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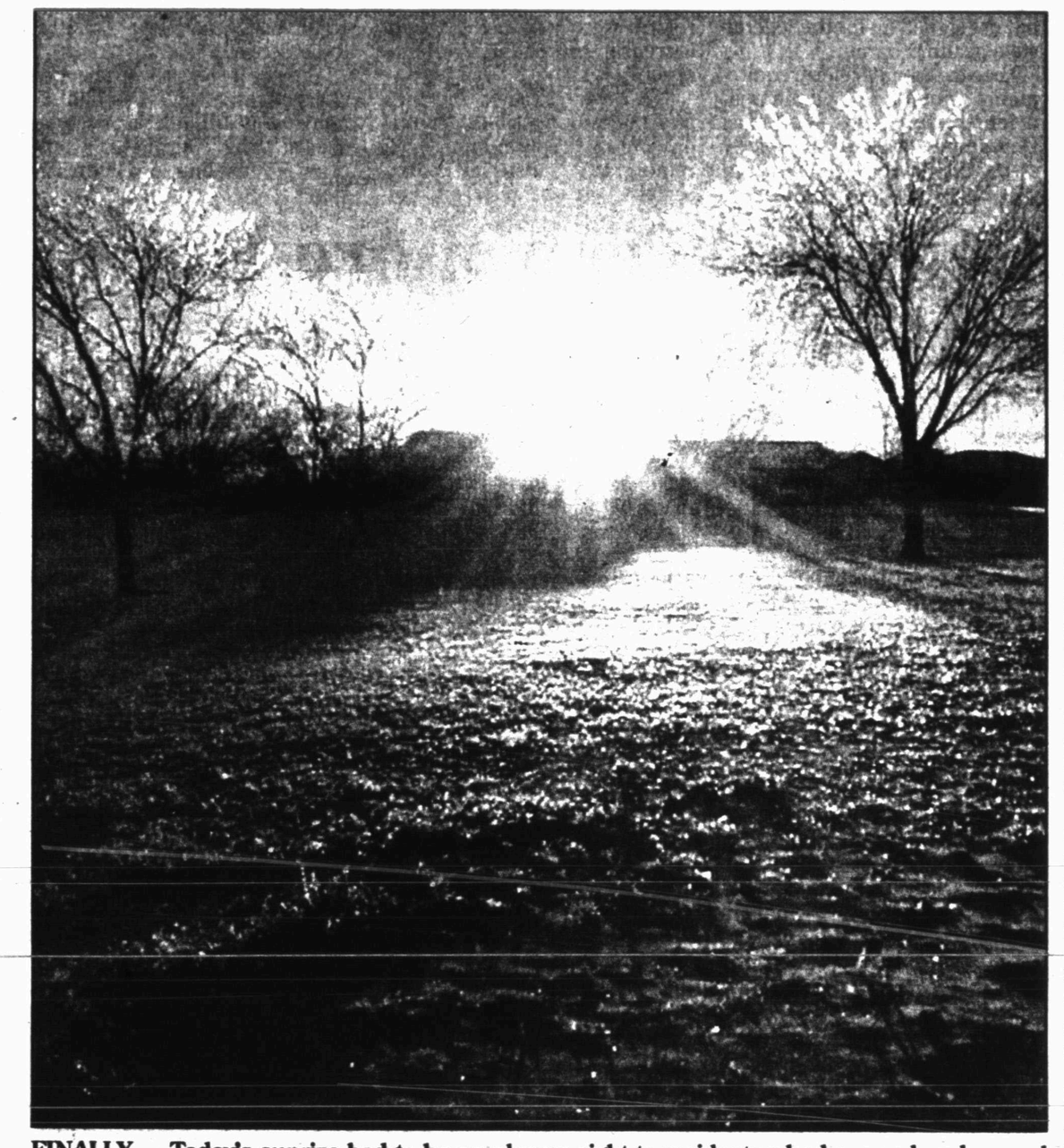

FINALLY — Today's sunrise had to be a welcome sight to residents who have endured several days of snow and ice. The sunshine was melting ice on roadways making travel less hazardous in the immediate area. (SDN Staff Photo)

Melting, but some roadways still icy

From local, wire reports

While ice is turning to slush in Scurry County and traffic is moving at almost a regular pace this morning, travelers east of Abilene on I-20 are not so lucky.

Despite scores of cancellations around town, roads in Scurry County were open Wednesday, but three accidents were reported on Highway 84 that saw two persons treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital around midnight Wednesday. Four minor accidents occurred in the city limits, while one was reported on FM 1611.

Tens of thousands of Northeast Texas residents remain without electricity after ice coated trees and power lines, knocking out service.

Many customers of Big Country Electric Cooperative were without electricity around Snyder this morning as service was disrupted due to lines breaking as ice fell on them.

Stranded motorists spent Wednesday night in the Eastland County Jail, college dormitories or their cars along an icy stretch of the highway.

Darrin Dodd of McKinney and his family were returning from Artesia, N.M., when they decided to join about 75 people camping out in cells at the county jail in Eastland.

"The farther we got, the less cars we saw," Dodd said today.

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated that 1,000 people were stuck around Ranger Hill, a steep incline between Abilene and Fort Worth. Eastland County Chief Deputy Ron Vanderroest said a 15- to 18-mile stretch of I-20 in the county was closed at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Lewis Mangum, who owns an automotive shop in Eastland, said he used his one wrecker truck throughout the night to help motorists who failed to negotiate Ranger Hill. He estimated that 16 other trucks were repeatedly dispatched to pull vehicles from the interstate.

Don Rogers, spokesman for the DPS Division of Emergency Management, said about 30 Texas National guardsmen were using 10 Humvees and all-terrain vehicles to rescue the hundreds of motorists stranded in Eastland and Callahan counties.

The Ranger Fire Department was providing gasoline to motorists to keep their engines and heaters running. The department also provided food for the stranded travelers.

Rogers said about 350 people were staying in area shelters. Two dormitories at Ranger College were opened.

Mark Fox, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said a half-inch of sleet fell in the region and was topped with an inch of snow.

As of 6:30 a.m. Thursday, traffic was backed up and stalled for 10 miles both eastbound and westbound. One motorist who had been in the jam since 8 p.m. Wednesday said his vehicle had moved 100 yards in about 11 hours.

The area between Fort Worth and Abilene was the latest to be hit by a winter storm that moved into Texas on Christmas Day.

Officials with area utility companies said it could be two weeks before electricity is restored to some of the residents in the path of a storm that has been slow to pull away from the state.

"This is not a scare tactic — it's realistic," Scott McCloud, a spokesman for AEP/Southwestern Electric Power, said. "This is a devastating storm."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Laughing is healthy. It's like jogging on the inside."

Last year at this time, most of the nation was fretting over Y2K and what national economic disasters that might follow. Computing errors did happen in 2000, but it came late in the year – in Floriduh!

If you happen to be one of those folks who look for problems, here's something to worry about next year. If your computer receives an e-mail entitled "Badtimes," delete it immediately. Do no open it. This one is said to be pretty nasty.

"It will not only erase everything on your hard drive, but it will also delete anything on disks within 20 feet of your computer.

"It demagnetizes the stripes on all of your credit cards.

"It re-programs your ATM access code, messes up the tracking on your VCR and uses subspace harmonics to scratch any CDs you attempt to play.

"It will program your telephone to dial up only your brother-in-law's number.

"This virus will mix antifreeze into your fish tank. It will drink all your Coca Cola and beer and turn Dr Pepper into prune juice.

"It will leave dirty socks on the coffee table and toenail clippings in the candy dish when you're expecting company.

"It will replace your shampoos with Nair and your Nair with Rogaine.

"It will cause you to run with scissors and throw things in a way that is only fun until someone gets hurt.

"It will re-write your backup tapes, changing all your active verbs to passive tense and incorporating undetectable misspellings, which grossly change the interpretations of key sentences.

"If the 'Badtimes' message is opened in a Windows 95/98 environment, it will leave the toilet seat up and leave your hair dryer plugged in dangerously close to a full tub of bath water.

"It will not only remove the forbidden tags from your mattresses and pillows, it will refill your skim milk with whole milk.

"Warn as many people as you can. You don't want American people entering the New Year thinking things are going to get better."

Hospital adopts pay plan

Following several months of work on a new compensation plan for Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees, the plan received unanimous approval of the board this morning.

Board member Dink Foree, who had spearheaded the work on the new plan, said he felt it created a fair and equitable pay scale for all employees.

Foree said some 37 employees would receive pay increases, while seven would see their pay frozen until such time their salaries fell within the plan's parameters.

Hospital CEO George Parsley said the seven people who had their pay frozen are all management personnel and included department heads of quality control and personnel, purchasing, nurse managers for the medical and surgical department, for the emergency room, and the nurse manager for the operating room and recovery room.

Others include the laboratory manager and the head of radiology.

Those receiving pay increases ranged throughout the hospital.

Board president Jim Bob Cave expressed his appreciation to Foree and hospital employees on the compensation committee for their work.

"I appreciate Dink and Joe (Joe Wright, interim. controller) keeping board members up to speed on the work of this committee," added Cave.

And as a result, there was no discussion by the board before the vote was taken.

The board also re-approved hospital credentials for nine active members of the medical staff - including Doctors James Burleson, Bid Cooper, Carl Dillaha, Gloria Gerstner, Tom Kerr, Gary Nussey, Marcia Odal, Robert Rakov and Paul Thompson.

Dr. Cooper will remain hospital chief of staff, while Dr. Burleson is the vice chief of staff. Dr. Odal is the secretary.

Credentials also were approved for 22 other physicians who practice in the specialty clinic, or do consultant work for the hospital.

Medical staff resignations were accepted from Dr. Mark Weaver, general surgeon, and Dr. Sherman Merritt, radiologist.

Dr. Weaver is closing his office Friday, while Dr. Merritt is retiring.

During Parsley's regular report to the board, he stated that two physicians had expressed strong interest in locating to Snyder and that recruitment efforts continue.

"And after the first of the year, we will focus on recruiting an orthopedic surgeon," Parsley said.

The board also passed resolutions seeking two grants totaling $160,900.

A $40,900 grant is being sought to purchase a mobile X-ray machine, while $120,000 is being sought to update the hospital's electrical equipment.

Cave presided at the meeting and board members present were Foree, Terry Williams and E.D. Walton. Nan Swanson and Stanley Martin were absent.

SLICK ROADS — Snyder police officers and DPS troopers have been busy since Monday investigating wrecks due to the icy roadways. Highways to the east of Snyder remain treacherous as some 1,000 people were stuck around Ranger Hill on I-20. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira student still in critical condition

Stephan Kirk, an Ira ninth grader, remains in critical condition in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital pediatric intensive care unit following a one-vehicle rollover last Wednesday night on CR 362, west of Snyder.

Kirk, who resides at 1284 CR 241, was airlifted from Snyder to the Lubbock hospital after first being treated in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room.

Sherry Jamison, her aunt, said this morning that Stephan suffered a compound fracture to one of her legs, and that she underwent surgery Wednesday to set a broken jaw.

She remains in a coma due to a deep bruise on her brain.

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

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, were hospitalized overnight at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following the accident.

DPS trooper Rick Campos said Gray was the driver of a 2000 Isuzu Rodeo, owned by David Cotton, that was traveling west when the vehicle's left front struck a guardrail, then flipped into the air.

While airborne, the top of the vehicle splintered a power pole belonging to Big Country Electric Cooperative. The vehicle then came to rest on its side. The accident temporarily caused a power outage in the immediate area.

Two of the victims were trapped inside the vehicle and Snyder firemen had to use the Jaws of Life to free them. Two others managed to walk a short way to a nearby house and the residents notified emergency personnel.

ASK US

Q—What is the range of punishment for those indicted on drug charges if they are convicted?

A—For the lesser crimes, 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, and for the others, two to 10 years in a regular TDCJ unit. All could be fined $10,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 32; low 21; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 33; no precipitation; total for 2000 to date: 21.43 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low in lower 20s. Friday, partly cloudy, high in lower 40s, north wind 20-15 mph. Friday night, low around 20.

Raven Luna
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 362 days in 2000, the sun has shone 351 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.
—Michelangelo

Comptroller suggests money-savings ideas

AUSTIN (AP) — Using the Internet and other technology to streamline government would save the state $1.2 billion over the next two years, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced Wednesday.

The savings were detailed in a three-volume, 1,172-page report released by Rylander's e-Texas office. Since November 1999, the office has been studying ways to make state government more efficient by taking steps, such as allowing driver's licenses to be renewed over the Internet.

"My goal is to see that Texans are online rather than in line," Rylander said. "The whole purpose is to make government smaller, smarter and faster—kick us into the 21st Century."

The report makes 305 recommendations, including 129 statutory changes, to the Legislature, which will consider the proposals during the session that begins Jan. 9.

Rylander met with state leaders and top lawmakers Wednesday to discuss the report.

"Now, the really important part starts. These are really great recommendations and now we must get them approved by the Legislature," Rylander said in an interview. "I think we'll have very good support and cooperation from the Legislature and I'm looking forward to it."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff said he has not had a chance to read the entire report, but thought the general ideas were positive.

"First of all, we need to take seriously the prospect of savings in government from electronic commerce," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

"Secondly, you always take seriously a recommendation for savings from the comptroller since she will take those things into consideration when she certifies the budget. If we can take advantage of some of those things to allow us to shift money to other worthy things, well, that's good," he said.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Ideas range from registering a vehicle on the Web to being able to open a business online. Most of the recommendations focus on improving large spending areas such as Medicaid, prisons, education and transportation.

Recommendations include addressing the state's public teacher shortage by amending the state constitution to modernize the formula used to distribute Permanent School Fund revenue. This would give school districts additional revenue that could be used to establish benefit packages for teachers.

Nearly $700 million a year for public school spending is generated from the $22 billion fund, comprised of stocks, bonds and oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands.

Increasing the amount of PSF revenue would mean less money would need to be used from the state's General Revenue Fund, the report said. If the recommendation is adopted by a voter referendum in 2001, the state would save $343 million in 2002, the report said.

The report also recommends making the Medicaid application process easier as officials attempt to enroll the 600,000 poor Texas children eligible for but not signed up for the federal-state health program.

Face-to-face interview requirements would be eliminated, deleting the need for Texas Department of Human Services' staff who interview clients in hospitals, clinics and local offices. If accepted, this recommendation would trim more than 2,200 jobs, saving an estimated $47 million over two years.

The report also makes several recommendations to change the prison system, which cost the state $3.2 billion in 1999, up from $1.2 billion in 1990. A growing population and court-ordered reform were responsible for the increase, according to the report.

"To deter crime in the most effective way possible, our prisons must prepare inmates to reintegrate successfully into society if crime rates are to continue to fall," said the report, which recommends expanding the Prison Industry Enhancement program. The program allows private industries to partner with public agencies to use inmate labor to produce goods.

Since 1993, the program has contributed $2.2 million to general revenue, a number that could easily increase "greatly," Rylander said.

The report also recommended alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders, such as special drug courts that would offer counseling and supervision.

It's official: Fort Worth is more than suburb of Dallas

FORT WORTH (AP) — It's official. Fort Worth is not a suburb of Dallas.

The White House budget office Wednesday struck down a proposal to group some cities together as "megapolitan areas" when releasing census information. That would have made the Old West cowtown a suburb of the more cosmopolitan Dallas.

"I am very pleased that the new standards will recognize the distinctions between the Dallas and Fort Worth areas," said U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, D- Dallas, whose district covers parts of Fort Worth. "The changes made to (the) proposed standards is a resounding victory for those of us in North Texas who spoke out to preserve our community's unique character and heritage."

More than 1,300 of Fort Worth's roughly 500,000 residents wrote letters to the U.S. Census Bureau opposing the idea of Fort Worth being buried in the Dallas "megalopolis."

"I'm pleased that the Census Bureau listened to us," Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr was quoted by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions. "It was a community-wide effort. It shows that when we all line up to work on something, we can make good things happen."

The proposal drew fire from so-called sister cities across the country.

The Massachusetts cities of Brockton, Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill bristled at losing their identities to Boston; and in Florida, residents of Bradenton and Port Charlotte fought against being second-rate to Saratoga.

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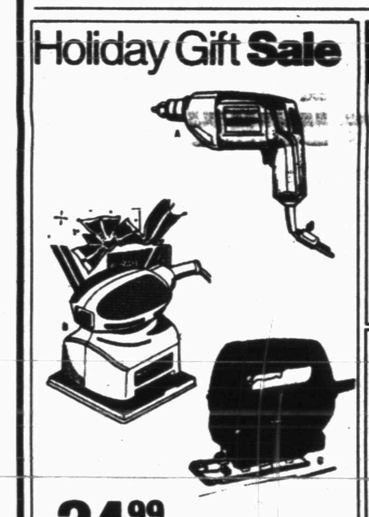

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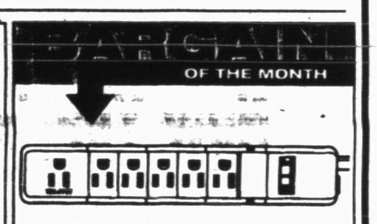

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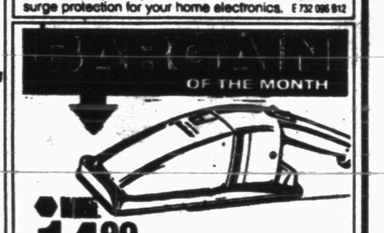

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Woman sentenced for egg smuggling

HOUSTON (AP) — A Los Angeles woman on Wednesday was sentenced to two years supervised release and time served for smuggling 1,500 sea turtle eggs into the United States, U.S. Attorney Mervyn M. Mosbacker said.

U.S. District Judge Nancy F. Atlas sentenced Ena Lilibet Reyes, 34, for illegally importing the endangered sea turtles and their eggs without obtaining a federal permit.

Reyes was indicted Sept. 1 for smuggling the eggs following an investigation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She has been in custody since Aug. 8.

During her bond hearing, Reyes testified that she entered the country from El Salvador with the eggs in her possession. Sea turtles and their eggs are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

Census reveals more House seats shifting to south, west

WASHINGTON (AP) — More seats in the House are on the way for those Southern and Western states that experienced a population boom during the past 10 years.

Arizona and Texas were expected to be the biggest winners when the Census Bureau releases the first results from the 2000 count today, numbers to be used to reapportion the 435 House seats among the 50 states.

Those two states, which have burgeoning immigrant populations, would gain two representatives each in the House if forecasts based on 1999 figures by private demographic research groups hold true. New York and Pennsylvania, meanwhile, were expected to lose two seats apiece, while California's delegation, currently the largest at 52, is expected to grow by one.

The 1999 estimates were the latest numbers available and were considered a good indicator of the 2000 state population totals the Census Bureau was unveiling Thursday, said John Haaga, researcher with the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau, a research organization.

That organization's report was first released in the spring, while other estimates by Election Data Services Inc. were produced a year ago. Based on the 1999 estimates, both groups also projected that:

—Colorado, Florida, Georgia and Nevada would each gain one seat. Another shifting seat could go to either Montana or Georgia. Last year's estimates showed Montana would gain the seat by a narrow margin, giving it two representatives in the House.

—Connecticut, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin each would lose a seat.

The Constitution says seats in the House must be redistributed fairly among the states every 10 years following the census. Based on an estimated national population this year of nearly 276 million, that means each House member represents about 625,000 people, Haaga said, though states with a population below that still must have one representative.

The reapportionment figures are just the first numbers from Census 2000 that will have wide political implications. In March, the Census Bureau is scheduled to begin releasing more data detailing county and local-level populations that will be used to redraw congressional and state legislative districts.

"People have looked at those projections and have already begun to think 'Where can we add a seat?'"

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Donors labor to climb mountain of charity mail

DEAR ABBY: Please help me and others who are constantly asked to give donations. I am a university professor at retirement age; I have a modest salary. Fortunately, I am frugal and thus able to lead a comfortable life.

I contribute to numerous causes. Helping my fellow human beings is a moral duty from which I derive great satisfaction. Yes, I realize there are catastrophes in this world, and I do add something to my contribution whenever I can. However, I am unable to do it all the time.

Every year, I send checks to more than 80 charities, and I make it a point to label each donation "annual contribution for the year" — to no avail. Still I continue to receive three to four daily requests and/or "gifts." Besides the inconvenience of all this unasked-for and unwanted mail, I'm concerned about the waste of paper and the money that should go to philanthropy and not marketing.

How can I convince charities to accept the fact that I can send them only one check a year? Could you suggest that these associations label us "once-a-year contributors" and stop showering us with requests and gifts the rest of the year? Believe me, Abby, I would be most grateful.

NOT A MILLIONAIRE, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR NOT A MILLIONAIRE: I could suggest that charities send solicitations only once a year — but the effort would be useless. Many large charities have become automated. The donor lists have become part of a computer information bank, and requests for money are spit out and mailed a minimum of several times a year. One would think the expenditure of paper and postage would be taken into consideration, but they must make so much money that they can afford to waste it.

At one time, I was in your situation regarding a charity in Los Angeles. I, too, was concerned when I continued to be solicited almost monthly. I called a development person at the charity and asked to be solicited only once a year. During the next few months, I continued to receive requests for money from them — and then a package arrived containing a useless "gift," because I was such a "valued friend" of the charity.

Since that was not how I wanted my donations spent, I contacted a much smaller charity that does similar work and solicits me only once a year. It now receives the donation I previously gave to the larger program.

P.S. It has been years, and I still receive requests from the large charity. I throw them away unopened.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't have enough money to quit working, but I want to. I have this desire to live my life freely. I would like to travel around the world and get to know new people and rich men. If possible, I would like to meet handsome, kind men. How can I do this? — THE WISHER, MADRID, SPAIN

DEAR WISHER: Unless you win a lottery or an unexpected inheritance of some size comes your way, traveling without earning an income is indeed a fantasy. However, it's refreshing to learn that some fantasies are universal.

If you are willing to work while you travel, apply for a position as a crew member for a cruise line or a business that provides private jets to upscale companies. You're sure to meet new people in such a job. Unfortunately, there's no guarantee that the men you'll meet will be rich, handsome and kind. However, with luck, you might score two out of three.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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I love you ~
I miss you~
I drove thru
snow for you~
Please marry me!
Rhonda

Date Book

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000

Today is the 363rd day of 2000 and the eighth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, William Semple received a patent for chewing gum.

On this day in 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago" was first published.

On this day in 1981, the first American "test tube" baby was born.

BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president; Earl "Fatha" Hines (1905-1983), musician; Terry Sawchuck (1929-1970), hockey great; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 66; Denzel Washington (1954-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, the Detroit Lions won the NFL championship game, defeating the Cleveland Browns 17-7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries, but an organized peace." — Woodrow Wilson

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 25) and first quarter (Jan. 2).

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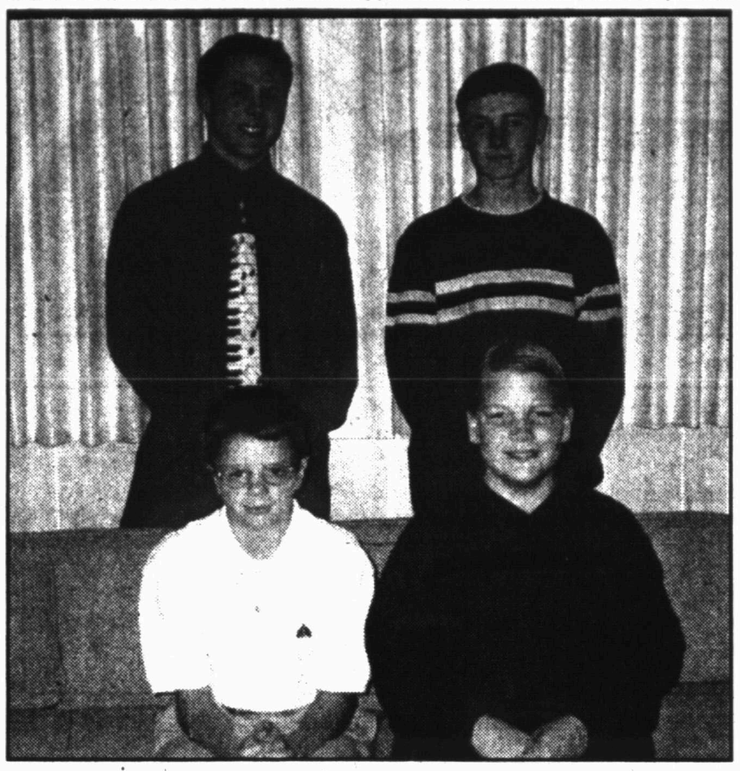

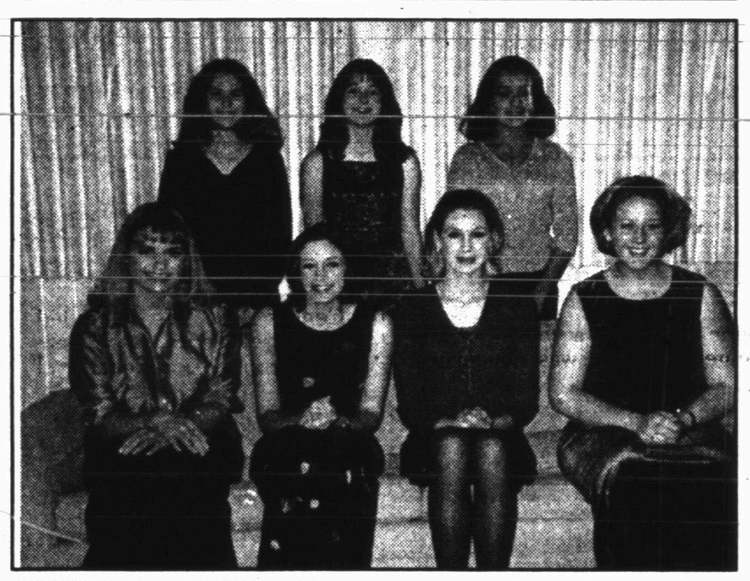

CHRISTMAS MUSIC — Piano students of Mrs. Barbara Tune were featured in a recital, "Trimming the Tree With Music," on Dec. 9 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Participating were (top photo, from left) standing, Michael Gibson, Jason Hall; seated, Brandon Hagins and Casey Arnold; (center photo) standing, Annie Ezell, Rachel Dupree, Brittany Scott, Charley Stewart, Kristen Miller; seated, Alayna Alexander, Laura Culwell, Ryanna Alexander; (bottom photo) standing, Terryn Autry, Kristina Mayer, Sara Cantu; seated, Gretchen Hollis, Aaryn Stewart, Wendy Proffitt, Whitney Jones and not pictured Katie Perales and Ashley Farquhar. (Contributed Photo)

Settlement rumors causes crowd to gather

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Maybe they thought they'd get a late Christmas check. Or some cash to buy dinner and drinks to ring in New Year's Eve.

Hundreds of people swarmed outside a downtown office building Wednesday after false rumors circulated that they would be eligible for part of a $215 million settlement for a 1987 chemical fire that forced a neighborhood evacuation.

The people left quickly after a lawyer announced the deadline to file claims was last February.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-28-00
♠ A K J 9
♥ Q J 8
♦ 6
♣ K Q J 6 3

West
♠ 10
♥ A 10 7 6 2
♦ K Q 3 2
♣ 8 4 2

East
♠ 8 2
♥ 9 5
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ A 10 9 7 5

South
♠ Q 7 6 5 4 3
♥ K 4 3
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ —

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000

The three American Maastricht wins

By Phillip Alder

To end this year, let's look at the three victorious teams that included Americans at last summer's World Team Olympiad in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The first win occurred when John Mohan, Dan Morse, Stevie Robinson, John Sutherlin, Bobby Wolff and Kit Woolsey collected the gold medals in the Senior Teams. They won the 23-round all-play-all event ahead of France and Sweden.

In this deal, Wolff made a slam not bid at the other table, to gain 13 international match points.

Morse's jump to four diamonds was a splinter bid. It announced the values to bid four spades with at most a singleton diamond. South drove the auction to six spades via a control-bid (cue-bid) of five diamonds to show the ace.

Wolff won the diamond-king lead with his ace, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, and called for the club king. When East covered with the ace, declarer ruffed, drew trumps, pitched his other two diamond losers on the queen-jack of clubs, and conceded only one trick to the heart ace.

Although it is easier to say than do, East should not have covered with the club ace. He should have played low as if he had never even heard about the club ace. South was (almost!) certain to have a club void because he hadn't used Blackwood on the second round.

If East had played low smoothly, I think Wolff would have ruffed and maneuvered to trump all of his low diamonds in the dummy. With this layout, that would have worked fine.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 27 – Ida Pinkerton, David Rascon, Brianna Segura, Ysidro Estrada, Richard Light, Cecil Lockard, Aaron Tate and Latrese Wright.

DISMISSALS: Petra Delao, Frank Nash, Faustino Lopez and Lucille Shaw.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-17, Long-term Care-21 and ICU-4)

FIVE-YEAR AWARDS — Twelve Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees receive their five-year service awards at the annual Christmas party at the Wagon Wheel. They are from left, first row, Bill Dickinson, Ann Dodson, Denise Gibson; second row, Ruth Johnson, Jana Price, Teressia Shoemake, and not pictured, Donna Bolton, Linda Briseno, Jane Findley, Sharon Fry and Andrew Prince. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community alendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Legal battle settled

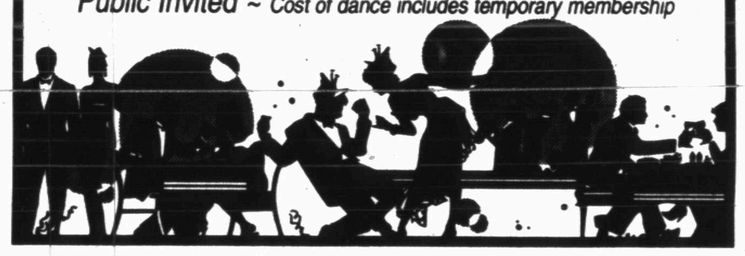
HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The longtime secret mistress of late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt has won her legal battle for ownership of his Montana fishing retreat.

The Montana Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously upheld a lower court's ruling that the property belongs to Patricia Shannon, and not Kuralt's daughters.

A letter Kuralt wrote to Shannon two weeks before he died in 1997 was a valid, informal will expressing his wish that she have the 90 acres along the Big Hole River, the court said. The property is worth about $600,000.

Kuralt and Shannon had a "close personal relationship" for 29 years.

Snyder Country Club
New Year's Dance
Sunday, December 31st 8:00 - 12:00
Band: Special Effect
(Country & Western and Old Rock & Roll)
Party favors, band & toast at midnight
$25 per couple ~ $15 Single
Members & Guests
Public Invited ~ Cost of dance includes temporary membership



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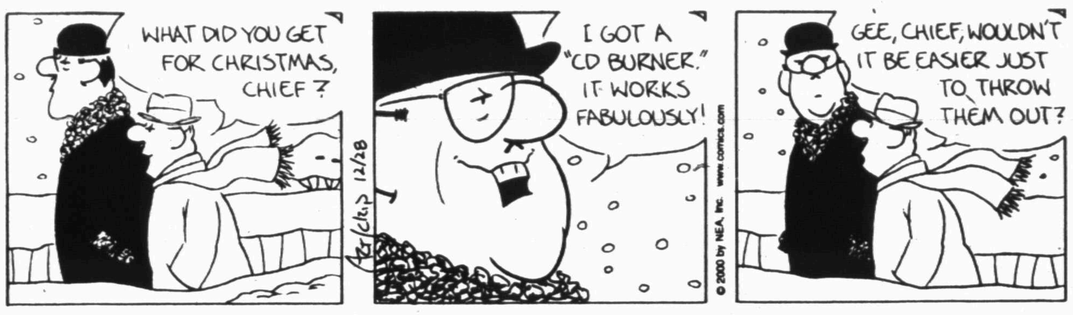

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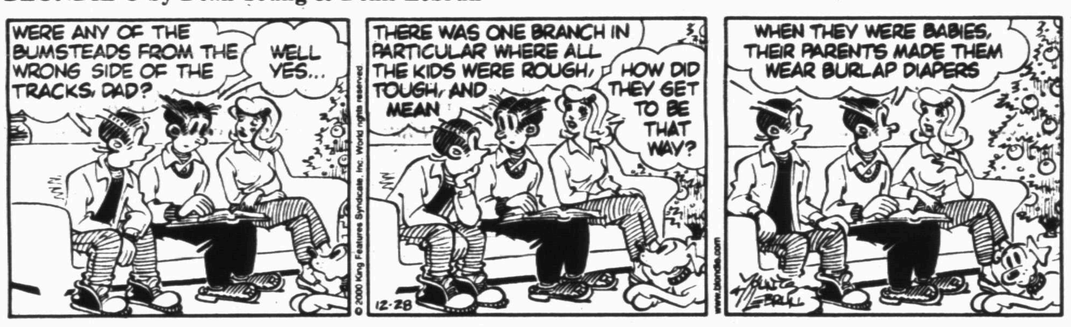

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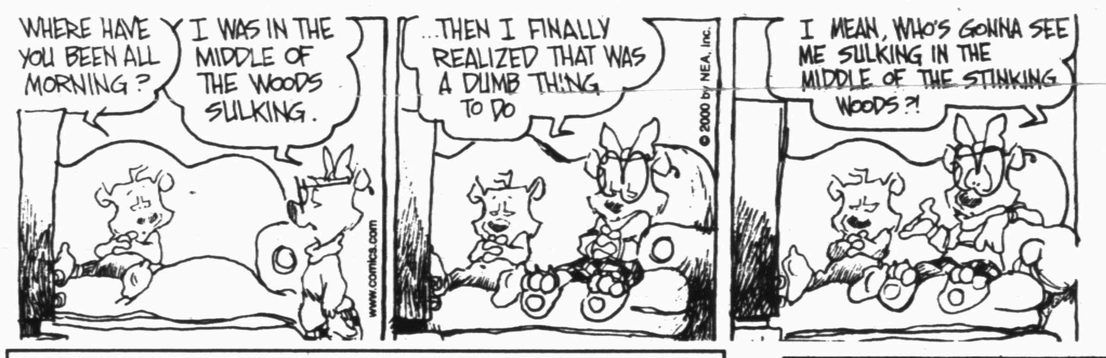

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Nantucket, e.g.
7 "He who hesitates — —"
13 Shade of difference
14 Broker's business
15 Not alfresco
16 More uncanny
17 Ninny
18 Ms. Landers
20 Lennon's love
21 She has "will" power
25 German measles
28 Storage building
32 Oration
33 Plant disease
34 Purposeful
35 San —, Calif.
36 Put forth effort
37 Male family member
39 With a leg on either side
41 Expert
44 Actor Silver
45 "School" start
48 Crystalline gem
51 Syria's neighbor
54 Golf scores
55 Uses a pencil part
56 Asps
57 Baby's toy

DOWN

1 Freshwater porpoise
2 Phoenix cagers
3 Boys
4 Year (Sp.)
5 Sgt., e.g.
6 Throw off the track
7 Ms. Cara
8 Regard
9 Household god
10 Stew
11 Machine gun
12 Novice
19 Gun grp.
21 Flight to escape danger
22 Chooses
23 Sowed
24 Skunk's marking
25 Nerve network
26 Furze genus
27 Tree trunk
29 Gets older
30 Walt Kelly's comic strip
31 Harrow rival
37 Broadway abbr.
38 Smaller
40 Long lock of hair
41 Dessert items
42 Horse color
43 Olympic gymnast Korbut
45 Historian's concern
46 Walk unsteadily
47 Besides
49 Sort
50 Golf peg
52 Malaga Mrs.
53 Rodent

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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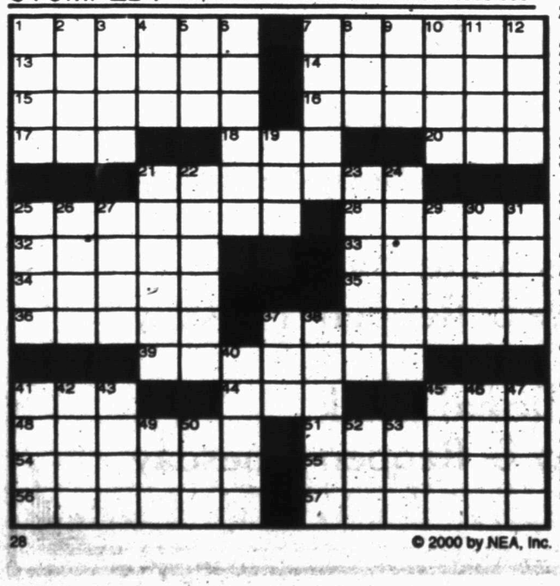

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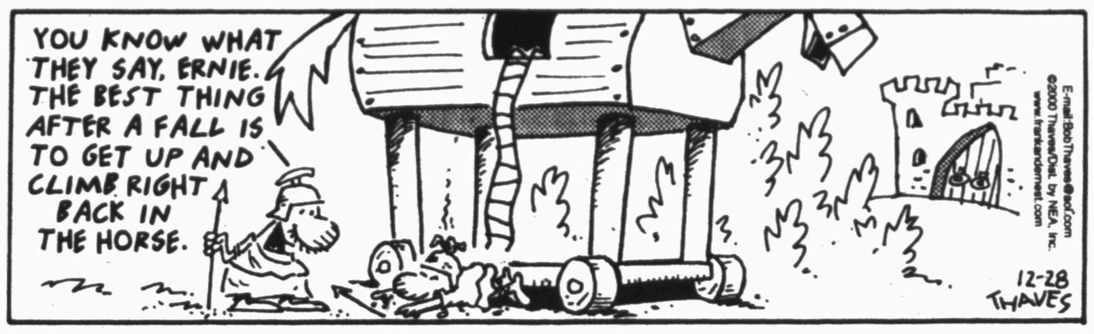

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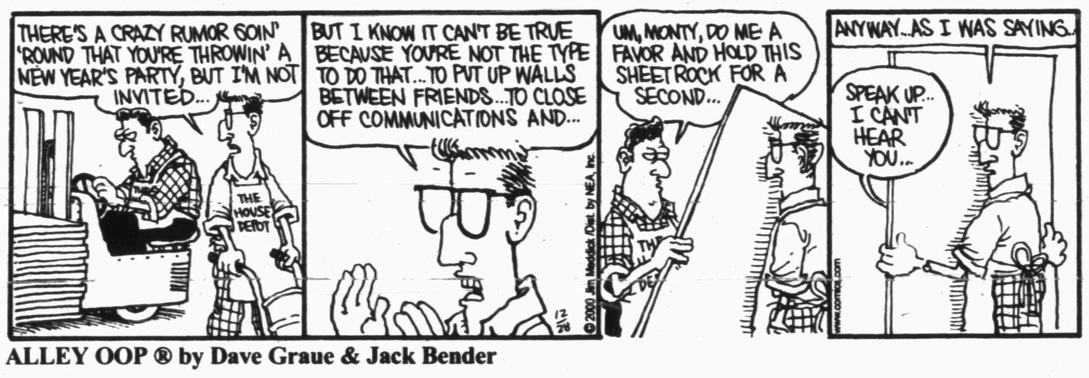

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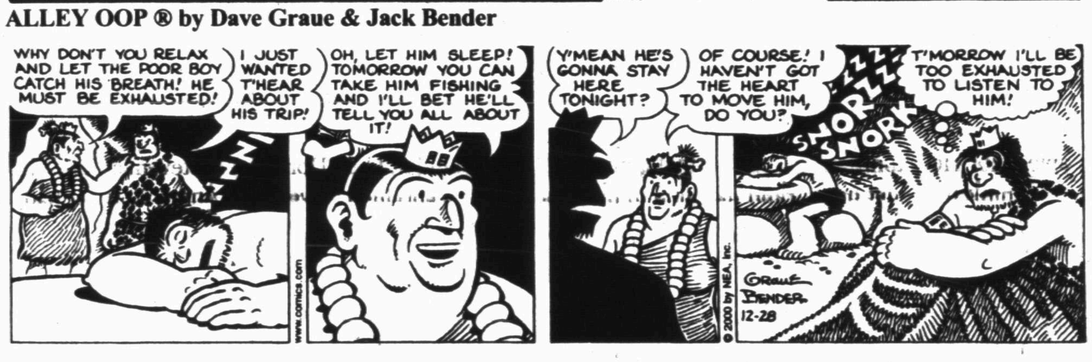

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SPORTS

Coin tosses decide Ira's tourney fate

Jayton High School's basketball tournament didn't get underway this morning due to inclement weather, but the Ira girls came out on the winning end anyway.

Rather than making teams travel on icy roads, this morning's first-round games at the Jayton tourney were decided by a series of coin flips.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced into the winner's bracket, while the Ira boys came out on the bottom end of their coin toss and were placed in the consolation bracket.

The Bulldogs will hit the floor for an actual game at 11 a.m. Friday, followed by the Lady Bulldogs at 12:30. Opponents for both games are still undetermined.

"Winning or losing the flip really wasn't that big of a deal for us," said Bulldogs coach Bubba Edwards. "We get two games on Friday, and we're going to focus on trying to win those."

In other area tournament action, the Snyder Lady Tigers meet Abilene High JV at 2:30 Friday in the first round of the Abilene tournament. Snyder's boys travel to the Brownwood tourney where they'll square off with Coleman at 2:30 Friday. Both events continue Saturday.

Slow start dooms Red Raiders

HOUSTON (AP) — East Carolina's wake-up call came much earlier than Texas Tech's.

The Pirates scored the first 34 points of the game, including two 1-yard runs by Leonard Henry and a 71-yard punt return by Keith Stokes, and went on to a 40-27 victory in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl on Wednesday night.

They stumbled to a 28-14 loss to Texas Christian in last year's Mobile Alabama Bowl and vowed to be ready for their next postseason game.

"They were a group of kids who didn't know how to act last year as far as preparing for a bowl game," East Carolina coach Steve Logan said. "They played hard, but there was no focus. From that moment on, they were determined to prepare differently."

The Red Raiders found themselves down 34-0 with 4:27 left in the first half.

"We woke up too late," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We were sluggish. I don't know why, but I'm going to discover it in the offseason. I knew they were good, but I didn't think they'd be that effective. They made the big plays when they needed to. That's something we didn't do."

Pirates quarterback David Garrard completed 17 of 27 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown, earning the Most Valuable Player award. The TD pass was a 44-yarder to Derrick Collier in the first half.

"I never thought we'd come out like that at the start," Garrard said. "But we wanted to keep on pounding and pounding. We did that all the way."

A crowd of 33,899 saw the first bowl game played in the Astrodome since the last Bluebonnet Bowl in 1987. Ticketing problems caused hundreds of fans to miss much of the first half standing at the will-call window waiting to get their tickets.

In a game expected to be an offensive shootout, only East Carolina came through in the first half with an assortment of trick plays and fancy running by Stokes. Voted the special teams player of the game, he had 266 total yards.

"I knew all we needed was a spark, whether it happened on offense or special teams," Stokes said. "This time, it happened on special teams."

Stokes had five kickoff returns for 105 yards, and three punt returns for 82 yards. He also rushed 33 yards on two carries and caught five passes for 46 yards.

Tech rallied behind Kliff Kingsbury, who threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half to cut into the big deficit.

The Red Raiders finally scored with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Kingsbury to Derek Dorris with 1:39 left in the first half.

"To get down 34-0 is a pretty big hole to climb out of," Kingsbury said. "I don't think they were a super defense. We just made them look good."

Kingsbury hit Darrell Jones with a 65-yard touchdown pass with 13:11 to go in the third quarter to make it 34-14.

After East Carolina's Kevin Miller kicked field goals of 36 and 35 yards, Kingsbury threw a touchdown pass of 17 yards to Cole Roberts and a 3-yard pass to Dorris to make it 40-27.

"Whatever I did this week to avoid that happening, I didn't get it done," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "It wasn't a bowl game, it was just a game. We went out and got outplayed."

The last bowl game played in the Astrodome was on Dec. 21, 1987, when Texas defeated Pittsburgh 32-27, ending a 28-year run for the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Tech's bowl record dropped to 5-18-1, and the Red Raiders have lost five of their last six postseason games. East Carolina improved its bowl record to 7-2.

Rockets continue slide

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets' promising season is taking a turn for the worse.

"We're struggling right now, no question," Rockets forward Maurice Taylor said Wednesday night after the Seattle SuperSonics handed the Rockets their sixth consecutive defeat, 107-92. "We've been in games, and we've been close to getting a win, but we seem to have a lapse at the wrong time."

Gary Payton led Seattle with 26 points and 10 assists, and teammate Ruben Patterson scored 23. Brent Barry, a last-minute entry into the starting lineup for the injured Emanual Davis, added 18 points.

Taylor scored 20 points, Cuttino Mobley 18, and Hakeem Olajuwon and Shandon Anderson 15 apiece for Houston.

"I think they just outworked us on the boards," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said after his team was outrebounded 51-42. "We've got a lot of work to do. And we will get to work."

The Sonics grabbed 18 offensive rebounds for the game and held Houston to a 2-for-13 shooting during their third-quarter rally.

Payton hit a pair of 16-footers, Vin Baker added a turnaround jumper from the foul line and Barry added a 3-pointer during an 11-0 run that extended an 87-84 lead to 98-84 with 4:48 left. Houston didn't get closer than eight the rest of the way.

"It was like the dam broke and they just pulled away," Tomjanovich said.

The Rockets haven't won since beating Golden State 98-95 on Dec. 14 and haven't won at home since Dec. 5 (109-102 over Dallas).

"Our rotation out of the double team was as good as I've seen this year," Seattle coach Nate McMillan said. "We played well in a tough place to play."

The Sonics found out before that game that Davis would not be able to play because of a sprained right knee. McMillan turned to Barry to start in place of Davis, and the move paid dividends. Barry scored 11 points in the second half.

"It's hard to beat teams when they spread it around like we did tonight," Barry said. "Everyone got a piece of the pie."

Weather disrupts Vols' Cotton Bowl workout

DALLAS (AP) — Six Tennessee players missed the Volunteers' first team meeting and practice Wednesday for the Cotton Bowl because of an ice storm that delayed flights.

The six players were flying separately Tuesday and spent the night in Memphis. Tennessee faces Kansas State in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Four starters — wide receiver Cedrick Wilson, offensive tackle Reggie Coleman, linebacker Dominique Stevenson and defensive back Andre Lott — had not arrived by Wednesday afternoon. Wide receiver Eric Parker and tailback Travis Stephens also missed practice.

At least 30 players arrived late because of the wintry conditions.

"Obviously, I've been concerned about this," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "First off, the safety of our players. Secondly, the continuity of our practices."

But once all the players are together, Fulmer doesn't expect any lingering effect.

"I don't like distractions, but I'm still looking for a really good carry-over here," he said.

Aggies bow to Billikens, 72-60

HONOLULU (AP) — Maurice Jeffers scored 24 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead Saint Louis to a 72-60 victory over Texas A&M on Wednesday in the opener of the Rainbow Classic.

Although the Billikens won by a double-digit margin, the outcome was not settled until the final five minutes when they went on a 15-5 run to widen a 57-55 lead.

Marque Perry started the spurt with a 3-pointer and contributed four more points over the final minutes.

Saint Louis led by as much as 12 points in the first half before Jamaal Gilchrist closed it to 33-28 at the half with five straight points.

The Aggies (3-6) got to within one at 42-41 and stayed close until the final run by Saint Louis.

The Aggies were hampered by cold-shooting, making only 22-of-59, while Saint Louis went 27-of-50. Texas A&M's leading scorer Bernard King scored only eight points, making only 3-of-16 shots, including an 0-for-5 performance from behind the 3-point line.

Local Schedule

FRIDAY
Basketball

Snyder varsity boys vs. Coleman, at Brownwood tourney, 2:30

Snyder varsity girls vs. Abilene High JV, at Abilene tourney, 2:30

Ira girls and boys at Jayton tourney

SATURDAY
Basketball

Snyder varsity boys at Brownwood tourney

Snyder varsity girls at Abilene tourney

TUESDAY
Basketball

Snyder girls at Plainview, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Snyder boys at Plainview, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

Ira girls and boys at Smyer, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Hermleigh girls and boys at Loraine, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Indianapolis at Miami, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 31
Denver at Baltimore, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. (FOX)

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

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

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

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

Sports Briefs

Lemieux shines in comeback

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux made a remarkable comeback after 31/2 years of retirement, scoring a goal and assisting on two others — one on his first pass on his first shift, no less — as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-0.

Lemieux estimated it would take 2-to-3 weeks to get his game back. Instead, it was more like 33 seconds — the time that had elapsed when he assisted on Jaromir Jagr's goal on his first shift in an NHL game since April 1997.

Grant Hill out for season

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Grant Hill will undergo season-ending surgery on his ankle, a devastating blow to the Magic and their hopes the five-time All-Star would lead them to an NBA title.

Hill, acquired from Detroit in the offseason, is expected to be sidelined for 6-to-8 months, general manager John Gabriel said.

He appeared in only four games for the Magic, who are 12-16 and third in the Atlantic Division. He is averaging 13.8 points, 6.3 rebounds, 6.3 assists and 1.25 steals in 33.3 minutes a game.

Hill was acquired by Orlando on Aug. 3 in a sign-and-trade deal with the Pistons for Chucky Atkins and Ben Wallace.

Faulk named league MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Marshall Faulk's record-setting ride for the St. Louis Rams earned him the NFL's Most Valuable Player award in balloting conducted by The Associated Press.

Faulk, whose 26 touchdowns beat Emmitt Smith's league mark by one, carried the defending-champion Rams into the playoffs with his late-season heroics. He scored 11 of those touchdowns in the last three weeks and had three four-TD games.

The swift running back also had 220 yards rushing in last Sunday's victory at New Orleans that helped St. Louis squeeze into the postseason.

Faulk, who finished with 1,359 yards and 18 touchdowns rushing, plus 81 receptions for 830 yards and eight TDs.

Marshall wins Motor City Bowl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Motor City Bowl might as well be called the Marshall Invitational.

The Thundering Herd beat Cincinnati 25-14 in front of 26,018 fans at the Silverdome, to give Marshall a three-game winning streak in the bowl after losing the inaugural game in 1997.

Bulls' owner sued by sister

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The ailing sister of Chicago sports franchise owner Jerry Reinsdorf filed a $5 million breach-of-contract lawsuit against her brother, claiming he cut her off financially.

The Superior Court suit filed by Marvin Mitchelson said the managing partner of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox gave Judith Reinsdorf $10,000 a month for her care for 16 years.

Those payments stopped in 1998 because Judith Reinsdorf refused her brother's demand that she stop seeing their elderly mother, the suit said. Their mother, Marion Reinsdorf died in 1998.

College Football Bowl Glance

All Times EST
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21
Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14
Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Georgia 37, Virginia 14
Monday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27
Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Boise State (9-2) vs. UTEP (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.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
New York	17	12	.586	3½
Miami	16	14	.533	5
Orlando	12	16	.429	8
Boston	11	17	.393	9
New Jersey	9	19	.321	11
Washington	5	24	.172	15½
Central Division				
Charlotte	20	9	.690	—
Cleveland	15	11	.577	3½
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	4
Toronto	14	14	.500	5½
Detroit	13	15	.464	6½
Indiana	13	17	.433	7½
Atlanta	10	18	.357	9½
Chicago	3	24	.111	16
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	20	9	.690	—
San Antonio	18	10	.643	1½
Dallas	19	11	.633	1½
Minnesota	16	13	.552	4
Denver	15	14	.517	5
Houston	13	15	.464	6½
Vancouver	8	20	.286	11½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	19	7	.731	—
L.A. Lakers	20	10	.667	1
Portland	19	10	.655	1½
Phoenix	17	9	.654	2
Seattle	16	14	.533	5
L.A. Clippers	10	19	.345	10½
Golden State	8	20	.286	12

Wednesday's Games
New York 89, Washington 82
Miami 91, Indiana 79
Seattle 107, Houston 92
Philadelphia 118, Golden State 110
Thursday's Games
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Formal education on web?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A generation growing up on the Internet may now get their formal educations there — from new schools offering kindergarten through 12th grade online.

Backers of education technology say the Internet can help children isolated from traditional schoolhouses by distance or disabilities or benefit children already schooled at home by their parents.

"Education is what America cares about the most, and technology is what we do best," said former Education Secretary William Bennett, introducing a new online school Thursday. The for-profit school, K12, begins enrollment next fall in kindergarten through second-grade and promises eventually to offer lessons in all grades from math and science to arts and sex education. Costs would range from $25 for skill tests to about $2,000 for full lesson plans and software for a year.

As a past critic of education technology, Bennett once gave schools' efforts to increase use of computers in teaching an F-minus. Yet he is joining companies and school districts willing, even eager, to sail into uncharted cyberspace despite skeptical child development experts and the spiraling business failure rate in the dot-com world.

There's no exact count of public and private elementary and secondary schools that have followed the lead of Web-based colleges : The nonprofit, Orlando-based Florida Online High School has offered online courses since 1997 for grades 9 to 12 nationwide. Public charter schools from California to Pennsylvania teach children online. At the state-funded Valley Pathways online school based in Palmer, Alaska, roughly 300 students take one to six courses a semester on the Web.

"We wouldn't do it if we didn't think it could produce an equal education — or better," said Pathways teacher Kathi Baldwin. "I know my students online and in detail. They tell you things in writing they would never tell you face-to-face."

Classes are held by computer, teachers and staff work from a central office, and students sign in from their home desktop or laptop computers. Standards for teachers ideally are the same as those of traditional schools.

It's not all reading, writing and arithmetic. In gym class over the Web, pupils keep daily logs of their exercises. They learn music theory online, then go to a designated campus for piano or guitar lessons. They can fax, e-mail or bring in art projects completed at home. Parents even dial in for an online PTA meeting.

Linda Deafenbaugh said online schooling has filled a void for her son, a third-grader with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Each morning, despite his behavioral disorder, Douglas Meikle, 8, signs on to the Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and downloads his reading, science and math assignments himself. He completes the lessons, working with online teachers, who include a special education expert, to keep him focused.

"He definitely had a bad school experience, to the point teachers were not letting him in the door of the classrooms," said Deafenbaugh, a cultural anthropologist who works for the federal government. "Not only was his social life falling apart, but his academics were, too."

Douglas, who stays home with his father in Pittsburgh, socializes with other children at after-school sessions, sporting events and church groups, she said.

The going has been bumpy for some online schools. Teachers have to keep up student interest with interactive lessons, guard against student cheating and do without body language or verbal cues to tell them whether students understand lectures.

And in October, a 15-year-old in an online charter school in California hacked into the system and racked up $18,000 in damage, knocking the school offline for two days and destroying homework assignments, lesson plans and attendance records.

"There simply is not enough research," said William Rukeyser, coordinator of the nonprofit Woodland, Calif.-based Learning in the Real World. "Too often, people say let's spend the money and maybe the wisdom will miraculously transfer from the computer to the child."

Schools spent more than $5 billion on education technology last year, and a congressional panel concluded last week that 70 percent of America's classrooms are connected to the Web.

But the marriage of education and technology is needed, say educators who believe teaching is becoming more difficult in today's environment. Growing enrollments and shrinking budgets are leaving less room for one-on-one, hands-on learning at the side of an attentive teacher.

"We shouldn't be stuck with one model," Bennett said.

Bodies of discovered couples were killed execution-style

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A young couple were shot execution style and their bodies dumped in a ditch beside a desolate Nueces County road, police said.

Angelica Rodriguez, 20, and Jason Alvarado, 26, were last seen with a group of friends at his mother's Corpus Christi house early Sunday.

A county worker spotted the bodies Wednesday near County Road 73, northwest of Robstown. Both Corpus Christi residents had been shot in the back of the head.

The couple was probably killed elsewhere, then carried to the ditch and dumped, Sheriff Larry Olivarez said.

Rodriguez and Alvarado probably died Tuesday evening, the Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office said.

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Alltel	61.75	61.31	61.56	+ .19
AmerOnline	36.75	34.50	35.87	+ .12
AmEl Pw	47.63	47.25	47.44	—.50
AndarkPtr	73.80	71.85	72.40	+ .16
ATMOS Egy	26.19	26.00	26.06	—.19
Aviall	5.00	4.88	5.00	
BP Amoco	48.63	48.19	48.44	+ .44
BakerHughes	42.63	42.13	42.63	+ .19
Bank of Amer	47.06	46.25	46.94	+ .13
BellSouth	41.50	40.63	40.69	—.81
Beth Steel	1.94	1.81	1.88	
BurlNoSFe	28.81	28.25	28.50	—.63
Caterpillar	47.19	46.19	46.69	—.81
Chevron	84.88	83.81	84.31	+ 1.25
Citigroup s	51.75	51.06	51.06	+ .19
Coastal	89.75	88.50	89.31	+ .94
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ColgatePal	64.50	62.89	63.91	—.65
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CooperIn	45.19	44.63	44.69	—.13
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On Wednesday, state district Judge Lora Livingston ruled that the state's second-ranking official is an executive position normally elected by the people and not merely an officer of the senate.

Livingston's decision later was upheld on an appeal in the 3rd District Court of Appeals. The Texas Supreme Court was expected to make a decision today on the senators' appeal.

It was uncertain if the Senate still planned to hold a secret ballot today to elect one of its members to replace former Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who became governor last week when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

Some senators said they were prepared to vote regardless of the outcome.

"I'm going to show up at the appointed hour prepared to vote," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, a strong proponent of the secret ballot and an 11-year veteran who has expressed interest in the lieutenant governor job.

"I am a very strong believer in the separation of powers and I don't believe that a district court has the jurisdiction to tell the Senate how to conduct its business," he said.

During the state district court hearing Wednesday, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn argued that the state constitution authorized the senators to elect their presiding officer by secret vote.

Senators supporting the private ballot say it helps avoid the political retribution that might result if votes are known.

Livingston ruled that the constitutional provision allowing the Senate to elect "officers" in secret almost certainly referred to employee positions such as clerks and doorkeepers.

"It seems to me in this case they are not choosing a president of the Senate. Rather, they are choosing the lieutenant governor. It seems to me that is something required by the (Texas) Open Meetings Act to be done in public," Livingston said.

The petition was filed by the Bryan-College Station Eagle, San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle, Waco Tribune-Herald, Austin-American Statesman and Texas Monthly magazine against the Senate and President Pro Tem Rodney Ellis, a Democratic senator from Houston.

"This is unprecedented," said Austin attorney Jennifer Riggs, who represented several of the publications. "We are seeing history being made. And the ones who benefit are the members of the public."

Perry's replacement will assume the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor and will continue to be a senator. He will control the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate and keep a vote as a legislator. A new lieutenant governor will be elected in 2002, when Perry's term would have expired.

On Dec. 23, senators meeting in a private caucus informally agreed to pick Perry's replacement through a non-record vote. They still would have to approve the rule formally today before casting ballots.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Seek treatment for sex addiction

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have often written about low sexual interest in your column, but what about high libido? If I don't have sex at least twice a day, I feel tense and nervous.

DEAR READER: Excessive sexual urges are, like Truth and Justice, often a matter of definition. High libido to one person may be normal sexual interest to another.

Unquestionably, there are adults with excessive libido, who seem unable to get enough sex. Perhaps you fit into this category. Such people may mistakenly equate sex with emotional closeness and, therefore, rarely achieve the gratification for which they are searching. Or they may have sex because of chronic tension, issues of control, a need to be accepted and held, and other factors. In short, these individuals may suffer from psychological disorders. Sex has become a repetitive obsessive act with emotional overtones, which may interfere with normal, everyday activities and interpersonal relations. When sex assumes the characteristics of a compulsion, to the exclusion of other interests, this behavior is no different from other addictive patterns, such as drug abuse and gambling. In this circumstance, counseling or psychiatric intervention is necessary to put libido back into perspective so people can lead more ordered and balanced lives. My advice is talk to a doctor and consider counseling.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 44-year-old daughter was diagnosed by ultrasound with a large liver cyst. Although it was discovered by accident (when the doctor was searching for possible gallstones), and other doctors say to ignore it, we are concerned that it might represent liver cancer. Could the cyst be the cause of her recurring abdominal pains? What should we do?

DEAR READER: In our high-tech world of medical testing, doctors often discover abnormalities by accident. Ultrasound and CT scanning are two such examples. Liver cysts are commonly evident on CT scans, and are confirmed by ultrasound exams, which show that the CT shadows represent harmless, fluid-filled blisters in the liver. In most instances, these cysts can be disregarded, because liver tumors are solid, not filled with fluid.

Nonetheless, I am concerned that your daughter's abdominal pain remains undiagnosed. This suggests to me that her discomfort could, in some way, be related to the large cyst, which could be pressing on surrounding liver tissue or causing pain because of pressure within the cyst itself.

Therefore, I recommend that you enlist the aid of a gastroenterologist who is a liver expert. The specialist may reinforce a hands-off view, or he may agree that the cyst should be drained through a needle under CT guidance. If such a procedure cures the pain, you have your answer; if not, the doctors have their work cut out for them. The only way to rid your daughter of her cyst is to remove it surgically. That option seems extreme to me, unless after having been pain-free after the drainage, she again experiences discomfort as the cyst re-fills with fluid, as it is likely to do. Let the gastroenterologist guide you through the maze of difficult decisions.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Firepower of seven escaped cons worry law enforcement

DALLAS (AP) — Federal and state law enforcement officials say they are puzzled and alarmed by the atypical behavior, firepower and the alleged ringleader of a band of seven prison escapees suspected of killing an Irving police officer on Christmas Eve while stealing a cache of weapons at a sporting goods store.

"They are apparently on a mission, and it's a pretty dark mission," Lori Bailey, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Dallas, was quoted by The Dallas Morning News today. "Does anybody know what that is right now? I don't think anybody does."

The only clue to the plans of the seven inmates, which includes two murders, was a note left during their escape that read, "You haven't heard the last of us."

The inmates have seemed to defy authorities and past history since their escape.

Multiple escapees are rare in Texas and most are caught within three miles of the prison or three days after escaping, said Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The last large escape attempt was Thanksgiving 1998 when seven death row inmates at the Ellis Unit in Huntsville attempted an escape from an exercise yard by cutting through a fence.

Guards spotted the inmates before they left the grounds, and only Martin Gurule managed to climb two security fences and escape. He apparently drowned shortly after the escape, and his body was found a week later, floating in a nearby creek.

"Once we're past the big unusual aspect of these many people escaping, all bets are off. We don't have anything else to compare it to," Castlebury said.

Rather than go the separate ways, back to families, favorite haunts and old running buddies, the inmates appear to have stuck together and appear to have plans for more crimes.

The inmates evaded more than 200 searchers using helicopters, horses and tracking dogs and disappeared until the Christmas Eve robbery and shooting death of police Officer Aubrey Hawkins in Irving, 280 miles away and two weeks later.

During the robbery at an Irving Oshman's Super Sports USA store, the inmates stole at least 25 new weapons, many of them semiautomatic hunting rifles and pistols, to add to 14 .357 Magnum pistols with 238 rounds of ammunition, a loaded automatic rifle and a loaded shotgun that they stole from a guard tower, the Dallas newspaper reported.

They also made off with a large amount of ammunition, a shopping cart full of winter clothes and $70,000 in cash.

Some law enforcement officials fear the inmates may be preparing for a shoot-out with police, aware that they could face the death penalty if caught.

"These aren't guys who said, 'Hey, I need a gun in case a cop stops me.' It looks like they're getting ready to go to war," an unidentified police source told the Dallas newspaper.

But after the high-profile crime, just like after their dramatic escape, the men have disappeared amid rumors they are being aided.

"We're trying to look at every angle we can think of," he said. "If we really had a good answer to that, I think we'd be a little closer to finding them," said Officer David Tull, spokesman for the Irving Police Department.

Bailey of the FBI said the federal agency was compiling behavioral profiles of the escaped convicts.

Authorities believe the inmate leading the gang is George Rivas, who was serving 99 years for aggravated kidnapping and burglary, and whom prosecutors and law officers in El Paso called "one of the most dangerous men in El Paso."

Man arrested near Bush ranch due medical tests

WACO (AP) — The Florida man arrested outside President-elect George W. Bush's Central Texas ranch with high-powered weapons was transferred this week to a federal medical facility for psychiatric evaluation.

Waco attorney Julia Adams, who represents John Michael Hughes, said that federal marshals took her client from the McLennan County Jail on Tuesday morning to an undisclosed location.

A U.S. Marshal's Office spokesman would not say where Hughes was being transported until he arrives. McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said that Hughes likely went to a medical facility in Fort Worth or Springfield, Mo.

McLennan County sheriff's deputy Terry Fuller arrested Hughes on Dec. 16 for unlawfully carrying a weapon after Hughes drove his rental car up to the front gate of Bush's Crawford ranch and asked to see the president-elect. A search of the vehicle uncovered at least four weapons, including a pistol and a high-powered rifle.

Bush, who had named Colin Powell as his choice for secretary of state earlier that day, was at his ranch house when Hughes was arrested, authorities have said, but was not endangered.

Hughes, 29, of Navarre, Fla., was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor. Federal authorities since have charged him with unlawful attempted entry of temporary residence or office of the president-elect, a misdemeanor that carries up to six months in custody.

Adams said Hughes had driven to Crawford hoping to attend the noon press conference with Bush and Powell. Crawford is about 20 miles west of Waco.

On-line tobacco merchant sued

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn on Wednesday sued an online tobacco seller, claiming the company failed to take precautions against selling tobacco products to minor children.

E-Commerce Today Ltd., based in Norton, Va., sells generic and name-brand tobacco products at discount prices on its Web site, Supercheapcigarettes.com. Customers can use a credit card online or send a money order.

Sales of tobacco products in Texas to anyone under 18 is illegal. According to Cornyn, undercover investigators in his office completed sales transactions at the Web site even when they entered birth dates that would make them under age 18.

When investigators sent in money orders, no attempt was made to verify the buyer's age, the lawsuit claims.

"Those who fail to act responsibly to protect our children from tobacco marketing are threatening the health of our young people for profit, and the state of Texas will not tolerate that," Cornyn said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 29, 2000

It's quite likely that in the year ahead you will spend more time and effort on ways of enhancing your income. Whenever money becomes the motivation, you'll become very resourceful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The secret to acquisition is to be grateful for what you get. If you behave spoiled today and press too hard for what you want, more, not less, could be denied you. 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) Because your patience and tolerance could be at a very low level today, you must take extra care in dealing with others, especially your mate or other family members.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) First evaluate your own behavior today before pointing a finger of blame at others. This will be intensely important the testier the situation becomes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be realistic. If you expect friends to do things for you today that are beyond their capabilities, no matter how much they'd like to, they're going to have to disappoint you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It would be an extreme error in judgment today to lower your standards in order to gratify a momentary interest. Stand firm on your ethics.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let the positive aspects of a situation in which you're involved today influence your thinking. Visualizing developments as being more difficult than they are will set you back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to get by on what you possess rather than borrow something from another today. There's a chance something will go amiss and you will be unable to return it in its original condition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you select companions today who have a tendency to perceive conditions as less than they actually are, you could be tainted by the same negativity and suffer the same defeats.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something that deserves sober consideration might be treated far too lightly by you today, and you could suffer the consequences. Get your mind off less significant matters and on what counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Because you might let your emotions and not your logic do your thinking for you today, you could easily mismanage a familiar problem you usually handle with ease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) All the diplomacy and tact you can muster might not be enough today to effectively neutralize an associate with a nasty disposition. A firmer response may be required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Trying to alter a friend's thinking about something she or he is set against will severely test your powers of persuasion. Be sure it's worth it.

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U.S. population up 33 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's population has grown to 281,421,906, the Census Bureau said Thursday as it announced the first figures from the decennial head count that will reshape America's political boundaries.

The figures were expected to show more seats in the House are on the way for those Southern and Western states that experienced a population boom during the past 10 years.

"The census is a cornerstone of our representative form of government," Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta said. "America's population is the largest ever."

The new national figured marked a 33,399,123 gain from 1990.

Arizona and Texas were expected to be the biggest winners in the Census Bureau's release of the first results from the 2000 count, numbers to be used to reapportion the 435 House seats among the 50 states.

The numbers landed on President Clinton's desk a few hours before Mineta and Census Director Kenneth Prewitt made the public announcement..

"Today, I am pleased to receive from the Department of Commerce the first data released from Census 2000, our country's 22nd decennial census," Clinton said in a statement. "Most importantly, I want to thank the American people for their participation in Census 2000."

Arizona and Texas, which have burgeoning immigrant populations, would gain two representatives each in the House if forecasts based on 1999 figures by private demographic research groups hold true. New York and Pennsylvania, meanwhile, were expected to lose two seats apiece, while California's delegation, currently the largest at 52, is expected to grow by one.

The 1999 estimates were the latest numbers available and were considered a good indicator of the 2000 state population totals the Census Bureau was unveiling Thursday, said John Haaga, researcher with the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau, a research organization.

That organization's report was first released in the spring, while other estimates by Election Data Services Inc. were produced a year ago.

The Constitution says seats in the House must be redistributed fairly among the states every 10 years following the census.

Summit cancelled; explosion kills two

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hours after the abrupt cancellation of a planned Mideast summit on Thursday, a bomb went off on a bus in Tel Aviv and an explosion rocked a roadside near the Gaza Strip, killing two people and injuring 14.

The blasts came as efforts to implement the U.S. peace plan lurched from hope to uncertainty. Israel, frustrated by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's intransigence, asked Egypt to call off the summit.

Though many Arabs denounced President Clinton's peace plan — which called for deep and painful concessions from both Israelis and Palestinians — it won support from key Mideast power brokers Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Both sides sought clarifications of the U.S. proposals. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak had accepted the plan as a basis for further talks, while Palestinians sharply contested it.

"If Arafat wants to be the stubborn one, then let him," Israeli Cabinet minister Yuli Tamir told army radio. "He's missing a historical opportunity. ... The Palestinian people will pay a heavy price for this."

Arafat, returning from talks in Egypt with President Hosni Mubarak, said the opinion of the Muslim world would carry great weight in Palestinians' continuing deliberations on the American proposals.

"These issues should be discussed with our Arab brothers," Arafat told reporters in the Gaza Strip.

Egyptian leaders have repeatedly said the peace process is the only way for the Israelis and Palestinians to work out their differences. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa on Thursday praised Clinton's efforts and added: "In order to activate President Clinton's initiative, it seems it needs some time."

Late Wednesday the Palestinians sent the Clinton administration a letter detailing misgivings on 24 separate points in the proposal, news reports said. A senior Palestinian official said the objections were serious enough to amount to a rejection of the plan, but the State Department said it was still awaiting a formal Palestinian response.

Charter school woes nets moratorium call

AUSTIN (AP) — Citing continuing problems with the state's five-year charter school program, a state legislative committee has called for a moratorium on any more of the schools being opened.

In a report released Wednesday, the House Committee on Public Education said the state Legislature should ban any more of the schools being created "until the charter school experiment further proves itself to the taxpayers and until the (Texas Education Agency) has the resources to better manage the charter school system."

The report recommended not raising a legislatively set cap of 120 "open enrollment charters," which the state has reached, for two to four years and capping at-risk charters, which currently have no limit.

The committee's report says there are some successful charter schools, but other have been plagued by financial troubles, unexpected closures, and lower achievement levels than at public schools.

The report sharply contrasts with former governor and President-elect George W. Bush who touted Texas' charter schools on the campaign trail as part on his education reform platform and has said it's too early to tell whether the charter school experiment was a failure.

Steven Lee winner of SDN drawing

Steven Lee, 3307 30th Street, is the December winner of a year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

A drawing is held monthly from persons who have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Three vehicle thefts occur

Snyder police officers investigated three vehicle burglaries that were reported early Wednesday.

Chris Shoemake called officers shortly before 8 a.m. and reported his vehicle had been broken into. Officer Kenny Burns responded and reported two more vehicles had been broken into at the same residence. He filed a report for burglary of a vehicle on all three break-ins.

Helen Feinsod, owner of the Purple Sage Motel, notified officers at 10:16 a.m. of a theft at the motel. An offense report for Class B theft was filed as pillows and blankets were reported stolen from a room.

Steve Miller notified officers at 11 a.m. that someone had damaged a trailer at Snyder Trailer Sales on 37th Street. Officers filed a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Lula Bryand requested to speak to an officer at 12:54 p.m. at 1909 23rd St. in reference to her son's bicycle being stolen. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Dolores Sarabia called dispatchers at 10:25 p.m. reporting she had possibly heard a gun shot. Officer Mike Ward responded and found a plastic bottle in the yard that may have exploded. The call is still under investigation.

Officers were called to the 3700 block of Rose Circle at 12:30 this morning due to loud music being played. A citation for disorderly conduct, loud music, was issued since it was the second complaint at the residence for the night.

Obituaries

Mattie Crook

1913-2000

Mattie Una Crook, a retired employee of the Monsanto Gasoline Plant, died Sunday, Dec. 24, in Baylor Hospital in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Mattie Crook

Funeral service for Mrs. Crook, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired pastor, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate.

Graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 24, 1913 in Big Spring, she was married to James P. Crook who died in 1953. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Sue Bowen, in 1993.

Mrs. Crook worked for Monsanto for 27 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Crook of Tyler; a daughter, Louise Davenport of Greenville; a sister, Frances Reeves of Corpus Christi; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at the funeral home.

Allen Bruton

1923-2000

Weston Allen Bruton of Fluvanna died Sunday, Dec. 24, while visiting his son in Bangkok, Thailand.

Services for Mr. Bruton, 77, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 19, 1923 in Temple, he married Ila Mae "Chigger" Jordan on June 24, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. She died June 20, 2000.

Mr. Bruton was a retired engineer for Baroid Services.

Survivors include a son, Greg Bruton of Bangkok; a daughter, Lana Renee Harden of Amarillo; a grandson, Cody Bruton of Bangkok; four sisters; and five brothers.

James Burleson

1926-2000

James E. Burleson, a resident of Snyder for the past 10 years, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Burleson, 74, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Bill Looney, associate minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate.

Born July 28, 1926 in El Segundo, Calif., he married Elizabeth Titus in June, 1950.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Mr. Burleson was a retired sales manager for Worthington Pump Company and had been involved in ranching. A resident of Snyder since 1990, Mr. Burleson was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Burleson of Lubbock; two daughters, Janie Bashour of Cleveland, Ohio, and Ann Utterback of Lubbock; two sons, Dr. James R. Burleson of Snyder and Bryan Burleson of Hattiesburg, Miss.; a sister, Jodie Crawford of Granbury; and eight grandchildren.

J.W. Shamblin

1923-2000

LEVELLAND – J.W. Shamblin, the brother of Garaldine Stokes of Ira, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Shamblin, 77, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Howe officiating.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the City of Coleman Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born July 6, 1923 in Texas, Mr. Shamblin, a retired field foreman for Crown Central Petroleum, had lived in Levelland since 1973, moving from Abilene.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Second Baptist Church. He married Darleene Amarine on July 3, 1949 in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Darleen Shamblin of Levelland; a daughter, Vickie Hines of Charleston, S.C.; a stepdaughter, Glenda Baucom of Granbury; a stepson, James Vinyard of Coleman; a brother, Doyle Shamblin of Tuscola; another sister, Charlene Kelly of Abilene; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement honor

A retirement reception will be held from 10 until 11:30 a.m. 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 Sunday 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.

New Year's service

Apostolic Faith Church, 25th Street and Ave. Z, will have a New Year's Service starting at 8 p.m. Sunday. The service will include various speakers and music. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Scurry Lodge stated meeting

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

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 at the region office located on the south side of the Price Daniel unit.

Senior citizen swimnastics

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

FBC worship service

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

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. 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.

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will resume its regular noon Tuesday weekly meetings Jan. 9 at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

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 Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Adult basic education classes

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

Windbreak trees

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

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated $22 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 11-18-27-28-30-51.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $27 million.

Pick 3

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

1-9-6

Businesses set closings for holiday

While the Christmas holidays are still fresh on most people's minds, it's almost time for yet another holiday — New Year's Day.

The Scurry County Courthouse and City Hall will both be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, as will all of the city's financial institutions.

West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank will also close Friday at noon and observe the Monday holiday. American State Bank and First American Bank will have normal hours on Friday, but will be closed on Monday.

All state agencies will be closed Monday.

The Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday and Monday.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD students are seeing their Christmas vacation time rapidly drawing to a close. All county students will be out of class on New Year's Day, and the day after as well. Classes will resume at all three schools on Wednesday. Tuesday, however, is a work day for teachers at all the schools.

Offices at Western Texas College open Wednesday, and faculty returns Jan. 10 for in-service. Classes resume Jan. 17.

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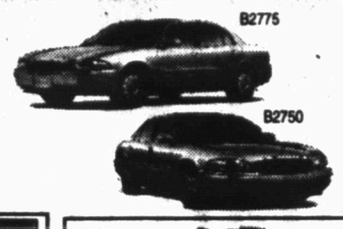

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Vortec 5300 V-8 SFI, 4 Speed auto, 6 way power seat
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$299 Month*
36 Mo. SB @11.30%, $3,132.14 Down Plus TT&L. $14,822.57 Final Payment. Cash Price $22,500. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.

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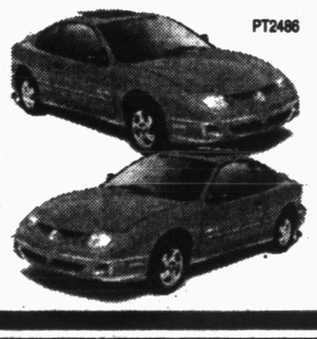
4 Speed auto, Vortec 5300 V-8 gas, alum. wheels, Several to choose from
$399 Month*
36 Mo. SB @11.30%, $1,423.13 Down Plus TT&L. $16,303.47 Final Payment. Cash Price $24,799. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.

2001 Tahoe LS 2 WD
Forrest green, Vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas, 4 Speed auto.
$499 Month*
36 Mo. SB @9.95%, $2,352.06 Down Plus TT&L. $17,712.76 Final Payment. Cash Price $30,500. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.

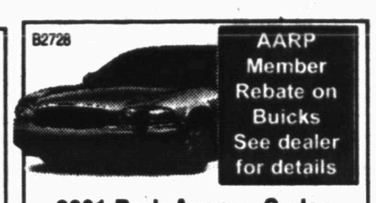
2001 Silverado Reg. Cab
Summit white, 4 speed auto, Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI
$299 Month*
36 Mo. SB @11.75%, $1,075.83 Down Plus TT&L. $11,048.80 Final Payment. Cash Price $17,600. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.

2001 Grand Prix SE Sedan
Remote Decklid Release, cruise, 6-way power seat
$299 Month*
36 Mo. SB @7.75%, $1,970.26 Down Plus TT&L. $11,155.00 Final Payment. Cash Price $20,600. 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.

2001 Sunfire SE Coupe
Bright Red, cloth, tilt, cruise, AM/FM/disc, 4 speed auto
$225 Month*
36 Mo. SB @5.10%, $1,745.95 Down Plus TT&L. $7,548.75 Final Payment. Cash Price $15,500 15K per year w/15¢ penalty over 45K, WAC thru GMAC, All applicable rebates assigned to dealer.



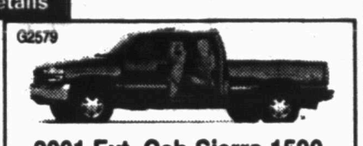
2001 Silverado 3500 2 WD Chassis
Summit White, Tan cloth, air conditioning, camper type mirrors, rear axle 4.10 ratio, cruise, high capacity air cleaner, vortec 6000 SFI gas engine, 5 speed
$21,995



AARP Member Rebate on Buicks See dealer for details

2001 Park Avenue Sedan
Lt. bronzemist metallic, leather, concert sound III, Prestige option pkg. (SE)
AFTER REBATES
$31,638

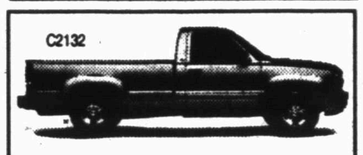
2000 Long Bed Ext Cab Sierra Z71 1500 4WD 4 Door
Locking rear axle, H.D. tranmission, Vortec 5300 SFI gas engine, convenience plus group , marketing option pkg.
AFTER REBATES
$27,945



2001 Ext. Cab Sierra 1500 2 WD 4 Door
40/20/40 split bench seat, H.D. transmission, vortec 5300 V-8 SFI, aluminum wheels
SALE PRICE
$25,051

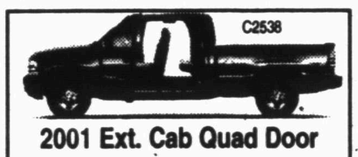
2000 Silverado 1500 4X4 Reg. Cab
Locking differential-rear axle, 4 speed automatic,
AFTER REBATES
$18,651

Work Truck - 2001 Silverado 3/4 Ton Reg. Cab
Air conditioning, cruise, automatic transmission
SALE PRICE **$21,499**

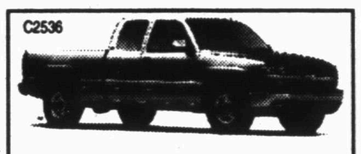


2000 Silverado LS 3/4 Ton Reg. Cab
Automatic Trans., LS Decor, Engine Oil Cooling system
After Rebate **$20,703**

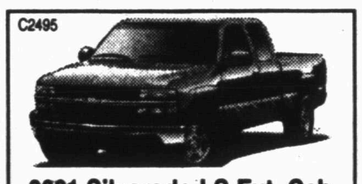
2001 Silverado LS Ext. Cab SWB
5300 V-8 SFI gas engine, auto, alumimum wheels
1.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
$24,200



2001 Ext. Cab Quad Door Silverado LS 1500
Trailor pkg., 6-way power driver & pass seat, vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas engine
3.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
37-48 MONTHS
$25,359



2001 Silverado Ext Cab
6-way power driver & pass. seat, Vortec 5300 V-8 SFI gas engine, alum. wheels
1.9%-INTEREST AVAILABLE
UP TO 36 MONTHS
$25,305

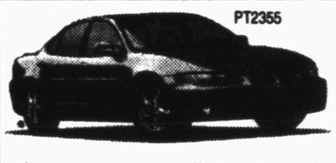


2001 Silverado LS Ext. Cab DEMO
4800 V-8 SFI gas engine, automatic
AFTER REBATES
$22,384

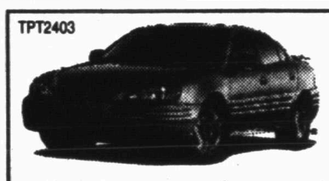
2001 Silverado LS Ext Cab
4800 V-8 SFI gas, automatic trans., alum. wheels
DEMO-AFTER REBATES
$22,500

2001 Silverado LS Ext. Cab
C2442
Trailor pkg., 6-way power seats, Vortec 5300 SFI gas, alum. wheels,
3.9% INTEREST AVAILABLE
37-48 MONTHS
$25,199

2001 Silverado LS 1500 Ext. Cab- DEMO
Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI, auto
5.9% INTEREST - 49-60 MONTHS
$22,100



2001 Grand Prix SE Sedan
3100 SFI V-6 engine, AM/FM/Stereo w/Compact Disc player
ALL NEW AFTER REBATE
$18,951



2001 Grand Am GT Sedan
3400 SFI V-6 Engine, cruise, power windows/locks
AFTER REBATES
$18,718

Olds Owner Loyalty $1500

2001 Alero GL1 Sedan
6-way driver power seat, 3.4L V-6 engine #OL2727
SALE AFTER REBATE
$17,815

2001 Impala Sedan #CP2569, *AM/FM/ Stereo w/CD, ISC*
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATES **$19,781**

2001 Malibu Sedan #CP2488 *Remote keyless entry, ISB Malibu Pref. equipment*
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE **$16,697**

2001 Camaro Coupe #CP2737, *Removeable roof panels w/locks, alum. wheels,*
ULTIMATE SPORT CAR SALE AFTER REBATE **$19,414**

2000 Deville DTS Night Vision #CD2085, *side air bags, chrome wheels,*
CLOSE-OUT 2000 SALE **$44,294**

2001 LeSebre Custom Sedan #B2841, *Alum. wheels, Luxury pkg. (SD)*
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE **$23,664**

2001 Sunfire SE Coupe #PT2470 *Cruise, 4 speed auto, ISB option*
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATES **$13,999**

2001 Aztek 4 Dr. GT #CP2350 *3400 SFI V-6 Engine, ISB Pkg., 4 speed auto.*
ALL NEW AZTEK DEMO AFTER REBATE **$22,974**

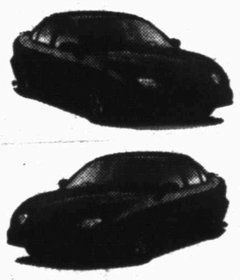
2001 Monte Carlo LS Coupe #CP2592 *6-way power seat, AM/FM Stereo CD/Cass*
SALE PRICE AFTER REBATE **$19,693**

Any 2001 Tahoe~ Suburban~Yukon~Yukon XL

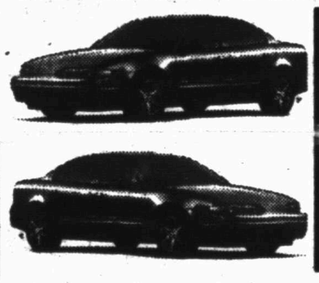
1.9% 12-36 Mos. **4.9%** 37-48 Mos. **7.9%** 49-60 Mos.

Thru January 15th Only

3 -2000 Pontiac Sunfires
4 Door, Automatic
$10,750

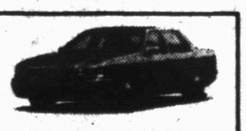


1999 Lincoln Town Car
#C2054A, Leather, 33K Miles
$21,995



2-2000 Olds Alero
2 Door & 4 Door
$12,995

1999 Cadillac Deville
Northstar System
A8023, Leather
$23,500



1997 Cadillac Deville
CD2092A One Owner, white
$17,995

2000 Cadillac Deville
A9742 New Body Style $29,795

1999 Buick LaSabre B2875A, Custom, one owner	$15,500
1999 Pontiac Gran Prix A2791, Red, 4 door, SE	$13,595
1997 Chevy Camaro TC2372B, 5 Speed, V-6, T-Tops	$10,700
1997 Mercury Sable TB2505A, 13K Miles, One Owner	$11,750
1997 Chevy 3/4 Ton ExtCab C2260A, Auto, Work truck	$11,500
1999 Chevy 1/2 Ton ExtCab G2526A, Silverado, New Body Style	$18,900
1999 Chevy Suburban LT TC2810A, Leather, One Owner	$24,500
1999 Ford F150 ExtCab~2 At This Price Low miles, V-8	$17,995
2000 Ford Crew Cab P8881, Powerstroke, leather	$33,500
1999 Ford F150 C2471A, 72K Miles, One Owner	$10,950
1997 Ford Explorer TC2479A, 2 Door, Sport	$13,950
1999 GMC 3/4 Ton C2415A, Work Truck, V-8	$9,900
1999 Chevy 1/2 Ton 4X4 Z71 TC2878A, 20K miles	$25,500
1999 Chevy 1/2 Ton ExtCab TC 2902A, V-8, one owner	$18,500

USED VEHICLES AT LOW PRICES

1993 Ford Crown Victoria C2792B	$3500
1988 Ford Taurus C2755B	$1500
1985 Lincoln Towncar A8690A	$1500
1985 Chevy 3/4 Ton 4X4 P8649	$2500
1986 Chevy Crewcab CP2341A	$2850
1979 GMC Pickup C2755C	$1350
1983 Jeep Wagoneer G1911C	$2250
1992 GEO Metro C2450B	$1250
1983 Chrysler New Yorker C2594C	$850
1980 Pontiac Bonneville B2128B	$500
1993 Ford Festiva TCP2793B	$2000
1988 Chevy ExtCab P3437A	$3850
1995 Chevy Lumina Van G2548B	$3500
1989 Chevy ExtCab -Black C1111	$3850
1995 GMC Sonoma TG2388C	$4850
1995 Ford Contour CP2303B	$5850
1994 Pontiac Grand Am P5632A	$4650
1994 Olds 98 Sedan A7670A	$6000
1990 Mercury Topaz A9939A	$4500
1989 Ford Taurus Wagon C2854B	$4500