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Authorities are searching for connections to the group accused of robbing an Oshman's sporting goods store in Irving on Christmas Eve, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd.

"I would be almost certain that any robbery that takes place now is going to be looked at to see if it can be linked to these guys," Carole Young, vice president of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Sunday morning, a fireworks stand on unincorporated land near Hutchins was robbed by three men. Two employees sleeping inside were tied up but not injured. The robbers got away with money, a pistol, fireworks and a pickup truck.

Law enforcement officials working at a command center in Garland are fielding tips on the whereabouts of the seven escaped convicts as the search continues for the men who have evaded capture for almost three weeks.

"We're getting more calls and they're getting more specific with information," Trooper Robert White with the state Department of Public Safety said.

The seven escapees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Connally Unit are wanted on capital murder arrest warrants following the Christmas Eve shooting death of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins.

DPS troopers are manning telephones 24 hours a day at the agency's Dallas-Fort Worth area headquarters on Interstate 30.

Information will be forwarded to agencies whose personnel are working the case out in the field. Stationed at the center are DPS officials and others from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

White said two cars the convicts might be using to get around were seen in Fort Worth on Tuesday. The cars were described as a late model silver four-door Toyota or Honda and a late model black four-door Toyota or Honda with tinted windows.

Authorities say the men are heavily armed. They took 16 weapons in the prison breakout and 25 weapons, winter clothing and money were taken in the Christmas Eve robbery at the Oshman's, authorities have said.

The prisoners stole a store employee's Ford Explorer but abandoned it a short time later in Irving, police said.

Authorities are hopeful a $100,000 reward being offered for the arrest and indictment of the seven men will entice someone who is close to the group to call with information.

"We think they committed to stay together long before this escape," Todd said. "It's almost like a blood brother pact of swearing to keep together and not to do some of the things escapees will routinely do."

Todd said he has no idea where the seven are, but that authorities have received help from law-enforcement agencies across the state and in Mexico.

"We have had excellent cooperation with the Mexican police across the border. In fact, some of the Mexican radio stations have covered this story quite heavily," he said.

White said callers who have information should immediately call a hotline number set up for the manhunt. Cellular customers should dial star-DPS and try to have specific information about location or license plate numbers.

Regular callers should use 214-861-2386 or 1-800-737-8143.

President Clinton soon to be citizen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Clinton hasn't said exactly what he'll do when he walks out of the White House on Jan. 20 with no nation to lead. He's too young to retire. At 54, he'll be the youngest ex-president since Theodore Roosevelt.

For starters, Clinton says he'll build his presidential library and adjoining policy center in Little Rock, Ark., and make some money, which he might need to pay off legal bills.

Friends and aides say Clinton will teach, be a globe-roaming diplomat, write books, defend human and civil rights, battle disease, work on world economic issues, make speeches, finish a long-delayed report on U.S. race relations, run for elected office — maybe even seek the Nobel Peace Prize.

"I'm just working on what I'm going to do," Clinton told an Associated Press reporter at a White House party attended by three of the four living ex-presidents. "I'm going to try to find some way to work in areas that I cared most about as president without getting underfoot of the next president."

Clinton noted the work of President Carter, who has visited 120 nations to help build democracy, combat disease and protect human rights. "So there's a way to do it," Clinton said, "but I'm just going to think through it, and I need to be out of here for a while and get a few nights sleep, you know, and calm down."

Carter, standing just a few yards away, said he and Clinton have chatted about post-White House life. "We've got to figure out how he and I can collaborate on some things around the world — maybe holding elections, keeping peace, alleviating suffering," Carter said. "But I don't want to speak for him."

Clinton has joked for months about becoming "Citizen Clinton."

For his birthday in August, aides gave Clinton a blowup of an airline boarding pass to reacquaint him with life after Air Force One. He often says, with self-effacing humor, that he'll become disoriented when nobody plays "Hail to the Chief" when he enters a room.

Eyes rolled at a pre-election rally in Oakland, Calif., when the president said, "Maybe somebody will let me be a mayor somewhere." He has since dismissed speculation that he's interested in being mayor of New York, or a TV show host, or governor of Arkansas.

Whatever he does, good health should allow him a long ex-presidency.

President Herbert Hoover, who lived the longest — 31 years — after leaving the White House, helped feed children in Europe during World War II, battled famine and helped reorganize the executive branch.

Other presidents have been equally industrious. Thomas Jefferson founded the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. John Quincy Adams became a congressman from Massachusetts; William Howard Taft, a Supreme Court justice. John Tyler retired to a Virginia plantation and fathered seven children with his second wife.

Grover Cleveland became president a second time. Teddy Roosevelt, who left at age 50, went on an African safari and later made an unsuccessful bid for a third term. Ronald Reagan received $2 million making speeches in Japan.

When Clinton is quizzed about his future plans he often lists weighty issues, asking rhetorically: How can the war against AIDS be won? What can be done about global warming? How can public health systems around the world be fixed? What can be done to empower poor people in America and around the world?

Robert Reich, labor secretary during the Clinton administration, has a hunch that Clinton will seek the Nobel Peace Prize.

"As an ex-president, he'll want to put together the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord that eluded him while in office, get Northern Ireland's Catholics and Protestants to create a lasting power-sharing government and tidy up other major trouble spots around the world," he said.

Reich thinks Clinton instead should focus on closing the widening gap between the world's rich and poor. Doing anything except campaigning, however, will be difficult for a man who has been running for office most of his adult life, Reich said.

"There's an adrenaline rush that comes from running and winning," Reich said. "He's not going to have that. It's going to be quite a shock to his system. That's why my recommendation is: Get out of the country and take on a giant project that requires that he be in constant motion, meeting with admiring crowds all over the world."

Even the president's enemies, if they're being honest, say he is "the dominant political figure of our time," said Paul Begala, former Clinton aide. "He'll want to tell his story, write a book, do some speeches, put some money in the bank."

The Clintons still owe $4 million of $11 million in legal fees incurred in the independent counsel matters and Paula Jones sexual harassment case, says Richard Lucas, counsel to the Clinton Legal Expense Trust.

Alan Cranston, anti-nuclear activist, is dead at age 86

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Alan Cranston was known for his convictions. He was a lifelong anti-nuclear activist and a champion of left-wing politics in the U.S. Senate for almost a quarter of a century.

But when Cranston resigned his Senate seat in 1993, it was as a member of the so-called "the Keating Five," a postscript to the savings and loan scandal.

"I think that will fade with time," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, who took over Cranston's seat. "Alan was so much more and did so much good for 24 years."

Cranston died at his Los Altons home Sunday, said his son Kim, who said he found him slumped over a sink. The cause of death wasn't immediately known. The former senator was 86.

After a high-profile career, including a 1984 run for the presidency, the Democrat largely dropped from public view. He did, however, continue to champion the cause of nuclear arms control, the centerpiece of his political career.

"He was a tireless worker for peace and disarmament and quite frankly, there's never been a more consistent voice in that arena," said State Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres.

In 1996, he entered the private-sector to work on nuclear disarmament — first as chairman of the Gorbachev Foundation USA and more recently as president of the Global Security Institute, both San-Francisco based think tanks.

When Cranston announced in 1990 that he wouldn't seek a fifth Senate term, he cited only his diagnosis of prostate cancer. However, his approval rating at the time had plunged to a record low due to his relationship with Lincoln Savings & Loan President Charles Keating, who had just been indicted on securities fraud charges.

A Senate Ethics Committee investigation later led to a formal reprimand of Cranston and sanctions against four other senators, known as "the Keating Five," for intervening with federal regulators on Keating's behalf.

Cranston, who received nearly $1.2 million in political funds from Keating, initially insisted he had been "politically stupid" but ethically correct to intervene.

While he ultimately agreed to a finding that he had "engaged in an impermissible pattern of conduct in which fund raising and official activities were substantially linked in connection with Mr. Keating and Lincoln," he remained defiant.

In his final response to the reprimand on the Senate floor in 1991, Cranston declared that his actions "were not fundamentally different from the actions of many other senators."

The remark clouded the former majority whip and No. 2 Senate Democrat's relationship with his colleagues, and Cranston's reputation never fully recovered.

"I'm satisfied with what I did in the Senate," Cranston said in a 1996 interview. "I don't look back. I look forward."

Cranston served two terms as California state controller before he was elected to the U.S. Senate on his second try in 1968. In 1977, he became assistant majority leader, or whip.

In 1983, at the age of 68, Cranston announced his candidacy for president. He announced that ending the arms race would be the "paramount goal" of his campaign but his campaign never attracted significant support, and he withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination, later won by Walter Mondale.

Cranston was born into a prosperous family in Palo Alto in 1914. After graduating from Stanford University in 1936, he started working for International News Service, reporting from London, Rome and Ethiopia.

He never lost his interest in journalism. In 1973, at the height of the Watergate scandal, Cranston introduced legislation to guarantee reporters the right to keep their informants confidential.

Cranston also edited the first unexpurgated English translation of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" published in the United States. Hitler successfully sued for copyright violation and Cranston's resume proudly included the fact that he had been sued by the German dictator.

In 1939, Cranston became a lobbyist for the Common Council for American unity, an organization opposing discrimination against the foreign born. The same year, he and cartoonist Lee Falk wrote a play, "The Big Story," based on his newspaper experiences.

Cranston enlisted in the Army during World War II and was assigned to lecture on war aims. After the war, he wrote "The Killing of the Peace," a book about the Senate struggle over the League of Nations in the aftermath of World War I.

Cranston was married and divorced twice. He is survived by his son Kim and one grandchild.

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King Operating Corp. will drill the No. 1 King-Earnest, a 7,200-foot wildcat located seven miles southeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 19, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Kepco Operating Inc. will drill the No. 1 Herring in the Ausa field, 20 miles northeast of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,800 feet, drill site is in Section 481, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Schlachter Operating will drill the No. 11 E.T. Strain in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles northwest of Colorado City. Planned depth is 1,850 feet, and location is in Lot 10, George Reiger survey No. 1.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1-5 Koonsman in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Contracted for a depth of 5,100 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 2, T&NP survey.

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 3 West Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, eight miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,300 feet, location is in Section 944, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 1095 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 15 miles north of Snyder. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 6,900 feet, location is in Section 716, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Atropos Producing Corp. will drill the No. 5-87 Guthrie in the Signal Peak field, eight miles northeast of Forsan. Planned depth is 8,100 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

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Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $27 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-13-14-16-31-48

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $33 million.

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

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Today is NEW YEAR'S DAY; it is the first day of 2001 and the 12th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1830, William Lloyd Garrison founded The Liberator, an anti-slavery publication.

On this day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

On this day in 1977, Jacqueline Means became the first woman to be ordained a minister of the Episcopal Church.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lorenzo di Medici (1449-1492), Florentine ruler-arts patron; Paul Revere (1735-1818), American patriot; Betsy Ross (1752-1836), American patriot; E.M. Forster (1879-1970), writer; J. Edgar Hoover (1895-1972), FBI director; Barry Goldwater (1909-1998), U.S. politician; J.D. Salinger (1919-), writer, is 82; Frank Langella (1940-), actor, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1902, in the first Rose Bowl, the Michigan Wolverines defeated the Stanford Indians 49-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When my friends are one-eyed, I look at them in profile." — Joseph Joubert

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Jan. 2).

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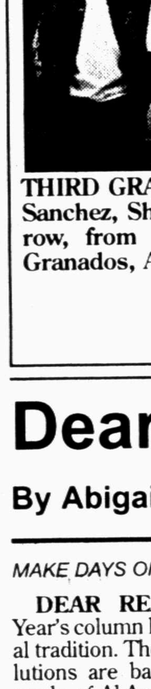
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By Cheryl Beeks



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FOURTH GRADE: (front row, from left) Josh Beasley, Jeremy Eaton, Sean McClure, Rustin Webb, Bryan Thompson; (back row, from left) Marissa Davis, Ashley Luna, Lelan Shankles, Casey Williamson, Julian Fuentes.



FIFTH GRADE: (from left) Sally Ethridge, Brett McClure, Willie Berkley, Tyler Ethridge, Jonathan Mireles, Robert Ritch, Johnathan Hernandez.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

MAKE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE COUNT BY RESOLVING TO LIVE THEM WELL

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon with the addition of some variations of my own.

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable; so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: A happy, healthy New Year! — **LOVE, ABBY**

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

And as we begin this bright, shiny new year, consider these "Thoughts for the Day" by the philosopher Sri Sathya Sai Baba:

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.

"If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.

"If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.

"When there is order in the nation, there will peace in the world."

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Teen arrested

ADDY, Wash. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was arrested after his parents and two siblings were found dead along a rural road near this small mountain community in northeast Washington.

Investigators said the bodies were covered with snow. All four, including the two siblings, ages 11 and 18, were believed to have been shot at their home on Dec. 23 and then taken to the nearby road in the family pickup, investigators said.

The sheriff's office said friends and family members notified authorities after the family hadn't been seen for five days.

William L. Lembcke, 16, was booked into the Stevens County Jail on Saturday for the investigation of first-degree murder, Sheriff Craig Thayer said.

Detroit officials open old time capsule

DETROIT (AP) — Letters sealed in a copper box 100 years ago show that 19th-century Detroiters were amazed at what had already been accomplished, but even more excited about what the future would bring.

"How much faster are you traveling? How much farther have you annihilated time and space and what agencies are you employing to which we are strangers?" then-Mayor William C. Maybury wrote in a letter removed from the box Sunday night.

As Mayor Dennis Archer lifted the lid of the time capsule that had been sealed at Old City Hall shortly after midnight, Jan. 1, 1901, he found Maybury's handwritten note addressed to the mayor in 2000.

The letter spoke of the advances in communications that allowed telephone calls and telegraph messages to reach across the country. It also showed amazement at the great progress made in travel, allowing travelers to reach Chicago by train in less than eight hours and New York City in less than 20 hours.

Finally, Maybury wrote, "May we be permitted to express one supreme hope — that whatever failures the coming century may have in the progress of things material, you may be conscious when the century is over that, as a nation, people and city, you have grown in righteousness, for it is this that exalts a nation."

Although 2000 was filled with its fair share of problems in Detroit — including a four-day power outage in June and the investigation of alleged civil rights violations by the Police Department — Archer said he agreed with Maybury's sentiments.

"I don't think anything's happened in Detroit that hasn't happened to any other city," Archer said as those in attendance at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra New Year's Eve Gala viewed the box and its contents.

The 10-pound copper box Archer opened at 11:20 p.m. had been soldered shut by city official Benjamin Franklin Guiney a century ago. Guiney's grandson of the same name was among the 2,000 guests at the gala.

"I hope the next 100 years is just the same," Guiney said with a smile.

Detroit had only 300,000 residents at the turn of the last century. Chief industries were stovemaking, shipbuilding and railroad cars. Ford Motor Co. wouldn't be founded for a couple of years.

Maybury had invited about 60 distinguished Detroiters to contribute summaries "on good paper" of the city's cultural and economic accomplishments. He also asked for a prophecy or two about the brave new world 100 years hence.

He also expressed a hope that Detroiters starting the 21st century will see "what advancement you have made from the modest beginnings to which we are witnesses."

Gulf leaders call for less oil production

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — OPEC members are likely to approve plans to reduce production when they meet Jan. 17 to discuss oil prices, Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Sunday.

"The cut will be enough to bring (market) stability," said Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi, without elaborating on how much crude production will be slashed.

Naimi made his remarks after the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council called for production cuts at the end of their two-day summit in Bahrain. In a summit communique read by Secretary-General Jamil Al-Hejailan Sunday, the group said its energy and oil ministers should "work on reducing production during the next OPEC meeting in order to preserve market stability and achieve targeted prices."

Similar comments have been made recently by officials from Kuwait and Venezuela.

The GCC states are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries increased production four times over the past year in order to bring once soaring prices down.

In September, the price of oil in OPEC's basket of crudes topped $30 a barrel, the highest price in a decade. But those prices have hovered closer to $20 lately, thanks to OPEC's production increases, more non-OPEC production, and a mild European winter that has lowered demand for heating oil.

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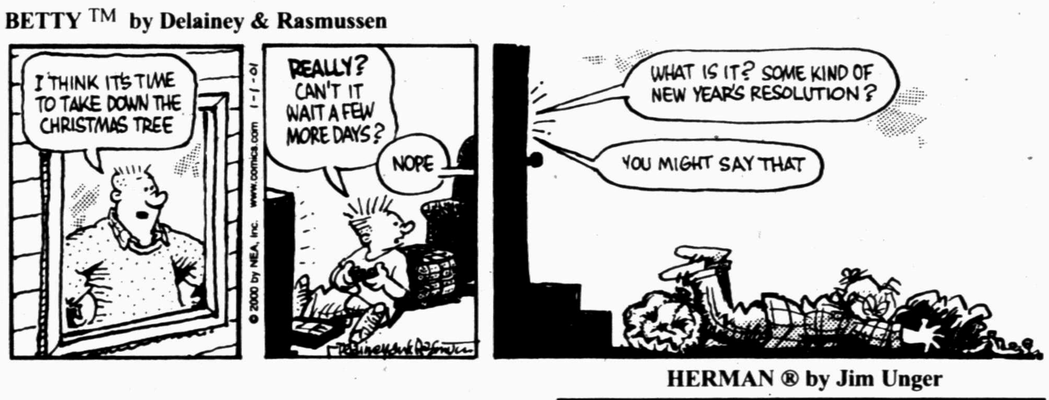
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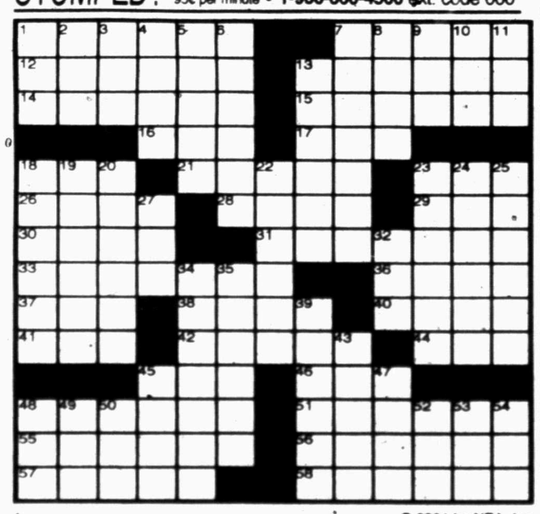
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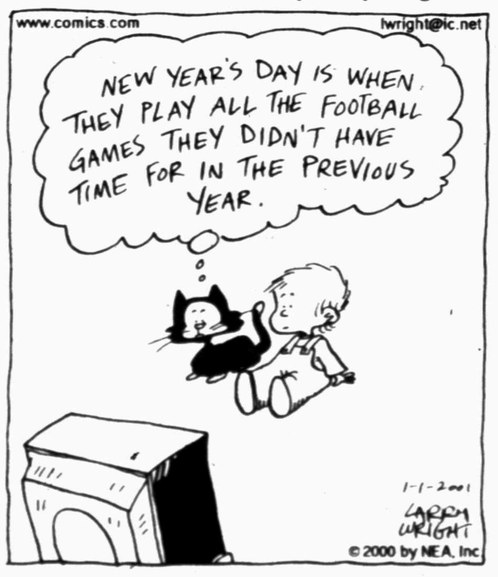
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SPORTS

Tigers top Andrews for tourney crown

BROWNWOOD — The Snyder Tigers seem to be peaking at just the right time.

Snyder won its fifth consecutive game and captured the Brownwood tournament title Saturday with a 57-45 victory over district foe Andrews.

After falling to 6-6 a few weeks ago, the Tigers have reeled off five straight victories to push their record to 11-6.

In the championship matchup, Snyder trailed by two points at halftime, but turned things around with its defense in the second half.

The Tigers limited the Mustangs to only six points in the third quarter, and only eight more in the fourth, while posting 28 of their own during the same stretch.

Senior Heath Pinkerton led the Tigers' attack with 25 points, while Shante Taylor and Jared Thornhill added 10 apiece.

Snyder advanced to the final round with a 59-47 semifinal victory over Canyon.

The contest was tight at the midway point, with the Tigers owning a slim one-point advantage, before Snyder strung together a 14-7 run in the third quarter.

Pinkerton's 18 points led the way, and Chris McLeod dropped in 13 more.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Plainview.

Andrews	**18**	**13**	**06**	**08 — 45**
Snyder	**16**	**13**	**15**	**13 — 57**

Andrews
Hooper 6 2-2 15, Haygood 4 4-6 13, Leach 2 0-0 4, Rowe 0 0-2 0, Griffin 2 0-0 5, Tharp 0 1-4 1, Jackson 3 2-5 8. **Totals 17 9-19 45.**
Snyder
Taylor 4 2-2 10, McGuire 0 0-2 0, McLeod 0 1-2 1, Wofford 2 2-3 6, Bedell 0 1-2 1, Pinkerton 10 3-8 25, Landes 0 2-2 2, Pruitt 0 0-2 0, Thornhill 5 0-1 10. **Totals 21 11-24 57.**
Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Hooper, Haygood, Griffin), Snyder 2 (Pinkerton 2). Total fouls: Andrews 22, Snyder 16. Fouled out — None.

Canyon	**16**	**13**	**07**	**11 — 47**
Snyder	**15**	**15**	**14**	**13 — 59**

Canyon
Allen 3 1-2 7, Lombard 7 2-2 18, Shepherd 2 0-0 4, Stewart 0 0-1 0, Roberts 5 2-2 13, Bass 1 0-0 2, Storey 1 1-2 3. **Totals 19 6-9 47.**
Snyder
Taylor 1 1-1 3, McLeod 4 2-4 13, Wofford 1 7-8 9, Pinkerton 6 5-10 18, Landes 1 0-0 3, Thornhill 6 1-2 13. **Totals 19 16-25 59.**
Three-point goals: Canyon 3 (Lombard 2, Roberts), Snyder 5 (McLeod 3, Pinkerton, Landes). Rebounds: Total fouls: Canyon 21, Snyder 15. Fouled out — Lovorn.

Sherrill, MSU edge Aggies in OT

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — If beating his former team made Jackie Sherrill's latest coaching victory extra special, he wasn't letting on.

Sherrill's Mississippi State Bulldogs beat Texas A&M 43-41 in overtime on Sunday night in the snowy Independence Bowl.

Quarterback Wayne Madkin scored the game-winning touchdown on a 6-yard scramble after the Bulldogs' special teams scored a 2-point defensive conversion off a blocked extra-point attempt.

It was the first meeting between Texas A&M (7-5) and Mississippi State (8-4) since Sherrill, who coached the Aggies from 1982-88, took over the Bulldogs in 1991.

"Considering everything, it's a big, big win," said Sherrill, who dodged questions about his history with Texas A&M.

"You guys make a lot of this game that isn't there," he said. "I didn't play a down, these guys did."

Sherrill guided the Aggies to three straight Southwestern Conference championships in 1985-87, but the success was overshadowed by NCAA violations.

He downplayed the significance of facing his former employer, though he had publicly stated he was hoping to face the Aggies when the bowl pairings were being sorted.

After the game, he was carried off the field by his players.

Sherrill, the winningest coach in Mississippi State history, improved to 2-4 in bowl games with the Bulldogs and 8-6 overall. R.C. Slocum, promoted from defensive coordinator to replace Sherrill in '89, has won nearly 76 percent of his games with Texas A&M, but is just 2-8 in bowls.

While the pregame hype revolved around coaches, the game was dominated by the running of Texas A&M's Ja'Mar Toombs and Mississippi State's Dontae Walker, and the rare Southern snowfall that covered the field.

Toombs ran for 193 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries.

Walker matched Toombs with three touchdowns, along with 143 yards on 16 carries.

Ultimately, Madkin, the junior quarterback from Huntsville, Ala., who had never played in snow, was the hero.

Toombs had a 25-yard touchdown run on the Aggies' first play of overtime, but A&M's extra-point attempt was blocked.

Eugene Clinton scooped the blocked kick out of the snow and before he could be pulled down at midfield, he flipped the ball back to Julius Griffith who raced to the end zone for a 2-point defensive conversion. That made the score 41-37 and gave the Bulldogs a chance to win it with a TD.

Madkin's 19-yard run got the ball to the 6-yard line, then on second-and-goal, he got loose again.

"I broke contain ... I had a guy coming at me and I was trying to stretch it as far as I could," he said. "I knew when all these guys jumped up on me and I couldn't breath that I got in the end zone."

Mississippi State rallied from 14 points down with two touchdowns in the final 8:16 of the fourth quarter.

An interception by Marco Minor deep in Texas A&M territory gave the Bulldogs a first-and-goal at the Aggies 4 with 2:50 left in the game and trailing 35-28.

On third down, Madkin faked a handoff and found Donald Lee alone in the snow-covered end zone for a 3-yard touchdown pass to tie it with 1:30 left.

Toombs was especially effective early, running for 73 yards and a touchdown on Texas A&M's first two series, and helping the Aggies grab a 14-0 lead.

Lady Tigers fall in final round, 44-37

ABILENE — Snyder's defensive effort this season has produced 14 victories and earned the Lady Tigers a top-10 ranking. But in Saturday's championship of the Abilene tournament, it was Snyder's defense that faltered.

Abilene scored 26 points in the second half Saturday to rally past Snyder, 44-37, and capture the tournament title.

The setback drops the seventh-ranked Lady Tigers to 14-3 on the year, heading into Tuesday's district showdown at No. 1 ranked Plainview.

Snyder held a 20-18 lead at halftime, before the Lady Eagles put together a 12-6 run in the third quarter to go on top, 30-26.

The Lady Tigers tried to rally with 11 points in the final frame, but Abilene matched the effort with 14 points down the stretch.

Snyder's Ashley Delce poured in 18 points to lead all scorers.

The Lady Tigers earned their shot at the title by holding off Midland Lee, 29-23, in the semifinals. It was Snyder's second victory over the Lady Rebels this season.

The Lady Tigers controlled the game with their defense, holding Lee to single figures in all four quarters.

Kameron Kallemeyn's 10 points led all scorers, while Delce added nine.

The Lady Tigers will be in action at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Plainview.

Snyder	**10**	**10**	**06**	**11**	**— 37**
Abilene	**11**	**07**	**12**	**14**	**— 44**

Snyder
Mackey 1 0-0 2, Geiger 1 0-0 2, Eicke 1 1-2 4, Murray 1 0-0 2, Delce 8 2-4 18, Kallemeyn 3 3-5 9, Robinson 0 0-1 0. **Totals 15 6-12 37.**
Abilene
Huff 5 5-6 16, Benavides 0 1-2 1, Christophen 1 1-2 3, Mayor 5 0-0 10, Richardson 3 7-8 14. **Totals 14 14-18 44.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Eicke), Abilene 2 (Huff, Richardson). Total fouls: Snyder 14, Abilene 16. Fouled out — Eicke.

Lee	**06**	**04**	**05**	**08**	**— 23**
Snyder	**09**	**06**	**04**	**10**	**— 29**

Lee
Wallace 3 3-4 9, Bryson 3 0-0 9, Neatherlin 3 0-0 7. **Totals 9 3-4 23.**
Snyder
Geiger 1 0-1 2, Eicke 2 0-0 6, Murray 1 0-2 2, Delce 3 3-5 9, Kallemeyn 3 4-4 10. **Totals 10 7-12 29.**
Three-point goals: Lee 2 (Bryson, Neatherlin), Snyder 2 (Eicke 2). Total fouls: Lee 15, Snyder 12. Fouled out — Kallemeyn.

NFL playoffs narrowed to eight teams

By BILL BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

All four home teams won in the first round of the NFL playoffs, and they're all going on the road for Round 2.

They know they have to refocus their attitudes for the challenge to come.

"They throw candy at us and drinks on us. They try to intimidate you," Miami middle linebacker Zach Thomas said, referring to Oakland's Network Associates Coliseum, where the Dolphins play on Saturday. "But it just motivates me. Everyone is wearing black and acting crazy. It's a great feeling. It's like being in the movie 'Gladiator.'"

On Nov. 12, Baltimore handed the Tennessee Titans their only home loss in 17 games since moving into Adelphia Coliseum two seasons ago. The Ravens, after beating Denver 21-3, will play Tennessee in Sunday's first game.

"We're going to enjoy our New Year and then get ready for the Tennessee Titans," Ravens defensive tackle Sam Adams said. "It's important for us to go down there and be at our best. No one thought we would beat the Denver Broncos. Everyone thought we would be out. We showed we deserved to be here, and we're going to have to be reckoned with."

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher pointed out that the Titans, who drove down the field in the final seconds, lost 24-23 to the Ravens only because Al Del Greco hooked a 43-yard field goal as time expired.

"We're going to need the fans," he said. "It's going to be one of those deals where we need the 12th man again this week. Obviously, they've had a huge impact in our success. We're just really looking forward to this opportunity to have the first one here."

The Ravens' Shannon Sharpe said both teams will have to be ready for the challenge.

"They're a very good football team, very talented," Sharpe said. "They fought hard this season for this. They wanted home-field advantage, and they sewed it up. They've clearly been the best team in the AFC from start to finish."

The New Orleans Saints, who won the first playoff game in their 34-year history when they beat St. Louis 31-28, won't be at home, but they'll get another "dome" game, at Minnesota on Saturday.

"We can celebrate beating the Rams for about 10 minutes, and then we have to go to work and concentrate on the Vikings and what we need to improve when we play them," Saints safety Sammy Knight said. "We have to be able to go into a hostile stadium and not only play well, but keep our focus for the entire game."

The Vikings, despite coming off three straight losses, have a similar high-powered offense to the Rams, who were contained by New Orleans for most of Saturday's game until they rallied from a 31-7 deficit to lose by three.

The game will be an opportunity for Saints receiver Jake Reed to reunite with his former Vikings teammates, Cris Carter and Randy Moss.

"When I came into the locker room after the game, I looked at the cell phone, and I saw a message there from Cris," Reed said. "I know I played there, but I'm not nervous. I think it's a good matchup. They have a lot of weapons, they can go out and play ball like the Rams, strike fast, go down the field. But I think if our defense shows up and our offense shows up, we'll be OK."

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New Jersey	9	21	.300	12½
Washington	6	25	.194	16
Central Division				
Charlotte	20	11	.645	—
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Milwaukee	16	13	.552	3
Toronto	15	15	.500	4½
Detroit	13	18	.419	7
Indiana	13	18	.419	7
Atlanta	10	20	.333	9½
Chicago	5	25	.167	14½
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Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	19	11	.633	½
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Vancouver	8	22	.267	11½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	20	8	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	22	10	.688	—
Portland	21	10	.677	½
Phoenix	18	10	.643	2
Seattle	17	14	.548	4½
Golden State	10	20	.333	11
L.A. Clippers	10	21	.323	11½

Saturday's Games
Orlando 95, Boston 90
Houston 114, Dallas 99
Seattle 104, Charlotte 102
Phoenix 109, Toronto 103
Miami 110, Detroit 102, OT
San Antonio 89, Indiana 77
Philadelphia 107, Sacramento 104, OT
New York 88, Minnesota 79
Denver 120, Milwaukee 113
Golden State 102, Vancouver 101
L.A. Lakers 116, L.A. Clippers 114, OT
Sunday's Games
Chicago 86, New Jersey 77
Washington 110, Detroit 96
Monday's Games
Houston at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.

National Football League Playoffs

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

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

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

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

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

College Bowl Glance

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

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

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

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: $2 million
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
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At Dallas
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: $1.4 million
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $4 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: $13.5 million
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Payout: $13.5 million
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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

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

Sports Briefs

Jets' coach resigns

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Groh resigned Saturday to take the coaching job at Virginia, jolting a New York Jets team that must look for its seventh head coach in 11 years.

Groh spent just one season with the Jets since Bill Parcells resigned as coach. He now heads back to his alma mater to replace George Welsh, who retired. He accepted a seven-year contract that could be worth $5 million.

Groh went 9-7 after a 4-0 start, but the team lost its last three games. A victory in any of them would have earned a playoff berth.

Dolphins oust Colts

MIAMI (AP) — With an NFL-record performance by Lamar Smith, a resilient quarterback and stout defense, the surprising Miami Dolphins handed Jim Mora another playoff loss.

Smith scored on his 40th carry, a 17-yard run in overtime for a 20-17 wild-card playoff victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday. Jay Fiedler overcame three first-half interceptions to lead a comeback from a 14-point deficit in the second half, and Miami tied the game in the final minute of regulation.

Saints hold off Rams

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Aaron Brooks threw three touchdown passes to Willie Jackson, and the Saints held off a huge fourth-quarter rally from the St. Louis Rams for a 31-28 victory Saturday.

Ravens halt Broncos

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's record-setting defense was impenetrable once more and former Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe scored a bizarre touchdown in a 21-3 wild-card playoff victory over Denver.

In winning the first postseason game in this city since 1977, when the Colts lost to Oakland, the Ravens (13-4) earned a trip to Nashville to play the Tennessee Titans, who edged them for the AFC Central crown this season.

Eagles roll over Bucs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb ran for a touchdown and threw for two more, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to 21-3 victory over Tampa Bay in an NFC wild-card game, sending them on to the Meadowlands to play the New York Giants next weekend.

Fresno St. falls to Air Force

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Air Force put on an air show in the first Silicon Valley Classic.

The Falcons didn't abandon the option, but they came out passing to surprise Fresno State 37-34 in the inaugural bowl game at Spartan Stadium.

Spectators crushed at soccer match

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A fence collapsed during a championship soccer game Saturday, crushing spectators at a crowded stadium and leaving more than 100 fans injured.

The chaos began 23 minutes into the Joao Havelange Cup on Saturday at Sao Januario Stadium.

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Lenten roses draw national notice

BISHOP, Ga. (AP) — The scenic gardens of hellebores, or Lenten roses, at Sam and Carleen Jones' farm have become a destination for horticulture enthusiasts throughout the eastern United States and a featured subject in two magazines.

Hellebores are commonly grown in Europe. Their growing popularity with gardeners in the United States is due largely to their wide range of colors, their long blooming season and their unpopularity with deer.

Hellebores — a species that also includes the earlier-blooming helleborus niger, or Christmas rose — resemble wild roses. Once established, they require little care.

Paul Thomas, a horticulturist with the Georgia Extension Service, wrote that Lenten roses are native to Greece and Asia Minor, but they do particularly well in Georgia as slow-growing perennials. The Extension Service named it a 1999 Georgia Gold Medal Winner.

The plants, whose tuberous roots are highly toxic to humans and animals, produce dark evergreen leaves and flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink, magenta and burgundy. Hellebores take several years to grow to full size — but when they do, they form a thick and colorful groundcover, especially in partial shade.

The Jones' gardens are featured in the January issue of Southern Living magazine and the February issue of Country Living Gardener magazine. The profiles include stories and photos of the operation and show plants in peak bloom early last March.

Both articles highlight the appeal of the plants: a rich range of colors and a long blooming period that extends from early winter through March. Most important, Sam Jones said, deer won't eat hellebores.

A former botany professor at the University of Georgia, Jones started the business in 1981 and now sells to gardeners and wholesalers throughout the East Coast.

"We became the largest producers of hellebores in the country," he said. "They had not been available, and people didn't know about them."

Carleen Jones said she doesn't attempt to produce any particular hybrid of the flowers, but lets the plants cross-pollinate by natural means. The result is always a batch of flowers with different sizes, shapes and colors, she said.

"There's no two flowers that are really alike," she said. "That's why we sell so many hellebores, because when people come and when the plants are in bloom, there's so many different colors to choose from."

The operation is perhaps best known for its annual Hellebore Days, which takes place the first weekend in March. Sam Jones said the festival was the only event of its kind when it began in 1992, but a few other growers have followed the lead.

Hellebore Days at the Jones' Picadilly Farm draws visitors from throughout the East Coast, he said, and 1,800 people are expected to attend the event this year.

On the Net: University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences — http://www.ces.uga.edu/news/99garden/gmlenten.htm

Oklahoma's death chamber faces busiest month

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The already busy death chamber at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary is about to log its busiest month ever. But not even a record eight executions causes much stir in this strongly pro-death penalty state.

"Look at what those eight people did," said Aaron Cook, 24, a Tulsa student.

"I think sometimes you have to look at the victims and say, 'How else are they going to get justice?'" offers Don Trolinger, a retiree from Miami in northeast Oklahoma.

"I'm a Christian and it really bothers me ... but no, I wouldn't want to do away with it completely," says JaDeanna Farris, who owns a dress shop in the small town of Alva and favors capital punishment in certain circumstances.

Texas set a record with 40 executions in 2000. Oklahoma, with one-sixth the population, ranked second with 11. This month it will tie Texas' one-month record when it sends seven men and one woman to be put to death, according to the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Reforms that have shortened the appeals process and the fact that five of the condemned inmates have been on death row for more than 11 years have contributed to the surge.

Johnnie Cabrera, chairwoman of the Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, sees little outcry: "People really don't care," she said. "It's out of sight, out of mind."

Cabrera has a strong personal interest in one death row inmate, and plans to be at the penitentiary on Jan. 16 when Floyd Medlock is to be put to death. Judy Busch will be there too.

The women stand on opposite sides in the death penalty debate, but they share one thing: Medlock stabbed and killed their granddaughter, 7-year-old Katherine Ann Busch, in 1990.

Busch routinely makes the 120-mile trip from Oklahoma City to McAlester. Her group, the Homicide Survivors Support Group, erects a display of victims' photos outside the prison gates and share their tearful stories.

Cabrera attends clemency hearings on behalf of the condemned and would prefer Medlock live out his life in prison. She plans to witness his execution, hoping to offer him solace from the front row.

"I do not condone what he did," Cabrera said. "But killing this person is not going to bring her back. It's just going to make another family in pain."

Busch said the two women haven't spoken since she confronted Cabrera during an anti-death penalty rally years ago.

"It really appalls me that she fights for this person's life, that did all the horrible things he did to Kathy," Busch said. "She died a cruel painful death, and he's going to be gently put to sleep."

Busch said she won't have peace until she knows Medlock no longer breathes.

Oklahoma is so strongly pro-death penalty that even Gov. Frank Keating, a Roman Catholic, called the pope's stance against it wrong.

Still, the busy January execution pace combined with a national re-examination of death penalty errors has opponents speaking out. State leaders of Catholic, Episcopal and United Methodist faiths have called for a death penalty moratorium.

Some Oklahomans say they aren't sure what side to take.

"I wouldn't want to be the one to decide if a person was to die or not. Too many people have died who may not have committed a crime," said Barbara Jenkins, a convenience store manager in McAlester, home to the penitentiary where executions are held.

Jim Fowler has lived both sides of the death penalty debate and speaks against it.

His son, Mark Fowler, is to be the sixth inmate put to death in January. He received the death penalty for his role in the 1985 slayings of three people during a grocery store robbery.

In 1986, Jim Fowler's mother was murdered. Robert Lee Miller Jr. spent 10 years on death row for that killing, but DNA evidence exonerated him and he was freed. Another man is scheduled for trial.

"We're putting ourselves on the map of being the most backwards, barbaric area in the world," Fowler said. "That's premeditated murder, and we do it with a big grin on our faces."

More than 3,700 people in the United States are waiting on death row.

Wanda Jean Allen has been there for more than 11 years for killing her roommate outside a police station in 1988. On Jan. 11, she is scheduled to become the first woman executed in Oklahoma since statehood.

"Please let me live. Please let me live," Allen, 41, begged in a whisper during a clemency hearing in December. Clemency was denied.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary Warden Gary Gibson has given the command "Let the execution begin" more than 20 times. But he has never faced a month like January and said he plans to watch his employees closely for signs of fatigue.

"It's a trying situation for everybody," he said.

On the Net:
Oklahoma Department of Corrections: http://okcntx.doc.state.ok.us
Oklahoma attorney general's office: http://www.oag.state.ok.us
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Some need more frequent vaccinations

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had my spleen removed following an auto accident 17 years ago, but I've been in good health since. About 10 years ago, I was given a pneumonia shot and told it should be repeated every five years. This is contrary to the manufacturer's recommendation of once-in-a-lifetime pneumonia vaccine. What should I do?

DEAR READER: When it was first introduced, the pneumonia shot was supposed to be effective indefinitely. In the past few years, however, authorities have changed their opinion, and now recommend boosters every 10 years or so. Pneumonia vaccine is advised for any adult at risk for pneumonia, including those with lung disorders, chronic diseases, recurring pneumonia, immune deficiency and — as in your case — loss of a spleen.

The spleen acts as a bacterial filter; therefore, patients without spleens are more prone to serious lung and bloodstream infections.

Follow your physician's advice in this matter. A pneumonia shot every five years sounds appropriate and will do no harm. But it's important to keep this issue in perspective. There are literally hundreds of different causes for pneumonia, including various viruses, bacteria, molds, chemicals and so forth. The pneumonia shot protects its recipients from 23 of the most common types of bacterial pneumonia. Thus, the vaccine, while certainly helpful, is far from being a panacea. Even after having received the injection, you are still at risk of acquiring pneumonia.

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: After spending an inactive day in our 72-degree home, my 79-year-old husband insists on opening the bedroom windows at night, even though the outside temperature may be well below freezing. I think it's harmful to sleep in such a cold temperature. Am I wrong?

DEAR READER: I've long been interested in how people's perceptions about night air have changed from generation to generation. When my father was a boy, breathing cold night air — particularly if it were humid — was considered unhealthy. The windows were definitely closed.

During my childhood, on the other hand, fresh night air was viewed as a tonic. No matter how cold the outside temperature at night, I was bundled up, with the window wide open, at bedtime. Of course, it was murder to get out of a warm bed in the morning, but — as far as I can determine — I didn't suffer as a result.

My own children slept with closed windows during the winter. The pendulum had swung back, this was their preference, and I didn't make a big deal out of it.

Therefore, my answer to your question is: It probably doesn't matter. I must admit that I, as an adult, am probably more concerned about wasting fossil fuel through open windows. Despite this reservation, as long as you and your husband pile on the bedclothes and remain cozy, he can open the windows to his heart's content. In contrast, closing the windows won't do you any harm either (although it will reduce heating bills). Only time will tell what the wisdom of the next generation will be.

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Some people still using Y2K supply surplus

EL PASO (AP) — It's taken 12 months, but Ron Williams has just about depleted his supply of food, medicine and other goods stocked in preparation for the Y2K computer chaos that never came.

Still, the military surplus store owner who advised his customers to stock up on staples has no regrets.

"We bought toilet paper by the case," Williams said. "You don't stop eating. You don't stop going to the bathroom."

Thousands of people feared that the Y2K computer bug — glitches caused by computers reading "00" as 1900 instead of 2000 — would wreak havoc, leaving cities powerless and in chaos.

So they hoarded the basics, such as water, baby formula and batteries, or prepared for the worst, buying electric generators, heaters and sleeping bags.

Now, some people are still stuck with the leftovers.

April and Tommy Brown, of Nevada, Texas, 30 miles northeast of Dallas, bought a dozen gallons of drinking water, fuel for camping stoves and several cases of canned foods.

The water is gone but they're still working their way through the pork and beans, green beans and corn, April Brown said.

"We bought everything in a can. We'll use it eventually," she said.

Williams said his store, Eagle Military, in El Paso, sold more generators, packaged military meals, flashlights, solar radios and other survival gear in 1999 than in any of the previous 20 years he has been in business.

Cheaper Than Dirt Inc., a Fort Worth-based mail-order camping and outdoor gear supplier, sold $10 million worth of MREs, the ready-to-eat meals created for soldiers, said Chief Executive Officer Michael Tenny.

Williams and Tenny said only a few customers tried to return purchases when the calendar flipped over and none of the predicted anarchy took place.

Tenny acknowledged that he has sold only about $200,000 worth of MREs this year, compared with an average of about $350,000 annually. "That's probably because we filled a lot of the holes the year before," he said.

Jerry Gentry, a semiretired businessman who lives near Gladewater in East Texas, started Club Y2K. The Internet business still sells survival kits with raw wheat, corn, soybeans, salt and a water filter, designed to support one person for a year. The cost: $350.

He admits he bought too much grain, which now sits in a Missouri warehouse. But he said the grain's quality and packaging give it at least a 10-year shelf life, meaning he may recover some of his investment.

NYPD faces difficulties keeping crime low

NEW YORK (AP) — Overall violent crime decreased in the city last year. A recent poll shows New Yorkers no longer think crime is the No. 1 problem they face. And tourists are flooding Manhattan, thrilled to be able to walk the streets safely late into the night.

This should be reason for celebration in the New York City Police Department. But within the 41,000-strong force — the largest in the country — officers are leaving in record numbers, citing low morale, low pay and the constant pressure to keep those numbers down.

And with problems in recruiting new police, crime experts say it could be hard to keep the crime rate stable in years to come.

"When crime numbers start rising, the tendency is to look and point fingers, and generally, it's pointed toward the police, and that's unfortunate," said James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University. "That doesn't mean it's their fault."

Fox believes the murder rate and other violent crime indexes have pretty much bottomed out in New York City, as well as nationwide.

"It's the criminal justice limbo stick — how low can you go?" Fox said. "It was hard to attain the low crime rates and now it's hard to maintain these extremely low levels."

Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik disagrees. Kerik, who took over the department in September after the retirement of Howard Safir, said he plans to unveil "a number of strategies" in the next few weeks to reduce crime further.

"We didn't believe the experts last year when they said we couldn't go any further," Kerik said Friday. "Crime has dropped almost 6 percent this year. We don't believe the experts' predictions this year either."

In 1990, the murder rate in New York City hit an all-time high of 2,245. It has since declined relatively steadily, with 667 murders reported for 1999. As of Friday, there have been 666 murders in the city so far this year.

Overall violent crime — murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny and auto theft — is down 5.48 percent from last year.

The relatively low crime rate has apparently left New Yorkers feeling safe. A poll conducted by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found that for the first time since 1994 residents did not list crime as the No. 1 problem. Education concerns topped the list.

Nevertheless, officers are leaving the force in substantial numbers.

The number of officers who are retiring when they reach 20 years of service has increased 44.6 percent; so far this year 1,112 officers have retired, compared with 769 last year. And increasing numbers aren't waiting to reach the 20-year mark; so far this year, 616 officers have quit, compared with 537 last year.

Some officers are leaving to take advantage of recent pension incentives, while others cite pay, morale and pressure to keep crime statistics down.

The starting salary for an NYPD officer is $31,305 a year, or about $2,000 to $11,000 below that of any other major police department. Pay checks rise to $60,000 after five years.

Recruiting efforts have not been successful, despite two consecutive years of million-dollar advertising campaigns.

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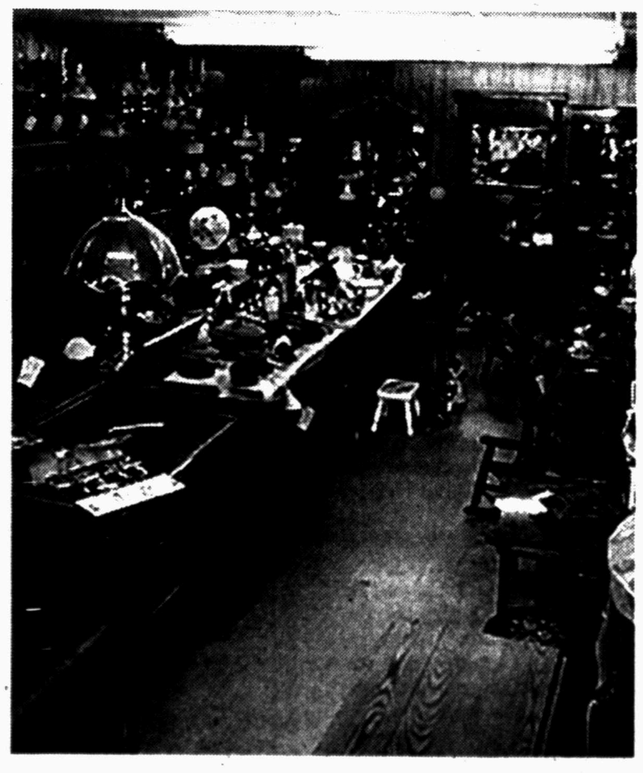
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Number crunchers have insight on 20th Century

WASHINGTON (AP) — The numbers are in on the 20th century, and the crunchers don't agree on much except this: the future may be brighter than you think, and one of the reasons is the great legacy of the last 100 years: number crunching.

The folks who gather and analyze data say that the peculiarly American phenomenon of picking out trends and forecasting their development has enhanced democracy to an immeasurable extent.

"When you set up a constitution that starts with three words, 'We the people,' you better find out how many are there, and what they want," said Ben Wattenberg, one of the authors of "The First Measured Century," an account of the last 100 years viewed with the help of the statistician's slide rule.

Co-author Theodore Caplow — who doesn't agree with Wattenberg about much else — concurs, that the government does not pay enough attention to the trove of information at its disposal.

"The American government isn't looking at numbers, it's not paying attention to feedback," he said.

The book — and a PBS special that aired Dec. 20 — combine a century of U.S. government statistics with polling data to map how trends have changed in areas such as the family, sexual and racial relations, religion, health, crime, business and communications.

Caplow also continued the "Middletown" project begun by Robert and Helen Lynd, who examined attitudes in Muncie, Indiana — an extraordinarily ordinary American town — in the 1920s and 1930s. He followed up in 1974 and 1999.

Their work shows how turn-of-the-century scholars at the University of Wisconsin and at Columbia University sought to chronicle the end of the frontier and the beginning of massive immigration — and ended up providing Americans with a way of keeping officials accountable.

The result is an immensely readable — and often surprising — walk through American history. What is often most shocking is what was taken for granted at the time.

The spectacular drop in infant mortality — one in six children to die before their first birthday in 1900, to one in 141 today — comes home in a photo of a 1915 Chicago exhibit warning mothers about the perils of alcohol. Out of every 100 mothers who are alcoholics, the exhibit posters warn, between 33 and 72 will lose their children before they turn three. To bring the point home, the posters note the rate among sober mothers: a 24 deaths out of 100, acceptable then and whopping now.

Each author confessed to having preconceptions shaken.

For Wattenberg, who often voices a conservative line on TV, it was the pervasiveness of official racism toward immigrants from the turn of the century until the 1920s. Government officials relied on such questionable data as skull measurements and culturally biased intelligence tests to determine immigration levels, and to allot employment.

"The racism was unbelievable," said Wattenberg. "It almost made me a liberal."

Caplow cited his research in Muncie showing parent-child relations had vastly improved — instead of declined — over the century, a repudiation of "generation gap" worries.

"Almost all the parents interviewed in 1924 had grown up on farms," he said, and when he took over "Middletown" in 1974, most of the parents had undergone wartime experiences. Now, he said, "parents and children overwhelmingly share the same cultural experiences."

Wattenberg, who hosts the PBS series "Think Tank," says looking at numbers raises the level of political debate.

"You keep your eye on the numbers, and see what's making sense, but there is always a dynamic and an argument," he said.

Striking Seattle Times staff reject latest contract offer

SEATTLE (AP) — Striking workers at The Seattle Times rejected the newspaper's latest contract offer Saturday, saying they weren't willing to accept layoffs that could last up to a year.

The vote, coming in the sixth week of the strike, was 348-87, according to the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild. Guild leaders had recommended members reject the offer.

Federal mediator C. Richard Barnes ordered both parties back to the bargaining table in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

Employees at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, who also went on strike Nov. 21, voted Thursday to accept their newspaper's contract proposal.

The Times handles business operations for both newspapers and says the strike has cost millions of dollars in lost revenue that will force it to cut at least 10 percent of its work force, about 250 employees.

"We are disappointed that after the assistance of the nation's top mediator and the involvement of Senator Patty Murray that our employees did not bring this strike to a conclusion," Times President H. Mason Sizemore said after Saturday's vote.

Sizemore said The Times had no plans to resume hiring permanent replacement workers. The newpaper had halted the practice while talks were underway.

The strike began with wages a key issue at both newspapers, which bargain jointly with the Guild, although their contracts differ slightly.

The return-to-work issue became one of the final points of disagreement with The Times: The newspaper wants to let workers who crossed picket lines be the first to keep their jobs; the Guild wants workers with the most seniority to have preference, and it wants everyone back to work within 90 days.

Raegen McKibbin, a striking advertising worker, said no Guild members like The Times' offer but some want to avoid a prolonged strike. "There are people who are concerned about losing their job if we keep saying, 'No,'" McKibbin said.

But Gary Funk, who works in The Times' composing room, said the striking workers were confident.

"Our strength remains; our resolve remains," he said.

The Guild represents about 800 workers at The Times, locally owned by the Blethen family with a minority interest held by Knight Ridder.

Return-to-work issues were not a major factor in the Post-Intelligencer discussions. The Hearst-owned newspaper has said its striking workers, about 100 of them, will return on Tuesday.

On the Net:
Times: http://www.seattletimes.com
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-01-01
♠ A J 4 3
♥ A 7 5 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 3

West
♠ —
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K 7 6 4 2

East
♠ Q
♥ K Q 10
♦ 9 6 5 3 2
♣ J 10 9 5

South
♠ K 10 9 8 7 6 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A K
♣ A Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Monday, Jan. 1, 2001

First day, first grand slam

By Phillip Alder

First, I hope you will all enjoy a happy and healthy "2001 — An Earth Odyssey." Last August and September, I went on a teaching tour of New Zealand and Australia. The classes started in Whangarei (fong-ar-ay), north of Auckland, with a lesson about suit establishment. This was the sixth prepared deal. How would you try to make seven spades? West leads the diamond queen.

Several Souths erred by opening four spades. With so many points, and with slam potential if partner has a spade fit, you shouldn't preempt. Give partner a chance by opening one spade. Here, North will make a limit raise, showing four trumps and 10-12 support points. Now the South hand is phenomenally powerful, with only three losers: the spade ace, the heart ace and club king.

Still, the final bid of seven spades isn't recommended, because it looks as though you need the club finesse to work. However, you should leave that on the back burner. First, try to establish dummy's fifth heart. That needs four dummy entries: three for heart ruffs and one to cash the new winner. These must be the heart ace and three trump winners. So, you must be careful with the spade two. Put it in your pocket or sit on it. After winning trick one, cash the spade king, play your heart to dummy's ace, and ruff a heart high (i.e., not with the two). Play a trump to dummy's jack, ruff a heart, return to dummy with another trump, and ruff a third heart. Finally, retrieve the spade two, lead it to dummy's four, and cash the heart seven, discarding the club queen.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001

There's a strong chance a venture or project you find yourself in could bring you before the public in the year ahead. Play to the spotlight by doing your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is never a good day to air family discord in the presence of outsiders, and today will be no exception. The impression you make on your audience will be anything but acceptable. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you allow your thinking to be negatively preconditioned by what another has to say, you could end up behaving in a manner that discredits who you are.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even if you're expecting an infusion of fresh funds to come your way, be prudent today about your personal finances. It could be all too easy to spend beyond your means.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The one thing that could do you in today if you let it is your ego. If you think you're better than you actually are, it can plunge you into a situation where the odds favor your opposition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What could weaken your efforts today in developments where you need to be assertive is worrying about things that may never occur. Don't let negative thinking dominate your day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consideration is a must today in any endeavor where there are others involved. If things get off on a selfish note today, it will jeopardize the entire operation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your best chances for achieving your objectives today will be through your own initiative and efforts. Strive to be self-sufficient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unreasonable demands always invites complications, and today it is doubly important you handle all relationships with kid gloves, be they with co-workers, friends or family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Suppress urges today to pry into something another is making a concerted effort to conceal — no matter how enticing the affair appears to you. MYOB.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Polarization could create serious problems today in martial relationships, so do your part to avoid any testy domestic issue that can cause you and your mate to take opposing positions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make certain you know what you're talking about and can offer something better before criticizing another today. If not, you could end up looking like a fool.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unfortunately, you could dilute your enterprising and bold magnetism today by infusing it with irrational behavior. Those admirable qualities will be worthless.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Celebrations mark New Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Welcome to the REAL third millennium.

Mathematical purists who opted out of champagne for last New Year's Eve were happy Sunday to enjoy the first day of 2001, while revelers across the nation gleefully celebrated the millennium for a second time.

"It's a real sense of occasion," explained Noel Whittaker, 28, who flew to New York City from London to participate in the annual ritual in Times Square.

"It's the energy of the people and watching the crowd get excited. The amount of time and energy that obviously goes into this for just one night makes it really special," he said.

The electric mood was heightened by the presence of boxing legend Muhammad Ali, who joined New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in pressing the button that started a crystal-covered ball's descent, signaling the end of 2000 and the start of 2001.

"You've gotta do this once in your life," said Eric Robertson, visiting from Ottawa with his wife.

Ashcroft's views concern Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not all of President-elect Bush's Cabinet choices face clear sailing for Senate confirmation, Democratic lawmakers say, aiming their fire primarily at Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called Ashcroft's confirmation prospects "hardly a done deal" and said he is "truly worried" that the conservative nominee would not enforce federal laws banning violence against abortion clinics or laws that restrict gun ownership. In fact, Schumer contended that Ashcroft would work to repeal those laws.

"He is far and away the most troubling choice," Schumer said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "The question is will Senator Ashcroft enforce the law of the land on things that he's morally opposed to."

However, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, whose Judiciary Committee will consider Ashcroft's nomination, said he would be surprised if the Senate didn't confirm Ashcroft, the outgoing Republican senator from Missouri who has served as that state's attorney general and governor.

"He is a man of integrity. He is a man of great experience," Hatch said on ABC. "I have no doubt, as a former attorney general and hopefully as this attorney general, he will enforce the law, regardless of whether he agrees with it or not."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., also expressed concerns about Ashcroft.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 29 – Velma Carrol, Eunice Houston, Raymond Johns; Dec. 30 – Juan Ruiz, Cheryl Davis, Norma Thompson; Dec. 31 – Tyger McClain, Patricia Scott and Mary Rodriguez.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 29 – Rayla Herrera, Brianna Segura, Autris Thompson; Dec. 30 – Inez Beaver, Lyle F. Brace; Velma B. Carroll, Norma Thompson; Dec. 31 – Eunice Houston, Ida Pinkerton, David Rascon and Cheryl Davis.

CENSUS: 37 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Care-21 and OB-1)

Local law officers arrest sixteen

Local law enforcement personnel were busy over the weekend as 16 arrests were made.

Arrests

City officers arrested a 22-year-old female at 11:52 a.m. Saturday on an outstanding city warrant for public intoxication and failure to appear.

At 1:39 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 29-year-old female on an outstanding warrant from Smith County for theft by check.

Officers were called to the VFW at 12:29 a.m. Sunday in reference to a report of a fight. Officers arrested a 28-year-old male for public intoxication and resisting arrest. Assault charges may be filed later, according to the police report.

At 12:41 a.m. Sunday, a 39-year-old male was arrested at the Plaza Restaurant for public intoxication.

Three people were taken into custody at 1:58 a.m. Sunday in the 2100 block of Huffman Avenue. A 46-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest, while a 44-year-old male was taken into custody for resisting arrest. A juvenile female was also arrested but later released to her family.

DPS troopers arrested a 68-year-old male at 10:18 a.m. Sunday on Highway 180 for driving with an invalid license.

DPS troopers took a 23-year-old male into custody at 7:49 p.m. Sunday on Highway 350 for driving while intoxicated.

Two persons were arrested at 10:48 p.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of 28th Street. Taken into custody were a 23-year-old male for driving while intoxicated and a 17-year-old male for public intoxication.

Four persons were taken into custody at 12:56 a.m. Monday for public intoxication. Three of the four were juveniles and were released to their mother. A 17-year-old male was booked into jail for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 3:12 p.m. Sunday for disorderly conduct, language.

Burglary

Orlando Aviles reported to officers at 1:18 p.m. Saturday that someone had broken into his residence at 1413 22nd St. A offense report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

Break-in

Officers investigated a report at 10 p.m. Saturday that someone had broken into The Sweet Shop and scattered items about the business.

Aggravated assault

An officer was requested at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room at 3:09 a.m. Monday in reference to an assault. The victim did not wish to cooperate with officers in filing a report.

Obituaries

Allen Bruton

1923-2000

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

Service for Mr. Bruton, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Roland Bruns, pastor of Fluvanna United Methodist Church, will officiate. Cremation will follow.



Allen Bruton

Born Nov. 19, 1923 in Temple, he married Chigger Jordan on June 26, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. She died June 20, 2000.

Mr. Bruton, worked for Wm. Cameron Co. and Baroid in Hobbs, N.M. He worked in the oil industry in the Permian Basin area until his retirement in 1983. He moved to Waldron, Ark., and then later to Fluvanna in 1993. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Bruton.

Survivors include a son, Greg Bruton of Bangkok; a daughter, Lana Renee Harden of Bushland; a son, Gregory Allen Bruton; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Tindle Bruton; a grandson, Cody Bruton of Bangkok; four sisters, Mildred Fitch of Temple, Beatrice Fails of Kilgore, Edna Smith of Post and Nora Thompson of San Antonio; and four brothers, J.H. Bruton of Beaumont, Dalton Bruton of Kosse, Tex., Eugene Bruton of Tahoka and Darrell Bruton of Galena Park.

Family visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Laurie Haines

1926-2000

Lorrain "Laurie" Haines of Snyder died Sunday, Dec. 31, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Service for Mrs. Haines, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary will be held at 8 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Robert Ramirez officiating.

Born March 23, 1926 in Chicago, Ill., she married George Haines on June 24, 1951 in Chicago. He died Dec. 15, 1980. Mrs. Haines, a homemaker, was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder. She was a longtime member of Cogdell Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and a life member of the Illinois State Rifle Association.

A brother, Max Blake of Chicago, survives.

Jean Hagerton

1931-2000

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

Service for Mrs. Hagerton, 69, was set for 10 a.m. today in Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Glen Ronfeld was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Lone Wolf Cemetery.

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

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

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

Clyde H. Grimes

1916-2000

WEATHERFORD — Clyde H. Grimes, 84, of Snyder died Friday, Dec. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Grimes is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Poe Prairie Cemetery near Milsap under the direction of White's Funeral Home in Weatherford.

Born on April 29, 1916 in Parker County, he married Marzelle Nevil on Jan. 25, 1936. She died Nov. 18, 2000. He attended Milsap schools and was a brick mason and moved to Fort Worth as a brakeman for Texas & Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1978. Mr. Grimes was a member of Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Will and Linnie Grimes; a sister, Marie Ashley; and a nephew, Howard Ashley.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, June and Bill Mitchell of Snyder; three granddaughters and spouses, Dessie and Jerry Pierce and Kara and James Ashley, all of Snyder, and Laura and David Asbell of North Richland Hills; a niece Norma Jean Barnes and her husband, W.J., of Parker County; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ike G. Eischeid

1917-2000

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

Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian is in charge of arrangements. A Memorial service will be held later in Dunn.

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

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

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

A memorial register may be signed online at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

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

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.

Country and gospel music program

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

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Windbreak trees

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

Snow falls on North Texas as 2000 comes to an end

DALLAS (AP) — A wintry storm that dumped up to 2 inches of snow in the Dallas area Sunday hampered travel and provided a chilly New Year's Eve surprise.

"I didn't think we were going to have any more snow," said Courtney Williams, who was shopping in a north Dallas department store Sunday evening.

The flurries came Sunday afternoon, quickly coating the landscape and the roads. Traffic slowed considerably, and some drivers found themselves sliding in directions they had not intended.

Meanwhile, 120 American Airlines flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were canceled, the Fort Worth-based carrier said. Operations were expected to return to normal on New Year's Day.

By Sunday evening, the snow moved to the northeast, said Jesse Moore, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

Road conditions worsened, however, as temperatures dipped into the low 20s.

The snow didn't dampen the enthusiasm of organizers of the Dallas 2001 celebration in downtown Dallas, where seven hours of entertainment and a fireworks extravaganza at midnight were planned.

Thousands attended last year, but just a few hundred braved the wintry conditions in the hours before midnight.

"It's pretty much of a disappointment," said reveler John Brown.

Peggy Wardlaw, however, said she came prepared.

"We brought our ski gear, so we're in good shape," she said.

Other Dallas residents braved slippery roads Sunday evening to get last minute items for New Year's Eve celebrations at home.

"I'm going home and whip up some dip and we're staying in the house," said Nancy Beckon as she scraped snow from her car windshield after shopping at a north Dallas department store.

Beckon said the roads were starting to get slick, but she was accustomed to such conditions after living in Minnesota.