emergency custody last night and we are conducting an investigation alongside law enforcement," said Marleigh Meisner, spokeswoman for Child Protective Services. She said CPS would try to identify the parents as well as any appropriate family members the children could be placed with.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

12-10-01

North
♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ A K 6 4
♣ Q 3

West
♠ 8
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ J 9 7 5
♣ A K 8 5

East
♠ Q J 9 7
♥ J 9
♦ 10 2
♣ 10 7 6 4 2

South
♠ K 10 6 3 2
♥ A K 5
♦ Q 8 3
♣ J 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

A second chance at accuracy

By Phillip Alder

One unforeseen advantage of having a Web site is that I can correct howlers in my column. The latest are Aug. 6, Sept. 12 and 21. Also, I can add some extra analysis for which I didn't have space in the original article. (Sept. 14 has been expanded, for example.) All is available at http://www.phillipalder-bridge.com.

Deep Finesse, the deal-analyzing program, has greatly reduced writers' errors. However, one must be careful comparing double-dummy (when you know where every card lies) and single-dummy analysis (what you would do with the opponents' hands hidden).

Take, for example, my deal of Sept. 14, reprinted here. I made West defend against four spades by cashing two clubs before shifting to a heart. It was then a matter of declarer's taking the trump safety-play: low to dummy's ace, followed by low to his 10.

However, Dennis Kibler, from Irvine, Calif., pointed out that West does much better to lead a third club at trick three.

This would probably be fatal at the table. There are successful lines, but South would most likely ruff in the dummy and continue with the ace and another spade. East splits his honors, and South wins with the king. Now South must try to pull off a trump coup. He needs to be in the dummy at trick 12 to lead through East's remaining J-9 of spades up to his 10-6. But that position is unattainable. He can ruff the third round of a red suit in hand, but while doing that, East discards from the other red suit. East must score two trump tricks.

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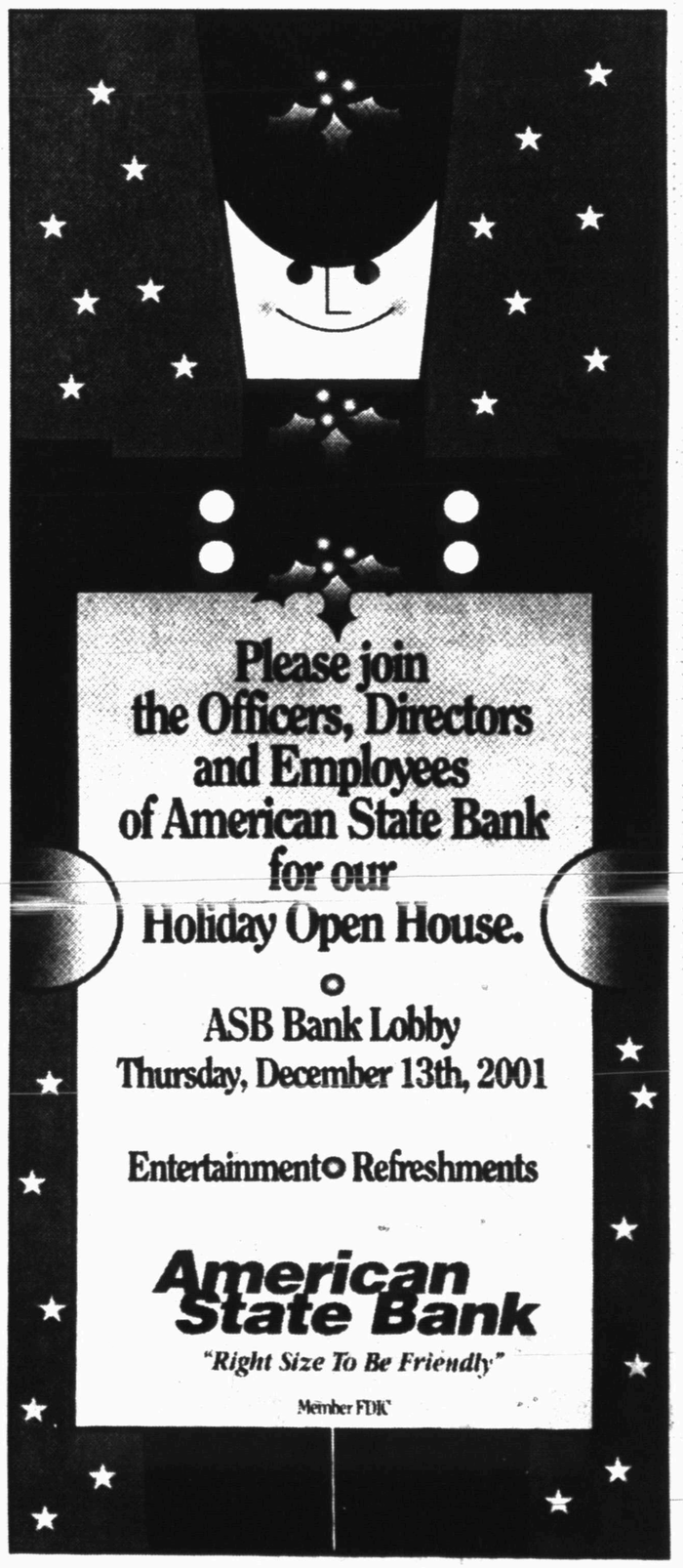

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Retain
5 Basketball hoop
8 Actor Wilder
12 Lhasa —
13 Language suffix
14 Among
15 Shipshape
16 Actor Holm
17 Sharp turns
18 Panegyric
20 Golf's —Daniel
21 40-cup brewer
22 Ale source
23 Movie (slang)
26 Merry
29 Swindle
30 Monkey havens
31 Prefix for "recent"
33 Mo. for Libras
34 Lascivious glance
35 Swampy
36 Customs
38 Seedless orange
39 N.A. country
40 Male turkey
41 Bison feature
43 Famed frog
46 Campus building
47 Right, to Dobbin
48 Garfield's housemate
50 Otherwise
51 Place to sleep
52 Utter
53 Shakespearean king
54 Dirty place
55 50 percent

DOWN

1 Topeka's st.
2 Foil kin
3 Genesis hunter
4 Shared food
5 Rule
6 "Golly!" in UK (2 wds.)
7 Hubbies
8 Summer-house
9 Be radiant
10 Poet's adverb
11 MS polishers
19 TV planet
20 Purchases
22 Third-rate
23 To and —
24 — Neos
25 Small bit
26 Garagiola and DiMaggio
27 Part of OSU
28 Bone-dry
30 Greek "Z"
32 Popeye's Olive —
34 Speech problem
35 Enormous
37 Bad thing
38 Swed. neighbor
40 —bopper
41 Bagel center
42 Big Dipper bear
43 Superman alias
44 Notion
45 Cash drawer
46 Penn. neighbor
47 Dog tag wearers
49 Gnome

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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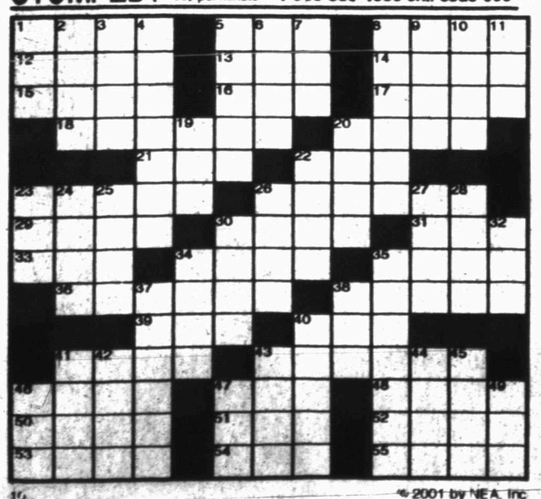

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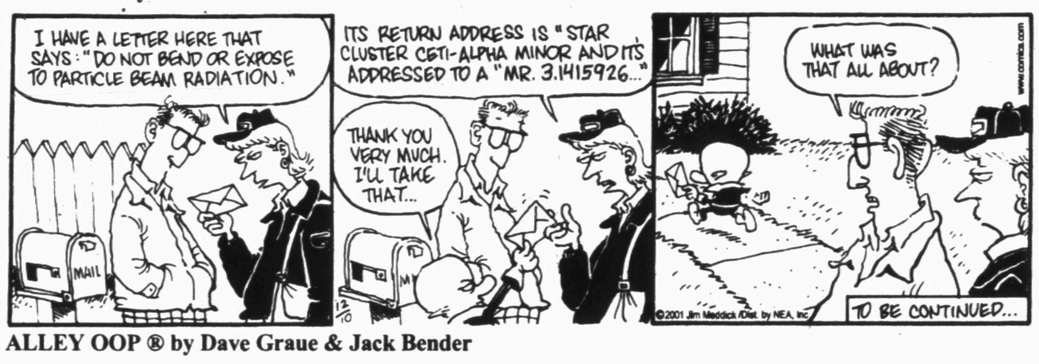

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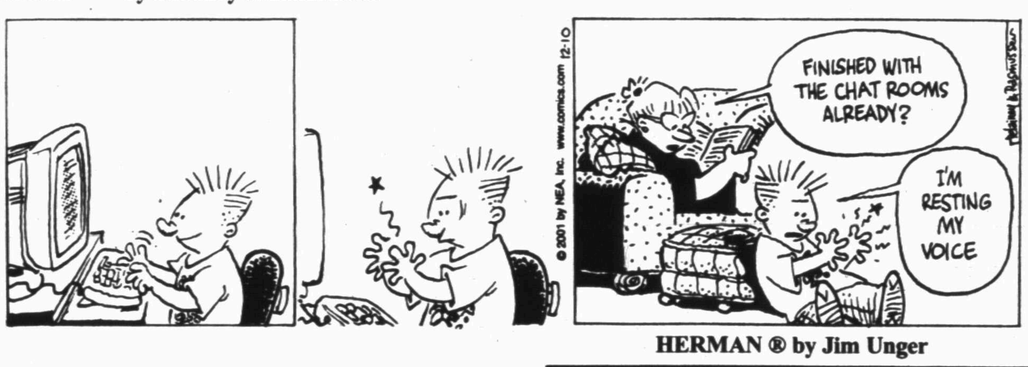

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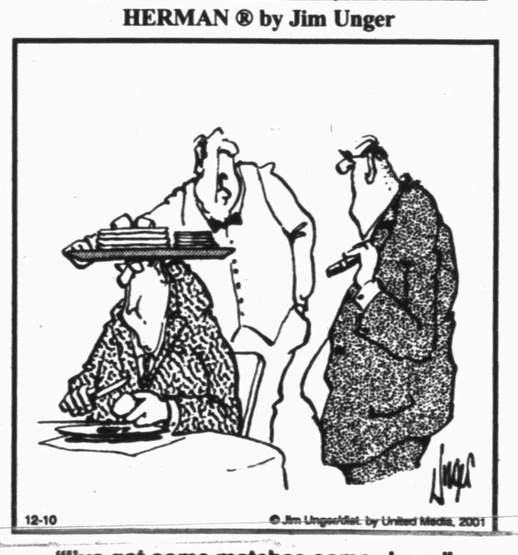

"I've got some matches somewhere."

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SPORTS

Carter drives Cowboys past Giants

IRVING (AP) — Now that Quincy Carter is healthy and comfortable with the Dallas offense, the rookie is becoming the dynamic player Cowboys owner Jerry Jones thought he could be.

Carter threw for a career-best 194 yards and ran for a crucial first down to rally Dallas from a 10-point deficit to a 20-13 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Carter has led the Cowboys (4-8) to two straight wins since returning from a thumb injury and torn hamstring that limited him to five quarters in the first 10 games. The poise, confidence and accuracy he's shown are proof that he put his time off to good use.

"It's a different feeling now," said Carter, who was playing at home for the first time since struggling in the opener. "I know a lot more than I did the previous game I played here. I'm making quick decisions and knowing where everybody is."

Jones took Carter with the 53rd overall pick of the 2001 draft and labeled him the team's quarterback of the future. Midway through training camp, the 23-year-old former minor league baseball player became the starter, making him the immediate heir to Troy Aikman.

It seemed like a curious move at the time as Carter was having trouble with basics like the center exchange and throwing tight spirals. His erratic play in his first two starts led to more questions, enough that Dallas signed — and started — Ryan Leaf. The Cowboys also started two other QB candidates.

Carter reclaimed the job when he returned last week and led Dallas past Washington. On Sunday, he came back from a slow start and made key plays against the Giants (5-7), who are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs a year after reaching the Super Bowl.

"Blind faith is one thing, but to see something that looks like we've got something to build on at that position is another," Jones said. "It does build some confidence."

New York started out great, scoring on three of its first four possessions to lead 13-3. At the time, Dallas didn't have a first down and Carter had minus-2 yards passing.

Carter wound up 17-of-26, including a 41-yard completion to Raghib Ismail that set up a 1-yard, game-tying touchdown run by Emmitt Smith midway through the third quarter.

Dallas went ahead early in the fourth quarter on Carter's soft-tossed 3-yard touchdown pass to Jackie Harris. Carter set it up by running for 11 yards on third-and-11 from the New York 14.

"I think Quincy has started something that is very positive," Smith said. "Since he's come here, he's had the right attitude. He's very humble and has worked very hard to prove he's worthy. You have no choice but to respect that."

Ismail had a career-best 10 catches for 118 yards. He caught a 64-yard TD pass from Carter the previous week.

Tigers bow to Bulldogs

ABILENE — Missed free throws on one end and long-range buckets on the other proved costly for the Snyder Tigers in a 61-45 setback Saturday to Abilene Wylie at the Catclaw Invitational.

Snyder went 7-for-20 from the stripe, and Wylie's Jeff Rariden drained five three-pointers to help decide the outcome.

The Tigers trailed, 38-31, after three quarters and cut the deficit to five points early in the fourth before another Rariden bomb ignited a Wylie run.

Rariden finished with 20 points while Snyder's Josh Mendoza posted a game-high 21 points.

The Tigers, who fell to 1-10 on the season, have Tuesday night off before traveling to Abilene on Friday for a rematch with the Bulldogs.

Snyder	09	10	12	14 —	**45**
Wylie	12	10	16	23 —	**61**

Snyder
Scott 1 0-1 2, McLeod 3 3-6 10, Thompson 1 1-2 3, Bedell 1 0-0 2, Dorsett 1 0-1 2, Jones 0 0-3 0, Landes 2 0-0 5, Mendoza 9 3-7 21. **Totals 18 7-20 45.**

Wylie
Foster 3 0-0 6, Wolfe 0 3-4 3, Monroe 4 0-0 8, Edwards 1 0-0 2, Ikemba 2 6-6 10, Rariden 7 1-2 20, McSherry 1 0-0 2, Hanner 0 1-2 1, Kiger 3 3-8 9. **Totals 21 14-22 61.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (McLeod and Landes), Wylie 5 (Rariden 5). Total fouls: Snyder 20, Wylie 18. Fouled out — Landes.

Sports Brief

Gordon Wood to speak Tuesday

Legendary high school football coach Gordon Wood will speak at Tuesday's noon Lions Club meeting at Marth Ann's Woman Club.

Wood won two state championships at Stanton before capturing seven titles at Brownwood. Wood recently released his autobiography *Coach of the Century*.

O'Leary hired at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — George O'Leary became the oldest person ever hired as Notre Dame coach at age 55. O'Leary was 52-33 in seven seasons at Georgia Tech, including 7-5 this year.

Nebraska QB wins Heisman

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch was awarded the Heisman Trophy, joining Johnny Rodgers (1972) and Mike Rozier ('83) as the Cornhuskers' only Heisman winners.

Rice reaches milestone

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice became the first NFL receiver to amass more than 20,000 yards receiving in his career during the Oakland Raiders' game against Kansas City.

Rice passed 20,000 yards on a 9-yard catch late in the second quarter. He later caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, giving him an NFL-record 195 TDs — 184 on receptions.

Chaney wants Knicks job

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Chaney met with New York Knicks president Scott Layden to try and keep Chaney coaching the team at least for the rest of the season.

Chaney, with a career NBA coaching record of 266-382, guided the Knicks to a 101-99 victory over the Indiana Pacers after Jeff Van Gundy's unexpected resignation.

SHS girls victorious in final 4-4A tune-up

AUSTIN — After a pair of two-point setbacks, the Snyder Lady Tigers went to work in the first half to put Saturday's game out of reach.

Snyder put together a 23-2 run in the second quarter then coasted to a 67-22 victory over St. Stephen's in its final game of the Lake Travis Hill Country Classic.

"We were able to put some pressure on them with our press, and we capitalized on it," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "Our press was effective most of the tournament, but in the first two games we didn't make the most of the opportunities. This time we did."

The Lady Tigers held a 10-6 advantage after the first eight minutes before erupting for 23 points in the second quarter.

Holding a 44-16 lead to start the final frame, Snyder sealed the win with another 23-point effort in the fourth quarter.

All 11 Lady Tigers scored led by Amber Russell's 17 points.

The victory pushes Snyder's mark to 4-7 heading into Tuesday's District 4-4A opener at San Angelo Lake View.

Like the Lady Tigers, the Maidens also field an inexperienced squad. Lake View's two leading scorers from a year ago, seniors Kristi Caples and Jennifer Hill, didn't come out for basketball this season.

"They're kind of in the same boat we are," Martin stated. "They have new kids that are having to learn to play at the varsity level. Hopefully, we'll be able to pressure them into some mistakes and then turn those miscues into points."

Lake View sports a 2-9 record. Tuesday's tip is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Snyder	10	23	11	23 —	**67**
St.Stephens	06	02	08	06 —	**22**

Snyder
Drum 3 0-0 6, Daniell 2 2-4 6, Putnam 1 3-4 5, Lollar 1 0-0 2, Robinson 1 1-1 3, Peoples 2 1-2 5, Chambers 2 1-2 5, Schwertner 3 0-0 6, Burleson 4 0-0 8, McDonald 2 0-0 4, Russell 8 1-4 17. **Totals 29 9-17 67.**

St. Stephen's
Mawl 1 5-10 8, Williamson 3 0-3 6, Baker 0 2-4 2, Hampton 2 0-0 4, Marchbanks 1 0-0 2. **Totals 7 7-17 22.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 0, St. Stephen's 1 (Mawl). Total fouls: Snyder 19, St. Stephen's 18.

Rose Bowl berth falls in Nebraska's lap

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

With no playoff in place, college football almost always comes up with a wacky way to end the season. It came up with a doozy on Sunday.

Nebraska will play undefeated Miami in the Rose Bowl for the national championship on Jan. 3, thanks to an amazing series of upsets during the last two weeks that lifted the Huskers (11-1) in the final Bowl Championship Series standings.

Not even a last-game 62-36 loss to Colorado could keep Nebraska out of the BCS' title game.

Miami (11-0) finished first in the final standings, and the Huskers beat out the Buffaloes for second place by a scant five hundredths of a point. Oregon was fourth.

"We think the formula is fair," BCS chairman John Swofford said. "Controversy doesn't affect credibility."

Don't tell that to Oregon coach Mike Bellotti, whose Ducks (10-1) will play the Buffaloes (10-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1

"I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer," the usually mild-mannered Bellotti said. "Not to take anything away from Nebraska or Colorado — they're great football teams — but one has two losses and the other didn't win its conference championship. We're No. 2 in both polls, but those things don't have a lot of merit, obviously."

Colorado coach Gary Barnett thought the BCS system worked: "It just didn't work in our favor."

"This sort of takes a little luster off my support for the BCS. ... How you're playing at this point — seems to me that should be thought of," he said.

Added Florida coach Steve Spurrier: "As we all know, college football is not the most fair thing without a playoff system."

Thanks to LSU's 31-20 upset of Tennessee in Saturday night's Southeastern Conference title game, Nebraska found itself packing for Pasadena in what turned into a glorious weekend for the HuskerNation.

In the final BCS standings, Miami had 2.62 points, Nebraska 7.23 points, Colorado 7.28 and Oregon was fourth with 8.67 points.

Nebraska was No. 4 in the AP media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll on Sunday, but held a sizable edge over No. 2 Oregon and No. 3 Colorado in the computer portion of the BCS formula.

"Colorado and Oregon are great teams," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "Anytime you don't have two clear-cut, undefeated teams, you're going to have controversy."

The final margin was so close that if the Buffaloes were one spot higher in any of the computer ratings they would have been off to the Rose Bowl instead of the Huskers.

In the Rothman ratings, for example, Colorado would have moved up one place and into the Rose Bowl if it had beaten Oklahoma State by 17 points instead of 22-19 on Oct. 27.

"It's been an extraordinary year, with upsets and unexpected turns," Swofford said. "A great thing for college football. It's brought added interest to the BCS bowl games. Five teams had opportunities to win a game to put themselves into the national championship game. None were able to do so."

High School Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Mesquite 28, Keller Fossil Ridge 16
SA Taft 21, Pearland 10
Final
Mesquite (14-0) vs. SA Taft (12-2), noon Saturday at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Euless Trinity 31, DeSoto 21
Lufkin 29, Spring Westfield 19
Houston Madison 56, Fort Bend Hightower 22
Austin Westlake 31, SA Madison 28 (OT)
Semifinals
Euless Trinity (13-1) vs. Lufkin (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Tyler Rose Stadium.
Houston Madison (14-0) vs. Austin Westlake (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome.
CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Denton Ryan 39, Burleson 0
Smithson Valley 38, Nederland 14
Final
Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Smithson Valley (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Waco.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll 14, Frenship 7
Ennis 45, Highland Park 38
Bay City 35, Jasper 7
Austin Reagan 32, Bastrop 38
Semifinals
Southlake Carroll (10-4) vs. Ennis (14-0), TBA.
Bay City (13-1) vs. Austin Reagan (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome.
CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Everman 36, Perryton 6
Sinton 38, Bridge City 0
Final
Everman (14-0) vs. Sinton (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at College Station.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Bridgeport 35, Kennedale 28
Commerce 14, Gladewater 10
Giddings 24, Newton 20
La Grange 21, Wimberley 9
Semifinals
Bridgeport (9-5) vs. Commerce (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday at Bedford.
Giddings (13-1) vs. La Grange (11-3), 8 p.m. Friday at the Astrodome.
CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Van Alstyne 29, Post 14
Blanco 28, Hemphill 27
Final
Van Alstyne (12-2) vs. Blanco (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Sonora 28, Quanah 14
Celina 28, Whitewright 20
Garrison 47, Alto 0
Ganado 7, Refugio 0
Semifinals
Sonora (12-2) vs. Celina (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stephenville.
Garrison (12-2) vs. Ganado (11-2), TBA.
CLASS 1A
Quarterfinals
Stratford 28, Petersburg 0
Celeste 20, Petrolia 7
Tenaha 27, Chilton 13
Burkeville 34, West Sabine 7
Semifinals
Stratford (14-0) vs. Celeste (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Childress.
Tenaha (10-3) vs. Burkeville (8-3), TBA.
SIX-MAN
Semifinals
Whitharral 42, Sanderson 34
Richland Springs 55, Woodson 54
Final
Whitharral (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Sweetwater.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	12	7	.632	—
Boston	11	7	.611	½
New York	11	9	.550	1½
Orlando	11	10	.524	2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	4½
Washington	7	12	.368	5
Miami	3	15	.167	8½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	1
Toronto	12	9	.571	2
Indiana	12	11	.522	3
Charlotte	9	11	.450	4½
Cleveland	8	12	.400	5½
Atlanta	7	14	.333	7
Chicago	4	15	.211	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Minnesota	13	5	.722	1
Dallas	12	8	.600	3
Utah	9	11	.450	6
Denver	7	13	.350	8
Houston	7	15	.318	9
Memphis	5	14	.263	9½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	16	2	.889	—
Sacramento	16	5	.762	1½
Phoenix	13	9	.591	5
Portland	10	9	.526	6½
L.A. Clippers	10	10	.500	7
Seattle	9	14	.391	9½
Golden State	8	13	.381	9½

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 107, Orlando 104
Cleveland 109, Denver 99
New York 101, Indiana 99
Memphis 92, Philadelphia 83
Minnesota 107, Houston 97
Chicago 87, Boston 84
Milwaukee 95, New Jersey 79
Washington 102, Dallas 95
Utah 111, Golden State 101
Portland 113, Seattle 92
Sunday's Games
Phoenix 91, Toronto 90
Detroit 105, Houston 77
Sacramento 95, Miami 88
L.A. Clippers 89, Charlotte 78
Monday's Games
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222
New England	8	5	0	.615	301	244
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	231	217
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	292	337
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	205	332

Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	.833	228	144
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	220	208
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	238	294
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	163	234
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	207	210

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	9	3	0	.750	337	261
Denver	7	6	0	.538	284	267
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	202	254
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	287	263
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	226	257

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	279	155
Washington	6	6	0	.500	175	236
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	218	289
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	204	226
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	196	256

Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	234	172
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	282	195
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	238	205
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	247	287
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	214	319

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	358	190
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	316	252
New Orleans	7	5	0	.583	281	249
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	204	254
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

Sunday's Games
Dallas 20, N.Y. Giants 13
New Orleans 28, Atlanta 10
Buffalo 25, Carolina 24
Green Bay 17, Chicago 7
St. Louis 27, San Francisco 14
New England 27, Cleveland 16
Philadelphia 24, San Diego 14
Tampa Bay 15, Detroit 12
Jacksonville 14, Cincinnati 10
Minnesota 42, Tennessee 24
Washington 20, Arizona 10
Pittsburgh 18, N.Y. Jets 7
Oakland 28, Kansas City 26
Denver 20, Seattle 7
Open: Baltimore
Monday's Game
Indianapolis at Miami, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 16
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
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Red, white and blue are holiday colors

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. (AP) — As he does each year, Gerald Wilhite used his ocean-fishing rod to cast strands of lights over the limbs of his front yard's towering oak and maple trees. He untangled coils of green wire and dangling bulbs, then nimbly wrapped them around evergreens and stretched them out to line each side of the driveway.

But the bulbs that flickered on when all were plugged in weren't the usual multi-colored variety, not the type that typically light up this town built on Christmas.

The colors were simple: red, white and blue.

"In some sense," Wilhite said, "it doesn't feel quite right being all jolly and full of Christmas this year."

So he, and everyone in his subdivision, adopted a patriotic theme in honor of Americans fighting overseas and the thousands who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

From Wilhite's street in middle America to the 81-foot spruce in New York City's Rockefeller Center, on homes along both coasts and on the boughs of indoor scotch pines in between, the red and green of Christmas have been joined this year by white and blue.

"People are wrapping their presents in it, decorating their homes," said Deidre Parkes, spokeswoman for Hallmark Cards Inc. "You're just going to see a lot of red, white and blue this holiday season."

Parkes said the five best-selling cards on Hallmark's Web site now are holiday cards with patriotic themes.

Retailers snapped up patriotic ornaments — including a snowman waving an American flag, which the company produced after the terrorist attacks, she said. "We sold out of it in three days."

Visitors to the nation's largest shopping center — the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. — are greeted by 50-foot-tall Christmas trees at each entrance, draped in red, white and blue ribbons and lights. Holiday banners inside the mall hang alongside American flags that had been hung after Sept. 11.

"We wanted to keep our American flags up," said mall spokeswoman Maureen Cahill. "It seemed like the right decision to make, because we could incorporate it with our holiday decor. I think people really appreciate it."

Bonnie Scott of Amarillo, Texas, says patriotic craft patterns have been all the rage this season on her craft-oriented Web site, www.NorthPoleChristmas.com.

In Nova Scotia, Sandy Hellard and Patsy Gallagher are whittling away to keep up with American customers who want their hand-carved, red, white and blue Santa figurines.

"We have certainly produced more of them this year," Hellard said. "There's been quite a demand."

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2001 TOY APPLICATION

Parents Name
Street Address
Phone#
Total Monthly Family Income $

Child Name
Age Sex
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2
3

Child Name
Age Sex
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2
3

Child Name
Age Sex
1
2
3

Child Name
Age Sex
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PARENTS: List toys that each child wants. Please, do not list clothes or shoe sizes. When picking up toys, parents need to bring a picture ID, proof of address, income, and child's Social Security Card. Applications accepted only through Wednesday, December 12th. Send applications to Christmas for Kids c/o Judi Martin P.O. Box 1255, Snyder, Texas 79550-1255. For more information, call Judi at 573-7556.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Will arthritis medicine harm my heart?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take Vioxx to relieve the pain of arthritis and the medication works well; the quality of my life has greatly improved. Therefore, you can understand my concern about published reports that both Vioxx and Celebrex increase the risk of heart disease. I don't want to trade in one set of symptoms for another set that is more serious. Can you advise me?

DEAR READER: Recent studies have shown, as you mentioned, that the COX-2 inhibitors Vioxx and Celebrex increase the risk of cardiovascular events, because the drugs appear to increase the tendency of the blood to clot, and such clots can affect the cardiovascular system.

At present, the study data are being meticulously analyzed by specialists, for the purpose of defining the exact risks.

On the positive side, the medications (which are being aggressively — and probably inappropriately — advertised by the manufacturers) are extremely helpful in alleviating the pain of arthritis. Also, they tend to cause less stomach upset and bleeding than do the older, more traditional therapeutic agents.

On the negative side, the drugs seem to be related to a statistical risk of heart complications.

As reported in a series of articles in the Cleveland Clinical Journal of Medicine (November 2001), there may be a middle ground that doctors and patients could follow: the use of low-dose aspirin. Many specialists are now advising their patients on Vioxx or Celebrex to take low-dose aspirin (81 milligrams a day) in conjunction with their anti-arthritis medicine. This option might be appropriate for you; ask your doctor about it.

Also, you might consider changing to over-the-counter ibuprofen, which may relieve your discomfort at far less cost and with fewer unwanted side effects.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from migraine headaches. What can I do to prevent or treat a headache in progress?

DEAR READER: Migraine is one of the most common causes of chronic headache. While the search for new therapeutic agents is aggressive and ongoing, there is — as yet — no magic potion for prevention. The following choices are presently available.

Beta-blockers, such as propanolol and timolol, are usually used to treat cardiovascular conditions. However, about 50 percent of migraine patients report that these drugs lessen the frequency and severity of attacks.

Calcium channel blockers, also used for cardiovascular ailments, show promise in migraine prevention.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, often relieve pain and other symptoms of migraine if taken at the start of headache.

Anti-convulsants, such as valproic acid, may prevent headaches.

Alternative choices, such as vitamin B-2, intravenous magnesium, feverfew and bolutinum toxin have been shown to reduce the frequency of migraine attacks.

Treatment of acute migraine includes narcotics, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan and ergotamine. Over-the-counter Excedrin Migraine and Motrin Migraine are cheaper and often work well if taken early in the course of the headache. Biofeedback, guided imagery, relaxation techniques and physical therapy may help some patients, as may short-term therapy with steroids.

Ask your doctor to put you on a program of prevention, using acute therapy if and when it is needed as a backup.

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

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After attacks, schools either cancel or restrict field trips

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in 45 years, thousands of fifth-graders from Florida will not board chartered trains for their annual sightseeing trip to the nation's capital.

The visit this year is off, more fallout from the terrorist attacks. All over the country, school officials are canceling long-distance field trips or venturing closer to home. Parents are jumpy, too, about sending their children too far away.

"We just didn't feel that it was appropriate at this time to chance it," said Neal Trafford, principal of Manatee Elementary School in Lake Worth, Fla.

In New York City, officials were worried that school buses carrying students to the Bronx Zoo might be delayed and unavailable to take other students home from school in an emergency. The trips were scrubbed.

Many teachers planning to bring their classes to the nation's capital say anthrax scares or other incidents could close museums, monuments and congressional offices, leaving the visitors with little to do while in town.

Parents have asked school boards to cancel trips beyond county or state lines, or travel that requires an overnight stay. During a recent school board meeting in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., parents asked how many bridges a bus would cross to reach Boston.

But in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., and other districts have eased their trip policies since Sept. 11, when even walking field trips were canceled, but limits remain on children's time away from school.

"We are still much more cautious," said Charlotte schools spokeswoman Nora Carr. "We have certainly cut back on the number of field trips for elementary and middle school, and the early years of high school."

Those include an annual tradition for fifth-graders in many schools, an overnight trip to Raleigh, the state capital. Students now must make the seven-hour round trip in one day.

In Cleveland, schools spokeswoman Patricia Martin would not discuss the district's policies on long-distance trips, saying that since the attacks, officials deemed the matter a security issue. Officials cannot even discuss it during school board meetings, she said.

Trafford, who heads the Palm Beach County, Fla., school safety patrol program, said students earned the Washington trip as a reward for being safety monitors. He said they probably will visit other Florida attractions instead — Cape Canaveral or St. Augustine, for example.

"While they're disappointed, I think they understand the reason behind it," he said. "They're pretty up on what's happening, and I think they understand the concerns we had."

Trafford, who made the Washington trip as a student and was preparing to go for a 16th time, said many students will miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Some of these kids will never get to D.C.," he said. "This would have been their only chance."

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Terrorists like to time attacks for biggest emotional impact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The warning from the White House to be on high alert this holiday season recognizes a tactic used by terrorists in the mountains of Peru, the back alleys of Belfast, the Middle East and Oklahoma City: Time attacks for maximum emotional impact.

Often that means an anniversary date or holiday.

Whether it's casting a pall over Christmas or forcing the public to remember an event that drove the terrorist to violence, datebook terrorism is all about proving who controls the agenda, said Joan Deppa, a Syracuse University communications professor.

"They're saying, 'I've got your attention, and by the way, if I can make your holiday miserable, all the better,'" she said.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said the closeness this year of Christmas and Hanukkah to Eid al-Fitr, the joyous three-day feast that ends the holy month of Ramadan, could be tempting to terrorists who have a history of striking during religious observances.

"We do know that the next several weeks, which bring the final weeks of Ramadan and important religious observations in other faiths, have been times when terrorists have planned attacks in the past," he said.

Eid al-Fitr, fixed according to the sighting of the new moon and varying from country to country, falls around mid-December this year. Hanukkah, which began Sunday evening, runs through Dec. 17.

Ridge's warning stemmed from multiple, nonspecific threats for this period, but he made it clear that the calendar figured high in the government's concerns.

He cited the first World Trade Center attack in 1993, which fell during Ramadan, and a foiled series of attacks planned around New Year's Day 2000, timed both for Ramadan and millennial celebrations. In recent years, Eid al-Fitr has been marked by violence in Indonesia in 1999, and in Bahrain, Egypt and Israel in 1996.

As familiar as datebook terror may be in the Middle East, it's not just Islamist militants who time their attacks.

Timothy McVeigh parked a truck bomb outside a federal building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, and killed 168 people — retribution, he said, for the deadly FBI raid on an encampment near Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier. More than 80 people died then, people McVeigh considered martyrs to his anti-government creed.

In some countries, citizens could count on attacks according to the calendar. Until Peruvian authorities gutted the Shining Path in the early 1990s, the Maoist insurgency regularly staged car bombings and other attacks on the birthdays of founder Abimael Guzman (Dec. 3) and his idol, Mao Tse-tung (Dec. 26).

Before a 1997 truce, the history-obsessed Irish Republican Army would often stage attacks on dates marked by its followers but utterly obscure to others; for instance, Aug. 9, the anniversary of the introduction of internment without trial in Northern Ireland in 1971.

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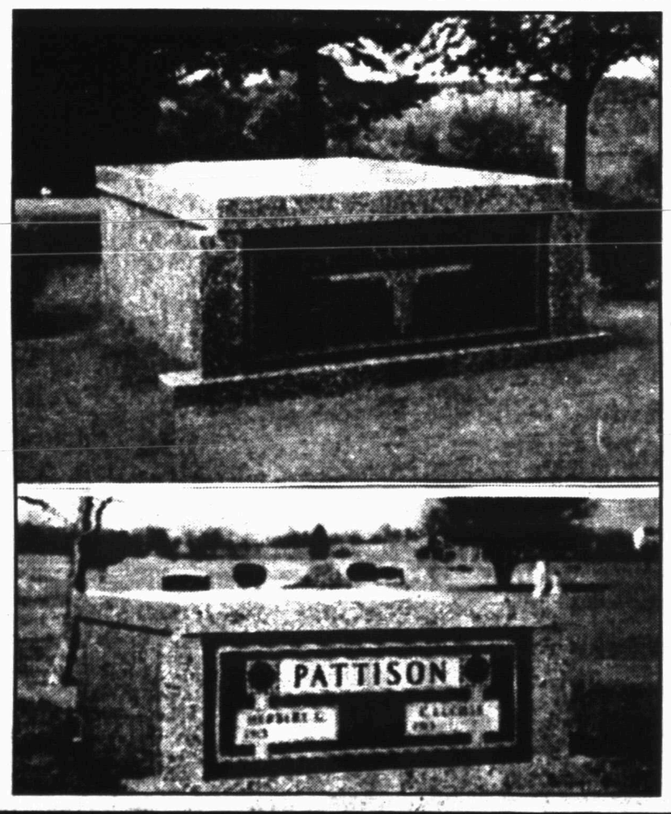

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Some migrants do not want to return to their homes

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Mexican immigrants are heading home for the holidays by the hundreds of thousands, but Domingo Diaz won't join them.

The 23-year-old from southern Mexico plans to stay at his crude plywood shack in a steep canyon near the strawberry fields where he will toil through the winter.

"Of course I want to go home, but I can't. I might not make it back," Diaz said at the migrant encampment shrouded in early evening coastal fog.

Diaz worries that if he went home, it would be more difficult getting back into the United States. Since Sept. 11, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has toughened border security, searching more vehicles entering the country and putting more officers in some areas.

For Mexicans working in the United States, there is a powerful urge — and tradition — to go home for Christmas. But immigrants must weigh that against the hardship and costs of coming north.

"It's scary what they go through to get here," said Barbara Perrigo, a volunteer with the Ecumenical Migrant Outreach Project, which helps migrants who live in the encampments of northern San Diego County. "A lot of them don't want to go through that again."

Farmworkers, viewed as being at the lowest rung of immigrant ladders, also have an economic incentive to stay.

Migrants often have to pay up to $1,500 to be smuggled in, then earn just $6,000 to $10,000 a year tending crops in California, said Philip Martin, an agricultural economist at the University of California, Davis.

"A lot of them may wind up staying because they've got to recoup their investment," he said.

Alvin Cosme, a 19-year-old cousin who shares the shack with Diaz, said they earn in a day as farmhands what they could in a week back home in the Mexican state of Oaxaca — if they could find work there.

It is a hard life. Their shack is protected from the rain by a plastic tarp and the dense coastal sage and scrub that also doubles as camouflage from the Border Patrol.

During cold winter nights, they can't make fires out of fear of being seen. When it rains, the camp floods and the steep, narrow trails become nearly impassable. Migrants also have been attacked by local youths and had their camps razed by authorities.

Two men who live near Diaz and Cosme said they didn't want their names or photos used because they didn't want their families to see how they live. "It would make them sad," one said.

Diaz, who has a wife and child back home, came north a year ago. He hopes to remain at least six more months before returning to Mexico.

"Unfortunately, this isn't the first time I've been away from my family at Christmas," he said. "But this is how I live."

INS works to alleviate congestion

EL PASO (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is trying to cut down the wait for holiday commuters crossing the border to El Paso from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

On Saturday, the INS began using the double-time and triple-time push, which allows two or three cars to be inspected at the same time by the INS and Border Patrol agents at the Paso del Norte Bridge and the Bridge of the Americas.

The program is expected to cut 30 minutes off the waiting time at El Paso's two busiest bridges. In November, crossing times of almost two hours were reported at the two bridges.

Juarez resident Cecilia Villegas said she was surprised by how quickly she was able to cross Saturday.

"I only waited about half an hour today," she said. "It's just so fast."

Leticia Zamarripa, INS spokeswoman, said the push wasn't compromising security measures. "What it is doing is alleviating congestion while keeping our maximum security level," she said in a story in the El Paso Times' online edition Sunday.

Security along the country's borders has been tighter since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Zamarripa said about 20 Border Patrol agents have been crossed-trained to help check each car. At the Paso del Norte Bridge, which has nine lanes, 18 to 27 cars now are being inspected at the same time.

Before Saturday, U.S. Customs did the double-time push only when enough INS personnel were available.

"It was something we did to accommodate traffic, based on the availability of staffing," said Customs spokesman Roger Maier.

The expedited service is expected to be more routine through the holidays. It is not known whether the program will continue past the holiday season.

INS statistics show more than 68,000 people drove across the Paso del Norte Bridge on the first Saturday in December 2000. That compares with 46,000 who crossed on the first Saturday in December this year.

"I usually come across about once a week, but I used to come across on a whim two or three times in the week," Villegas said. "Since September, I really haven't done that, but now with this program, I might just come over whenever."

Man arrested 22 years after ex-wife's killing

CHICAGO (AP) — Donald R. Calloway, alias Bob Ducks, hid out and avoided first-degree murder charges for 22 years, police said.

Until now.

Acting on a tip from federal officials, police arrested him Thursday at the West Side real estate agency where he worked. Police allege Calloway, now 64, shot his ex-wife Margie R. Murray in the right temple and dumped her in an abandoned home in nearby Harvey.

"For 22 years, he had gotten away," Harvey Police Sgt. Joe Thomas said. "I'm just glad for the family that we finally have him."

Calloway, charged with the crime in 1979, has made a videotaped statement to police, authorities said. They did not elaborate.

Police are still trying to piece together Calloway's life for the last 22 years, but they say he has used at least three names and four Social Security numbers and birth dates. As Bob Ducks he married an unwitting woman 30 years his junior, police said.

Police learned his whereabouts Wednesday when federal authorities contacted them after adding his fingerprints to a national database. Under the name Bob Ducks, Calloway had pleaded guilty to fraud in a real estate transaction with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Harvey Police Department had his fingerprints on file from a previous armed robbery conviction.

Calloway first denied his identity when Harvey police, FBI agents and Cook County Sheriff's Department officers arrested him, authorities said. When he finally acknowledged he was Calloway, he denied knowing that Murray was dead.

Thomas said Murray was last seen alive meeting with Calloway in a bar, and her body was found the next day. They had divorced in 1978.

Police recovered a blood-spattered van in Houston, where Calloway had driven before fleeing to Mexico, Thomas said.

Jessica Christmas, Murray's 47-year-old daughter from an earlier marriage, said a relative had told her Calloway died in a car accident in Mexico years ago.

"I just don't understand how he could come back here," Christmas said.

Date Book

Monday, Dec. 10, 2001

Today is the 344th day of 2001 and the 80th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1816, the U.S. Senate created its first "standing" committee. Previously, the Senate had created temporary committees that dissolved after the bills they discussed had been passed or tabled.

On this day in 1941, Guam surrendered to the Japanese.

On this day in 1989, the first successful human-powered helicopter was flown by students at the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emily Dickinson (1830-1866), poet; Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), librarian; Dorothy Lamour (1914-1996), actress; Susan Dey (1952-), actress, is 49; Sinbad (1956-), comedian, is 45; Kenneth Branagh (1960-), actor-director, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, the Washington Redskins won the NFL championship by defeating the Chicago Bears 28-21. During the game, Redskin Sammy Baugh passed for 335 yards.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Where thou art, that is home." — Emily Dickinson

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 7) and new moon (Dec. 14).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2001

Beneficial changes could occur for you in the year ahead that will make you very happy. The most significant one will be engineered by you, but will be helped by outside influences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Through a source or person that is not your usual conduit for gain, you might be able to profit in some manner today in larger than usual ways. Take advantage of it.

Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once again today an old, loyal friend of yours may prove to be an extremely valuable ally. Your pal has a way of generating developments from which you can both benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your possibilities for to fulfill your ambitions and achieve your objectives are several notches above usual today. Go after those things that are the most important to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Two individuals, in unrelated circumstances, could each teach you a trick or two today. Thus, it'll be important for you to keep an open mind and be receptive to new ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — People who mean a lot to you will offer you your most successful involvements today. The bond between you is in tune with each other's needs and desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An opportunity to participate in something meaningful, or perhaps even material, which you've never fully understood will arise again today. This time you'll grasp its full potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your financial picture is a bit better today than most days. If you take the time to look around a bit, chances are you'll see a way that could help your earnings significantly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Lady Luck might give you a big boost today in a matter that is of personal significance to you. If it should require a bit of a risk on your part, she'll help you become a winner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Things might not have been to your liking in the last couple of days, but the end results are not representative of beginnings. Today could prove that point with a happy conclusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should you get involved in something new that has great promise and hope, don't be afraid to think in expansive terms. The picture is bigger than you may realize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You are in a trend right now for being able to produce more lavishly than usual. Whatever it is in which you are engaged today could yield large benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Formulate plans today that would weave your future intentions with your aspirations. Working with a new blueprint that complements one another could make your dreams realities.

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Carter calls for quicker peace progress

DENVER (AP) — Former President Carter called for quicker progress toward Middle East peace during a visit to promote his new book, "Christmas in Plains: Memories."

"I've been disturbed for the last 221/2 years by the lack of progress in the area," Carter said Saturday at the Tattered Cover Book Store.

He said he hopes the principles of the Camp David accords, which he mediated between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1978, will continue to dominate policy there. He also hopes that current leaders continue to strive for peace in the region.

Waco city jail fraught with problems, say ex-workers

WACO (AP) — Two former employees criticized safety and training operations at a privately run jail that has faced inmate riots and the escape of a convicted felon.

Former CiviGenics lieutenants Shaun Dysinger and Marc Griffin said in today's editions of the Waco Tribune-Herald, that they resigned last month to protest what they called the scapegoating of former warden Rod Ellis and assistant warden Jim Brewer by corporate officials.

Both Dysinger and Griffin, who were employed by CiviGenics for three years, said that officials at the downtown facility let safety and training suffer as a result of budget concerns.

"For the past year, supervisors have been trying to better the place for security and training," Dysinger said. "But they always point to the budget."

Dysinger said the jail typically hires young correctional officers with temporary licenses. Many end up quitting before they have to undergo the training needed to get their permanent jailer's license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, he said.

Ellis resigned from the jail Nov. 9 and was replaced by current warden Mickey Hubert. Assistant warden Jim Brewer was fired by CiviGenics, said Jim Shaw, CiviGenics regional director for the South.

In addition to the Nov. 6 escape of convicted felon Sherman Lamont Fields and the Oct. 23 riots on the second and third floors, Dysinger and Griffin provided internal CiviGenics reports detailing an additional disturbance in July and an August escape at the McLennan County Detention Center.

The hiring of Hubert and assistant warden Charles Hardy, who was scheduled to start today, have been intended to address problems at the jail, Shaw said.

Hubert dismissed Griffin and Dysinger as "disgruntled employees."

Oil Patch News

Howard County

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Annan, U.N. receive Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Saying "humanity is indivisible," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for global cooperation in fighting poverty, ignorance and disease as he and the United Nations accepted the centennial Nobel Peace Prize today.

Annan said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States showed that the world is divided less by borders than by the gap between the fortunate and the dispossessed. He said the cost of ignoring human dignity, fundamental freedoms, security, food and education was steep.

"Today, no walls can separate humanitarian or human rights crises in one part of the world from national security crises in another," he said. "What begins with the failure to uphold the dignity of one life, all too often ends with a calamity for entire nations."

The chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee presented the $950,000 prize, which includes diplomas and gold medals, to Annan and the president of the U.N. General Assembly, South Korean Foreign Minister Han Seung-soo, representing the world body.

Annan has given "the U.N. an external prestige and an internal morale" hardly before seen since the world body's founding in 1945, chairman Gunnar Berge said.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the first prize, more than 20 peace laureates from previous years, including East Timorese freedom fighter Jose Ramos-Horta and South Africa's Desmond Tutu, joined them on the stage for the 90-minute ceremony at Oslo City Hall, amid tight security.

Norway's royal family and other dignitaries also attended, and a torchlight parade and a banquet were planned in the evening.

Several DWI arrests made over weekend

•Arrests

At 7:20 a.m. Sunday dispatchers were notified that a subject on U.S. 84 was making obscene gestures towards truck drivers as he passed them. DPS troopers located the vehicle near Hermleigh and took Miguel Martinez, 35, of 241 East 9th Street in Lubbock into custody on felony charges of driving while intoxicated.

He was transported to the county jail and his vehicle was towed from the scene.

Another pair was arrested for alcohol-related charges Sunday morning on College Ave. Lupe Garcia, 32, of 3002 40th Street was taken into custody on felony charges of driving while intoxicated and a 29-year-old was also arrested for public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested a 32-year old man on Texas Hwy. 350 Saturday afternoon on an outstanding warrant for speeding and for failure to appear before a judge.

A 22-year-old man was taken into custody in the 4000 block of College Ave. just before midnight Saturday for driving while intoxicated. His vehicle was released to another driver at the scene.

Officers arrested two men on the old Lubbock highway Sunday morning on alcohol-related charges.

A 47-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated and he also was cited for driving with a suspended license. His 38-year-old passenger was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Officers took an 18-year-old man into custody on outstanding local warrants at 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

•Theft

Irving Wells Sunday reported the theft of a bicycle from his residence on 39th Street.

Belinda Tavarez reported a butane tank was stolen from the Dunn Community Center. A deputy was dispatched and a Class B theft report was filed.

•Disturbances

A woman contacted officers at the police department Saturday morning and reported being assaulted by her father. An offense report for assault and family violence was submitted.

Officers were dispatched to a residence on Ave. M at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on a report of a disturbance. Several subjects in the home were contacted and a 16-year-old boy was taken into custody.

•Criminal trespass

A man requested a sheriff's deputy at his residence Sunday afternoon in reference to a property dispute with a neighbor. The deputy responded and a criminal trespass warning was issued to the neighbor. A close patrol was started.

A man on Houston Ave. requested an officer after observing the driver of a Ford Contour repeatedly passing by his residence. An officer contacted the driver and issued a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the residence.

•Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of some rental property on 28th Street Saturday because of problems with a tenant.

Patty Hart advised her yard decorations had been destroyed at her home on 37th Street. A close patrol of the area was initiated.

Doris Byus reported hearing banging noises behind her residence Sunday morning. Officers responded and began a close patrol for the remainder of the night.

•Suspicious vehicles

9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from a woman who said she was driving from Sweetwater to Snyder and was being followed by a subject in a white car. A sheriff's deputy contacted the driver and told him of the complaint and advised everything was clear upon his departure.

•Noise disturbances

Toby Morris requested an officer in the area of Huffman Ave. and Ave. P Saturday night after hearing possible gun shots. A deputy responded to the area and located a man throwing fireworks into a small fire.

Elisa Martinez reported loud music in the 100 block of Canyon Street at 11:45 p.m. Saturday. Officers were dispatched, but no music could be heard upon their arrival. A close patrol was initiated.

More loud music was reported at 1 a.m. Sunday. Officers responded to the 3000 block of 40th Street and advised a man of the complaint and he agreed to lower the volume.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. reported a gas drive off in the amount of $5 at midnight Sunday. The driver of a Suburban failed to pay for the fuel.

Another drive off was reported from Town and Country North. The driver of a Chevrolet pickup left the station without paying.

Births

Darrell and Jamie Williams of Moncks Corner, S.C., are parents of a son, Trevin Blake Williams. Trevin was born Dec. 6, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces.

Grandparents are Dwaine and Jo Ann Williams of Snyder and Tammie Gordon of Moncks Corner. Great grandmother is Laura Mae Williams of Snyder.

Obituaries

Edith Wiggins

1912-2001

Mary Edith Wiggins, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Dec. 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wiggins, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church. Officiating will be a nephew, Kevin Huddleston of the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo; and the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of Snyder's First United Methodist Church.

Edith Wiggins

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 3, 1912 in Chadburn, Tex., she married Earnest Wiggins on Aug. 20, 1935 in Dunn. He died Sept. 9, 1993. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include a sister, Eugenia Grizzle of Midland; eight nieces and nephews, Darla Huddleston and Franklin Bryant, both of Ira, Mary Jo Martin of Lubbock, Pat Scharnhorst of Kerrville, Ferrell Bryant of Arlington, Dennis Grizzle of Midland, Callie Sisson of Napa, Calif., Sharon Britton of Colorado and Bud Wood of New Mexico.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Community Care Hospice, 1510 South Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to the First United Methodist Church, 2700 College in Snyder.

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Odyne Jones

1903-2001

Odyne Beaver Jones, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale-Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Odyne Jones

Born Dec. 7, 1903 in Jonesboro, she moved to Scurry County in 1905 at the age of two. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1921 and earned her teaching certificate from Texas Christian University in 1922. She married C.D. "Pat" Jones on May 20, 1923 in Fluvanna. He died Feb. 23, 1997. A homemaker, she was a retired school teacher and stock farmer.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Presbyterian Church.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Jones Fee; two brothers, Leo Beaver and W.J. "Bill" Beaver; and a grandson, James Aaron.

Survivors include a sister, Matty Lynn Stine of Wichita Falls; a sister-in-law, Opal Beaver of Snyder; nephews and nieces, James Beaver, Shirley Jones, Don Jones and his wife, Nelva, all of Fluvanna, Wallace Jones and his wife, Barbara, of Snyder, Janie Sue Willard of Borger, Carol Carson and husband, Wes, of Chevy Chase, Md., and Betty Gryer and her husband, Paul, of Chicago; and a son-in-law, Bob Fee of Lubbock.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1396 in Snyder, or to the Fluvanna Cemetery Association in Fluvanna, 79517.

John Chandler

1984-2001

DUBLIN – John David Chandler, a student and a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 8, in Stephenville after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Chandler, 17, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Oak Dale United Methodist Church in Stephenville with the Rev. Ann Hitt officiating. Burial will follow in the Hannibal Cemetery.

A memorial candlelight service is set for 7 this evening in the Paradigm Accelerated School in Dublin. Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Lacy Funeral Home in Stephenville.

Born Oct. 1, 1984 in Lubbock, he was a Methodist and had lived in Snyder before moving to Stephenville and then to Dublin.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother, Mary McInroe; and his paternal great-grandfather, Wayne N. Dodson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Karen and Dan Van De Mark of Dublin; his father and stepmother, David and Stacy Chandler of Arlington; a stepbrother, Jonathan Dewayne Van De Mark of Dublin; two half-sisters, Katlyn Chandler and Karlea Chandler, both of Arlington; his maternal grandmother, Loretta Dodson of Snyder; his maternal grandfather, Wayne W. Dodson of Snyder; his step-grandparents, Sophia and Murray Underwood of Haltom City; his paternal grandmother, Carolyn Lara of San Angelo; his paternal grandfather and step-grandmother, James and Clair Chandler of Jourdanton; his maternal great-grandfather, Dan McInroe of Stephenville; his maternal great-grandmother, Kathryn Dodson of Snyder; and his paternal great-grandparents, Wanda and Euless Goodlett of Dunn.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

AARP banquet

The AARP installation banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Hermleigh booster club

Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7:30 tonight.

Stanfield reading night

Stanfield Elementary School's reading night will be at 6:30 this evening, followed by a parent council meeting at 7.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Baptism: What is It and Who is It For?" followed by "Holy and Reverend is His Name."

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Special Hermleigh postal cancellation

The U.S. Postal Service in Hermleigh will honor Hermleigh High School's boys and girls basketball teams with a special postal cancellation Tuesday beginning with the varsity girls game.

CHIPS program signup

West Elementary will have representatives from the Childrens' Health Insurance Program at the school from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Night out with the band

Everyone is invited to eat dinner at the Snyder High School cafeteria from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, and following the meal, the Snyder bands will present a free Christmas concert. Cost of the meal is $5 for adults, and $3 for children.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Scouts selling popcorn

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling all varieties of popcorn. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065 or 338-1865 by Saturday.

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

Windbreak trees

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

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

VFW membership drive

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

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Saturday. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

FBC support groups

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

Military support group

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

'Ocean's Eleven' is top movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Slick Las Vegas crooks swiped Harry Potter's crown this week as a wave of big box office swept "Ocean's Eleven" into the top spot.

The star-powered caper film opened atop the box office, taking in $39.3 million over the weekend for the best December opening ever, according to industry estimates Sunday.

After three weeks at No. 1, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" slipped to second place with $14.8 million.