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Ice causes accidents, strands travelers

From Local, Wire Reports

Christmas songs filled the airways in Snyder Monday, but they had some strong competition from Scurry County sheriff's dispatchers with their own all-too-familiar tune.

"Snyder 19, we have a report of another accident."

In all, Snyder EMS, DPS troopers and other law enforcement personnel responded to reports of 17 weather-related mishaps Christmas Day – with most of them reported on U.S. 84 which was closed late Monday.

According to Snyder Fire Chief and EMS director Perry Westmoreland, none of the accidents caused serious injuries.

"Most were one-vehicle turnovers and the occupants just suffered bumps and bruises."

Before Highway 84 was closed north of Snyder around 10 p.m., 13 accidents had been reported. At 6 a.m. today, U.S. 84 from Roscoe to Lubbock was closed to traffic. Two accidents were reported on U.S. 180, as well as U.S. 350.

Julie Offield and her family left Fort Worth at 4:30 p.m. Monday en route to a skiing holiday in Colorado.

"We didn't hit any real bad roads until we turned on 84 at Roscoe," said Offield, who spent the night with her family and about 100 other stranded travelers, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center and at 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center.

The Offields finally arrived in Snyder at 2:30 this morning.

The churches opened up their facilities after the last motel room in Snyder was taken shortly after 10 p.m.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital also allowed two people with potential health problems to stay in a hospital room in case problems arose.

Besides responding to accidents, law enforcement officials also assisted several motorists whose vehicles had slid off the roadway and gotten stuck.

Scurry County certainly was not isolated with its weather-related problems.

All roads in Garza County were shut down by the sheriff's department, including Highway 84 around 9 p.m. Monday.

"Everything was all iced-up," said Garza County deputy constable Cliff Laws. "We have about one-fourth to one-half of an inch of ice under the snow. We can't salt the roads fast enough."

Portions of the Panhandle could see as much as a foot of snow by Wednesday, said Steven Taylor, a weather service meteorologist in Lubbock.

"We've had freezing drizzle since Christmas and we really had not switched over to snow until Tuesday morning."

In Lubbock, police reported 67 accidents Monday. Authorities across the Panhandle reported numerous accidents, four of them fatal in Hemphill, Oldham, Swisher and Hall counties.

Meanwhile, the weather, which had produced power problems throughout some portions of the state, hampered workers trying to restore electricity.

Ice-laden tree limbs falling onto power lines and homes knocked out power to more than 40,000 electric customers in northeast Texas and damaged several homes in the Texarkana area.

However, no reports of power outages were reported locally.

Dave Hall, emergency management coordinator for the city of Texarkana, said one side effect of the icy weather and power outage was a shortage of gasoline.

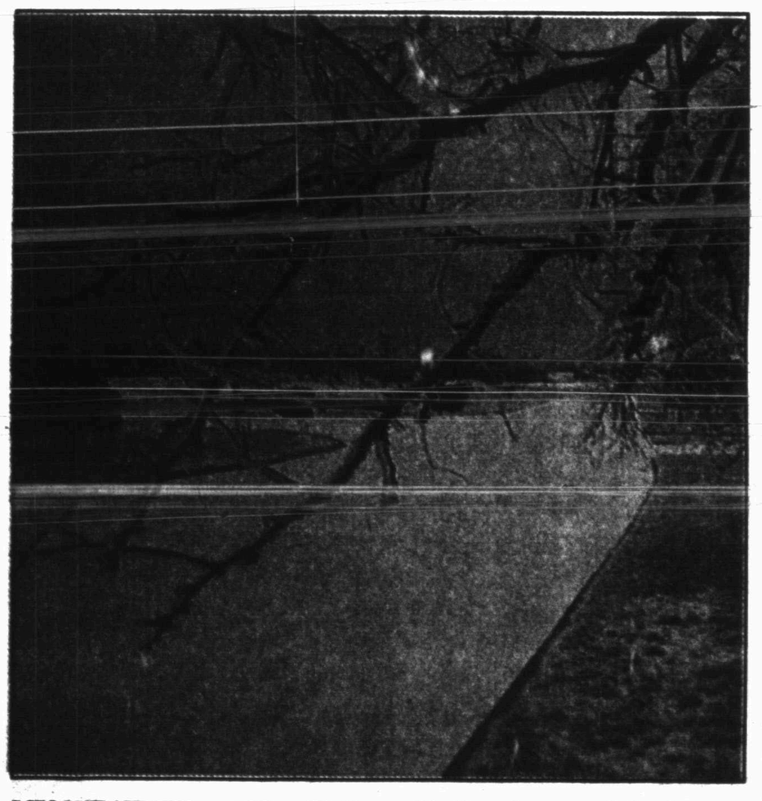
"We're finding a lot of people traveling home cannot find fuel," Hall said. "So we've had a handful of people running low on fuel with no place to buy fuel."

By late Monday night, the count of those affected by outages in northeast Texas and adjacent Miller County, Ark., stood at 40,000-plus and counting.

"DeKalb is in the dark," said Scott McCloud, spokesman for AEP/Southwestern Electric Power.

A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING – These four were among 100 stranded travelers who spent most of Christmas night in Snyder at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center and at 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center due to icy roads. Shown from left are, Julie Offield, Jenny Offield, Sarah Lindsey and Jean Lindsey. The Fort Worth quartet were en route to Winter Park, Colo. They left their home in the Metroplex at 4:30 p.m. Monday, arriving in Snyder at 2:30 this morning. They said the roads weren't bad until they turned on to U.S. 84 which has now been closed to traffic. (SDN Staff Photo)

WHERE TO NOW? – Kimberly Kephart and Syndi Slaughter were among some 100 stranded travelers who spent most of Monday night at the First Baptist Church Family Life Building. The two and other family members left Waco at 8:30 Monday night and the icy highways stopped them in Snyder around 1:30 this morning. The two were looking at the map to find the safest way to their ski destination, Angel Fire, N.M. (SDN Staff Photos by Wade Warren)



ICY WEATHER — After flirting with freezing precipitation on Christmas Day, residents awoke Tuesday with a blanket of snow and ice such as seen at Towle Park. (SDN Staff Photo)

Escapees suspected in policeman's murder

IRVING (AP) — Seven escaped convicts appear to have made good on a threat they made when they broke out of prison nearly two weeks ago.

"You haven't heard the last of us yet" was the message left when the men fled Dec. 13 from the Connally Unit in Kenedy, about 65 miles from San Antonio, said John McAuliffe, inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The men are suspected in the shooting death of a 29-year-old Irving officer who attempted to break up a Christmas Eve robbery at a sporting goods store where about two dozen employees had been herded to the back of the store.

"Our fear all along has been that there would be additional victims," he said. McAuliffe attended a briefing at the Irving Police Department on Monday, a day after Aubry Hawkins was killed at Oshman's Supersports USA store on Texas 183.

Investigators have filed capital murder warrants against the seven escaped convicts. Descriptions from store employees helped police identify the suspects, said Irving Police Chief Lowell Cannaday.

The convicts — two of them convicted murderers — remain on the loose. One of the seven men, 30-year-old George Rivas, robbed an Oshman's in April 1993 in El Paso.

"This was a well-planned and executed robbery," Cannaday said. Prison officials used similar phrases to describe the prison break earlier this month.

Hawkins, a graduate of J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, joined the Irving department in October 1999. He was married and had a 9-year-old boy. Before joining the department, Hawkins worked as a security guard at St. Paul Medical Center in Dallas.

"He'd always wanted to be a police officer," Cannaday said. In his short career, he garnered numerous commendations from inside and outside the department, Cannaday said.

Many of Irving's officers wore black and purple bands across their badges Monday to honor their fallen comrade. Latin printed on the bands translates to "no one assails me with impunity."

Flags in front of the department flew at half-staff Christmas Day.

"It certainly will be a Christmas to remember and for all the wrong reasons," said Assistant Chief Jimmy Perdue.

By Monday night, a makeshift memorial was taking form at the store. Potted plants were left by the front door and a sign across the store's door read, "Closed in honor of Officer Aubry Hawkins, Badge No. 830."

Final suspects in drug indictments are arrested

All 29 persons indicted by the Scurry County grand jury on Wednesday have now been arrested as Tony Cobb and Kevin Ward both turned themselves in at the sheriff's office.

Cobb, 41, of 3207 Ave. K turned himself in at the sheriff's office at 9:46 p.m. Friday.

Cobb was indicted for possession of marijuana.

Kevin Ward, 30, of 2811 Ave. X surrendered to authorities at the sheriff's office at 10:42 a.m. Saturday.

Ward was indicted on two counts of delivery of cocaine.

Both Cobb and Ward made bond and were released from jail.

Cobb was released on a $5,000 bond, and Ward was released on a $10,000 bond and a $5,000 bond.

The grand jury returned 46 drug-related indictments against 29 individuals during the special session Wednesday.

All the suspects are due to be arraigned in 132nd District Court Wednesday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, " When work speaks for itself, a prudent person doesn't interrupt."

Got to blame these musings on something.

There was no eggnog, so it must have been the overdose of sugar from holiday goodies.

The quiet of the post-holiday excitement makes you wonder why:

—the sun lightens hair, but darkens skin.

—glue doesn't stick to the inside of the bottle.

—you never read about a psychic winning the lottery.

—a boxing ring is square.

—abbreviated is such a long word.

—it is called lipstick, but you can still move your lips.

—it is necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin.

—what lawyers and doctors do is called practice.

—rain drops, but snow falls.

—when driving and looking for an address, you turn down the radio.

—the man who invests all your money is called a broker.

—the third hand on a watch is called the second hand.

—the time of day with the slowest traffic is called the rush hour.

—the word dictionary is in the dictionary.

—to stop a computer, you have to click on start.

—there is not a special name for the top of your feet.

—there is no mouse-flavored cat food.

More questions:

—is the ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter an Eskimo pie.

—if half of a large intestine is one semi-colon.

—if a thousand aches is equal to one megahertz.

—if 2,000 pounds of bird's nest soup is won ton.

—why lemon juice is made with artificial favoring, and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons.

—why they can't make the whole airplane out of the same material they make its indestructible black box.

—why you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive.

—if fat folks go skinny dipping.

—if stupidity got us into this mess, why can't it get us out.

—why brain cells come and go, but fat cells live forever.

ASK US

Q—What is the Texas Department of Transportation's number to call for road conditions?

A—1-800-452-9292.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: Highs, lows, Friday 53, 24; Saturday 55, 33; Sunday 30, 27; Monday 28, 21; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 21. Precipitation, .16 of an inch. Total todate: 21.41 inches.

Area Forecast: Freezing rain, sleet, snow. Accumulations up to 4 inches by tonight. Temps in upper 20s. Wednesday, 30 percent chance ofd snow. High near 35.

Cassie Cochran
Snow

Sunset:
5:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:42 a.m.

Of 360 days in 2000, the sun has shone 351 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A compliment is verbal sunshine.

—Robert Orben

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Hospitals must measure pain

WASHINGTON (AP) — When you enter a hospital, you have a right to have your pain properly treated.

That sounds so commonsense, yet millions of Americans suffer every day because pain is routinely ignored or undertreated.

But starting next week, the nation's hospitals must make a major change: New standards require that every patient's pain be measured regularly from the time they check in — just like other vital signs are measured — and proper pain relief begun or the hospitals risk losing their accreditation.

Patients should expect at least to be asked to rate how they're feeling, from zero, no pain, to 10, the worst pain imaginable. (Small children will use pictures to rate pain.) The score determines what steps the hospital must take to help.

To stress how important the changes are, the new standards actually put in writing that "patients have the right" to proper pain assessment and treatment.

Some hospitals already are handing out leaflets and posting signs in the halls telling patients about that right, so they know it's OK — nay, crucial — to complain if a doctor or nurse doesn't help.

Better, it's not just hospitals that must take the new steps but nursing homes and outpatient clinics accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The commission adopted the standards over a year ago, but gave facilities until January to comply.

It's "a watershed event," said Dr. Russell Portenoy, pain medicine chairman of New York's Beth Israel Medical Center. "No one has ever promised patients no pain. But what JCAHO wants to do is promise people their pain will be assessed and managed in a state-of-the-art way."

Many centers still are scrambling to comply. Teaching health workers who aren't pain specialists how to treat can take some time — and many doctors inappropriately shun narcotics, a treatment mainstay for numerous types of pain, because they think patients will get hooked on them.

"This is not going to happen overnight," cautioned American Pain Society president-elect Christine Miaskowski, nursing chair at the University of California, San Francisco.

"Patients are going to have to demand better care," she said. "Unrelieved pain has negative effects. Just like they need an antibiotic to treat infection, they need analgesics to treat their pain."

But many patients don't know they don't have to suffer — or that pain is more than bothersome, it actually hinders healing.

So being a stoic isn't good. Revealing how much pain you're in doesn't "bother the doctors" or distract them from treating your underlying disease, common excuses.

"People think it's like an 11th commandment: 'Thou had surgery, thou should have pain.' ... Or that if you have cancer, you must have pain," said June Dahl, a University of Wisconsin pain specialist who helped write the standards. "Pain can be relieved."

How big is the problem? Cancer provides the best estimates: About 40 percent of cancer patients have undertreated pain. One in four elderly cancer patients in nursing homes receives no treatment at all for daily pain. Last year, Oregon's medical board disciplined a doctor for treating a dying cancer patient's pain with mere Tylenol.

Look beyond hospitals and some 9 percent of Americans suffer chronic pain, ranging from back injuries to rheumatoid arthritis. Experts say four of every 10 with moderate to severe pain don't get adequate relief.

One of the biggest challenges is teaching nonspecialists that narcotic painkillers called opioids — such as morphine, codeine, fentanyl — are the mainstay for many types of pain.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Funeral consumer alliance is buried under by orders for kits

DEAR ABBY: I always knew your column was powerful, but perhaps you'd like to hear just how effective it can be. Your October mention of our end-of-life planning kit flooded our offices with 50,000 orders, and they're still coming in! The notes with the orders show how much this idea has clicked with the public:

"Just what I need to get organized."

"I've put this off for a long time. I knew it was meant for me."

"I love this idea. Please send 20 more. Everyone in my family is getting one."

"The refrigerator is one place I'm sure my family will find it."

But we're suffering from success — and I'm not sure which word to emphasize. We had expected perhaps 10,000 orders — not five times as many. We're shipping the kits as fast as our volunteers can assemble them. Our crews work night and day, seven days a week. Now the folks whose orders haven't been shipped are complaining. As one senior put it, "Time gallops for us." Several people have even wondered if we're "another senior rip-off."

Please let your readers know that we won't cash their check or charge their credit card until we're ready to ship their order. And further, we will be most grateful for their patience in the meantime. Thank you! — LISA CARLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE INC.

DEAR LISA: First, let me vouch for the fact that the Funeral Consumers Alliance is on the up-and-up. You have been a trusted source of information about the funeral industry for years, and it has always been a pleasure talking with you.

Second: On one hand, I'm sorry you have been "buried" with orders, and on the other, I'm very pleased. I am sure that once the readers who ordered kits receive them, they will prove to be useful.

Third: You need some more help in filling those orders! If you've run out of volunteers, consider hiring some temps. We both work in the service of others — and there are important needs to be met.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband wants me to start my own business because he hates paying the government four months of his salary. I don't think I'm cut out to be a businesswoman. How can I stop him from hassling me about it? — NOT AN ENTREPRENEUR IN FLORIDA

DEAR NOT: What makes your husband think business owners need not pay a fair share of taxes to the government? Starting your own business would not excuse you (and him) from that responsibility.

Visit the nearest Small Business Administration office (it is listed in the phone book) and obtain guidelines for small businesses. Then show your husband how much tax responsibility a business owner must shoulder.

Also make a list of the benefits he reaps as a taxpayer, such as good highways, Social Security, education, fire-fighting, police protection, military readiness to ensure our freedom, etc. Your husband seems to be a person who takes these benefits for granted. Perhaps your research and the list will clue your husband in to the facts of life.

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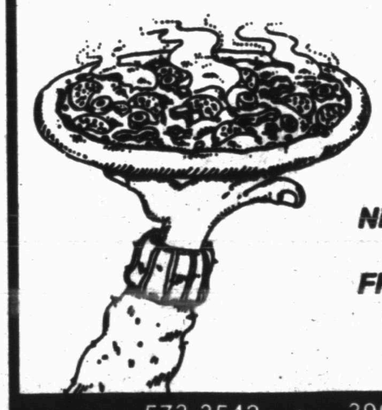

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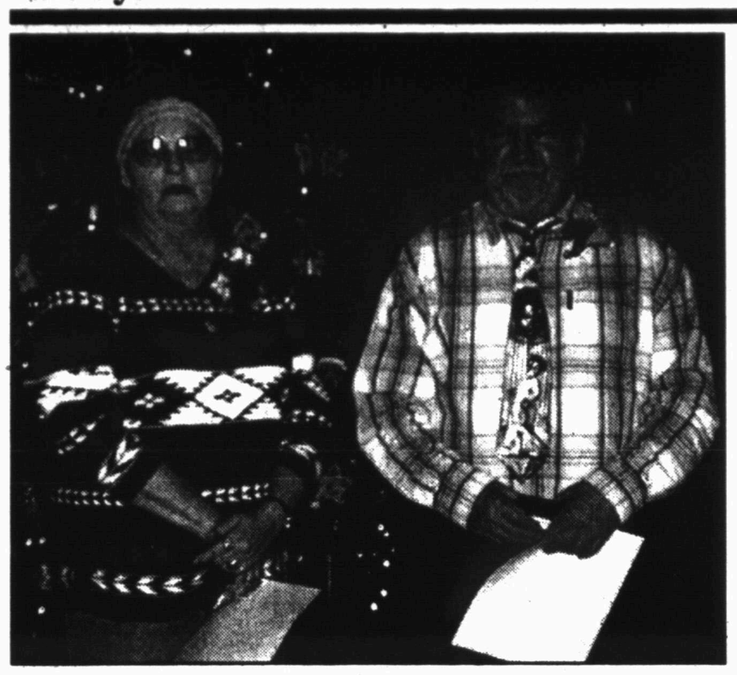

10-YEAR AWARDS — Melba McNeil, left, and Tony Haley received their 10-year service awards from Cogdell Memorial Hospital at the annual Christmas dinner. Others unable to attend were Lynn Bosley, Sherry Early and Leona Leatherwood. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 22 – Mabel Covey, Jamison boy, Autris Thompson, Lester Bryce, Robert Escobedo; Dec. 23 – Petra Delao, Clyde Grimes, Bryan Thomason of Hermleigh, Nikolas Villa; Dec. 24 – Stella Jones, Kenneth Rinehart, Eva Scott, Dollins girl, Pam Reston; Dec. 25 – Susan Robbins, Jerry Vaughn, Inez Beaver, Jackie Doucette, Bernard Garrett and Faustino Lopez.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 22 – Calvin Lane, Dorothy Rodriguez, Chris Scott, Makaya Smith, Eva Hester of Colorado City, Carrol Wilson, Mary Woods; Dec. 23 – Jamison boy, Bryan Thomason of Hermleigh, Victoria Lopez of Loraine, Armando Martinez, Miguel Moreno; Dec. 24 – Lester Bryce, Pam Reston, Nikolas Villa; Dec. 25 – Clyde Grimes, Mabel Covey, Dollins girl, Robert Escobedo and John Jordan.

CENSUS: 37 (Med./Surg.-13, Long-term Care-22 and ICU-2)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ A 10 9 8 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ K Q ♣ K 10 6 2	12-26-00
West ♠ — ♥ K Q J 10 7 6 4 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ A 7 4		East ♠ K Q J 7 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 9 8 5 3
	South ♠ 6 4 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A J 10 9 6 5 ♣ Q J	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	4 ♥	4 ♠	Dbl.
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

for African Americans, celebrating the fruits of harvest. It is also Boxing Day in England, when it was traditional for lords of the manor to take gifts in boxes to their serfs.

Have there ever been fisticuffs at the bridge table? Sadly, yes. Today, though, the slugfest is only with the cards, with each side trying to beat the other into submission. Who will win?

In the auction, East doubled four spades with such relish that South was persuaded to run to five diamonds.

West led the heart king: ace, nine, three. Declarer drew trumps, then played the club jack. After winning with his ace, West cashed the heart queen and exited with a club. Declarer won with his queen, crossed to dummy with a spade to the ace, and discarded his spade losers on dummy's top clubs to make his contract. Does anything strike you?

First, East was wrong to double four spades. Never double the only contract you know you can beat.

South needs three club tricks, but the suit is blocked. West did very well to win with his ace, but if he had counted South's tricks, he would have realized it was right to underlead his heart honors at trick six. East would win with his vital eight, then switch to the spade king, knocking out dummy's entry before the club jack could be cashed. This kills the contract.

South can always get home by ducking trick one, but that is very dangerous, given West's vulnerable four-heart opening, which will usually be on an eight-bagger.

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Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000

Slugging it out at the table

By Phillip Alder
This the first day of Kwanzaa

Re-enactment called off

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — Conditions for this year's re-enactment of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River were similar to the real thing.

The difference: On Christmas Day in 1776, the real-life general went through with the mission.

Authorities, citing safety concerns, called off Monday's re-enactment of the historic crossing. The combination of cold and wind at the site made it feel like 6 degrees below zero, and ice prevented police safety vessels from getting into the chilly waters separating New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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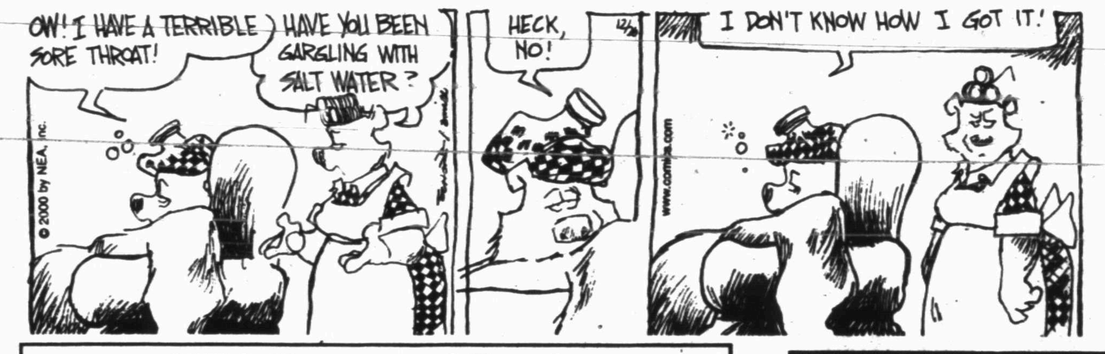

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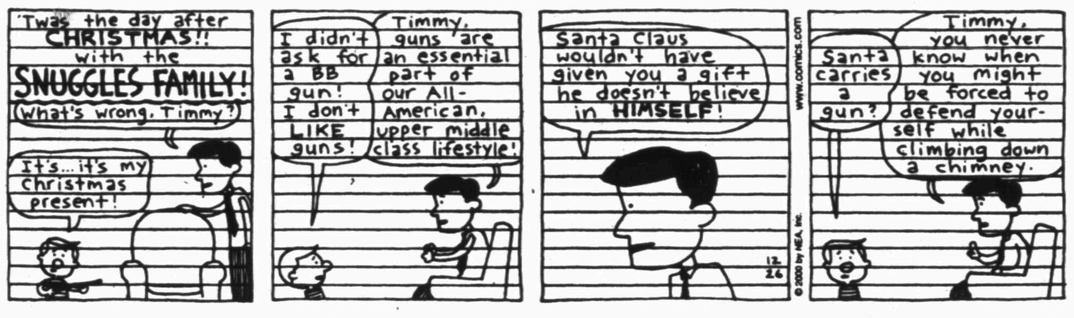

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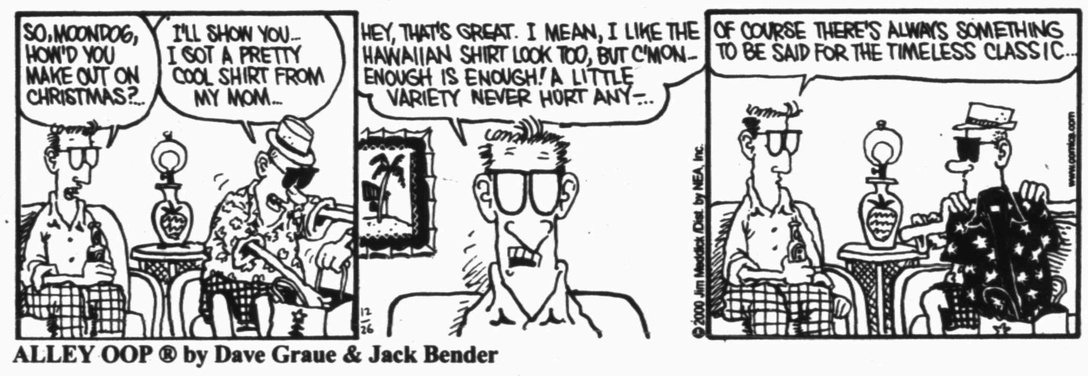

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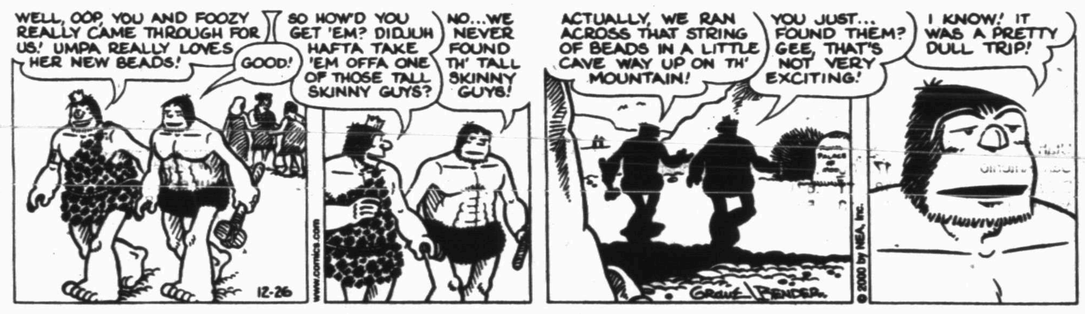

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ACROSS

1 Large snake
7 Hamburger garnish
12 Bullfighter
13 Laud
14 Demeaned
15 Loosened laces
16 Down in the dumps
17 Once named
18 Speed-limit abbr.
21 Charge the account of
23 — culpa
26 Cupid
28 Composition for two
29 12/31, e.g.
30 Jeans maker Strauss
31 Visionary
33 Type of lettuce
36 Puppeteer Baird
37 Zero
38 Brought court action
40 Lean
41 Beast of burden
42 New Testament book
44 Ham on —
45 "Velvet" finish
46 RR depot
48 Pounding instrument
51 Makes impure
55 Support
56 Mistreat
57 Actor John —
58 Empty — (parent whose children have left)

DOWN

1 Harper Valley grp.
2 Hoodlum (Brit.)
3 Singing syllable
4 Dame Myra —
5 Mountain nymph
6 Made a head movement
7 Jazz player Coleman
8 Basketball's Archibald
9 Roman three
10 "Verb" end
11 Actor Sparks
13 Weaker
18 Actress Mercouri
19 Synopsis of a book
20 Miserable dwellings
22 Spending plan
23 Certain autobiography
24 The — Brothers (singers)
25 Make fizzy
27 Fam. member
32 Performance
34 Actress Parsons
35 Destroyed
39 Actor Hoffman
43 Not fresh
45 Harrow's rival
47 Isn't well
48 Fido's offspring
49 Clean-air org.
50 Timid
52 Pecan, e.g.
53 Mao — -tung
54 Sun. speech

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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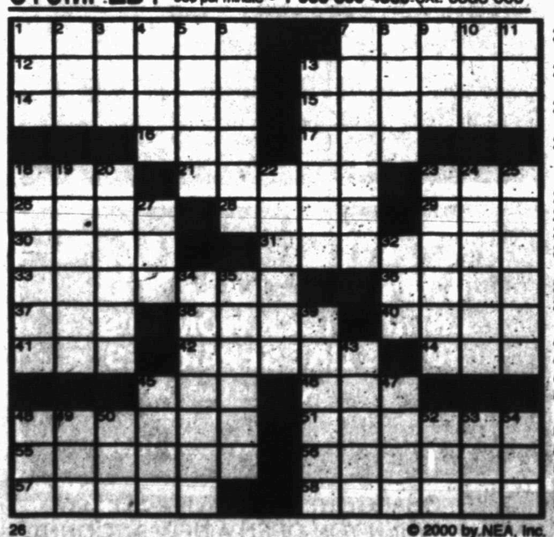

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SPORTS

Local players earn A-J gridiron honors

Nine local football players added more honors to their post-season accolades with spots on the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains football team.

Snyder seniors Matthew Grimmett, Mark Medley, Tremaine Johnson, Tovares Brandon and Ralph Ramon, and junior Jamall Pruitt were named to the South Plains 5A/4A squad, while Ira juniors Nathan Smith and Jerry Jamison, and senior Bryce Wilkins were selected for the six-man team.

Grimmett, Medley, Johnson and Pruitt were also first team all-district selections, while Ramon was a second team honoree.

On the South Plains squad, Grimmett was selected for his work at wide receiver. The 6-1, 170-pound senior hauled in 32 receptions for 590 yards and five touchdowns this past season.

Joining Grimmett on the offensive unit were honorable mention recipients Brandon at running back and Ramon at kicker.

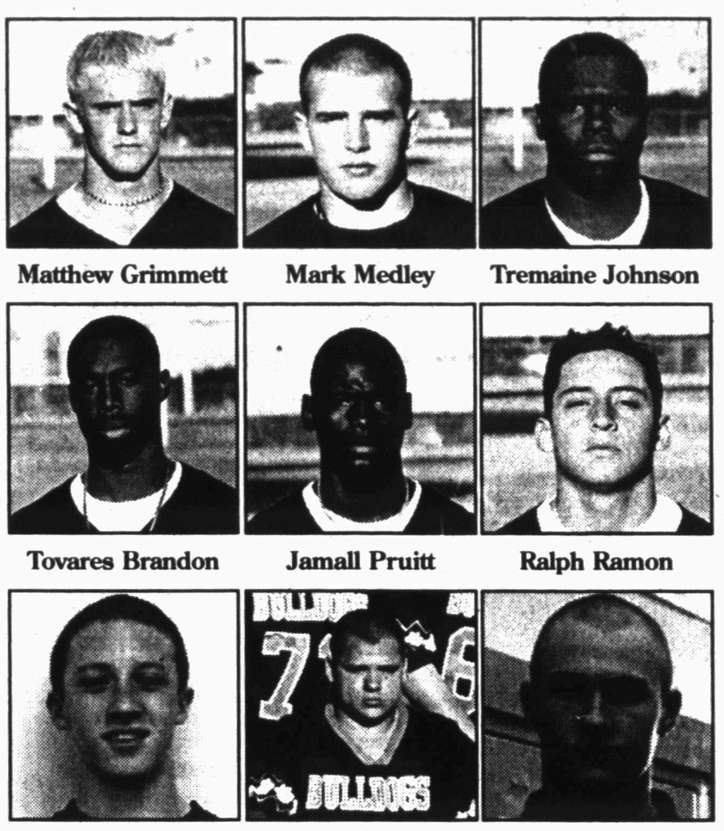
Medley (5-11, 225) grabbed a spot on the first-team defense as a linebacker, after leading the Tigers with 130 tackles. He was joined by Johnson (6-0, 275), who helped anchor the Tigers' top-rated defense from his tackle position.

Pruitt garnered honorable mention as a defensive end.

In the six-man ranks, Smith was named to the South Plains defensive unit as a linebacker. The 5-10, 155-pound first team all-district selection registered 112 tackles on the year, to go along with three fumble recoveries and an interception.

Jamison, another first team all-district selection, was tabbed as the South Plains punter, after averaging 40.6 yards per boot this past season.

Wilkins, who also received first team all-district honors, garnered honorable mention on the South Plains squad as a defensive end.



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Titans blank Dallas, grab division crown

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans didn't slap high-fives with fans as they left the field. Most didn't even bother to show off their T-shirts and hats commemorating their first AFC Central title since 1993.

But then the Titans never worried about not making the playoffs.

The Titans secured the AFC's top seed, a bye week and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs Monday night by beating the Dallas Cowboys 31-0 in a game where their defense shined by forcing four turnovers to finish as the NFL's best.

"We talked about hitting a peak at the end of the year," Titans end Kenny Holmes said. "I think we're starting to peak right now. Hopefully, we're just getting better every day."

The Titans already feature the NFL's best record at 13-3 and possibly the toughest home-field advantage in the league at Adelphia Coliseum where they are 16-1 the past two seasons.

"We like our chances at home," receiver Yancey Thigpen said. "We have a great record at home, and I think the guys really are going to work hard to take advantage of it."

The Titans put on a show in the third quarter, this time with their defense.

They led only 7-0 after a first half in which they turned the ball over four times, but they made up for it in less than 13 minutes.

Linebacker Randall Godfrey forced two fumbles and recovered a third, end Henry Ford fell on a ball and ran 30 yards before diving in for a touchdown, and rookie linebacker Keith Bulluck walked into the end zone with an 8-yard interception return.

Al Del Greco tacked on a 21-yard field goal that left the Titans up 31-0 with 2:36 left in the third quarter.

"The momentum swung, the crowd got into the game more, and it was a very merry Christmas in Tennessee," Bulluck said.

Granted, Dallas featured Anthony Wright at quarterback in only his second NFL start with Troy Aikman watching on the sidelines. But they had Emmitt Smith in the game with a chance to pass Barry Sanders for No. 2 on the career rushing list if he rushed for 124 yards.

He got only 20 yards on 12 carries as the Titans, knowing they could pass the Ravens for honors as the NFL's stingiest defense, gave up just 95 yards total in their second straight shutout after beating the Cleveland Browns 24-0 last week.

Titans safety Blaine Bishop said he has never played with a better defense. Dallas coach Dave Campo was impressed.

"When they jump into their blitz package, it's tough, and they blitzed us all through the game without backing off at all. They're a very good football team defensively, probably the best defensive football team in the league," Campo said.

The Titans finished with 374 yards of offense and held onto the ball in the second half. Steve McNair, who was 17-of-23 for 188 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions, left in the third quarter after his left ankle became sore.

The Cowboys didn't quit and even tried to jump on the Titans on the opening kickoff with an onsides kick that Michael Wiley recovered for Dallas.

Not even that helped as Dallas finished off its worst season since 1989 when the Cowboys went 1-15 in Jerry Jones' first season as owner. Smith called it the end of a frustrating season, and Jones said they could have had a chance if they had avoided some of their injuries.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	—
New York	16	12	.571	3
Miami	15	14	.517	4½
Orlando	12	15	.444	6½
Boston	11	16	.407	7½
New Jersey	9	18	.333	9½
Washington	5	23	.179	14

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	19	9	.679	—
Cleveland	15	10	.600	2½
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	4
Toronto	14	13	.519	4½
Indiana	13	16	.448	6½
Detroit	12	15	.444	6½
Atlanta	9	18	.333	9½
Chicago	3	24	.111	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	8	.714	—
San Antonio	17	10	.630	2½
Dallas	16	11	.621	2½
Minnesota	15	13	.536	5
Denver	14	14	.500	6
Houston	13	13	.500	6
Vancouver	8	19	.296	11½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	19	7	.731	—
L.A. Lakers	20	10	.667	1
Portland	19	10	.655	1½
Phoenix	16	9	.640	2½
Seattle	15	13	.536	5
L.A. Clippers	10	18	.357	10
Golden State	8	19	.296	11½

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Indiana 103, Orlando 93
Portland 109, L.A. Lakers 104

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Baseball commissioner proposes draft change

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst eight teams in baseball would be able to select players from the top eight in a new "competitive balance draft" proposed by commissioner Bud Selig.

The teams with the eight highest winning percentages over the previous three years would be able to protect just 25 players apiece in the draft, according to a 37-page memorandum sent to teams last week and obtained by The Associated Press.

Only the teams with the eight lowest winning percentages over the previous three years would be allowed to make selections, and they could take only one player each. The draft would take place annually after the World Series but before the end of the winter meetings each December.

Because the teams with the worst records often are the ones with the least money, they could attempt to draft high-salaried players and trade them to wealthy clubs for younger and cheaper talent.

"I think that would be a possibility," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's officer. "This would operate very similar to an expansion draft. Although there is some confidentially with respect to the protected lists, I'm sure clubs would look for a way to make trades."

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST

Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Indianapolis at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31
Denver at Baltimore, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
AFC-NFC Divisional Playoffs

Sunday, Jan. 7
AFC-NFC Divisional Playoffs

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

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

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

College Bowl Glance

All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21
Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14
Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
Georgia 37, Virginia 14
Monday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 4 p.m.
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 1:30 p.m.
Music City Bowl
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 4 p.m.
Micronpc.com Bowl
Minnesota (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 7 p.m.
Insight.com Bowl
Iowa St. (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m.
Sun Bowl
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 2 p.m.
Peach Bowl
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 5 p.m.
Holiday Bowl
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m.
Independence Bowl
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m.
Cotton Bowl
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m.
Gator Bowl
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m.
Citrus Bowl
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m.
Rose Bowl
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m.

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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x-Indianapolis	10	6	0	.625	429	326
N.Y. Jets	9	7	0	.563	321	321
Buffalo	8	8	0	.500	315	350
New England	5	11	0	.313	276	338

Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Tennessee	13	3	0	.813	346	191
x-Baltimore	12	4	0	.750	333	165
Pittsburgh	9	7	0	.563	321	255
Jacksonville	7	9	0	.438	367	327
Cincinnati	4	12	0	.250	185	359
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	161	419

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Oakland	12	4	0	.750	479	299
x-Denver	11	5	0	.688	485	369
Kansas City	7	9	0	.438	355	354
Seattle	6	10	0	.375	320	405
San Diego	1	15	0	.063	269	440

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Giants	12	4	0	.750	328	246
x-Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	351	245
Washington	8	8	0	.500	281	269
Dallas	5	11	0	.313	294	361
Arizona	3	13	0	.188	210	443

Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Minnesota	11	5	0	.688	397	371
x-Tampa Bay	10	6	0	.625	388	269
Detroit	9	7	0	.563	307	307
Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	353	323
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	216	355

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	10	6	0	.625	354	305
x-St. Louis	10	6	0	.625	540	471
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	310	310
San Francisco	6	10	0	.375	388	422
Atlanta	4	12	0	.250	252	413

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Giants 28, Jacksonville 25
Denver 38, San Francisco 9
Buffalo 42, Seattle 23

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 29, Kansas City 13
Washington 20, Arizona 3
Chicago 23, Detroit 20
Baltimore 34, N.Y. Jets 20
Miami 27, New England 24
St. Louis 26, New Orleans 21
Green Bay 17, Tampa Bay 14, OT
Philadelphia 16, Cincinnati 7
Pittsburgh 34, San Diego 21
Indianapolis 31, Minnesota 10
Oakland 52, Carolina 9

Monday's Game

Tennessee 31, Dallas 0

Sports Briefs

UConn's streak continues

Connecticut reached a milestone in its run at No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll. The Huskies held the top spot for the 27th consecutive time, the second-longest stretch in the poll's 25-year history.

Louisiana Tech was No. 1 in 36 straight polls, a run that comprised two full seasons — 1980-81 and 1981-82.

Tennessee (10-0), which plays at Connecticut next Saturday, remained at No. 2 with 982 points. The Lady Vols have held that spot all season.

BC upsets Arizona St., 31-17

HONOLULU (AP) — Tim Hasselbeck threw two long second-half touchdown passes and Cedric Washington scored on an 11-yard run as Boston College beat Arizona State 31-17 in the Aloha Bowl.

The game marked the end of Bruce Snyder's term at Arizona State. He was fired late in the season and will be replaced by former Boise State coach Dirk Koetter.

Gray rallies past Blue

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Richmond Flowers made a leaping 21-yard touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone with 59 seconds left to give the Gray a 40-37 win in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

The catch capped a big day for Flowers, the game's MVP from Tennessee-Chattanooga. He caught a game-record 12 passes for 169 yards and two TDs in the city where his grandfather, Richmond Flowers III, was Alabama's attorney general during the 1960s. His father starred at Tennessee before going on to the NFL.

Lewis considers retirement

LONDON (AP) — Heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis is contemplating retirement, but first he wants to fight Mike Tyson.

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Democrats plotting for 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rest of America may be exhausted from this year's epic election battle, but some embittered Democrats are already plotting to recapture an office many believe was stolen from them.

And George W. Bush has to keep a cautious eye on the prospect of a challenge from within Republican ranks in 2004, like the one his father faced in 1992 from conservative Pat Buchanan.

Bush's task is to deliver on promises of bipartisan cooperation without provoking conservatives, some of whom are already alarmed at his overtures to Democrats.

Unlike most White House losers, Al Gore emerges as a strong prospective Democratic candidate for the next presidential election. Gore has given no indication of whether he would undertake such a grudge match, which would be his third attempt at the presidency, and his fifth national campaign.

"There's going to be a lot of popular sentiment behind the idea that this was his, he should have had it, and he would have had it had there been a fair and accurate recount," said John Franzen, a Democratic political consultant. "I would work for food next time."

Yet some Democrats question whether Gore deserves another shot after losing under such favorable circumstances: peace, prosperity and virtual incumbency.

"Democrats have not been kind historically to their wounded," Democratic ad man Erick Mullen said. "Bleeders don't live very long around here."

Lists circulating among Democrats also include:

—Former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, defeated by Gore in the primaries. Bradley proved he could raise money and appeal to certain segments of the party: minorities, liberal whites, environmentalists. He has high name recognition as a former professional basketball star. But he may suffer from a "likability" deficit, Mullen said.

—Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, arguably the most powerful Democrat in the country now. He will become more visible in a body split 50-50. He is a centrist admired by fellow Democrats for his leadership abilities and a strong fund-raiser. But he represents a small state, and is untested as a national candidate.

—California Gov. Gray Davis, leader of the nation's largest state as well as the Democratic Governors' Association. Davis has proved he can raise large sums of money and has sent signals he might run, hiring a press secretary with ties to New Hampshire, the first primary state. "Gray Davis has not only put his toe in the water, but his whole foot," Democratic consultant Peter Fenn said. But Davis is not well known nationally, and has no bond with key party blocs, said Leslie Dach, a Democratic public relations strategist.

—House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, nationally recognized but identified as a Washington insider. Gephardt will likely raise his profile by working with — or against — Bush from Capitol Hill. If Democrats take back control of the House in 2002, Gephardt will have realized his dream of becoming speaker, perhaps diminishing his desire to be president. Gephardt ran for president in 1988. He is liked by liberals, particularly labor.

—Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, a Vietnam War hero who made Gore's list of possible running mates. He is respected among core Democrats, and known as a fighter, Dach said. His home state is near New Hampshire, but is viewed as short on charisma. His wife has a net worth estimated in 1999 at more than $600 million.

—Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, who decided not to seek re-election this year. He could play the role of insider or outsider, Dach said. He too is a wealthy war hero. He withdrew his 1992 presidential bid after failing to win much support.

—Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, who gained stature as Gore's running mate. Any move to run would hinge on Gore's decision, Democrats said. "He excited Democrats when he was selected, he lived up to their expectations, and he proved himself on the national scene," Dach said.

Two senators who previously sought their party's presidential nomination, Joseph Biden of Delaware and Tom Harkin of Iowa, are on some Democratic "long lists." So are Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Evan Bayh of Indiana.

Overweight man is considered fit

PHOENIX (AP) — Dave Alexander's overweight body doesn't stop him from being an ironman.

The 5-foot-8, 260-pounder estimates he has finished 276 triathlons since 1983, causing his doctor to marvel at this remarkable combination of fitness and admitted obesity.

"I am fat," said Alexander, 55. "I was born a big boy, and I'm always going to be big. But I'm healthy."

Like many men his age, Alexander's silver hair is thinning. His bright blue eyes are going bad, and his barrel stomach is getting bigger. Other triathletes often mistake him for a race organizer.

"I'm a great bar bet," he said, laughing. "I don't look like I can walk across the street, let alone run a triathlon."

Steven Blair, senior editor of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, said a surprising number of people are both fit and obese.

In a recent study of obese men, Blair said that 45 percent had zero or only one of the major risk factors for an early death — smoking, bad eating habits, a sedentary lifestyle, a history of heart disease. These men, despite their obesity, had no increased mortality rate.

"Most people see an obese person walking down the street and they think, 'This guy's a time bomb.' It's not necessarily so," said Blair.

Alexander is living proof.

In a recent super-triathlon in Eastern Hungary, he swam 9.6 miles, cycled 448, and ran what he calls, "a 104.8 mile Bataan death march."

Alexander attributes his great shape to persistence.

He said he competes at a furious pace, sometimes completing two triathlons in a week. He sleeps about 4 1/2 hours a night so he can put in the long hours he needs to train and conduct business at the oil company he co-owns.

Dr. Craig M. Phelps, his doctor for 15 years, called Alexander "one in a million."

"And I say that statistically," Phelps said. "I haven't known of anyone his size who can do the swimming, the running, the cycling, at the ultra-distances Dave competes at. To be able to put all those things together at Dave's size is truly unique."

Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000

Today is the 361st day of 2000 and the sixth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, in Haiti, the first Spanish settlement in the New World was founded by Christopher Columbus.

On this day in 1924, Judy Garland, billed as "Baby Frances," made her stage debut. She was 2-1/2 years old.

On this day in 1968, Led Zeppelin began their first tour of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Miller (1891-1980), writer; Mao Tse-Tung (1893-1976), Chinese communist leader; Steve Allen (1921-2000), humorist-composer; Alan King (1927-), comedian, is 73; Phil Spector (1940-), recording engineer-innovator, is 60; Ozzie Smith (1954-), baseball star, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, the Cleveland Browns defeated the Los Angeles Rams 38-14 to win the NFL championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Good friends are good for your health." — Dr. Irwin Sarason

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Dec. 25).

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Astro-graph

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000

Your chances for advancement in your chosen field look better than usual in the year ahead, but you must be willing to accept the fact that life is not filled with easy rows to hoe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Minimize frivolous activities today and focus on situations that could be financially meaningful to you. You'll be luckier in this venue than anything else. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Excuse yourself today from the presence of a person with whom you've had a recent run-in and you'll avoid an unpleasant encounter. You're not ready to mingle yet.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As long as you're left to doing things at your own pace and in your own time, you'll be quite effective today. However, if someone else sets the agenda, it'll be another story.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't limit your thinking today just because others with whom you're involved can't elevate their sights. Continue to operate in the realm of big ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Better play it safe today and function along conventional lines, especially when it comes to financial affairs. Longshots and gambles aren't likely to pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because an associate can't carry his or her own weight today is no reason to allow this person to climb on the back of your pony. It would be a handicap that could do you in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although your intuitive perceptions could be right on the money today, chances are your modus operandi might be out of kilter. Both must be working together to get good results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though an arrangement you're negotiating today looks good on paper, you'd better do a trial run before committing yourself to anything. Things might not be what they seem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Provided you don't suffer from any self-inflicted wounds of carelessness, your chances for achieving your objectives look good. Don't be your own worst enemy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stick to doing things with tried-and-true friends today. People who have a history of complicating matters will once again gummy up the works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be quite lucky today in going along with the tide of events. Conversely, if you try to bend events to suit your will, things are not as apt to turn out successfully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It all depends upon what kind of mood you're in today and how you treat others as to the types of responses you get. Friendliness will evoke congeniality, while crankiness will initiate arguments.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp s	36.25	35.13	35.38	—.56
AT&T Corp	17.56	17.25	17.31	—.50
Albertsons	25.25	25.00	25.25	+ .13
Alltel	59.00	58.31	58.44	+ .38
AmerOnline	39.99	38.69	39.32	+ 1.04
AmEl Pw	48.19	47.00	48.06	+ 1.44
AnderkPtr	70.50	65.60	70.50	+ 5.60
ATMOS Egy	23.94	23.69	23.94	+ .19
Aviall	5.00	4.94	4.94	
BP Amoco	47.94	46.63	47.81	+ .63
BakerHughes	41.94	40.13	41.94	+ 2.00
Bank of Amer	46.75	46.00	46.63	+ .50
BellSouth	40.19	39.50	39.94	+ .44
Beth Steel	1.81	1.69	1.69	—.06
BurlNoSFe	28.19	27.75	28.00	+ .13
Caterpillar	47.13	46.50	46.88	+ .25
Chevron	83.00	81.56	82.88	+ 2.25
Citigroup s	51.44	50.75	51.19	+ 1.13
Coastal	86.81	83.19	86.75	+ 3.81
CocaCola	59.88	58.63	59.63	+ .75
ColgatePal	61.35	60.00	61.20	+ 1.44
ComclMetals	23.06	22.94	22.94	—.13
Cooperin	43.00	42.50	42.75	+ .13
DaimlrChry	40.90	40.33	40.57	+ .19
DallSemicn s	24.00	23.00	23.56	+ .38
DeltaAirl	48.38	47.00	47.31	—.75
Dillards Inc	11.00	10.75	10.88	
DowChem s	37.75	36.56	37.25	
DuPont	47.75	47.06	47.56	—.44
EastmanChem	48.69	47.88	48.13	—.56
EstKodak	38.38	37.75	38.00	—.88
EDS Corp	55.50	54.31	54.50	—.56
Entergy	43.56	42.44	43.50	+ .75
ExxonMobil	88.19	86.81	88.00	+ 1.19
Flowers	16.13	15.94	16.00	
GenDynam	75.19	74.50	75.13	+ .63
GenElec s	49.19	48.38	48.56	—.31
GenMills	43.13	42.50	43.13	+ .63
GenMotors	50.38	49.38	49.81	—.25
GePacGP	30.25	29.50	29.81	—.56
GlobalMar	28.25	27.38	28.19	+ 1.00
Goodrich	34.19	33.13	33.75	+ .69
Goodyear s	21.45	20.85	21.30	+ .22
GtAtlPac	6.56	6.19	6.25	—.25
Halliburtn	37.56	36.50	37.50	+ 1.50
Hanson ADS	34.19	34.00	34.19	+ .44
HartfHanks	23.00	22.81	22.81	—.13
HomeDepot	41.94	41.13	41.19	—.44
Honeywellntl	48.00	47.31	47.50	—.25
IBM	89.56	87.06	87.50	—1.50
IntlPaper	42.25	40.38	41.13	—1.13
JohnsonJn	102.75	101.38	102.19	+ .69
K mart	5.31	5.13	5.19	—.06
Kroger Co	28.44	28.13	28.25	—.13
Litton	78.19	77.88	78.13	+ .19
LockheedM	32.80	32.15	32.65	+ .15
Lowes Cos	41.56	40.69	40.69	—.81
Lubys	3.94	3.63	3.94	+ .19
LucentTech	14.38	13.63	13.88	+ .25
MayDeptStr	30.50	29.63	30.06	—.13
Medtronic	59.06	58.06	59.06	+ .94
MorganJP	170.50	167.56	170.06	+ 2.19
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Navistar	24.63	24.38	24.63	+ .38
Penney JC	9.19	8.94	8.94	—.25
PepBoys	3.50	3.38	3.38	—.06
PepsiCo	49.25	48.25	49.00	+ .38
Pharmacia	59.06	58.31	58.88	+ 1.44
PhelpDodge	56.94	56.13	56.38	—.19
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Polaroid	6.06	5.81	5.94	+ .06
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RoyalDut	60.19	59.00	60.13	+ .88
SBC Comm	46.25	45.56	45.81	—.06
SaraLee	24.69	24.38	24.69	+ .13
Scripps EW	60.94	60.50	60.94	+ .56
SearsRoeb	32.58	32.10	32.31	—.62
SherwinW	24.31	24.00	24.25	+ .44
SmithkBchm	62.63	61.13	62.50	+ .63
SouthernCo	33.44	32.63	33.38	+ .44
SwstAirl	32.00	31.54	31.72	—.03
SprintFON	20.44	19.75	20.06	—.69
SprintPCS s	22.88	22.13	22.38	—.44
Sunoco Inc	32.44	31.44	32.44	+ 1.25
TXU Corp	44.94	43.34	44.94	+ .94
TempleInland	52.63	50.63	51.19	—1.44
Texaco	60.50	58.88	60.44	+ 1.56
Textnd	28.19	27.63	27.63	—.50
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Space station contact lost

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian Mission Control said today it had lost radio contact with the unmanned Mir space station, signaling new troubles for the accident-prone orbiting craft.

It was the latest apparent mishap for the nearly 15-year old space station, which the Russian government reluctantly had decided to bring down in a controlled descent in late February.

Mission Control lost track of the Mir after contacting it Monday at 6:40 p.m. (10:40 a.m. EST), said Valery Lyndin, a spokesman for Mission Control said. Several successive attempts to restore the link later Monday failed, but on Tuesday afternoon, Mission Control again managed to briefly link up with the Mir.

The hook-up was long enough to confirm that the station had not lost pressure, Lyndin said — dampening initial fears that the loss of communications could signal the station was spinning out of control and could crash to Earth.

But if ground controllers are unable to re-establish regular contact with the Mir, its solar panels would eventually lose alignment with the sun, and the power shortage would freeze its systems. The station would also rotate chaotically, making it hard for any emergency crew to dock and try to regain control.

"The hookup lasted for about seven minutes, and then communications with the Mir were lost again," Lyndin told The Associated Press. Ground controllers can establish a link with the Mir for about 15-20 minutes during each orbit around the Earth, which lasts about two hours.

"It's not clear yet what has caused the malfunction," Lyndin said, adding that ground controllers would continue trying to maintain regular contact with the Mir.

Normally, such communications problems are sparked by computer glitches. The loss of radio contact could signal a problem with the on-board computer.

A SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to deeply thank all those who have shown so much care and concern for our children. The help and offers to help have been overwhelming. Your calls, cards, flowers and gifts are very special. Your prayers and thoughts have been greatly appreciated. Your continued prayers are welcomed.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Lung shadow calls for CT scan

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic bronchitis and a spot on my lung. My doctor scheduled sputum cultures, a CT scan and a biopsy. I took antibiotics for TB for three months, without benefit. Now the doctor is really concerned about the spot. Should I proceed with the proposed testing?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. The bronchial infection isn't what disturbs your doctor; the spot is — and he is quite properly looking into many possibilities. For example, sputum cultures will show what type of microorganism is causing your infection; in fact, special cultures will even provide a diagnosis of tuberculosis, if that is your problem.

A CT scan is a must, if, as you stated, you have a shadow on your lung. A biopsy can be obtained through a needle under CT guidance, or you may require a biopsy during a procedure called bronchoscopy, when a specialist looks in the bronchial passages with a fiber-optic tube. The form of the biopsy depends on the location of the spot.

I think that your doctor is justifiably considering several conditions, including infection, tuberculosis, scar tissue, pneumonia and tumor. Wait for him to complete your scheduled tests, then request a full explanation and recommendations.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 19-year-old daughter has been advised to have her spleen removed, because of a low platelet count that started mid-way through her pregnancy. At that time, she was given steroids and delivered a healthy baby. Now that she is off steroids, her doctor says that her spleen continues to destroy platelets. Because of insurance regulations, we cannot afford a second opinion. What can we do?

DEAR READER: The spleen, a spongy organ lying under the diaphragm in the upper left abdomen, has several functions — the most important of which appears to be filtration. The normal spleen traps worn-out or defective blood cells, breaks them down and releases their components to be re-used in making new blood cells.

On occasion, in patients with thrombocytopenia (low platelet count), the spleen becomes overly aggressive in its duties and filters out too many platelets, leading to a serious bleeding tendency. This situation may be remedied by steroids and other medications, as was true in your daughter's case. If medicine is not effective, spleen removal may be the only remaining option.

Given her beneficial response to medical therapy, I believe that a second opinion from a hematologist is necessary. Not only might it save your daughter the discomfort and risks of surgery, it could also save a good deal of expense. A second opinion would cost far less then an operation.

For this reason, most insurance companies and HMOs welcome second opinions. In fact, some health plans even insist on them before they approve major surgery. Contact your insurance underwriter or HMO, explain you dilemma and request coverage for a second opinion. Don't let your daughter consent to a procedure for economic, rather then purely medical, reasons.

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NORTH POLE GOES ROCK AND ROLL — Central third graders in Kori Glenn's, Judy Barkowsky's and Judy Moss' classes recently presented "The Santa Claus Parade." Glenn's students (top photo) are from left, sitting, Jesi Kenly. Natasha Garcia, Jacie Eveland, Kayla Kay, Hilary Villarreal, Cindy Garcia, Sarah Parmer, Kelsi Fulford, Kylie Moreland; standing, Matt Rios (Santa), Mark Lucio, Nick Zajicek, Chris Fuentes, Nathan Rose, Steven Carey, Mathew Stansell, Tanner Bragg, Coleton Mitchell, Chance Kelly, Jathan Williams, John Buchanan. Jessica Floyd is not pictured. Barkowsky's students (middle photo) from left, first row, Sami Dee Barrera, Anna Vasquez, Rainie Moore, Shehala Essery, Krystal Guerrero, Michael Redman, Andrea Perez, Stacey Clifton, Andie Martinez, Amanda Midwell; second row, Bryan Hamlin, Javiel Esparza, Christian Kuliga, Jake Riley, Timothy (TJ) Wright, Eric Trammel, Raven Luna, Aryn May, Brance Scott, Clint Wall. Moss' students (bottom photo) are from left, back row, Marcos Aguilar, J.C. Arrelano, Alicia Chaidez, Brent Cole, Jake Crenwelge, Tom Davis, Dominick Escobedo, Nick Flores, Fransisco Fonseca, Dana Garcia, Garrett Hale; front row, Alex Hernandez, Shane Hicks, Allen Mehrafshan, David Sosa, Michael Strong, Megan Thompson, Meosha Thompson, Alexandra Walters, Jessica West, Joni Wolfenbarger. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Baylor, SMU already fighting for George W. Bush library

WACO (AP) — President-elect George W. Bush hasn't even moved into the White House yet, but that hasn't stopped two Texas universities from fighting over where he'll keep his books.

Southern Methodist University in Dallas has entered the fray to land the second Bush presidential library in Texas, pitting itself against Waco's Baylor University.

"Any decision of this nature is going to be made on the merits of the institution and the location involved," SMU spokeswoman Patti LaSalle was quoted by the Waco Herald-Tribune Monday. "We feel that we offer the best of both, and we will make a good-faith effort to bring the library here."

Baylor began plans for their library, which would house the papers and archives of the soon-to-be president, in September, months before Bush became president-elect. Officials from the Waco university have written a letter of interest to send to Bush, school spokesman Larry Brumley said.

Meanwhile, a Bush spokesman said lobbying for the library is a bit premature.

"He has great respect and affections for Baylor and SMU, as well as other colleges and universities in Texas," Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said. "It will be quite some time before any deliberation or decision about a presidential library will take place."

Bush, a Yale graduate, is scheduled to be inaugurated Jan. 20.

The key to either of the private Christian universities landing the library could be their connections to the Bush family and administration.

Scurry County Court

In county court action last month, a 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class B possession of marijuana. He was assessed 18 months deferred probation, $235.25 court costs and a fine of $1,000.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .142. He received 120 days — probated for one year — DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 54-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .119. He was given 60 days — probated for one year — DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $100.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrests (Class A). He received six months deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and a $200 fine.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication by minor (Class B). He received five days in jail, $210.25 in court costs and a $250 fine.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to theft, Class B. He was assessed 30 days in jail and $210.25 in court costs.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, Class A. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited weapon, Class A. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail with court costs of $209.25

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, Class B. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, ordered to pay $131 restitution and court costs of $209.25.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI witha blood alcohol level of .185. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, one year driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault (family violence). He was sentenced to three days in jail and court costs of $310.25.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was sentenced to one year deferred probation, $235.25 court costs and fined $500.

A 27-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .122. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, 160 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .088. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year — DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and fined $500.

A 53-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI and refusal to take a breath test. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 47-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .219. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated two years — DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .131. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year — DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, Class A. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and assessed $210.25 in court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, Class A. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and $210.25 in court costs.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with court costs of $210.25.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, Class A. He was sentenced to five days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation court costs of $235.25 and a fine of $1,500.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .194. He was sentenced to 90 days jail time — probated 18 months — DWI school, with $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation and a fine of $300.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication, Class B. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail and $210.25 in court costs.

A 53-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to seven days in jail, $100 fine and court costs of $210.25.

A 42-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was fined $2,000 and court costs of $210.25.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .081. He was sentenced to 90 days driver's license suspension, 10 days in jail and court costs of $210.254.

A 32-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .139. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated for two years — DWI school, a fine of $500 and court costs of $235.25.

An 18-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .098. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated for 18 months — one-year driver's license suspension, a fine of $250 and $235.25 in court costs.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor, Class B. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and $500 fine.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to failure to comply with duties upon striking an unattended vehicle. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation, fined $100 and court costs of $235.25.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to displaying a fictitious inspection certificate. He was fined $250 and court costs of $200.25.

Bush twin has surgery

AUSTIN (AP) — One of President-elect Bush's twin daughters is recovering in a hospital after she had an emergency appendectomy.

Jenna Bush, 19, was listed in stable condition following the surgery at St. David's Hospital on Christmas night. Aides to Bush said she might be well enough to join the family as early as Wednesday on their Florida vacation.

Bush, wearing a gray cowboy hat, left the governor's mansion in a rain storm to visit his daughter for about 45 minutes after the procedure Monday night. Bush himself had his appendix removed when he was 10 years old.

Jenna Bush was taken to the hospital, a five-minute drive from the mansion, after experiencing abdominal pains Christmas Day.

Doctors performed surgery to remove the appendix, which is a small, finger-shaped pouch of intestinal tissue.

Hospital officials said she would remain there overnight.

"The doctors are very pleased" with her progress, said Gordon Johndroe, a Bush spokesman.

When an appendix bursts, it spreads infection throughout the abdomen, which can cause infertility in young females and requires intravenous antibiotics and weeks of hospitalization.

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IS OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

by Bill Looney

"...The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power (2 Thess. 1:7ff).

Paul's words emphatically state that one must know God and obey the gospel, or be lost. The next question is: How do we obey the gospel? Here is how the Roman Christians obeyed. *"But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed" (Romans 6:17).*

They obeyed a form of the death, burial and resurrection, which is the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4). They died to sin by being baptized into Christ Jesus, thus, baptized into His death. *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 1:4).*

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U.S. peace proposal debated

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis and Palestinians today debated a U.S. peace proposal that would require each to give ground on emotional issues like control over holy sites and the right of Palestinian refugees to return.

With the U.S.-imposed deadline for an answer looming Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said that he was leaning toward accepting the sweeping initiatives if Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat does likewise.

But Palestinian negotiators indicated that any proposal that does not meet their requirements for the return of Palestinian refugees would be impossible to accept.

Under President Clinton's plan, Israel would be required to relinquish sovereignty claims over the Temple Mount in east Jerusalem, site of the biblical Jewish Temples, and the Palestinians would gain control of what they call the Noble Sanctuary, according to U.S. officials and reports in the Israeli media.

Israel has claimed sovereignty since capturing the area in the 1967 Mideast War, though Muslims run the site. Israeli officials have said that any agreement would have to recognize the special nature of the compound, which is the holiest site in Judaism. Israel also insists that it will maintain control of the Western Wall, which forms one side of the compound.

The Palestinians, in turn, would have to substantially scale back their demand on a "right of return" for millions of refugees who fled or were driven from their homes in Mideast wars.

The proposal would apparently allow refugees to move to a Palestinian homeland in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, but only a small number would be allowed to settle in Israel, according to Israeli newspaper reports.

The Palestinians have said they would reject a deal that does not allow refugees to return.

"As a matter of principle, an agreement with Israel must include the right of return for the Palestinians," said Hussein Asheik, a leader in Arafat's Fatah faction. "It is the right of every Palestinian to say if they want to return or not."

Israel says it cannot accept so many Palestinian refugees, who would dramatically change the demographics of the Jewish state. Israeli lawmaker Yossi Sarid, who heads the dovish Meretz party and has been involved in recent peace efforts, said the Palestinians would have to make concessions.

"Dreams are hard to fulfill. You have to wake up at some point. Furthermore we don't have the ability to fulfill this dream in reality. The right of return is a well-known issue, but the Palestinians know it can't happen inside Israel's borders," Sarid told Israel's army radio.

Barak told the country in a nationally televised program that he was inclined to accept Clinton's proposals if the Palestinians do.

"I believe that if the other side sees its way to accepting them as they are, we too will have to accept them. However, I am not sure that that is the situation. At this moment I do not know what the answers of the two sides will be," Barak told Israel's Channel 2 television on Monday night.

Both sides have suggested submitting alterations to the ideas, but Clinton has informed them that only slight changes would be accepted, Israel radio reported.

Arafat planned to convene a meeting of his negotiators Tuesday to discuss the proposals.

"At this stage I don't think anyone can say 'yes' or 'no' to the American ideas," said senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat. "There are so many points that need to be clarified, there are so many questions that need to be asked and there are so many details needed in order to lead to an answer at this stage."

Meanwhile, right-wing Israeli politician Ariel Sharon, who leads Barak in opinion polls for the Feb. 6 election for prime minister, has no intention of complying with a deal that "endangers the state of Israel," said Ranaan Gissin, a Sharon adviser.

Sharon has said that Barak's proposals would jeopardize Israel's security. Sharon is widely reviled among Palestinians.

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.

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.

Mattie Crook

Burial will follow 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 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale 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.

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George Krejci

1918-2000

LUBBOCK – George A. Krejci, the brother of Bernice Kuss of Hermleigh, died Saturday, Dec. 23, in Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Krejci, 82, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Sanders Memorial Chapel. Burial was to follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Born Feb. 19, 1918 in Holman, he had been a resident of Lubbock since 1932. He married Dorothy Roemisch on Oct. 22, 1947 in Hermleigh.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Krejci was retired from W.D. Wilkins Furniture and was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Krejci of Lubbock; two sons, Robert Krejci of Lubbock and Jerry Krejci of Olathe, Kan.; two daughters, Linda Null and Patricia Ratliff, both of Lubbock; a brother, Edwin Krejci of Florida; and 11 grandchildren.

Marilyn Chinn

1952-2000

COLORADO CITY – Marilyn Kay Chinn, a native of Mitchell County, died Thursday, Dec. 21, in an El Paso care center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Chinn, 48, was held Saturday in the 22nd and Austin St. Church of Christ with Kerry Cain, minister, officiating.

Burial followed in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 8, 1952 in Abilene, she was reared in Mitchell County. She lived in Lubbock for 22 years and in El Paso for the past three years.

Mrs. Chinn was a representative for State Farm Insurance, a member of the Church of Christ and the Toastmasters.

Survivors include her parents, Ather and Mary Ellis of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, Jackie and Kay Chinn of El Paso; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Fay Ellis of Amarillo and Jackie and Lisa Ellis of El Paso; and her former husband, John Chinn.

Ruth Moore

1923-2000

SEAGRAVES – Ruth Moore, the mother of Kenneth W. Herndon of Snyder, died Friday, Dec. 22, in Brownfield.

Funeral service for Mrs. Moore, 77, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Adam Klein was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Seagraves Cemetery.

Born Feb. 11, 1923 in Terry County, she was reared in the Gomez area and attended Brownfield public schools. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Faye Davis of Seagraves; two other sons, Hershel Thorne of Brownfield and Otis Lee Cabe of Eagle, Idaho; a brother, G.G. Cox of Brownfield; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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17 arrests recorded over holiday period

Arrests over the long holiday weekend include a 17-year-old male Friday afternoon for outstanding warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear. He was arrested by DPS troopers on Highway 208.

A 53-year-old male was taken into custody Friday night near the VFW and charged with public intoxication.

Following the report of a possible intoxicated driver on U.S. 84 near Hermleigh at 11 p.m. Friday, DPS troopers arrested a 39-year-old male for DWI.

Consumption of alcohol by a minor resulted in a 17-year-old female being arrested early Saturday morning by city officers in the 500 block of 33rd Street.

Law officers were also busy over the weekend and Christmas Day, making several arrests.

At 9:26 p.m. Saturday, DPS troopers arrested a 28-year-old male for driving while his license was suspended.

DPS troopers arrested a 36-year-old male at 10:27 p.m. Saturday for DWI.

City officers arrested a 37-year-old male at 12:53 a.m. Sunday for Class A possession of marijuana. The man had more than two ounces, but less than four ounces of marijuana in his possession. He was also charged with public intoxication.

Taken into custody at the same time was a 39-year-old male who was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Early Sunday morning, DPS troopers arrested a 30-year-old male for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

On Christmas Day, DPS troopers arrested a 32-year-old male shortly before 8 a.m. on outstanding DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear, and a Taylor County warrant for a bad check.

After this arrest, no one was booked into jail until 4:59 this morning when a 37-year-old male was arrested in the 700 block of Avenue Q for driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, Snyder firemen responded to a possible fire at the Willow Park Inn at 9:30 a.m. A small electrical motor malfunctioned and caused the smoke. There was no damage.

Vance Ellett reported the theft of a trailer containing a welder, air compressor and other tools Friday afternoon from the 900 block of College Avenue.

Linda Wallace reported the theft of a car stereo from her vehicle while it was parked at Big Country Autoland. An offense report for burglary was filed.

In other offense reports Saturday, Phil Robinson requested an officer at the Plaza Truck Stop in reference to criminal mischief to his vehicle. Officers filed a report for Class B criminal mischief and three juveniles were contacted. The case has been forwarded to the criminal investigation division.

An offense report for a dog bite was submitted at 10:56 a.m. Saturday and the dogs were quarantined.

Ray Hill told officers at 11 a.m. Saturday that tires on his vehicle had been slashed. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

The Snyder fire department responded to a fire alarm going off in the basement of the county-owned Diamond M building at 5:47 p.m. Saturday. A malfunctioning heater set off the alarm and the gas was cut off to the building.

Officers were called to the Cogdell Hospital emergency room at 12:23 a.m. Monday in reference to a knife wound. Officers filed a report for aggravated assault and the case is still under investigation.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lions Club meeting

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

Word Is Life Church

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

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.

Auditor reception

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

Retirement honor

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

Retirement reception

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

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 9 a.m. Jan. 17 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

1981 class reunion

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

Volunteer training

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

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call 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.

California residents prepare to flee wind-fed brush fires

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Santa Ana wind gusting to as high as 70 mph drove brush fires out of control early today and some residents prepared to flee.

The wind also had knocked out power to thousands of homes and business.

One blaze broke out in southern Ventura County early Tuesday and grew quickly, with flames dangerously near luxury homes, golf courses and a country club.

No evacuations were immediately ordered and no structures were damaged, said county sheriff's Capt. Rod Thompson. However, fire and sheriff's officials warned residents before dawn that evacuations were possible.

Initial reports put the fire at more than 30 acres but Thompson said h was not sure how big it grew as dawn approached.

Residents took garden hoses on their roofs to protect their homes against the wind-blown sparks.

"I turned the water on and the kids and I are packing up and leaving," Gwen Schakett said by cellular telephone. "The fire is 100 to 200 yards away. I woke up about 5:15 when I smelled the smoke. I went outside and we couldn't see anything because of the smoke.

The National Weather Service reported strong Santa Ana wind throughout Southern California, with gusts reaching more than 70 mph in some mountain and pass areas.