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Demos demanding remap documents

AUSTIN (AP)—Democrats are continuing to press the U.S. Justice Department to release documents they contend will show that a GOP congressional redistricting plan was approved by political appointees who overruled the agency's staff.

Members of Texas' Democratic congressional delegation want a copy of a memorandum written by the Voting Section of the department's Civil Rights Division in time to present it Tuesday in an Austin federal court.

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Local soldier helps make history

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

"If you were praying for me last night between 11 and 12, you are the prayer warrior I must thank today," wrote a Pampa soldier in an e-mail to friends and family on Dec. 14 after Saddam Hussein was captured.

Specialist Avery J. Taylor, 299th Engineering Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was part of the brigade involved in the capture. Taylor, son of A.W. Dale and Joann Taylor of Pampa, was deployed on April 4 to Iraq as a combat engineer and armed combat earthmover specialist.

"It was my brigade that was involved. My squad was doing a patrol about 10 miles from where he was picked up. We had another squad providing overwatch protection for the raid," Taylor wrote.

"As we rolled out of our compound and got about 10 miles on the way to Balad, we got a call on the radio saying we had forgotten some paperwork that was very important and we needed to come back and get it. So we turn around and drive 10 miles back to the compound.

"When we get to the gate, a call comes over the radio saying an IED was found right where we would have been had we continued to go to Balad instead of turning around," he continued in the e-mail.

An IED is an improvised explosive device.

"God is looking out for me and all of my co-workers. Thank you all for your prayers and support. You never know



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa native SPC A.J. Taylor, shown here, took part in the capture of deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13.

what you could be preventing when you take the time to send out a prayer," Taylor wrote of the incident involving the IED, which happened the morning after the capture.

Hussein was captured late Saturday, Dec. 13 as he hid in a hole in the ground near his hometown of Tikrit.

"He was found in a hole under a farmhouse with a pistol in his hand, sitting on an AK47. He has been detained and clean-shaven. A DNA test has been done and the results are back, saying it is him. This is history in the making," Taylor wrote.

An AK47 is an assault rifle.

Taylor's job in the capture was to set out parameters 100 meters west of the river near the farmhouse, with orders to

shoot to kill if anyone escaped, according to his mother. The farmhouse was on the east side of the river.

Taylor, known as AJ, was born and raised in Pampa, where he lived until going to boot camp after enlisting in the United States Army on Oct. 11, 2001, one month after the 9-11 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

He attended boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood and was later stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He married Rainey Hopson, daughter of Nathan and Janey Hopson of Pampa, on June 7, 2002 and they make their home in Killeen, near Fort Hood.

Taylor wrote on Dec. 8 that he was going to be involved in a major operation.

"Rumor has it we are to begin 24-hour operations starting tomorrow and going for two weeks. The mission coming up is pretty serious and potentially dangerous," he said in an e-mail on that date.

Taylor's mother said in a telephone interview today with *The Pampa News* that he is still participating in raids every night in Tikrit, and won't get time off for Christmas.

"They are still looking for people who are hiding out," she said.

Taylor hopes to be able to come home by April, the one-year anniversary of his tour of duty in Iraq, Joanna Taylor said. He will bring back memories that will last his lifetime, he wrote in an e-mail on Nov. 25, just before Thanksgiving.

"I am thankful for the friends I have made over in this country. I will never forget these people. I am thankful that I could be a part of giving these people freedom.

"Being out here has given me a new respect for the little things. A sink that you can turn a handle and potable (drinkable) water comes out. I am thankful for a hot meal. A mattress on a cot out of the rain. I am thankful for the rain. We got rain today for the first time since April and it is so nice. I understand why people say you can't enjoy the rain without the dryness," Taylor wrote.

"I am thankful to all of you for the part that you play in helping me out here, whether an encouraging word or a package or a comic strip out of the paper. It brings a smile to my face to know that I am thought about and loved."

Pampa ISD eyes bus contract

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Pampa Independent School District officials want to know if contracting out for student transportation would be more cost effective for the district.

Tom Johnson of Southwest Student Transportation in McKinney, sat down with school board members at last week's meeting to discuss what a contract with his company would mean to Pampa ISD.

SST offers a turn-key operation, he said, including full service management, benefits for staff, liability insurance, and maintenance of the district's student transportation fleet for set fee. At the same time, Johnson explained, the district retains ownership of the vehicles, so that if the contract ends, the district is not left without a bus fleet.

"The first question everyone asks is, 'what happens to the existing staff,'" Johnson said.

SST plans to retain the staff that is already in place, he said, but requires them to complete an intensive training program. Drivers must undergo 35 hours of training, he said, before they can drive.

"Our benefits for employees are probably better than what they can get from the school district," he added.

Johnson said SST equips buses with radios and a central dispatch. Drivers are given cell phones to use when making out of town trips. Monthly safety meetings are held. Buses undergo preventative maintenance on a regular schedule and mechanics must go through a check list.

"We try not to have any major repairs

'You own the buses; we help the people. We offer better equipment, better ways to do things and better training.'

—Tom Johnson
Southwest Student Transportation

or breakdowns," he said.

The contract includes use of two types of charter buses that will be owned by SST. The company retains ownership of these buses because of Department of Transportation regulations, he said.

Efficiency is another benefit of contracting with SST, according to Johnson.

"You get one bill a month," he said. "You're billed for routes and billed for extracurricular activities."

He emphasized that SST does not come into a school district and begin to make a lot of changes to the transportation program.

"We analyze the situation and if we see something that we think we can make better, we make recommendations. But we will abide by what the district wants us to

do."

Although a specific contract amount was not mentioned in the meeting, the amount discussed was in the range of \$500,000 annually.

PISD Business Manager Carol Fields said that the district presently spends approximately \$550,000 to \$575,000 for transportation.

Johnson said the PISD reports to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) indicate it spends \$570,000 each year.

"In this first go-around I think (the proposal) is very competitive with what you're doing," Johnson said, adding that everything is included and there are no hidden costs.

"You own the buses; we help the people. We offer better equipment, better ways to do things and better training," he said.

In answer to a question about saving money from John Curry, board member, Johnson said he believes that the contract will save Pampa ISD "in the long run," but added, "Will you save the first year? I don't know. I think if you look at the other school districts we serve, you'll see that we save them money."

"You have to look at all of it - soft dollar to hard dollar costs. When you compare that, it is a saving to the school district."

SST seeks a five-year contract with Pampa ISD, but will consider two or three year contracts. "You own the buses. Our main investment is the training," Johnson said.

"It's definitely an upgrade," he said of SST's service. "You'll see right away."

United Way nears goal

Pampa United Way's 2003 drive stands within \$2,000 of this year's goal to raise \$311,600.

"With your generous willingness to give time and extra effort to the job, you have brought us very close to our 101 percent goal of \$311,600," Chairman Duane Harp said in a recent letter to volunteers.

Harp reported that the campaign total is now \$307,850 and he expects that after all contacts are made the goal will be surpassed.

"Exceeding the goal means we will be able to fully fund the 16 agencies who depend on the United Way to perform their various missions in Pampa and the surrounding area," he said.

Harp described this year's campaign, which began on Aug. 13, as a "formidable task." He attributed the fund-raiser's success to the dedication of the volunteer workers.

"The campaign theme this year was '50 years of Caring - And Still Going Strong,'" he told the volunteers. "You embody that theme and it makes all the difference."

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OBITUARIES

A.J. LEDFORD 1930-2003

A.J. Ledford, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ledford was born Dec. 25, 1930, in Seminole County, Okla. He had been a resident of the Pampa area since 1942. He retired from Pampa Concrete as a field supervisor in 1991.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was a devoted and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include four daughters, Karen Williams and husband Walt and Brenda Madden and husband Bruce, all of Pampa, Patty Smith and husband Geary of White Deer and Marcy Ruth and husband Randy of Skellytown; two sons, Michael

Ledford and wife Chris of Skellytown and Wendell Ledford and wife Nellie of Jonesboro, Ark.; two brothers, Franklin Ledford of Jasper and Wayne Ledford and wife Betty of Pampa; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



CARL DELANO COTHAM 1939-2003

Carl Delano Cotham, 64, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cotham was born Jan. 30, 1939, in Gray County. He was a 1957 graduate of Shidler High School in Shidler, Okla., and he attended college in Nowata, Okla.

He married Knoxine Russell on March 7, 1979, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He worked as a production foreman for Keweenaw Oil, Gulf Oil, and Chevron for about 20 years.

He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the

U.S. Army and served for eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include wife, Knoxine Cotham, of the home; a daughter, Tena Conner and husband Barry of Amarillo; a son, Kirk Cotham and wife Nelda of Pampa; a brother, Floyd Cotham and wife Joyce of Pampa; a sister, Joyce Peterson of Midwest City, Okla.; and a grandson, Garrett Dale Conner of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Monday, Dec. 15

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of Williston. A beer bottle was thrown at a vehicle, chipping the paint and causing approximately \$100 in damage.

Thursday, Dec. 18

Assault by contact was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Dec. 19

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500, and criminal trespass, were reported in the 1100 block of Farley. A car window was broken. Estimated loss was \$400.

Lost property was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A cellular phone valued at \$300 was reported as missing.

A mental commitment report was taken at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, Dec. 21

An information report concerning harassment was taken in the 1600 block of North Hamilton.

Monday, Dec. 22

Forgery/counterfeiting was reported by Mr. Payroll, 309 N. Hobart.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of West Crawford. Forced entry was made through a window. A stereo system valued at approximately \$2,000 was taken.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

8:52 p.m. — A 1994 Lincoln Town Car driven by Jessica Lee Ann Beck, 20, 1334 N. Coffee #1, collided with a legally parked 1986 Chevrolet Camaro in the 1300 block of Coffee. Beck was cited for no valid driver's license. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Dec. 18

11:10 a.m. — A 2002 Kia minivan driven by Heidi Darlene Knuts, 34, Canyon, and a 1996 Toyota Camry driven by Martha Laura Silva, 34, 1432 Duncan, collided in the 200 block of North Frost. No citations were listed. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Friday, Dec. 19

10:12 a.m. — A 1987 Plymouth Reliant driven by Nellie Claunch Larkin, 82, 1008 E. Kingsmill, and a 1999 Cadillac Deville driven by Donald Dean Rosenbach, 70, 1427 N. Christy, collided at Hobart and Randy Matson streets. No citations were issued. No injuries were reported at the scene.

4:44 p.m. — A 2002 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kenneth Wayne Richardson, 70, 429 Jupiter, and a 2001 Toyota SUV driven by Kendra Marie Bolch, 25, 2123 Williston, collided in the 300 block of West Francis. Richardson was cited for improper turn from center. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Saturday, Dec. 20

11:18 a.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Taylor James Sherrill, 17, 1115 E. Harvester, and a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban SUV driven by Daniel Brit Ogle, 27, 2406 Mary Ellen, collided at Hobart and Wilks streets. Sherrill was cited for failure to control speed and passenger, 15 years of age, no safety restraint. No injuries were reported at the scene.

12 noon — An unknown vehicle struck a 2004 Toyota Prius parked on private property at 2525 N. Hobart and left the scene.

12:30 p.m. — A 2000 GMC Yukon SUV driven by Abby Lynn Pirtle, 37, Lubbock, and a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Buddy Jay McNelly, 18, 922 E. Campbell, collided at Somerville and Sumner streets. Pirtle was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 22

7:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No transport.

11:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to the 400 block of Yeager.

2:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Wells on a call for lifting assistance.

10:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

3:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Aspen and transported a patient to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Monday, Dec. 22

Clarence T. Clodfelter, 34, Hurricane, W.Va., was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Waynetta Britton, 45, 2001 Duncan, was arrested on two charges of forgery, four incidents of bond surrender on charges of forgery, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

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| | | COP | 62.83 | -0.62 |
| | | SLB | 53.75 | -0.90 |
| | | Tenneco | 6.91 | NC |
| | | CVX | 53.05 | -0.30 |
| | | Wal-Mart | 53.28 | +0.21 |
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| | | NS Grp | 8.75 | +0.21 |

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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| HAL | 26.31 | -0.68 | New York Gold | 409.95 |
| Trad | 32.99 | +0.06 | Silver | 5.69 |
| NOI | 22.49 | -0.15 | West Texas Crude | 31.72 |

City Briefs

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Probe into surplus property urged in East Texas

TYLER (AP) — East Texas officials are urging an investigation into whereabouts of at least \$1 million worth of surplus federal property given to Smith County as part of a deal to house federal prisoners in the jail.

County Commissioner Sharon Emmert and County Judge Becky Dempsey made the announcement Monday after examining more than 500 pages of documents delivered by Sheriff J.B. Smith at the commissioners court's weekly meeting.

In the sheriff's response, he said he was asking the U.S. Marshal's office in Washington for a "full and complete" inquiry into the contractual agreement and into disposal of property.

"What I'm asking for is for them to make sure we're disposing of it properly," Smith said.

Documents obtained by the Tyler Morning Telegraph showed that directives were sometimes contradictory.

Smith, in explaining why it's not realistic to ask the depart-

ment to account for a full truckload of lawnmowers, had told commissioners that most weren't working and had to be either junked or dismantled for spare parts. But a 1985 memorandum that accompanied a pickup truck obtained by the county says "property placed in jails cannot be disposed of, destroyed, cannibalized (for spare parts) or abandoned without the prior written approval of the Operations and Support division."

In another memo, three witnesses were required for disposal of any "non-reportable property with a unit acquisition cost of under \$1,000." The 1987 memo specifies that "two must be U.S. Marshals Service representatives and one a representative from the jail."

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cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly

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Pampa Nursing Center takes the 'worry' out of choosing a nursing home

Every year our lives seem to get busier than the year before. Whether we are ready or not, Christmas is here. Everyone is busy hoping to make this Christmas the best yet. There are presents and meals to prepare. Friends and loved ones will spend time together. In spite of all the celebrations and happiness for this season someone may find a need for a nursing home.

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would like to be your resource for finding answers you may have concerning nursing home placement.

First, tour the facility of which you are considering and ask questions.

These are some of the questions that may help.

1. Is the facility certified for Medicare or Medicaid? 2. Does the home offer programs to restore lost physical function (for example, physi-

cal, occupational, or speech therapy). 3. Does the nursing home have a program to restrict the use of physical restraints? 4. Does the home have a resident and/or a family council? 5. Does the home use care when selecting a roommate? 6. Do various staff and professional experts participate in evaluating each resident's needs and interest?

Second, when touring

the facility, look at the daily life of the current residents. 1. Do residents seem to enjoy being with the staff? 2. Are they dressed appropriately? 3. Does staff know the resident by name? 4. Is food served attractively? 5. Are activities tailored to the residents' needs and interest?

Third, during your tour, look at the facility itself.

1. Is the home clean and in good repair? 2. Are the

areas accessible for the residents to use? 3. Is the home free of unpleasant odors? 4. Do the residents have personal items in their rooms (for example, family pictures, souvenirs, or maybe a chair?)

Last but not least, remember that there will be several emotions that family members feel when placing a loved one in a nursing home. You may feel guilt or anger because you are unable to care for them yourself. The feeling of grief is also an emotion that some feel because things may not be the same as they have always been. All these emotions and feelings are a normal part of life and

should not be taken lightly. Seek the advice of a counselor or friend. Pampa Nursing Center has several professionals on staff to help with this transition.

Nursing homes can never replace a loved one's home, but when it comes to quality of care and love, sometimes it is the next best thing. Pampa Nursing Center will be there when you need us. If you have questions, call anytime at 669-2551 or stop by and visit. We would love to see you.

Have a Happy Holiday and God Bless.

—The Residents and Staff of Pampa Nursing Center



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Nursing Center's resident Pansy Cargile smiles as "Santa" gives her a gift.



(Courtesy photo)

Eloise Brister, Pampa Nursing Center resident, visits with her daughter Chrys Smith during PNC's Big Christmas Party!



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Nursing Center resident Fannie West and her two daughters enjoy visiting during PNC's Annual Christmas Party.

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DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

I opened an early Christmas present this year. It came to me by airmail from halfway around the world on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Vic and I had to fly to Baltimore, Maryland, to receive this gift that came to us in tan and brown wrapping. I don't believe any Christmas present could have been more precious.

That wonderful gift - wrapped in desert camouflage uniform - contained my son Dave, back on American soil after almost a year in Iraq.

We spent six whirlwind days with him and his girlfriend Amy who lives in Newport News, Va. We traveled up the east coast to Pennsylvania to meet Amy's parents who live in a lovely area of the Poconos.

So much happened in that short time, I'm still trying to assimilate it all. Some things are beyond describing.

For all those who have asked about Dave: He's physically in great condition. He's emotionally stressed and extremely tired mentally. The day before he flew

out of Iraq he had to remove the body of one of his buddies from a humvee destroyed by an explosive device, just outside of their compound in Mosul.

His sense of humor remains alive and well. He understands that he will have to go through a readjustment period when he returns and he knows that he will have to learn to live with some of the things he has experienced.

Dave's reaction to Saddam's capture wasn't what I expected. He seemed almost angry. Later he said he woke up early that morning, sweaty, with his heart racing. "I knew they had him," he told me. "Somehow I knew it."

As he talked about what happened, he realized he felt fear for his fellow sol-

diers, the "Band of Brothers" he's worked with for the past few months. He knew that a coup of this magnitude would draw strong retaliation.

Yes, Dave's different, but he's also the same. If it's possible, I think seeing how he's matured into a responsible man makes me love him even more.

After Vic and I returned last week, I learned that my emotional reaction to seeing Dave apparently had already traversed the family network. When Dave related the homecoming to his sister Angel, he told her, "You could hear Mom all the way down the hall!"

I'm not ashamed. Moms can't help but cry. It's part of the job description.

If you feel the hustle and bustle of the holidays are getting you down this year, you might consider a different Christmas story than the traditional tale told in the Book of Matthew. Read Luke 10:38-42. It will give you a whole new perspective.

Merry Christmas!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doctor helped couple's baby

To the editor:
Last week in the newspaper there was an article about Dr. Powell. We are very upset that he got in to trouble for not recognizing respiratory distress in two infants. Dr. Powell was our infant's primary physician. (The baby) had respiratory problems. He recognized them and got us the proper care. We ended up in Dallas for 1 1/2 months, but if Dr. Powell wouldn't have been doing his job we might not have our daughter now. He is a very caring, kind and thoughtful person. He helps many people in their times of need without thinking twice. Whoever doesn't like him as a doctor shouldn't be in this town. He is one of the best doctors in this town and we should be thankful that we have him here. He is a true angel to our family and I'm sure many other families.

Chad and Valerie Epperson and family
Pampa

An unwanted second coming

To the editor:
Here's some more scoop about what some of our citizens feel is the "second coming" for our community. (Note that I did not capitalize the "s" and "c.")

I was viewing Channel 12 (PBS) while the rest of you were watching "Wheel of Fortune" last evening; and lo, before my eyes and ears was a not too pretty documentary about Wal-Mart supercenters. Wal-Mart corporate philosophy, and cities affected by the Wal-Mart mystique. I know, only those left of center view PBS, so don't go there supporters of the second coming! I'm from a long line of conservative thinkers and voters. Besides, Vanna has lost her appeal to me.

The documentary quoted statistics from California communities that were wooed by the Wal-Mart mystique, only to get burned by the corporate behemoth later on. If you supporters would have switched from buying that vowel, you would have learned that for every supercenter built, two competing businesses will close. With Wal-Mart, competition will not be in the equation.

Another point brought out is the fact that Wal-Mart pays its employees below industry standards. Employees do not get healthcare benefits or can't afford the deduction if Wal-Mart has a healthcare benefit. Wal-Mart provides their store managers with knowledge of how to point the employee to receive federal and state assistance. Remember, this is the company that took out term life insurance policies on its employee's - didn't notify that employee of the policy or the employee's family - and collected the insurance premium upon the death of the employee - not giving a cent to the employee's family. No wonder the Walton heirs (five of 'em) are worth \$20 billion dollars each (Forbes).

So, if the Wal-Mart employee is receiving welfare assistance with food stamps, Medicaid care through the state, housing subsidy from the fed or state, and any other assistance offered through our governmental agencies, what is the sales tax paid for by shopping at Wal-Mart really paying for? What are Wal-Mart taxes paying for? Who will be buying those empty houses and putting their children in our schools? Not a Wal-Mart employee.

This is a "second coming" I'd rather not witness.

Dennis Palmitier
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Stranger things have happened

Especially now that the capture of Saddam Hussein could turn the Iraq war into a positive for George Bush, Howard Dean may turn to Hillary Rodham Clinton to be his vice presidential candidate. And, especially now that Al Gore has un-retired, Hillary might just accept.

If Dean wins the Democratic nomination, his biggest problem will be watching his back. Even if he wins most of the delegates at the Boston convention, it is still Bill and Hillary's party.

The Clintons have done everything they can to stop Dean's momentum. At the race's start, they sent their A Team - pollster Mark Penn and media guru Mandy Grumwald - to work for Sen. Joe Lieberman in hopes of putting one of their faithful in the winners circle.

When Lieberman sputtered, they did their best to get Gen. Wesley Clark into the fray. President Clinton even said that Clark and Hillary were the two stars of the Democratic Party. Clinton movie-maker Harry Thomasson is doing an ad for Clark and Bill's buddy Bruce Lindsay signed up for the campaign.

When John Kerry began to fizzle, the Clintons sent in advisers to try to shore him up.

The Clintons' policy has been A.B.D. - Anybody But Dean. They don't want Dean, or anyone else they can't control, getting control of the Democratic apparatus. The party machinery, now firmly run



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

by Terry McAuliffe, directs funds to favored candidates and pays for much of the Clintons' political operation.

So if Dean is the candidate, how can he avoid the McGovern problem - getting knifed in the back by his own party leaders? Take a hostage, Hillary, and put her on the ticket.

She would bring him a cachet he now lacks, give him support from the party's center and guarantee the full and enthusiastic support of the popular ex-president and his backers. And putting a woman on the ticket would, by itself, make a big difference.

Dean will remember how Reagan united his fractured party by putting his defeated primary opponent, George W. Bush on his ticket in 1980. While Dean's nominal opponents are named Gephardt, Kerry, Clark, and Lieberman, his real adversary all along has been Clinton. He might find the Reagan prescription the right one to follow.

Why might Hillary accept? She suddenly has a new potential rival for the 2008 nomination - Al Gore.

The former vice president's un-retirement, signaled by his endorsement of Howard Dean, makes him a potent possible rival for Hillary. With his bold support of the peace movement's darling, Dean, Gore may get an edge among the party's new masters - its left wing.

Hillary may also worry that Dean might choose someone like Gen. Clark as VP. Such a choice would immediately lift Clark into contention for the 2008 nomination, making it a tough three-way race where it had once appeared a cakewalk for the former first lady.

If Hillary ran with Dean, she'd eliminate Clark from contention and would overshadow Gore in her support for Dean, regaining ascendancy on the party's left. The national exposure would acclimate people to her running for national office and their defeat would be chalked up to Dean, not to her.

Hillary thrives in the spotlight and wilts outside it. What better stage would there be than the podium in Boston and the campaign to follow? She could tour America attacking Bush while showcasing her candidacy for four years hence.

So a Dean/Clinton ticket makes a lot of sense for both sides. It's too early to predict the events of the next eight months, but certainly the advisers of both campaigns will look closely at the possibility.

Dean/Clinton '04? Stranger things have happened.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 2003. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 23, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published in the Troy (New York) Sentinel.

On this date:
In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief

of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.
In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Hansel und Grete!" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.
In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.
In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.
In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.
In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.
In 1986, the experimental

airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled, round-the-world flight as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base in California.
In 1987, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, serving a life sentence for the attempted assassination of President Ford in 1975, escaped from the Alderson Federal Prison for Women in West Virginia.

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By THOMAS J

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Flo & Friend



TUESDAY • December 23, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman Questions Future In Light of Parents Past

DEAR ABBY: "Kirk" and I have been together for more than three years, and last year he asked me to marry him. We have yet to set a date because we don't want to rush into anything. I am 25; he's 24.

Ninety-five percent of the time, we are happy. He calls out of the blue just to say he loves me. I write him love letters. He blows me kisses from across the room.

My only concern is, we have had two fights that became mildly physical, and I'm afraid of repeating my parents' mistakes. When I was a child, Dad hit Mom more than once. (My brother and I would hide in our rooms and hear her scream for us.) They finally divorced when I was in high school.

My last fight with Kirk was over a pregnancy scare. I had missed a couple of birth control pills, so I got the "morning-after" pill and took it. Kirk refused to believe I had taken it. At the breakfast table, he became furious and smashed the TV remote control.

It's not the first time he's thrown a temper tantrum. When he does, I always cringe. Then he gets over it and I clean up the mess. But this time, I was mad, too, so I smashed my cereal bowl on the floor. Well, it bounced and landed on his head! Blood poured everywhere. He was so frightened he called 911. They wanted to arrest me, but Kirk told them it was an accident.

I didn't mean to hit him, although my mom says maybe I did.

Kirk took all his things with him when he went to the hospital for stitches, then went to stay at his brother's. The next day when I saw him, he hugged me and said, "You have a sick baby to take care of." He said he had been in so much pain he hadn't had time to get mad.

I feel terrible. If he'd done this to me, I would never see him again. (Although once he did hit my head against the car window while he was driving.)

In my heart I know I didn't mean to hurt him, but nobody believes me. I should not have lost my temper. I

know if I control myself and don't get mad over petty things, he will also be OK.

If he decides we should keep seeing each other, do you think it will work?

LOST MY TEMPER IN CHULA VISTA

DEAR LOST: Your mother has spoken with the voice of experience, so pay attention. Young love may be tempestuous, but it is not supposed to leave you black-and-blue or with stitches. There are healthier, more constructive ways to deal with anger.

Unless you and Kirk learn to control your tempers in an adult and civilized fashion, you will repeat your parents' mistakes. As much as you may care for each other, it is vital you both get anger management counseling before you live together again. Please don't wait. Your problems will escalate if you ignore this issue.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"If a diplomat says yes, he means maybe."

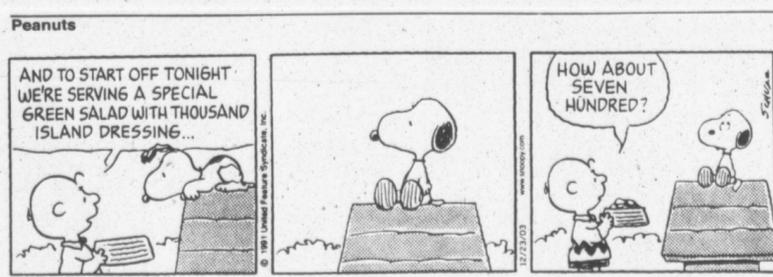
"If a diplomat says maybe, he means no."

"If a diplomat says no, he ain't no diplomat!"

Andre Gabor

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Crossword Puzzle

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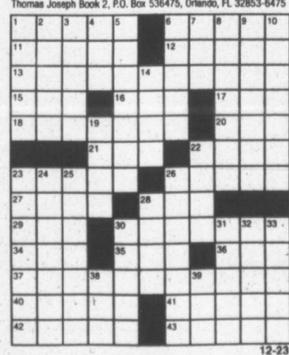
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Yesterday's answer

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"We're trying to trim the tree. It's not time to take it down yet!"

The Family Circus



"Could I mail this follow-up letter to Santa in case he has a surplus of anything?"

Flo & Friends



SPORTS

Alford is 0-3 against Knight

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Alford still hasn't beaten his former coach.

That doesn't mean Texas Tech's Bob Knight is satisfied with being undefeated against the best player from the last of his three national championship teams at Indiana.

"There's never been a time that I've played these kids that played for me or coached with me that I haven't wanted our kids to win," Knight said. "I don't like to see our guys lose, and I don't like to see Steve lose this game."

But Andre Emmett, Knight's current star player at Tech, scored 23 points — including the last six in a 10-0 first-half run that snapped an early tie — and the Red Raiders beat Iowa 65-59 Monday night.

Alford was part of 92 of Knight's wins at Indiana, including the 1987 national championship. They also shared an Olympic gold medal in 1984.

But as a coach, Alford is 0-3 against Knight.

"If I have to lose a game, I'd want to lose it to him," Alford said.

Texas Tech (10-2) has won six straight games since losing 62-59 in another Dallas appearance three weeks ago at SMU. Pierre Pierce had 18 points for the Hawkeyes (6-2), who have lost their last two games. Despite their mutual respect

for each other, Alford didn't speak at length with Knight after taking the Iowa job in 1999 until calling his former coach in January when his own team was struggling and he needed to talk to somebody about it.

Still, both coaches insisted in the week leading up to the game that there are no problems with their relationship.

"This is somebody that since I was in the third grade I've been following and watching and dreaming about playing for," Alford said. "And then all that takes place and I end up getting into coaching and coaching against him. It's always tough to go up against him."

Before Monday night's game, their first against each other since Alford's first year at Iowa, the former player walked over to meet Knight. The two embraced lightly near midcourt and had an extended conversation, Alford smiling widely while Knight talked with his arm draped over the shoulder of his former player.

Once the game started, Emmett took over and Alford's smile was gone.

Darryl Dora's tip-in broke a

6-6 tie five minutes in to put the Red Raiders ahead to stay. He then followed an Iowa turnover with a jumper.

Emmett scored three straight baskets after that, starting with a 15-foot jumper and a tip-in after another turnover. Emmett then had a steal and drove for a layup to give Tech a 16-6 lead.

Iowa didn't get closer than eight points before halftime, when Emmett already had 16 points and the Red Raiders led 39-27.

The Hawkeyes opened the second half with a 8-2 run, getting to 41-35 after 3-pointers by Jeff Horner and Pierce.

But even when Texas Tech went more than six minutes without scoring midway through the second half, Iowa scored just nine points to make it 52-48. With a chance to cut the deficit to two, the Hawkeyes missed three shots on the same possession and then made just two of their last six free throw attempts.

Josh Washington's two free throws with 5:35 left broke Tech's scoring drought and Iowa never got closer.

Overtime win



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Pampa's Jackie Gerber (14) tosses an overhead pass to a teammate against Hereford last weekend in McNeely Fieldhouse. Gerber had a team-high 15 points, including three 3-point goals to lead Pampa to a 55-54 overtime victory over the Lady Whitefaces. Pampa meets Muleshoe at 1:30 Monday in the opening round of the Caprock Tournament.

Miami sweeps Hartley in area basketball action

MIAMI — Miami swept Hartley in non-district basketball games last weekend.

Miami won the boys game 67-53 behind the 33-point performance of Jeffrey Browning. Tyler Roach followed with 11 points and Kris Roach 10 for the Warriors.

T.J. Black and Brooks Thompson had 13 points each for Hartley.

Mariam Hannon tossed in 20 points to lead Miami past

Hartley 82-55 in the girls contest. Jennifer Hutchison added 13 points and Kaylee James 11.

Tiffany Osborne led Hartley with 15.

Miami boys have a 9-4 record and Miami girls are 13-2.

SAMNORWOOD — Rickey Vaughn scored 21 points to spark Lefors by Samnorwood 48-36.

Trent Roberson followed with 10 points for the Pirates. Lefors led by four (22-18) at the half.

The Pirates pushed the lead to 12 (35-23) going into the fourth quarter.

Samnorwood's Laramie Allen had 14 points. Jeremy Grenados chipped in 9.

In the girls game, Lefors won a 57-56 squeaker.

Savanah Smith led Lefors with 18 points. Katie Barnes

added 12. The score was tied 49-49 going into the fourth quarter. Kelsey Kincannon had 16 points for Samnorwood. Mari Ann Reynolds followed with 13.

SPEARMAN — The Canadian Lady Wildcats earned a No. 8 ranking in this week's Class 2A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

Canadian has a 10-2 record after disposing of Spearman 47-26 last weekend in a District 6-2A game.

Shila Province led the Canadian attack with 14 points.

Tandi Rankin followed with 10. Sami Cazares and Saylee Flowers had 7 points each for Spearman.

Canadian is 2-0 in district play.

Bowling Roundup

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| Split This | 12 |
| M & M's | 11 |
| Team Seven | 11 |
| We Don't Know | 3 |

Week's High Scores
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High scratch game: Shayley Morriss 150; High scratch series: Shayley Morriss 424; High

handicap game: Shaley Morriss 238; High handicap series: Shayley Morriss 688.

Boys
High scratch game: Zach Wilson 224; High scratch series: Nick Hess 540; High handicap game: Zach Wilson 239; High handicap series: Nick Hess 672.

Ladies
High scratch game: Tina Beery 174; High scratch series: Tina Beery 475; High handicap game: Tina Beery 213; High handicap series: Tina Beery 592.

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Favre closes in on TD record

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Brett Favre passed for 399 yards and four touchdowns a day after his father's death, moving into second place in NFL history for career TD passes while leading the Green Bay Packers to a 41-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

Favre finished with 345 touchdowns and trails only Dan Marino's 420.

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Deadly earthquake rattles California coast

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — More aftershocks rattled the area Tuesday following a magnitude-6.5 earthquake that jolted the central California coast, killing two people, injuring dozens and wrecking a landmark clock tower.

Residents from San Francisco to Los Angeles were shaken by Monday's quake, the first to cause fatalities in the state since a magnitude-6.7 temblor hit Northridge in 1994.

The bodies of two women were pulled from under the roof of Paso Robles' 1892 clock tower, which pitched into the street and crushed a row of parked cars in this San Luis Obispo County community of 25,000, some 20 miles east of the epicenter.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger planned to tour downtown Paso Robles on Tuesday.

The main shock was centered in a sparsely populated area about 11 miles north of the coastal town of Cambria. It was followed Monday and early Tuesday by more than 90 aftershocks larger than 3.0, the biggest of which was estimated at 4.7, according to the U.S.

Geological Survey.

The state Office of Emergency Services said there was a 90 percent or greater probability that aftershocks of 5.0 magnitude or greater would follow in the next week.

By Monday night, search and rescue crews in Paso Robles had combed all seriously damaged buildings and were confident they had found all the quake's victims, though the owner of one car crushed in the rubble still had not been located.

"We're out of rescue mode and now it's just going to be general debris removal," said Battalion Chief Scott Hall of the Ventura County Fire Department.

Earlier in the day, the bodies of Jennifer Myrick, 20, of Atascadero, and Marilyn Zafuto, 55, of Paso Robles, were found on the street outside a dress shop, police Sgt. Bob Adams said.

"It appeared as though they were trying to get away," he said.

A young boy suffered a broken arm and another person received minor injuries when a bakery collapsed, while citywide there were reports of about 40 minor injuries,

said Adams.

Officials inspected more than 80 downtown buildings and all remained off-limits Monday night. About 10,000 homes and businesses were without power in the San Luis Obispo area, said John Nelson, spokesman for Pacific Gas and Electric.

The quake was felt in the control room of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant operated by PG&E. Nelson said there appeared to be no damage to the plant and that it was functioning normally.

The quake shook the Hearst Castle in San Simeon, the estate of the legendary publisher William Randolph Hearst. The castle reported no injuries and no immediate signs of any serious damage but was evacuated as a precaution. It was scheduled to be open Tuesday.

The quake also shook the federal courthouse in San Francisco, 165 miles to the northwest of the epicenter, and made the building's upper floors sway for about 30 seconds. People in downtown Los Angeles, 185 miles southeast, felt a sustained rolling motion.

"It was pretty sharp," said Sharyn

Conn, receptionist at the oceanside Cypress Cove Inn in Cambria, population 6,200. "It really went on and on. I just got everyone under the door frames and rode it out."

Other than Paso Robles, damage appeared minor elsewhere in the region known for wineries and horse ranches. Several people were reported hurt by falling barrels at a winery, San Luis Obispo County authorities said.

In Paso Robles, residents described a scene of falling bricks, collapsing ceilings and panicked Christmas shoppers as more than 40 structures — including the downtown clock tower building — were damaged.

The historic structure, sometimes called the Acorn Building, was made of wood and unreinforced masonry, Adams said — a type of construction no longer allowed under modern building codes.

Marilyn Curry watched the buildings collapse from her law firm across the street, then ran to a city park where people were frantically searching for others they knew.

"There were people shouting outside 'Oh, my God! Oh, my God!'" she

said. "Everybody was just shaking, then we were all just grabbing onto each other. There was a lot of hugging going on."

The quake struck in a known fault zone on a series of faults that run parallel to the San Andreas Fault, said Lucy Jones, scientist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey office in Pasadena.

Monday's quake was the state's most powerful since 1999, when a nonfatal magnitude-7.1 quake struck the desert near Joshua Tree. The last one of a similar size in the area was in 1952, said Ross Stein of the USGS in Menlo Park.

The 1994 Northridge quake hit a densely populated area near Los Angeles and killed 72 people, injured 9,000 and caused an estimated \$15.3 billion in insured losses.

On the Net:
California Geological Survey:
<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/cgs/index.htm>

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Christmas deliveries



(Courtesy photo)

Penni Pfitzner, Jill Snider, Linda Davis and Kayla Pursley, members of the multiple sclerosis self-care group in Pampa, delivered Christmas goodie gift bags to homebound members recently for the Panhandle Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis headquartered in Amarillo. For more information about MS and how to become a volunteer contact Gail Lindsey 1-800-FIGHT-MS, option 2.

Eight Palestinians die in refugee camp raid

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli raid on a Gaza refugee camp killed eight Palestinians on Tuesday in a flare-up of violence that came just hours after a high-level Egyptian peace mission to Israel.

The one-day visit Monday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher was marred by a confrontation with Palestinian extremists at the Al Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third-holiest site, that landed him briefly in the hospital.

Israel earlier told Maher it would abide by a cease-fire with the Palestinians, though it would not sign a truce with militant groups.

Early Tuesday, about 40 Israeli tanks and armored vehicles entered the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border, Palestinians said.

Eight Palestinians — five militants and three civilians — were killed and at least 41 other people, including nine children, were wounded by Israeli gunfire, hospital officials said. The violence marked the bloodiest day in Gaza in two months.

One of those killed, Ahmed Majar, 32, was a Palestinian police officer heading to his job at the Rafah border crossing. He was shot in the head, his family said.

At funerals held hours later, the sounds of mourning mixed with those of gunfire and tanks moving as the incursion continued.

The army, which has raided Rafah repeatedly in recent weeks, said the operation was a part of its ongoing efforts to expose weapons smuggling tunnels and that troops fired in

response to attacks by Palestinian militants.

"In the past, these tunnels have been used for delivering arms to terrorists for direct use against Israeli civilians, and Israel has vowed to put an end to such tunnels," said David Baker, an official in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office.

Masked men with camouflage uniforms and headbands of the militant Hamas group ran through the town's alleys with machine guns. At the hospital, a man in a camouflage uniform and bleeding from his head was brought in on a stretcher.

Residents said families fled the area in their pajamas and Israeli snipers were firing from rooftops. Helicopters flew overhead and explosions were heard throughout the morning. At least seven houses were destroyed, residents said.

Also Tuesday, two gunmen shot an Israeli vehicle in a rare attack along the border with Egypt, the army and witnesses said. The car was hit, but no one was injured, and the army was searching for the attackers. It was not immediately clear where the gunmen came from.

In separate violence, a Palestinian threw a grenade Monday evening at Israeli soldiers in Gaza during a fire-fight, killing two officers, the army said. Soldiers killed the attacker and another armed Palestinian, the military said.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a group loosely linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, and the Islamic Jihad took responsibility.

After the attack, the army raided a

nearby village, destroying six houses and razing several farms, witnesses said. The army had no immediate comment.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, Israeli troops closed off the refugee camp of Balata on Tuesday with piles of dirt and trenches while searching for militants.

As part of Egypt's efforts to broker a cease-fire in the conflict, Maher met with Israeli officials Monday. On his return to Egypt early Tuesday, he said he was undaunted by the Al Aqsa confrontation.

"We are working so the Palestinian people can regain their rights and achieve peace and sovereignty and establish a Palestinian state," Maher said. "(The attack) is a passing matter that does not affect the essence of the Egyptian policy ... Nothing will change that."

During the confrontation, Maher appeared shaken as bodyguards and Israeli police whisked him out of the mosque compound, while protesters shouted and hurled shoes — a deep insult in Islamic culture. The guards supported Maher as he grimaced and clutched his chest.

Witnesses heard him gasping, "I'm going to choke, I'm going to choke," as he left the compound through a gate above the Western Wall, a Jewish holy site.

Israeli rescue workers treated him for 30 minutes before he was transferred by limousine to Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. He was released five hours after the incident and flew home.

Security increases amid higher alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — In ways big and small, obvious and opaque, already tight security has been fortified at transportation and energy facilities nationwide in response to government warnings that al-Qaida could attack this holiday season.

Bomb-sniffing canine units were added at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, maritime patrols were augmented near power plants that border Lake Erie, and more officers than usual were activated along the U.S.-Canadian border.

U.S. officials said Tuesday they also have received information from a credible source about an al-Qaida threat against oil interests in Alaska, which they have not fully corroborated. Still, officials were treating the information seriously and have taken extra security precautions.

Similar defenses have been increased around key bridges, tunnels, seaports and landmarks, as well as chemical facilities and other places that may be vulnerable to attack. Other layers of protection likely have been in place since Sunday, when the national security level was bumped up to orange, which is "high" alert, from yellow, or "elevated," security experts said.

"There's going to be a menu of visible and invisible measures that are implemented," said Brian Jenkins, research associate at the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University and a special adviser to the Rand Corp., a California-based think tank.

Among the covert steps likely taken, Jenkins said, are an increase in the number of air marshals, particularly on flights arriving from overseas, undercover surveillance around airports and more frequent air patrols near major cities.

There are some concerns about missiles being fired at planes taking off or landing, Jenkins said.

President Bush said the government was doing its best to protect the country and advised citizens "to go about their lives."

"But as they do so, they need to know that governments at all levels are working as hard as we possibly can to protect the American citizens," Bush said in a statement.

The fact that it's the holiday season partly drove the decision to raise the alert. During this time of year, many people are distracted and traveling, and several gather at events like football games and New Year's celebrations.

However, authorities also said the move was based on specific, corroborated intelligence that al-Qaida may soon try to pull off an attack in multiple places to cause mass casualties.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said such an attack could eclipse that of Sept. 11, 2001, which left nearly 3,000 people dead.

U.S. intelligence and law enforce-

ment officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that they did not have any specifics about a potential method, location or time of any attack. They noted that in light of the Sept. 11 attacks, aviation could be a prime possibility.

"We know, tragically, they turned four airplanes into missiles," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told reporters after a meeting of President Bush's Homeland Security Council.

Defense Department officials said they were launching more military air patrols over major cities, but they would provide no details. Other government sources said, however, that New York, Washington and Los Angeles were likely choices.

The Transportation Security Administration, the federal agency charged with protecting air travelers, would not discuss its planning at a detailed level, other than to confirm that vehicle inspections and parking restrictions have increased at airports and that Coast Guard patrols have been added near airports bordering oceans and lakes.

"We're putting all hands on deck," TSA spokesman Darrin Kayser said, adding that parking restrictions may require travelers to park a little farther away than they might normally.

The Nuclear Energy Institute, which represents the owners of more than 100 reactors in 31 states, said the power industry is coordinating with law enforcement and intelligence agencies and has 7,000 of its own patrolmen at the ready.

"Really, it's a paramilitary security force," said Steve Kerekes, a spokesman for the group.

In addition, cargo planes and flights originating overseas were of special concern in the latest warning.

To defend against another airborne attack, baggage and passenger screeners are working overtime at airports, and their managers have come out from behind the scenes to work the front lines, the TSA said.

The TSA also reminded travelers that it needs help, broadcasting messages over loudspeakers at airports and train stations that urge Americans to report any suspicious activity or unattended luggage.

The Coast Guard, meanwhile, cautioned boaters to avoid off-limits areas near power plants and to keep their eyes peeled for suspicious activity.

Amtrak said police officers are randomly riding and inspecting trains and that patrols have been beefed up inside stations and along platforms. Some baggage is also being checked, a spokesman said.

The Air Transport Association, which represents the country's major airlines, has urged travelers to arrive two hours before domestic or international flights and to check all bags in order to expedite the screening process.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003:
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Stay on top of what is happening, because your actions can and will make a difference. In some manner, you take control of the situation and complete details. The good news is that you have the energy to do this. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Reach out for someone you really care about. This person might have a unique quality that you admire. Let this person know how very special he or she is. Follow your instincts, and you'll do the right thing naturally. Tonight: Read between the lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Stop and take special time for a loved one or friend. Understand this person more thoroughly. Build a strong foundation. Let the energy flow from your inner self. Make your home another's refuge, if need be. Tonight: Pour the

egg nog.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Others know what they want from you and let you know it. In the holiday frame of mind you are in, you will do whatever you need to do for others. Take today for those around you, touching base with the people you care about. Tonight: Start looking for Santa!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Be imaginative as you wish the best of the holiday season to those who are part of your daily life, not necessarily family or friends. Everyone appreciates a gesture of thoughtfulness, even the mailman. Remember these people today. Tonight: Shore up last-minute details.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Your spirit uplifts others and adds many happy moments to their lives. Romance remains a major factor in your life. You cannot deny what you want, nor can another. You could look silly standing under the mistletoe all day. Just go for it. Tonight: Become a kid again.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Join family and get ahead on a project that could weigh you down if you let it. Others sometimes become demanding without meaning to. Instead of getting upset, look at each person and enjoy the child within him or her. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Make the last-minute round of calls. Carefully deal with others who make a difference in your life. An extra gift here or there can only add to the joy of the moment. Help others get into the spirit; put on a favorite piece of music. Tonight: Out and about.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Expenses continually mount,

and you discover there isn't much you can do here. You could be upset by this, but why bother? A parent has a great deal of significance in your life right now. Don't forget a boss in your holiday wishes. Tonight: Make it easy. Stay away from last-minute complications.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 You are all smiles right now and can deal with anything, but hopefully you won't have to. Do be sensitive to those around you. Allow your unusual imagination and creativity to emerge. Your job is to express the Christmas experience. Tonight: Keep on smiling.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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By virtue of an execution issued out of the 153rd Judicial District Court, Tarrant County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said such Court in favor of Federal Debt Management, Inc., in Cause No. 153-155472-94 in such Court, I did on the 11 day of December, 2003, levy upon the following described tracts of land in Gray County, Texas, as the property of the de-

1 Public Notice

fendant, Patrick D. Robertson, to wit: All of Defendant's undivided interest in the oil, gas and other minerals on or under out of: Block 23, Section 115 and Block 25, Section 1 of the H and GRRR Co. Survey of Gray County, Texas and being further referenced as account numbers 421086745001077000200 (sometimes called "Texola No. 1" Lease #00107700) and 421067396001070300200 (sometimes called "Bailey Freeda No. 1" Lease #00107030) and including Patrick D. Robertson's undivided percentages of all oil, gas and other minerals produced from said land and Patrick D. Robertson's interest in all oil, gas and mineral leases of said land, as more further described in those assignments filed in the following volume and pages of the real property records of Gray County, Texas.

Volume 428, Page 1; Volume 501, Page 76; Volume 428, Page 9; Volume 430, Page 269; Volume 465, Page 940; Volume 468, Page 718. and of the 6th day of January, 2004, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on said day, at the court-house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to said property.

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