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Thursday sweep nabs 26 suspects

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Twenty-six individuals Thursday afternoon were apprehended in Snyder on 42 separate drug charges, culminating a six-month undercover investigation.

Snyder Police Department officers and Scurry County deputies were joined by Department of Public Safety troopers from Snyder and Mitchell counties, Texas Ranger John Billings, Game Warden Mel Reed and officers with the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force of Abilene in making the sweep of drug dealers.

The officers gathered at Winston Field at 1 p.m. before fanning out over the community to serve the arrest warrants and three separate search warrants. The warrants were a result of indictments returned by a special Scurry County grand jury on Wednesday.

"The operation went well," said Lt. Jerry Parker of the Snyder Police Department who coordinated the bust and the six-month undercover operation.

Parker said no one resisted arrest, and there were no altercations of any kind.

Six of the arrests were at separate locations at the Park Village Apartments on south College Ave. One woman, being led to a waiting squad car by officers, was being yelled at by an older family member who shouted, "I told you so!"

While executing the search warrants, officers found substances believed to be marijuana and cocaine at two of the residences, and crack cocaine at a third.

Parker said charges on these individuals would be filed as soon as test results are available from the Department of Public Safety laboratory.

No weapons were confiscated, but $780 in cash was found at one of the searched residences.

Parker said one individual arrested had marijuana in his possession.

"They all seemed surprised the bust was going down," said Parker. "We appreciate the newspaper keeping word of the grand jury meeting quiet until this all came together."

Sheriff Darren Jackson was quick to praise the cooperation of all the law enforcement agencies in the undercover operation and the arrests.

"I appreciate the hard work of everyone," said Jackson.

Those arrested Thursday were:

-Alvin Leonard (Smokey) Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th St., on four counts of delivery of cocaine, and one count of delivery of methamphetamine.

-Danisha Venita Ollison, 23, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1, four counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Darrell Eugene Hutcherson, 26, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Perry Ludon Greathouse, 30, 2607 Ave. I, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Marlon Christopher Garrett, 30, 201 26th St., three counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Colby Shawn Ward, 18, 2811 Ave. X, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Debbie Faye Broom, 39, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 1A7, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Leo Jackson Jr., 48, 511 35th St., two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Terry Lynn Arnold, 47, 5863 W. Hwy. 180, one count of delivery of heroin.

-Welton Cobb, 44, 1201 29th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Michael Todd Jones, 41, 209 35th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Lisa Elayne Jones, 43, 209 35th St., one count of possession of marijuana.

-Amanda Villa, 25, 802 29th St., one count of possession of cocaine.

-Olga Jasso Rodriquez, 24, 317 30th St., one count of delivery of marijuana.

-Lonnie Aundre Thompson, 23, 3904 Eastridge, one count of delivery of marijuana and one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Bobby Garza, 29, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B11, engaging in organized criminal activity.

-Twana Lashon Pounds, 25, 603 29th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Lisa Kaye Villa, 33, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2C7, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Eddie Jene Moore, 47, 2705 Ave. Y, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Linda Herminia Rodriguez, 37, 610 33rd St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Robert Longoria Rodriquez, 37, 500 31st St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Thomas Davis, 58, 3789 Ave. V, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Candelario Martinez, 38, 605 30th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Rosa Martinez Villa, 45, 605 30th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Adrian Jermaine Sneed, 24, 3307 Ave. M, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Kim Khoury Davis, 44, possession of marijuana.

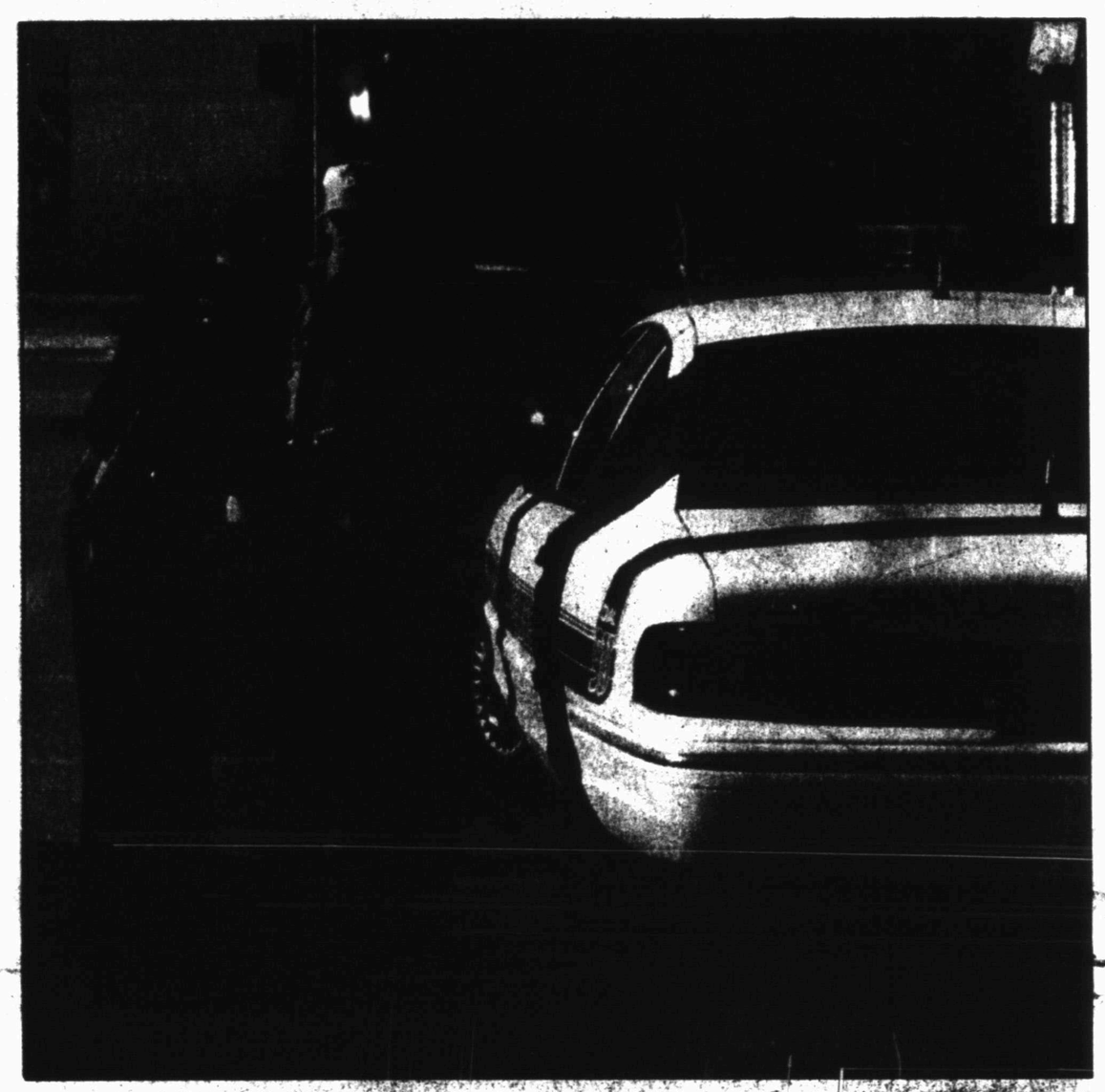
All but three of the above were charged with the crimes in a drug free zone. A drug-free zone is 300 feet away from churches, schools or playgrounds.

Arrested Friday morning was Mary Francis Thompson, 46, of 2843 Church Ave. on one count of delivery of cocaine.

As of mid-morning Friday, all but Alvin Ollison, Hutcherson, Jackson, Garza and Sneed had posted bond and had been released from jail.

Two people indicted by the grand jury on Wednesday have not been arrested. These are Kevin Wayne Ward, 30, of 2811 Ave. X on two counts of delivery of cocaine, and Tony Eugene Cobb, 41, 3207 Ave. K, possession of marijuana.

Sheriff Jackson said if anyone knows the whereabouts of these individuals, to call the dispatcher's office at 573-3551.



ONE OF MANY — Snyder police officer Jason McMillan and Scurry County deputy Kevin Roemisch places Adrian Sneed into a vehicle following his arrest Thursday on two counts of delivery of cocaine. In all, 26 people were arrested in the drug bust. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's about time to listen for the jingle of those sleigh bells."

Thursday, while Snyder shoppers were out gathering up those last minute gift items, there was another kind of gathering up underway.

In a cooperative effort of all local police agencies, law enforcement personnel were giving Snyder and Scurry County a unique Christmas present.

A special session of the Scurry County grand jury on Wednesday had returned 46 sealed indictments, and arrests warrants were being served against 29 individuals.

After a six-month probe, it's good to know that illegal drugs will be reduced here – even if only temporarily.

The sheriff's department, police department, DPS, Texas Ranger and regional drug task force are to be commended for their efforts.

Now, the determination of guilt of these charges will be up to the courts.

Another good holiday gift was the arrival of sufficient flu vaccine for local residents. National health authorities are predicting a rough flu season, and we hope all can avoid that. That would be a nifty Christmas gift.

Almost perfect...

Snyder's **Jeff Smith** was honored by the American Bowling Congress for his recent score in league play at Snyder Lanes.

Smith bowled a 298 game and a three-game series of 761. The fete earned a rare "298" ring.

Those **SHS sophomores** got after it.

The sophomore class won the contest between classes for collecting food and raising funds for the Goodfellows.

Even though the 10th graders won, all classes helped make it a Merry Christmas for the less fortunate.

There won't be any district hardwood action until next year, but local hoops fans have good reason to be optimistic and excited.

Coach **Sam Tipton's Lady Tigers** are undefeated in District 4-4A action, and one of those was a rare Snyder victory over state-ranked Levelland.

Snyder resumes league play Jan. 2 in Plainview where the Lady Bulldogs are also 3-0.

Meanwhile, Coach Bud Birks and the SHS Tigers are 1-0 in conference action after league-opening victory over Big Spring last Tuesday. The Tigers will also be in Plainview on Jan. 2 where the Bulldogs also are 1-0.

Have a good holiday weekend!

West Texan Rick Perry sworn in as State of Texas governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers, state officials and Texas residents packed the Senate chamber Thursday morning as President-elect George W. Bush resigned as the state's governor.

Hours later, they filed back into the chamber to watch as Rick Perry was sworn in as the state's 47th governor in a formal ceremony complete with an honor guard inside and a 21-gun salute outside.

Lawmakers praised Bush as a governor who had crossed party lines to improve Texas and Perry for his experience, saying he will be the "most prepared governor" to take office.

"It's one of those happy-sad days," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

Sad, he said, because Texas will lose Perry as lieutenant governor and Bush as governor, but happy because Perry will become governor and Bush will become the president.

"We are going to miss him. I am just not sure if we know just how much," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant.

Bush, too, seemed a little sad when he resigned.

Choking back tears as he bade farewell, Bush said the mansion that he and his wife have occupied for six years "won't be our home, but Texas always will be." He then turned and hugged Perry.

"I have always known that he loved Texas," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio. "That was one of his attributes."

In his speech, Bush said he was proud of what he and lawmakers had accomplished and that he would remember the relationship he had forged with both Republicans and Democrats.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, lauded Bush for working well with Democrats and pushing for education improvements. He added that Bush still could set his record straight regarding a hate crimes bill that he did not support during the 1999 legislative session.

"In the area of hate crimes, he did not fare well there at all, and I hope that as president of United States, that he sets the tone in terms of dealing with hate crimes from a federal standpoint," West said.



GOVERNOR PERRY — Rick Perry waves to the crowd after being sworn in as Texas governor Thursday afternoon. In the background is former governor George W. Bush. (AP Photo)

Teen wreck victim remains in critical condition in Lubbock

A 15-year-old Ira ninth grader remains in critical condition in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care unit following a one-vehicle accident Wednesday night west of Snyder on County Road 362.

Stephan Kirk of 1284 CR 241, was airlifted from Snyder to the Lubbock hospital following the accident that was reported to authorities at 10:23 p.m.

Randall Rich, 15, and a Snyder High School sophomore, was also airlifted to the Lubbock hospital. His condition was listed as stable this morning.

Admitted to Cogdell following the accident were two other 15-year-olds.

These are Stafford Gray, a Snyder High School sophomore whose address is listed as Box 322, and April Lollar, an Ira freshman who resides at 3305 Evans St. Both were dismissed Thursday.

DPS trooper Rick Campos said Thursday that the accident is still under investigation.

Campos said Gray was the driver of a 2000 Isuza Rodeo, registered to David Cotton, that was traveling west when the vehicle's left front struck a guardrail then flipped into the air, striking a utility pole.

ASK US

Q—Will the city be recycling Christmas trees again this year?

A—Yes. Citizens are asked to leave live trees only with no decorations in the vacant lot on 30th Street east of the Varsity Square Shopping Center.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 44 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Friday, 25; no precipitation; total for 2000, 21.25 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, breezy, low near 30, S wind 15-25 mph. Saturday, sunny, high upper 50s, SW wind 10-20 mph, partly cloudy, low mid 20s.

Megan Thompson
Sunny

Sunset:
5:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.

Of 356 days in 2000, the sun has shone 349 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.

—Samuel Goldwyn

Central Awards

Positive Action Super Kids

Pre-kindergarten: Nayley Cabrera.

Kindergarten: Maylayna Silva, Sonya Cabrera.

First grade: Enrique Campos, Harley Collins, Yesennia Cabrera.

Third grade: Sami Dee Barrera, Micayla Redman, Jathan Williams, Brodie Calley, Martha Cabrera, Tayla Wesson, Jessica West, Kyra Lara, Daisy Garcia, Taylor Tyrrell.

Most Improved Award

Kindergarten: Margrett Thurman, Mario Garcia.

First grade: Khari Powell, Daniella Vasquez, Bernice Soberon.

Third grade: Andie Martinez, Juan Estrada, Steven Carey, Evian Olvera, Gabby Arredondo, Amanda Browning, Allen Merhafshan, Jessica Steelman, Jose Aguirre, Daniel Escobedo.

Students were also recognized for their Accelerated Reader points.

Court throws out conviction

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The state Supreme Court threw out the murder conviction of a drunken driver Thursday, ruling that North Carolina's felony-murder law can't be applied in such cases.

Thomas R. Jones' case was believed to be the first in the nation in which prosecutors sought the death penalty in a driving-while-impaired case. Prosecutors won murder convictions in similar trials in Washington state in 1996 and California in 1995, but declined to seek the death penalty.

A jury sentenced Jones to life in prison in 1997 after he was convicted of killing two Wake Forest University students and injuring two other. He admitted taking pain killers and drinking beer, and was over the legal blood-alcohol limit at the time.

In seeking a first-degree murder conviction and the death penalty, Forsyth County prosecutors invoked the state's felony-murder rule. Under the law, anyone who kills while committing a separate dangerous felony can be prosecuted for first-degree murder, even if the person did not intend to kill.

Prosecutors contended that Jones used his car to assault the two students who survived, creating a separate felony to justify the murder charge.

SHS loses close 'Challenge' match

It was a very close match, but when the final bell sounded Snyder High School's KTXS Academic Challenge team lost to Abilene High School's team by 10 points.

Snyder's team consisted of senior Ryan Gibson, who served as captain; senior Kyle McClendon and two freshmen, Josh Kemp and Austin McCormack. Senior Lyndell Lee was the alternate. Lee competed in McCormack's place because McCormack's knee surgery had been rescheduled for the day of SHS' challenge.

"Lyndell did a fine job," co-coach Lynda McCormack said. "He was a great asset to the team."

Shad Nachlinger who also sponsored the team said, "This is a great group. They worked hard, did very well and had fun. I'm very proud of them."

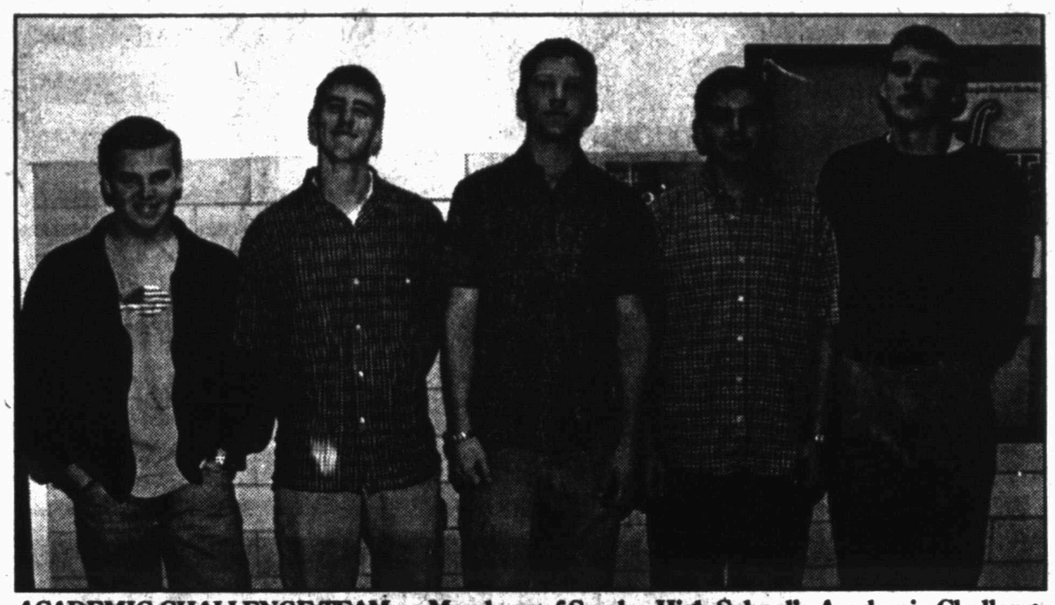
The SHS team received $50 to be donated to the school library for the purchase of books.

The match will be broadcast on KTXS Channel 12 at 6 p.m. Saturday.

McCormack said the categories covered in the Academic Challenge are pretty broad and students have to be prepared for a variety of questions.

The beginning round is worth 10 points and consists of toss up questions. The bonus round features bonus questions and the students who correctly answers the toss up question can choose what category the next question will come from. The team is allowed to confer and the captain gives the answer.

Snyder's team formed in late August and met every Wednesday during lunch. Nachlinger and McCormack used games, current event questions, geography books, history books, math books, and literature books to prepare the team.



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM — Members of Snyder High School's Academic Challenge Team, from left, are Austin McCormack, Kyle McClendon, Ryan Gibson, captain; Josh Kemp and Lyndell Lee, alternate. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CLOSE MATCH — Snyder High School's KTXS Academic Challenge team lost a close match to the Abilene High School team. SHS students (top row) are from left Kyle McClendon, Ryan Gibson, Josh Kemp and Lyndell Lee. Lee substituted for Austin McCormack who had knee surgery that day. Wayne McCormick served as moderator. (Contributed Photo)

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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

3-2-4

One man dies in failed rescue attempt

BETHEL, Pa. (AP) — A man dived into a backyard pond to save his 10-year-old brother, but both died in the freezing, murky water.

Jay Paul Oberholtzer, 19, died at Hershey Medical Center late Thursday after being removed from the pond.

Scuba divers used infrared equipment to locate 10-year-old Timothy Oberholtzer, who fell through the ice about 4:30 p.m., state police said. The child was flown to the hospital, where he later died.

Timothy and his 6-year-old brother, Jonathan, had ventured onto the ice in their backyard pond to see if it was safe to skate, police said. They were on their way back from crossing the pond when Timothy fell through the ice. Jonathan was not hurt.

Their father, Clinton Oberholtzer, 42, went into the frigid water after Timothy. He became stuck but was rescued, police said.

Jay Oberholtzer then made his unsuccessful attempt to save Timothy.

Rescuers in boats used poles to search for Timothy, and divers searched underwater. The pond, which has a maximum depth of about 12 feet, is in a rural area about 35 miles northeast of Harrisburg.

Shortly after 7:30 p.m., rescuers pulled Timothy from the pond.

"The conditions down there — zero. There was no visibility down there," diver Mike Margavage said as he began pulling off his scuba gear.

Neighbors said the Oberholtzer family operates a greenhouse business. The boys are home-schooled by their Mennonite parents, said neighbor Mark Rissler, 15.

"They're just really great people even though they're withdrawn," Rissler said.

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A burned finger should be immersed in cold water for at least seveal minutes. Cold water will both east the pain and help prevent scarring. The use of ice should be avoided.

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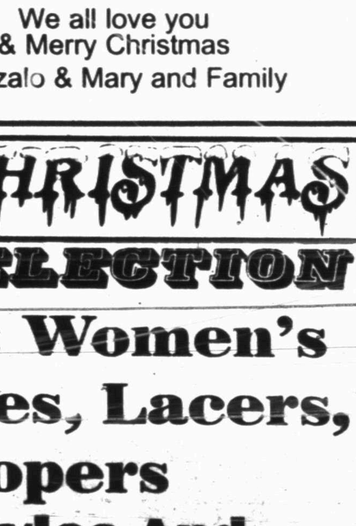
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Berry's World



Haines and Haire are nominated for military slots

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) has announced that 24 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas – two from Snyder - have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies.

Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 2001.

SHS seniors are on the list. Jesse Haines was on the Naval and Air Force list while Austin Haire was nominated to the Naval and Military.

Eighteen young men and women were nominated for two appointments slots at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, 11 for two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and twelve for two slots at the Military Academy at West, N.Y.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," Stenholm said. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult.

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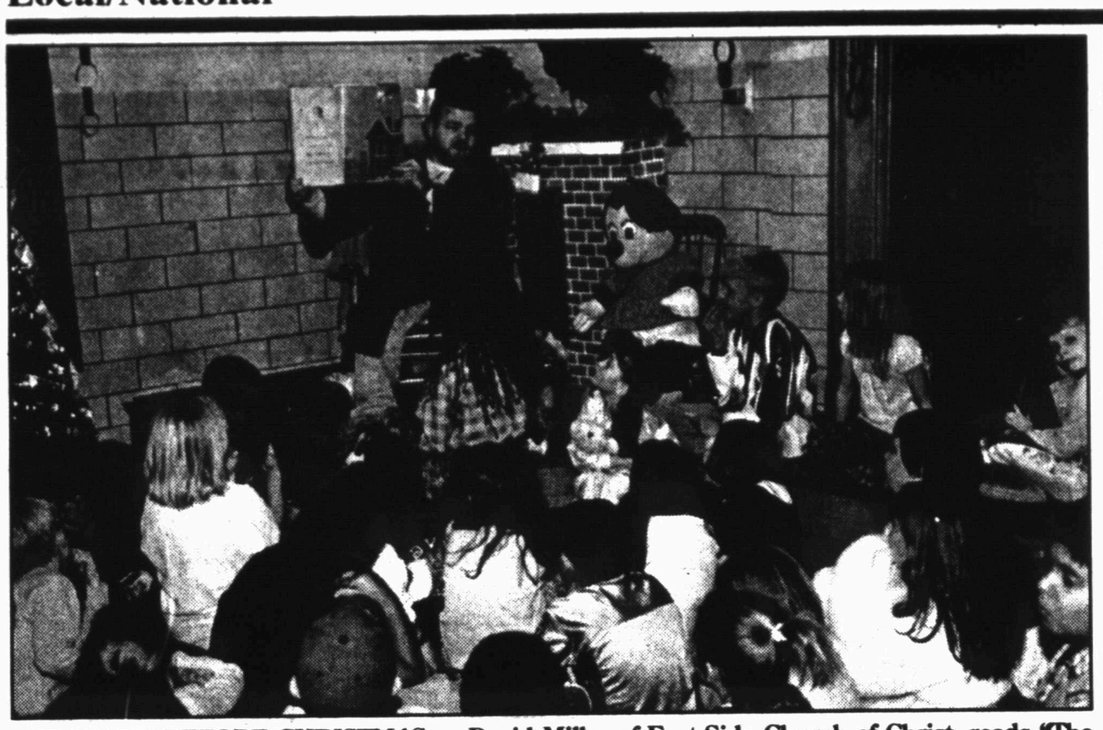
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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — David Miller of East Side Church of Christ, reads "The Night Before Christmas" to Stanfield Elementary students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



Golden Globe nominations are very diverse this year

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Director Ridley Scott does not buy the notion that 2000 was a meager year for quality films.

Scott, whose Roman epic "Gladiator" received five Golden Globe nominations Thursday, said he sees tough competition as Hollywood enters awards season.

"I think there's been a bit of muttering and discussion about the number of good movies being thin," Scott said. "I look at what I'm up against, and I think it's quite a good lineup."

For best dramatic picture, "Gladiator" is up against the small-budget British dance flick "Billy Elliot," the sprawling family saga "Sunshine," the offbeat comic drama "Wonder Boys," and two movies directed by Steven Soderbergh, the hit "Erin Brockovich" and the drug-war tale "Traffic."

"Frankly, I like all these movies," said Scott, nominated for best director.

"Traffic" also had five nominations, while four other movies had four nods apiece. Soderbergh received best-director nominations for both "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic."

Chosen by the roughly 90 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Golden Globes often are a weather vane for Academy Award nominations in February. But Thursday's nominations failed to provide indications on an Oscar front-runner.

Ang Lee, another best-director nominee for the martial-arts epic "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," said the caliber of big-studio films may have been disappointing in 2000. But he added that the year produced many provocative independent features.

"Judging films is such an individual thing," Lee said. "I think the big movies get more ink, but the smaller films to me personally are not any less interesting. If the big studios didn't show enough creativity, I think it's fair to say the independents did."

Lower-budgeted independent movies dominated some Golden Globe categories, notably for best dramatic actress, where the only big-studio nominee was Julia Roberts for "Erin Brockovich."

"Gladiator," "Erin Brockovich," "Wonder Boys" and other early-year releases did well at the nominations, running counter to the Hollywood convention that films have their best shot at awards if they hit theaters late in the year.

Tracey Ullman was nominated for best actress in a musical or comedy for Woody Allen's "Small Time Crooks," another film released early in the year. Comedy performances tend to get overlooked at the Oscars, but actors in Allen films have a strong history at the Academy Awards.

"Woody has a great reputation for females getting nominated for his movies," Ullman said. "Whether I do or not, I can't say."

The best musical or comedy movie nominees were rock 'n' roll memoir "Almost Famous," dog-show spoof "Best in Show," clay-animated feature "Chicken Run," French provincial romance "Chocolat," and the Coen brothers' eccentric take on "The Odyssey," "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

The Golden Globes will be awarded Jan. 21.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl wants to date younger boy but fears what others may say

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen-age girl, and there is this guy at my school. He asked me out on a date. I don't know what to say. I really want to go, but I'm afraid that my friends and others will make fun of us because he's a year younger than me.

And there is one more problem: He is my best friend's brother. I'm not sure — but I "kinda know" — how she's going to take it. But what should I do about my friends? I know my best friend is going to take it well, but I don't know how my other friends are going to take it.

So what should I do? Signed ... **ONE OF YOUR FANS (MANDY)**

P.S. I read your column every time it's in the paper.

DEAR MANDY: You must decide what's more important to you, pleasing yourself or pleasing your other friends. If the choice were mine and I was teased because I went out with someone a year younger, I would reply, "Well, I LIKE him, and I think he's very cute." There are times you have to stand up for what you believe in.

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DEAR ABBY: After five years of marriage, I find myself in the middle of divorce proceedings. I'll spare you the gory details, but suffice it to say that my wife left me for a co-worker. Luckily there are no children involved, so other than the emotional pain, the process is primarily financial at this point.

As part of the proposed settlement, I am responsible for returning the personal effects she left behind when she abandoned our home. Most items are easy to deal with, such as clothing, shoes, etc. However, other things are causing a dilemma for me. These are the items that have a connection with our marriage. In particular, I'm troubled by what to do with our wedding album.

In one sense it represents a part of my life and my family history, even though it's been painful. On the other hand, the album is a reminder of the failure of our marriage and the promises that we made to each other. Its financial value is virtually nil, and she has not explicitly requested its return. I want to do the right thing, but not at the expense of my own well-being.

Abby, can you please offer your thoughts on how to deal with this while still remaining a gentleman? **— FEELING TORN IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR FEELING TORN: With pleasure. If you want the album, keep it. Your (almost) former wife can order copies from the photographer who took the pictures.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law baby-sits my 2-year-old son once a week. She is a chain-smoker, smoking one cigarette after another while our son is there. When he returns home, he is saturated in smoke, and I have to bathe him immediately and wash his clothes. He has complained twice that his eyes hurt. For obvious reasons, I do not want him around all that smoke.

Unfortunately, in my husband's eyes, his mother can do no wrong. Abby, is there anything I can do? **— HATES TOBACCO IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR HATES TOBACCO: Talk to your son's pediatrician and ask him to schedule an appointment that includes your husband.

Secondhand smoke IS dangerous for babies and small children, and your husband should be made aware of the risk that his son is facing at the home of his chain-smoking — and obviously addicted — grandmother.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO EDWARD JAY: Happy birthday, son. Your father and I are so very proud of you.

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Date Book

Friday, Dec. 22, 2000

Today is the 357th day of 2000 and the second day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1877, the American Bicycling Journal was first published. It was the first bicycling magazine published in the United States.

On this day in 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Gen. Chiang Kai-Chek came to an agreement in Cairo on measures to be taken to defeat Japan.

On this day in 1960, sailors and helicopter pilots of the USS Valley Forge rescued 27 men from the oil tanker SS Pine Ridge as it broke up in heavy seas off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), composer; Connie Mack (1862-1956), baseball player-manager; Edward Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet; Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson (1912-), U.S. first lady, is 88; James Wright Jr. (1922-), congressman, is 78; Steve Carlton (1944-) baseball great, is 56; Diane Sawyer (1945-), broadcast journalist, is 55; Maurice and Robin Gibb (1949-), singers, are 51; Jan Stephenson (1951-), golfer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Kansas City wide receiver Stephone Paige caught passes for 309 yards in a single game, an NFL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A politician ought to be born a foundling and remain a bachelor." — Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 17) and new moon (Dec. 25).

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Man killed after wounding two officers

SOUTH RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A gunman ran through a residential neighborhood firing a shotgun Thursday, grazing two bystanders and wounding two officers before he was shot and killed by police.

Edward Abrams, 31, had become angry after an argument with his mother, with whom he lived, police said.

Neighbors said the shooting spree lasted two or three minutes, and that several homes had their windows shot out.

One neighbor, Monika Dziedzic, 51, said she heard "more shots than you can count on two hands ... One after the other. Sometimes rapidly, then a moment of quiet, and then it started again."

Middlesex County Prosecutor Glenn Berman said one of Abrams' shots grazed a motorist and another went through a window and grazed a woman's neck. Both of the victims were treated and released from hospital.

He said Police Chief Wesley J. Bomba, 56, and Lt. John Bouthillette, 39, had responded to a 911 call and were shot by Abrams when they arrived on the scene. Both were in critical but stable condition following surgery and were expected to recover.

Abrams was shot and killed by another officer who chased him into a parking lot.

Abrams' next-door neighbor Elzio Ciuffardi said the alleged gunman had kept mostly to himself.

"He was very cold, a dry type of person," Ciuffardi said. "He was not a happy guy. The one thing he liked to do was go fishing."



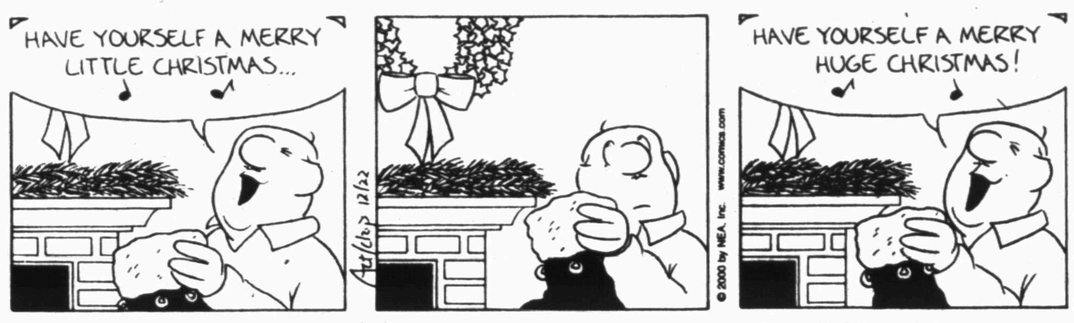
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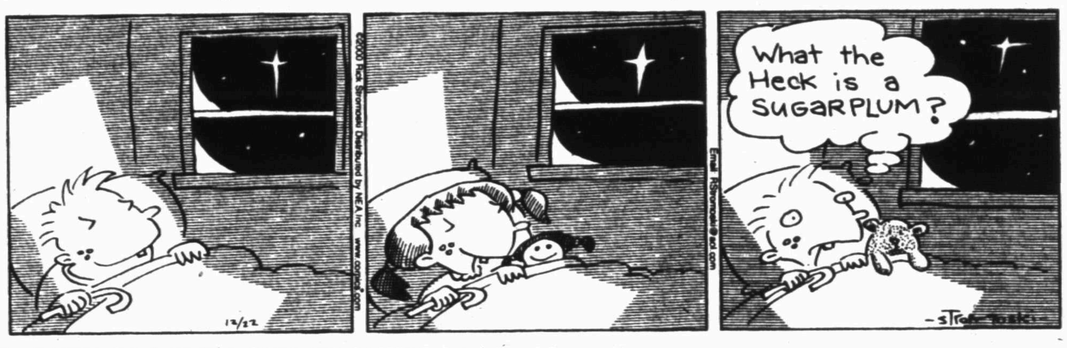
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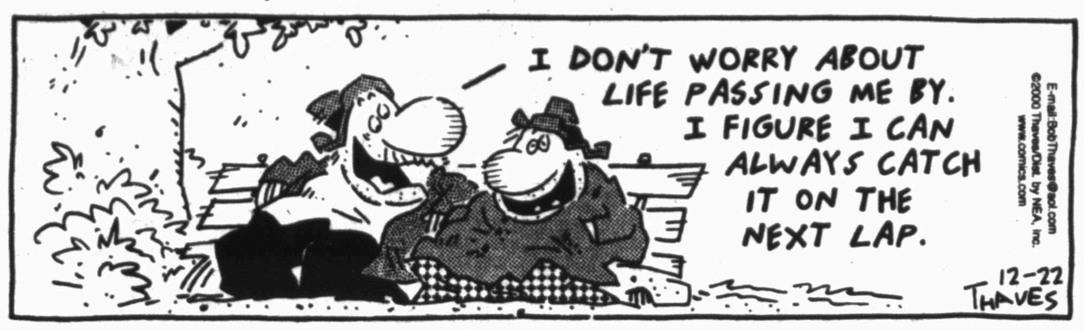
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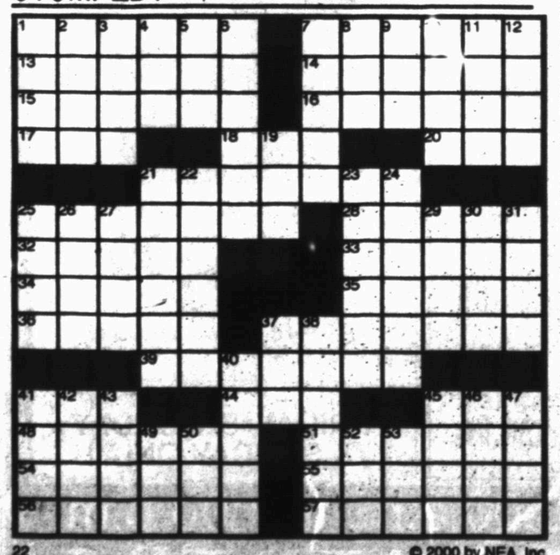
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SPORTS

Ira hoop squads fall short against Jayton

JAYTON — The Ira Bulldogs have had a difficult time producing points this season. When shooting woes struck the Bulldogs again on Thursday, the Jayton Jaybirds made the most of it.

Jayton raced to a 22-8 lead in the opening quarter, then held on for a 67-49 victory over Ira in non-district boys' basketball action at the Jaybird Gymnasium. The Ira girls also fell to Jayton, 47-33.

In the boys' match-up, Ira (4-7) recovered from the initial scoring skid to post 14 points in the second quarter and 27 more in the second half.

Jayton (10-3) opened the contest with a 15-0 run, but couldn't maintain its scoring pace. The Bulldogs limited the Jaybirds to only 12 points in the second quarter and were outscored by only five points over the final 16 minutes.

"We had a horrible first quarter, and we've done that a lot this year," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "The kids picked up the intensity level after that, and started being more patient on the offensive end. That's what we want to do, but we need to do it for all four quarters.

"We felt like we probably played some of our best basketball of the season in the second half. We're going to try to build on that and keep improving each time out."

Junior Nathan Smith poured in 17 points to pace the Bulldogs, while sophomore Eric Dickerhoff tallied 10.

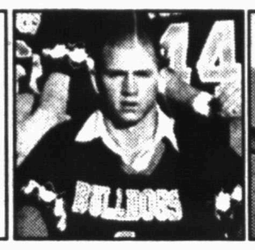
Seth Sterling drained nine points. Bryce Wilkins netted five, and Cade Tucker dropped in four. Todd Wall and Jeff Fine chipped in two points apiece.

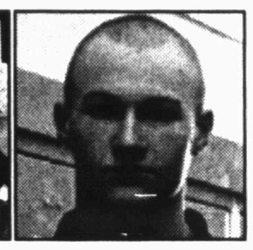
In the girls' tilt, Jayton opened up a four-point lead in the first quarter, then steadily stretched the margin throughout the night.

Morgan Clements' 14 points led the Lady Bulldogs' effort. Michelle Nettles accounted for 11 points, and Kristen Harless finished with eight.

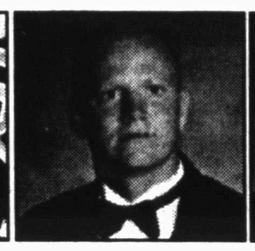
Both Ira squads will be in action again Thursday at the Jayton tournament.

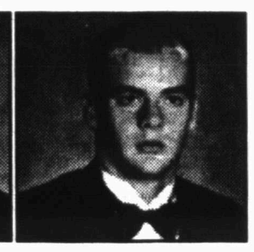

Nathan Smith

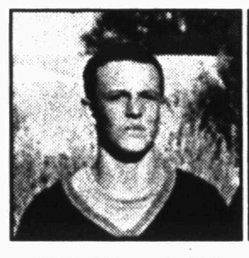

Jeremy Bowden

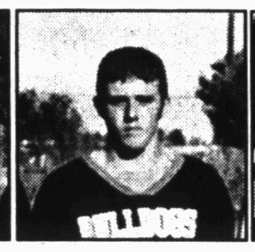

Bryce Wilkins

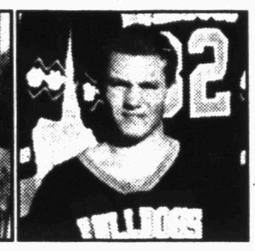

Jerry Jamison


David Digby


Chris McClure


Eric Dickerhoff


Cade Tucker


Tyler Frey

Area players receive six-man grid honors

Despite competing in District 6 alongside state runner-up Highland, nine local players were named to the six-man all-district team, with four more receiving honorable mention.

A pair of Ira running backs garnered first-team offensive honors, after leading the Bulldogs to their first playoff appearance in 10 years.

Junior Nathan Smith and senior Jeremy Bowden shouldered the majority of Ira's offensive load this past season, combining for close to 300 rushing yards in half of the Bulldogs' games.

Smith was also named first-team linebacker, and was joined on the first-team defensive unit by teammates Bryce Wilkins at end, and punter Jerry Jamison.

Smith's defensive efforts also earned him first-team all-region honors, while Wilkins and Jamison were second-team all-region selections.

The district's second-team offensive squad included running back David Digby and spread back Chris McClure, both of Hermleigh, and Ira's Eric Dickerhoff at tight quarterback.

Jamison was voted second-team kicker, while Ira's Cade Tucker (center) and Tyler Frey (end) also made the squad.

Digby, a two-way starter for Hermleigh, was also named to the second-team defensive unit at linebacker. Joining Digby were Tucker and Frey at the ends, and Dickerhoff at safety.

Honorable mention recipients for Hermleigh were receiver Billy Lambaren and cornerback Chris Bilberry.

Receiving honorable from Ira were Wilkins and Seth Sterling at receiver, Jamison at running back, and cornerback Todd Wall.

Bryant's 45 points lead Lakers past Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — With Kobe Bryant hitting shots from all angles, a Hack-a-Shaq strategy seemed like the Houston Rockets' only chance against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The plan nearly worked as Shaquille O'Neal missed 15 of 22 free throws, but he hit just enough of them at the end to help the Lakers pull out a 99-94 victory Thursday night.

Bryant scored 45 points on 20-of-26 shooting from the field, and O'Neal added 25 points and 12 rebounds.

O'Neal, who entered the game hitting only 38 percent from the line, missed nine of his first-10 in the first three quarters, but he was 6-of-12 the final period as the Rockets repeatedly sent him to the line.

"I'm not really sure how well their strategy of fouling Shaquille worked," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "That's when we got control of the game, so I don't know if the strategy backfired or not."

The Rockets took a 90-89 lead with 4:21 to go, then went to the Hack-a-Shaq strategy. O'Neal went 1-of-2 to tie it with 3:19 to play and repeated that for a 91-90 lead with 2:52 left.

He again went 1-of-2 with 2:26 to play for a 92-90 lead. Bryant's jumper with 1:35 remaining stretched the lead to 94-90.

Hakeem Olajuwon tipped in a basket with 1:10 left to close it to 94-92, but O'Neal again was 1-of-2 for a 95-92 lead with 52 seconds remaining. Bryant finished it with two more baskets.

"I thought it backfired on them," O'Neal said. "I hit the ones I needed to hit. Other teams are going to do that to me and it's up to me to step up and hit them. I've got to keep the faith and just keep shooting."

Bryant had words of encouragement for O'Neal late in the game.

"I just told him to take his time and knock them down," Bryant said. "His shot had been there all night. They had just rimmed out on him. But I don't want to talk about it too much because then it becomes a mental thing."

The Rockets didn't want to talk much about it either.

"I don't know if it worked," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "But when you look at the way they were shooting from the field (54.9 percent) compared to their free-throw shooting, maybe we should have fouled him more."

Jackson knew it wasn't O'Neal's best game.

"I think it was a very frustrating night for him," Jackson said. "He obviously struggled at the line early, but he did make those ones at the end. To be honest, it was Shaquille and Kobe all the way through for us."

Ex-Titans set to face old team

IRVING (AP) — Jackie Harris, Joe Bowden and Barron Wortham ended last season as starters in the Super Bowl for the Tennessee Titans.

This season, the tight end and two linebackers end a frustrating first year with Dallas (5-10) in a Christmas night game against their former team, which has the NFL's best record and is again going to the playoffs.

"It is quite a different position," Bowden said. "It's been tough."

While the Titans (12-3) are headed to the postseason with a chance for another Super Bowl appearance, Bowden, Harris and Wortham will only be able to watch after playing their season finale Monday night.

"They have had a tremendous year and built on last year. I'll be keeping up with the guys I know, but will watch the playoffs with mixed emotions," Harris said. "It's been disappointing, but we've had so many things happen to this team."

Dallas has lost six of its last eight games and could finish with its worst record since 1-15 in 1989, the first season Jerry Jones owned the team. The best the Cowboys can do is equal the 6-10 mark of 1997, coach Barry Switzer's final season.

While disappointed with the outcome of their first season in Dallas, the trio of former Titans say they're not unhappy being with the Cowboys.

"There are not mixed emotions about returning, even looking at our record compared to theirs. I'm happy here, even if our record hasn't panned out the way we had hoped," Wortham said.

"I'm excited for them. I know those guys. I know it's an exciting thing for them," Harris said. "I still think this would be the most exciting place to win a Super Bowl."

Harris said he's always been a Cowboys fan. When the Titans were slow giving him a contract offer for this season, he couldn't resist when Jones called.

With five touchdown catches this season, Harris has set a career high in his 11th NFL season. He is fourth in the NFC among tight ends with 37 catches, and also has 297 yards receiving.

By signing as free agents with Dallas after Tennessee signed free agent linebacker Randall Godfrey from the Cowboys last off-season, Bowden and Wortham both got closer to their homes in north Texas. Wortham is from Fort Worth and Bowden went to high school in Mesquite, a suburb of Dallas.

Even though he didn't start four games this season, Wortham is fifth on the team with 91 tackles and is tied for the team lead with six tackles for losses. Bowden has 41 tackles.

Harris is signed through 2003, but the futures of Bowden and Wortham in Dallas are less certain. Wortham's contract is only through this season, his seventh in the NFL, and the Cowboys are likely to void the second year of Bowden's contract by March to avoid giving him a $2 million bonus.

Tech edges Oral Roberts

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Jamal Brown scored 19 points, including 15 in the final 15 minutes, to help Texas Tech rally for a 100-98 overtime victory over Oral Roberts on Thursday night.

After missing a last-second shot at the end of regulation, Brown sank two treys during the extra period. His first overtime 3-pointer tied the game 92-92. Andy Ellis' basket and another 3-pointer by Brown gave the Red Raiders a 97-92 lead with 2:05 remaining.

Chris Cameron made a trey and all three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt, cutting Texas Tech's lead to 99-98. ORU had a chance to win it, but Evan Black missed a 3-pointer with four seconds left. Mikey Marshall's free throw with one-tenth of a second remaining provided the final margin.

Black had made a 3-pointer with 28.9 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 87-87.

Cliff Owens had 22 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Ellis added 19 points for Texas Tech (5-4).

Marcus Shropshire scored 11 points to spark a 25-8 run that gave Texas Tech a 79-77 lead with 3:40 to play in regulation. The Red Raiders made 14 of their final 17 shots from the field.

Josh Atkinson paced ORU (3-7) with a career-high 34 points.

Stanford tops No. 1 Duke

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Casey Jacobsen banked in a jumper with 3.6 seconds left as No. 3 Stanford roared back from an 11-point deficit in the final four minutes to beat top-ranked Duke 84-83 Thursday night at the Pete Newell Challenge.

After being outrun and outplayed all night, Stanford made a frantic 11-1 run and tied it at 79 on Julius Barnes' layup with 1:09 left. Mike Dunleavy's leaner with 51 seconds left gave Duke the lead.

The Blue Devils led 83-82 when Dunleavy was fouled with 14 seconds left, but he missed two free throws to give Stanford one last shot.

Jacobsen, who finished with 26 points, drove the left side of the court and kissed a fallaway shot off the glass.

Duke rushed back down the court, but Jason Williams missed a driving layup.

High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division II Championship
Katy (15-0) vs. Tyler John Tyler (12-3), 12:07 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division II Championship
Ennis (13-2) vs. West Orange-Stark (15-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 3A
Division II Championship
Forney (11-4) vs. La Grange (13-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 2A
Division II Championship
Celina (15-0) vs. Mart (15-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 1A
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	7	.720	—
New York	15	12	.556	4
Miami	13	14	.481	6
Orlando	11	14	.440	7
Boston	11	15	.423	7½
New Jersey	9	17	.346	9½
Washington	5	21	.192	13½
Central Division				
Charlotte	17	9	.654	—
Cleveland	15	8	.652	½
Toronto	14	12	.538	3
Milwaukee	13	12	.520	3½
Indiana	12	14	.462	5
Detroit	11	15	.423	6
Atlanta	7	18	.280	9½
Chicago	3	23	.115	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	8	.692	—
Dallas	18	10	.643	1
San Antonio	16	9	.640	1½
Minnesota	15	11	.577	3
Houston	13	12	.520	4½
Denver	13	13	.500	5
Vancouver	8	17	.320	9½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	17	7	.708	—
L.A. Lakers	19	9	.679	—
Portland	17	9	.654	1
Phoenix	15	9	.625	2
Seattle	14	12	.538	4
L.A. Clippers	9	18	.333	9½
Golden State	7	18	.280	10½

Thursday's Games
Orlando 99, Chicago 88
Milwaukee 80, New Jersey 78
Boston 92, New York 86
L.A. Lakers 99, Houston 94

Friday's Games
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday's Games
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Monday's Games
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Portland at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

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At Las Vegas
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Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5), 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 4 p.m.

Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 1:30 p.m.

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 4 p.m.

Micronpc.com Bowl
At Miami
Minnesota (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 7 p.m.

Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
Iowa State (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m.

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 2 p.m.

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 5 p.m.

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m.

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m.

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m.

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m.

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m.

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m.

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m.

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N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	.600	301	287
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	273	327
New England	5	10	0	.333	252	311
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	315	191
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	299	145
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	287	234
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	342	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	178	343
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	161	419
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	4	0	.733	42.	290
x-Denver	10	5	0	.667	447	360
Kansas City	7	8	0	.467	342	325
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	297	363
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y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	300	221
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
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Dallas	5	10	0	.333	294	330
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	207	423
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	387	340
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	374	252
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	287	284
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	336	309
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	193	335
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	333	279
St. Louis	9	6	0	.600	514	450
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	301	258
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	379	384
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	223	400

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y-clinched division

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Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 12:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
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Sunday's Games
Kansas City at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
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St. Louis at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
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Supreme Court may decide pizza dispute

DALLAS (AP) — A feud between two big pizza chains over television commercials could be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pizza Hut this week asked the high court to overturn a lower court's ruling and stop competitor Papa John's International Inc. from using the slogan, "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza," which Pizza Hut says isn't true.

Dallas-based Pizza Hut, the nation's largest pizza chain, says it has waged a two-year battle against Papa John's to uphold truth-in-advertising.

Papa John's calls the whole spat ridiculous.

"The American public doesn't need the Supreme Court to tell them which pizza they like better," said Papa John's spokeswoman Karen Sherman.

The case might seem like small potatoes to the justices, who only last week issued a ruling that ensured George W. Bush's election as president. But in the pizza business, this is an extra large with all the toppings.

Pizza Hut, the nation's largest pizza chain, sued No. 3 Papa John's in 1998 about the slogan and some commercials that suggested Papa John's used better stuff in its pies.

A jury sided mostly with Pizza Hut, and a federal magistrate ordered Papa John's to stop using the slogan and never again compare its product to Pizza Hut's.

But in September, three judges in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the verdict, ruling that the Papa John's slogan is puffery — an exaggerated advertising claim that didn't deceive consumers by itself.

Robert Millen, Pizza Hut general counsel, said the appellate judges twisted federal false-advertising laws. He said Papa John's own research, admitted during the trial, showed the ads convinced consumers that Papa John's made better pies — meaning the ads weren't just puffery.

"This company's slogan was no more deceptive than Pizza Hut's: "The Best Pizzas Under One Roof."

Pizza Hut's parent company, Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., and Papa John's are both based in Louisville, Ky.

On Thursday, Tricon shares fell $1.75, or 5 percent, to close at $32.19 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-22-00
♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ A 3
♣ K 8 7 5 4

West
♠ A 9 5
♥ 5 3 2
♦ K Q 8 5 2
♣ 9 2

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♠ Q J 10 6
♥ 4
♦ J 10 9 6 4
♣ Q J 10

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

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South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead: ♦ K

You start with nine winners: six hearts, one diamond and two clubs. If East holds the spade ace, you can lead toward your king to generate a 10th trick. Yet, as you know, although that is in theory a 50-50 shot, in a newspaper column there is no chance of its working unless it is your only hope. That club suit looks promising. You can probably set up a long card or two.

So, perhaps you won trick one, drew trumps, and played three rounds of clubs. However, East gets in and switches to the spade queen. Suddenly you lose four tricks: three spades and one club. Would you complain about bad luck, or would you blush?

It should be the latter. You must keep East off the lead. And you do that by ducking trick one. You win West's diamond continuation, discarding a club from your hand. Then, draw one round of trumps (just in case an opponent has two rounded-suit singletons), cash the club ace, play a club to dummy's king, ruff a club high, draw trumps ending in the dummy, and discard two spade losers on the pair of established clubs. You win an overtrick, not an undertrick.

Mark Twain's full statement was: Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.

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It pays to prepare for the worst

By Phillip Alder

Mark Twain wrote, "Man is the only animal that blushes." But what was his next sentence?

Well, few bridge players blush embarrassingly when they go down in a contract they could have made — but they should. This deal is a good example. How would you try to make four hearts after West leads the diamond king?

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	36.38	35.75	36.31	+ .81
AT&T Corp	17.25	16.69	17.19	+ .13
Albertsons	25.31	24.94	24.94	— .50
Alltel	58.81	57.88	57.88	— .13
AmerOnline	39.70	37.80	39.20	+ 1.54
AmEl Pw	46.44	45.38	46.38	
AndarkPtr	64.86	64.00	64.15	— .35
ATMOS Egy	23.88	23.38	23.63	+ .25
Aviall	4.75	4.63	4.75	+ .13
BP Amoco	46.56	46.31	46.44	+ .44
BakerHughes	40.44	39.75	39.88	— .25
Bank of Amer	46.88	45.88	46.69	+ .88
BellSouth	40.31	39.13	39.25	— .88
Beth Steel	1.75	1.63	1.75	+ .06
BurlNoSFe	27.38	26.69	27.31	+ .75
Caterpillar	46.13	44.19	46.06	+ 1.31
Chevron	79.19	78.69	78.75	+ .38
Citigroup s	49.81	48.88	49.81	+ 1.06
Coastal	81.88	81.50	81.63	+ .13
CocaCola	59.00	57.50	57.56	— 1.81
ColgatePal	60.44	59.56	59.60	— 1.23
ComclMetals	22.63	22.44	22.63	+ .19
Cooperin	43.00	41.63	43.00	+ 1.56
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DallSemicn s	23.69	22.75	23.56	+ .44
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Psalm 141:3

Walls closes: Workers' holiday looking dim

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Losing a job anytime of the year is hard, but at Christmas time it's particularly difficult especially with children at home with their heads full of more than sugarplums.

With Walls Industries having closed its doors Wednesday, putting some 87 people out of work, there are many families facing slim budgets and slimmer pickings under the tree this holiday.

Manuel Medrano, a father of six, is one of them.



Manuel Medrano

"It's going to be kind of sad," he said. "With no money and the house payment and monthly bills."

Medrano's wife stays home with the couple's children, who range from 6 to 11-years-old.

He has worked in shipping and receiving at Walls since February 1993, and at this point he is uncertain as to what will be his next move.

"I'm going to try to get my GED, and from there, I will try to go to school and get some kind of training, something that will pay more money."

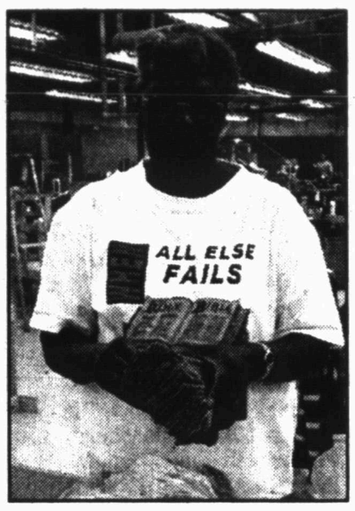
As far as what kind of training, Medrano said he hasn't decided, but with children to feed and clothe, he said he needs the training quickly. His first priority, however, will be attaining his GED.

"Some of the training is good, but it takes too many years to finish."

Western Texas College and representatives from the West Central Texas Workforce Center System have spoken with Walls employees about training opportunities.

Medrano is one of some 70 employees who have indicated a desire to pursue educational opportunities.

Veralyn Cain, who has worked 20 years at the clothing factory, said she will continue to work if she can find another job.



Veralyn Cain

The 54-year-old and her husband, Caiaphas Cain, are caring for three grandchildren. While she said she is not strapped for money, she will work if she can find another job.

"I'm not really pressed. If I didn't work, we could still make it, but with three grandchildren, we can always use the money."

Cain said she hopes to take advantage of the training opportunity, but the downside is finding a job after the training.

"With some of the other classes, in order to find a job, I would have to relocate. I don't want to do that."

That factor has led her to consider correctional officer training.

"Right now I am really thinking about becoming a correctional officer. I talked to my husband and he said, 'Try it. If you don't like it, you can always quit.' He's behind me whatever I do."

Cain said she is going to take a keyboard short class at Western Texas College. "I love messing around with computers, so every time I get a chance [to take a class], I take advantage of it."

Whatever the situation, Cain said she trusts everything will work out fine.

"I'm a firm believer that the Lord will provide. I don't worry about it."

With Christmas just days away, 40-year-old Mary Lou Gutierrez is feeling extra burdens this year.

Both her husband and her sister are in state jail facilities and she is left to care for eight kids at home, four of her own and four of her sisters.

Gutierrez has six children, but the two oldest no longer live at home.

"It's hard on me right now," she said. "I don't make much money. Raising all these kids and paying the bills, it is hard."

She has worked at the clothing factory seven months, sewing leg zippers. She said it was hard enough finding that job. Now her search will begin again.

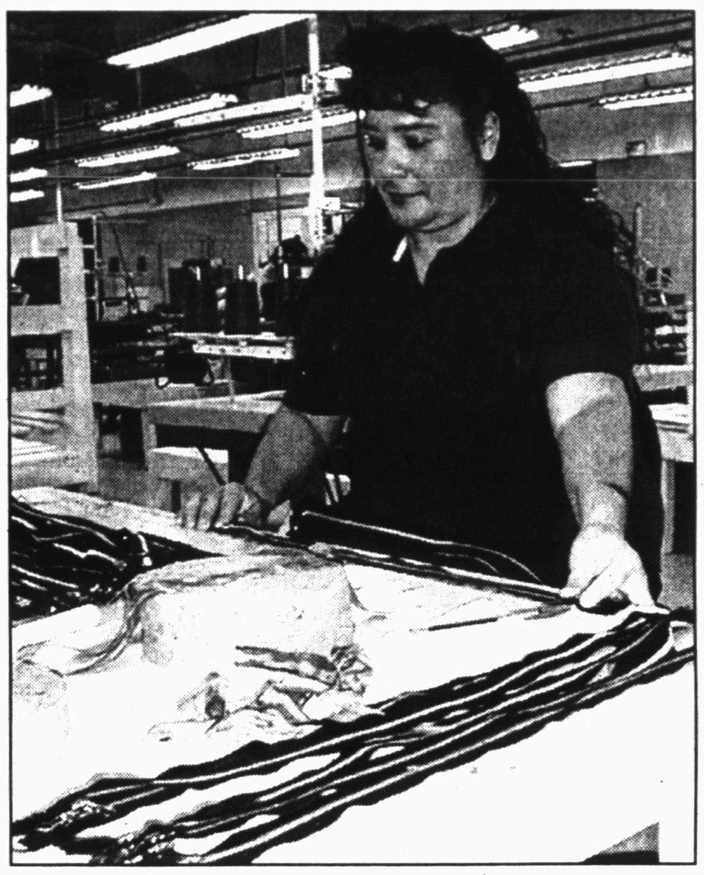
"I will see if I can find another job. It's hard here in Snyder. There is not very much work. I really hope to find another job pretty soon with more money, so I can pay the bills."

Gutierrez, like Medrano, quit school after the seventh grade.

"I didn't go back. I quit and got married when I was 15."

She has given some thought to getting her GED.

"I am thinking about going to school and getting my GED. Without a GED or a diploma, it's hard to get a job."



Mary Lou Guttierez

Gutierrez and Medrano share another common problem — both are unable to give their children all they want for Christmas.

"The kids say, 'It's Christmas and we don't have any presents,'" Gutierrez shared. "It's sure not Christmas for us. With all the kids I got, it's sure hard."

The children who live with her range from her one-year-old nephew to her 17-year-old son.

"It's hard being a parent to all these kids when you are by yourself."

Medrano also feels the pressure of the modern-day commercialized Christmas.

"With the holidays coming, they want this and that. They're kids; they don't understand we don't have any money or it costs too much. It's hard."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000

Creative endeavors in which you utilize your imagination and resourcefulness could be the reason why you'll be luckier than usual in the year ahead. You may build that better mousetrap.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Intuitive hunches or perceptions should not be ignored today, particularly if they involved financial matters. Your insights could give you the edge needed to put you in the profit column. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Knowing how to enlarge upon small opportunities today may be a bit unusual but no mystery to you. You'll simply be acting upon instinctual guidance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) That splendid quality you possess of doing for others without being asked will be very much in evidence today. You'll be emphasizing it more than once.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What makes this such a pleasurable day for those with whom you'll be involved is that you have a knack for showing them how to enjoy both the mundane and the exotic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your objectives in accord with your highest ideals today and your probabilities for success will be considerably enhanced. Do what you believe to be right and all will be right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) That marvelous imagination you possess today can be put to work for you in achieving what has been an elusive endeavor. The secret is to test what you envision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who is quite knowledgeable in an area in which you're not may come to your rescue today in guiding you on a project that calls for this input.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A unique condition that comes into play today because of a trusted friend's intervention could make you the recipient of something quite beneficial. Don't forget to thank your pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A better method you've conceptionalized where your work is concerned should be brought to the attention today of those in charge. Your contribution will be rewarded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in an exceptionally favorable cycle today where your social life is concerned, so take advantage of any opportunity you get to meet new people. A new friendship might be made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make finalizing several important matters you've left dangling your top priority today. This is especially true if they call for creative input, where you'll shine at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't hesitate for a moment to follow through on a compassionate impulse you get today that directs you to do something thoughtful for a person you love. Your spontaneous act will be cherished.

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Gore wins popular vote by 500,000 plus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Gore won the nation's popular vote in the presidential election by more than 500,000 votes, according to official totals made available Thursday to The Associated Press.

An AP survey of all 50 states' final election numbers showed that Democrat Gore led President-elect Bush, the former GOP governor of Texas, by 539,947 votes.

Final numbers show Gore with 50,996,116 votes and Bush with 50,456,169. Bush won the White House by capturing 271 electoral votes, one more than the Constitution requires.

The popular vote total includes all absentee ballots that were counted in the weeks following the Nov. 7 election.

Smoking ban mulled

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Wendy's International Inc. agreed Thursday with a shareholder group to ban smoking at all company-owned restaurants in the United States by March 31.

The company, based Dublin, Ohio, also said in the agreement with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility that it would encourage adoption of a non-smoking policy at franchised restaurants by that date.

AT&T must shed its stake in Time Warner Entertainment

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T failed to comply with conditions attached to its summer cable merger and now must shed its stake in Time Warner Entertainment, federal regulators concluded Thursday.

The decision by the Federal Communications Commission comes after days of back-and-forth between the government and the nation's largest cable company over how AT&T can comply with federal limits on the reach a cable company can have.

Unsatisfied with AT&T's proposal for coming under this cap, the FCC determined that the company would have to get rid of its 25 percent interest in Time Warner Entertainment, a subsidiary that owns most of Time Warner's cable systems. That's unless AT&T can convince regulators it's in the public interest for the company to exercise another option before Jan. 15.

AT&T had hoped to spin off Liberty Media Group, a programming interest, to come into compliance with the federal rules, which limit to 30 percent of the national total the number of satellite and cable subscribers a single company can control. The FCC calculated that the summer acquisition of MediaOne made AT&T serve about 42 percent of the market.

The commission gave AT&T until May to come under its limits, and last Friday was the deadline for the company to tell regulators how it would comply.

Regulators did not react favorably to AT&T's pledge to come into compliance, saying it was not a firm commitment since it was dependent on a tax ruling. The company had said its intention to shed Liberty was contingent on a favorable tax ruling, which it is now seeking.

"Although AT&T has filed a written document that purports to comply with this condition, we conclude that this submission does not satisfy our merger order," the commission said.

The company said it still plans to spin off Liberty and affirmed that it would be in compliance by May with the commission's rules.

"We do not believe (the FCC's) order requires us to take any action different from those that we are already pursuing to comply with the merger order," the company said. "AT&T has already taken significant steps toward compliance, and we will continue to work diligently to meet our May 19 obligation."

Public interest advocate Andrew Jay Schwartzman called the company's comments "outrageous double-talk" that could mislead AT&T shareholders.

The company offered to shed its 25 percent stake in Time Warner Entertainment only if it could not complete its spin-off of Liberty Media.

On Thursday, federal regulators flipped that on its head and determined that AT&T would shed its Time Warner programming stake.

AT&T has been in talks with Time Warner to sell back the 25 percent stake, but so far the talks have produced nothing.

Consumer groups have raised red flags about the overlapping interest AT&T has with Time Warner, the No. 2 cable company, which is soon to merge with America Online. They cheered at the commission decision Thursday.

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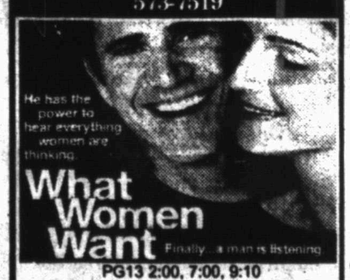
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Progress stalled in peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Palestinian accounts of Mideast peace talks took a sudden downturn Friday as a senior official said Israel had backtracked on Jerusalem proposals and the negotiations were enveloped in crisis.

The Clinton administration steered clear of any assessment and said a decision on sending a U.S. envoy to the region or staging another round of talks was probable when the talks end on Saturday.

And an Israeli diplomat said his delegation reported Thursday night that the sessions were productive.

A Palestinian negotiator said Thursday they were "very close" on Jerusalem's future, and an Israeli official said his side was looking to link that issue to concessions on refugees.

But on Friday, as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright prepared to join the negotiations at Bolling Air Force Base in southeast Washington, a senior Palestinian negotiator said Israel had rolled back on previous offers and described the talks as being in a "crisis."

A source in the Palestinian delegation also said there was a shouting match between the sides Thursday and the Palestinian delegation walked out of the room at one point.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the Palestinian delegation, said Israel had pulled back on an earlier offer on Jerusalem, one of the most contentious issues.

"They gave us positive indications on the issue of Jerusalem, but they went back on it," Rabbo said.

"On some of the ideas they had proposed concerning Jerusalem, the Israelis stepped back, concerning Haram," he said, referring to Haram as-Sharif, the Al Aqsa mosque.

"We are facing a crisis. We are not close on any of the issues," he said before leaving the talks to attend the funeral of a brother.

Here, the senior U.S. official, said the two sides were dealing with difficult issues and they are continuing to work hard. He declined to say how much progress was being made.

The official said a decision was probable this weekend on whether an envoy would go to the region — Albright, national security adviser Sandy Berger or U.S, mediator Dennis B. Ross are among the possibilities — or to hold another round of negotiations in Washington.

Bush nominates Ashcroft for AG

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush nominated defeated Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft to be attorney general on Friday, choosing a conservative Republican who lost his re-election bid to a dead man.

"An effective attorney general must be a person of prudent character and executive ability," Bush said. He also said there must be a commitment to "fair and firm and impartial administration of justice."

"I'm confident I found the correct person in John Ashcroft," he said.

Ashcroft, 58, was a two-term governor of Missouri before he went to the Senate in 1994. Gov. Mel Carnahan challenged him for re-election in one of the feature Senate contests of 2000, but was killed in an airplane crash in October. His name remained on the ballot, and he won. His widow, Jean, was appointed to the Senate seat.

Ashcroft said political defeat "brings more than emotion and pain, it brings perspective." With the appointment, he said, it also brought a call to renewed and noble service.

The senator, a favorite of Republican conservatives who had maneuvered against more moderate choices for the Justice Department, said he would "strive to be a guardian of liberty and equal justice." Ashcroft, an ardent foe of abortion, said the rule of law "knows no class, sees no color and bows to no creed," and that will be his guideline.

"You have my word that I will administer the Department of Justice with integrity, I will advise your administration with integrity and I will enforce the laws ... with integrity," he promised Bush.

At a news conference after the announcement, Bush said of Ashcroft, "This is a person who believes in civil rights for all citizens."

Dealing with White House criticism of his suggestions that there are warning signs of an economic slowdown, Bush said it is foolish for anyone to suggest that he is trying to talk down economic prospects.

Bush said one way to encourage consumption and enhance consumer confidence "would be to let the people have some of their own money back."

"There are clear warning signs, warning signs which will require action in the halls of Congress," Bush said in a push for his $1.3 trillion, 10-year tax cut proposal.

He was asked about his apparent difficulty in finding a secretary of defense. "I would characterize my search as deliberate," he said.

Former Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., long considered a sure-bet to become the Pentagon chief, remains a leading candidate, but Bush has told advisers he needs more time to consider his options. Other candidates include Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Armitage, who both served under Vice President-elect Dick Cheney when he was defense secretary.

Bush said he knows there is a lot of speculation but when he makes up his mind on Cabinet posts, he won't be acting on the basis of politics but on the basis of what is right for the country.

Asked about a moratorium on the federal death penalty, Bush said he supported capital punishment "when it is administered fairly."

Bush, who oversaw a record 40 executions in Texas last year as governor and 152 over the course of six years, said he sees no reason for a moratorium on the death penalty at the federal level.

Electricity rate hikes loom by early January of 2001

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Regulators have voted for rate increases that would affect millions of customers across the state starting next month in an effort meant to rescue two shaky electric companies tangled in a deepening power crisis.

The unanimous action by the Public Utilities Commission on Thursday means that hikes likely would take effect beginning Jan. 4, affecting 10 million customers of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. The level of increase has yet to be determined.

"Retail rates in California must begin to rise," the Public Utilities Commission ordered Thursday. "This is crucial in light of the extraordinarily serious financial difficulties the dysfunctional wholesale markets have imposed on the utilities."

However, the commission promised an independent audit of the utilities' books before ratifying its decision on Jan. 4.

The two privately held utilities have said they were squeezed by deregulation in the state. PG&E and SoCal Edison blame $8 billion in losses since May on soaring wholesale costs and frozen customer rates.

Commission President Loretta Lynch said wholesale electricity costs had increased five-fold over three weeks.

"We are operating on an emergency basis," she said.

Consumer groups balked at the commission's decision, saying it paved the way for a bailout to appease investors.

"This is regulation by Wall Street. The commission has prejudged the case and decided, before any evidence has been presented, that the utilities will be granted a rate increase," said Nettie Hoge, head of the utility watchdog group TURN.

But Dan Richard, of PG&E, said Wall Street's approval was vital to fiscal health.

Obituaries

Hilda Etheredge

1914-2000

ROSCOE – Hilda Matilda Ohlenbusch Etheredge, longtime area resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Funeral for Mrs. Etheredge, 86, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the First Salem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Glenn Dittmer officiating.

Interment will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 2, 1914 in Loraine, she was married to Clifford C. "Pete" Etheredge. He survives.

Mrs. Etheredge was a homemaker and was a life-long resident of Roscoe and a member of the First Salem Lutheran Church.

Survivors also include two sons, Jay Etheredge of Houston and Cliff Etheredge of Wastella; a brother, Albert Ohlenbusch of McGregor; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Regulations introduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — New pollution controls on trucks and protection of coral reefs. Privacy safeguards for medical records and new rules to help victims of black lung disease.

They're all part an avalanche of regulations, rule proposals and executive orders streaming from the White House and government agencies in the final weeks of the Clinton administration.

Experts on government policy say it's not unusual for a flurry of activity in the final weeks before a president leaves office. But rarely have the last-ditch regulatory efforts involved as many issues with potentially far-reaching consequences.

Administration officials acknowledge that the 11th hour blizzard of rules reflects in part a determination by Clinton to fashion a legacy of major initiatives in areas of public health, the environment and worker rights.

But business groups already are preparing for a counterattack, hoping that the incoming Bush administration as well as Congress and the courts will soften some of the new regulations and roll back others.

"What Clinton is trying to do is put the next administration into a regulatory straight jacket," complained Bill Kovacs, vice president for environment and regulatory affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Woman tells police about harassment

• ***Harassment***

A woman contacted police at 8:52 a.m. Thursday to report that her estranged husband was continuing to harass her at work. Officers spoke to the man and advised him again of the complaint.

• ***Forgery***

Officers filed a report at 11:12 a.m. Thursday in reference to someone forging checks on Betty Crabtree's money market account.

• ***Family violence***

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 11:48 a.m. Thursday.

• ***Dogs barking***

At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, a man in the 2100 block of 40th Street made a complaint to officers in reference to dogs in the neighborhood barking.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum notified officers at 4:14 p.m. that a subject had driven off without paying for $16 in fuel.

• ***Accident***

A mishap occurred at 3:35 p.m. Thursday at 25th Street and Avenue Q. Involved was a 1998 Kenworth truck towing a trailer which struck a traffic signal owned by the Texas Department of Transportation. The truck is owned by Royal Hot Shot Service and was driven by John Jay Holcomb, 37, of Durant, Okla.

• ***Arrests***

A 34-year-old woman was arrested at 3:16 a.m. today in the 3600 block of College for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 4:11 a.m. today, officers took a 37-year-old man into custody for Class A assault/family violence.

A charge of public intoxication landed a 35-year-old female in jail at 6:25 a.m. today.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Christmas Party

Snyder Healthcare Center will host the annual Christmas party at 7 tonight. Families are asked to bring a gift for residents and also cookies. Santa will also attend.

Knapp Baptist change

Knapp Baptist Church will have its regular church service at 10 a.m. this Sunday, rather than 11 a.m. Call pastor Leroy Ochoa at 573-6009 for more information.

Christmas Eve candlelight service

The Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold its Christmas Eve service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at 37th St. and El Paso.

First Christian Church services.

The First Christian Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at 2701 37th St.

The Christmas Story

Northside Missionary Baptist Church, 1909 16th St., will present "The Christmas Story" cantata at 11 a.m. Christmas Eve. The 45-minute program will also be signed for the hearing-impaired. For transportation, call 573-7105.

North College Ave. Baptist

North College Ave. Baptist Church will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight and Lord's Supper service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Candlelight service

First Presbyterian Church, 2712 Ave. R, will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Community candlelight service

A community celebration of carols, candlelight and Holy Communion will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at First United Methodist Church, 2700 College Ave.

FBC Christmas Eve services

First Baptist Church will have one worship service Sunday morning, at 10:15. There will be no Bible classes. The Sunday evening candlelight service and Lord's Supper begins at 6 o'clock.

Word Is Life Church

The Word is Life Church will present Keith Longbotham and his niece, Macy Hill, in ministry at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Longbotham travels the nation sharing the messsage of the power of God's love. Hill is a young recording artist. Everyone is invited.

Auditor reception

A retirement reception to honor County Auditor Eddie McHaney will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom on the third floor.

Retirement honor

A retirement reception will be held from 10 until 11:30 a.m. next Friday in the District Courtroom for John Cline who is retiring after 36 years as the court reporter.

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club members will have a Turkey Shoot on Sunday, Dec. 31, from noon until dark at the Canyon Gun Club Range. R.S.V.P. by calling Skip Craig at 573-7750 or 725-7027; or Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

Raw peanuts for sale

The women of The Church of God in Ira are selling raw peanuts for holiday cooking. The cost is $10 for a five-pound bag. To order, call Sheila Alexander at 573-8148, or Juanita Hester at 728-3312.

Retirement reception

A come-and-go retirement reception in honor of Bob Martin, Windham School District deputy superintendent for Region 5, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the region office located on the south side of the Price Daniel unit.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. 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.

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.

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 Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or 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.