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Ask Us

Q—Do you have to own your own home to enter the Christmas Lighting Contest. Are renters eligible? What about mobile homes?

A—Yes. Renters and/or owners are eligible. Mobile homes are eligible, too. The deadline to enter is before the close of business Friday at the chamber of commerce.

Local

Family night

Family night out to benefit Northeast Elementary will be held tonight at the Pizza Hut.

B&G Club

Scurry County Boys & Girls Club board of directors meeting scheduled this evening has been postponed until after Jan. 1.

Tiger's Lair

Friday is the last day to order a copy of the 1995 Tiger's Lair at \$35; the price will be \$40 beginning Jan. 2. A deposit of \$20 is necessary to old the price at \$35, with the balance due by Feb. 1.

For further information, call Diane Arnold at 573-6301, ext. 35.

Lucky 13

Lucky 13 Sports Club is sponsoring a Christmas tea from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Dodson House in honor of exes and mothers of present members. RSVP at 573-0017 or 863-2335.

Ag meeting

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, county extension staff and the Extension Program Council executive board will host their annual meeting this evening in the Senior Center dining room.

The evening's activities will begin at 6:30 and will include a meal, entertainment, program area committee reports and the 1995-99 long range extension program.

Holidays

Public school students at Snyder and Ira will be dismissed Friday for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Teachers and staff will return to work on Jan. 2 at Ira ISD, with students to follow on Tuesday, Jan. 3. At Snyder ISD, students, teachers and staff will all return on Jan. 3.

Hermleigh school students will begin their holiday on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and will return Jan. 2.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 65 degrees; low, 41 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 43 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low near 40. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of morning showers, then decreasing cloudiness. High 50-55.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:43. Sunrise Friday, 7:35. Of 348 days in 1994, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.



THURSDAY

Snyder Daily News



MORNING WRECK — Monroe Land of Douglas, Ga. was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room this morning following a one-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 84 east of Snyder.

Hospital medical workers were still evaluating Land's condition at noon. (SDN Staff Photo)

At Cogdell...

System overhaul gets go-ahead

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of directors this morning agreed on a proposal submitted by Honeywell, Inc. for repair and modernization of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the older section of the hospital.

Hospital administrators will call a special meeting to review the final contract; however, today's approval gave a green light to the project, expected to cost

\$204,000.

The board chose Honeywell's proposal over one submitted by Johnson Controls, Inc., at the recommendation of maintenance department heads at Cogdell and St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, and Jeff Reecer, CEO at Cogdell.

Administrators said they will draw up a final contract with Honeywell and bring it before the board as quickly as possible. Working on a fast track is neces-

sary, said Jim Price, plant operations manager with St. Mary of the Plains Hospital.

"I think time is of the essence. You're looking at probably 90 days of disruption and hard work," Price said. "I think it needs to get started. It will be very important to do this before it gets hot."

Price noted that while the work will be disruptive to hospital staff, it should cause only minor inconveniences, if any, to patients.

Randy Vaughn, Cogdell head of maintenance, also spoke on behalf of the project.

This morning's decision to go ahead with the project was follow-up to a previous meeting in which the board was told the heating and cooling system would have to be repaired.

"We really don't have a choice about what we're going to have to

do; it's a matter of how we want to go about doing it," Reecer said.

The \$204,000 proposal from Honeywell includes replacement of the main airhandler at an estimated cost of \$35,000. It does not include asbestos abatement, however, which the board will address following a study of the problem.

In discussing payment of the project, Reecer noted that some \$135,000 has been earmarked for capital improvements in the heating and air conditioning system for 1995-97. Also available to the hospital are some disproportionate share funds.

In other business, the board approved the financial report, bills payable and medical staff appointments and reappointments.

Cogdell received a favorable

(See COGDELL, Page 8)

Russian guns shell village for 3rd day

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian guns shelled a strategic village outside the capital of Chechnya today, but fighting eased as a thick fog settled over the separatist republic.

A regional official sympathetic to Chechnya's cause said hundreds of civilians had been killed in four days of fighting.

Moscow warned Chechens to lay down their arms today or face the consequences, and said Russian soldiers had already entered the northern and western outskirts of the capital, Grozny, and were advancing from the east.

"The southern direction has been left open to allow (militants) to leave the conflict zone," said a Russian government statement.

"We will never give up our weapons," said Yusuf Shamsedin, foreign minister of the self-declared independent republic in the Caucasus Mountains. "We will never let the Russians into Grozny."

He spoke in his office in the presidential building, his own Kalashnikov rifle sitting on the windowsill alongside a spare magazine of ammunition.

Chechen military officials told Russia's Interfax news agency today that Pervomaiskoye, nine miles northwest of Grozny, had been "nearly obliterated" by the latest shelling.

Chechen officials said 20 villagers were killed and many

wounded, and accused the Russians of aerial bombing raids. The Russians denied the accusation.



SHOPPING WITH CARE — Several fifth grade students of Paige Shaw at Northeast Elementary were pictured shopping in a local store for Toys for Tots for Christmas. From left are Marcos Gutierrez, Steven Crain, Morgan Miller and

Monica Leiva. Also participating in the project are students of Teresa Wall, Nancy Doyle, Barbara Owen and Susan Scott. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's nothing like the holiday season to put a little bounce in your steps as well as in your checks."

The holiday rush is not without its stress. We were standing behind a senior citizen in the bank teller line and overheard the following conversation.

The teller was reminding the gentleman of the caution written on social security checks not to fold, staple, spindle or mutilate.

The teller suggested that the man might want to consider Direct Deposit rather than forgetting each month and folding his check in his pocket until he could get to the bank.

She reminded him that the government doesn't like for their checks to get folded.

The elderly man panned, "Well, maybe that helps make us even. The government does a few

things I don't like either."

It was just a few hours later that we overheard a sales clerk ask, "Do you wanna box for that sweater?"

The shopper still had his sense of humor: "No, but I'll wrestle you for it."

Snyder's resident Santa, Kenneth Wood, has heard nearly every request over the years as kids of all ages have come to sit in his lap.

Santa tells about the youngster who reeled off a long list of "wishes." The kid had named off nearly every electronic gadget and action figure known to elves. Not wanting to promise everything, Santa said, "I'll have to check to see how good of a boy you've been."

The kid thought a minute and said, "Never mind. Can you just bring me something?"

Council to meet tonight

Two items — consideration of bids for construction of the first cell at the sanitary landfill and a proposal for transfer of a water system — face Snyder City Council when it convenes at 6:30 p.m. today at City Hall.

The council will again hear a request by the Ira Water Control and Improvement District to have the water system serving Round Top Acres transferred to the Ira system.

The Round Top system is owned by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and an engineer with the Ira system told the council on Dec. 5 that the financial institution wanted to rid itself of the system.

"They are definitely going to do something with it," said Bernard Gradel of the engineering firm of Hugo Reed and Associates. "They could sell it to a less than desirable operator or they have indicated they would just give it to the Ira system if they'll just take it an operate it."

"Knowing the track record of the Ira system, I feel they would be the best choice to be the operators," added Gradel.

Currently, the city brings in revenues of \$3,890 from Round Top Acres residents and this would be lost if the system is transferred to Ira.

The city currently charges the Ira system \$1.42 per thousand gallons while customers at Round Top Acres pay \$2.17 per gallon.

During the council's discussion on the proposal earlier this month, Ernie Armstrong, city legal advisor, told the council that while the city might lose the \$4,000 per year if the system is transferred to Ira, "we have to consider the benefit of the Ira Water System operating it as opposed to some company coming in out there that we do not know."

"It's apparent that the bank is going to get rid of it and I don't see any problems with Ira running it," said Armstrong.

The council will also consider eight bids for the construction of a cell, or pit, at the city's landfill.

The lined pit, meeting new state and federal standards, was estimated to cost some \$500,000 and will cover about 2.5 acres, said Joe Fogle, city sanitation superintendent.

Area woman arrested in Snyder home

An 18-year-old Colorado City woman was arrested early this morning and charged with the burglary of a Snyder home while the residents were asleep.

Occupants of the home at 3709 Galveston were awakened and Travis Sawyer called police at 2:42 a.m. A search by officers revealed Janie Mae McFall hiding with an undisclosed amount of money believed taken in the burglary.

McFall was transferred to the Scurry County jail where she remains with bond set at \$5,000.

Four other people were arrested Wednesday by local law enforcement agencies on a variety of offenses including the issuance of forgery, bad checks and criminal trespass.

A 37-year-old male, Joseph Singleton of 510 32nd St., was arrested at 3:53 p.m. at Lawrence IGA on a forgery warrant. Officers had been contacted by Snyder National Bank and Lawrence IGA earlier in the day concerning possible forgeries.

A 23-year-old male was arrested at 3:36 p.m. in Allsup's parking lot on College Avenue for the issuance of bad checks. The subject was served with eight warrants for the offenses.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old (See ARRESTS, Page 8)

Poll: Americans don't want GOP to abandon poor people

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans want welfare reform, but not if it means abandoning the poor. And they're even willing to pay more taxes if the government creates jobs to get people off welfare, according to a new poll.

Despite last month's Republican landslide, only 27 percent of those surveyed in the New York Times-CBS News poll released Wednesday said they'd heard of the "Contract with America," the legislative program Republicans want to pass within the first 100 days of the new Congress.

As while President Clinton and Republican leaders compete over tax-cut promises, most of those polled said indicated they don't want the safety net dismantled entirely.

Nearly two-thirds, 65 percent, agreed that "it is the responsibility of the government to take care of

people who can't take care of themselves." Only 29 percent disagreed with that statement.

Requiring welfare recipients to work drew strong support in the poll.

Eighty-seven percent thought government should create jobs programs for welfare recipients, and 59 percent would be willing to pay more taxes for jobs and job training. Thirty-seven percent would not want to pay more taxes.

Fifty-two percent would force welfare mothers to work, and 71 percent favored a time limit on benefits, even to mothers with young children. But when asked if they would cut off benefits even if it meant leaving children in a house with no income, support for the cutoff dropped to 32 percent.

The telephone poll of 1,147 adults, conducted from Dec. 6 to Dec. 9, has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Overall, 49 percent of respondents said they disapproved of

how President Clinton was handling his job, while 38 percent approved and 13 percent weren't sure.

Of House Speaker-designate Newt Gingrich, 41 percent had an unfavorable opinion, while 25 percent had a favorable opinion and 33 percent weren't sure.

Asked about school prayer, 64 percent said they thought it should be permitted, while 29 percent said it should not be.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$3 million.


The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 11, 20, 25, 27 and 45.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million

Pick 3

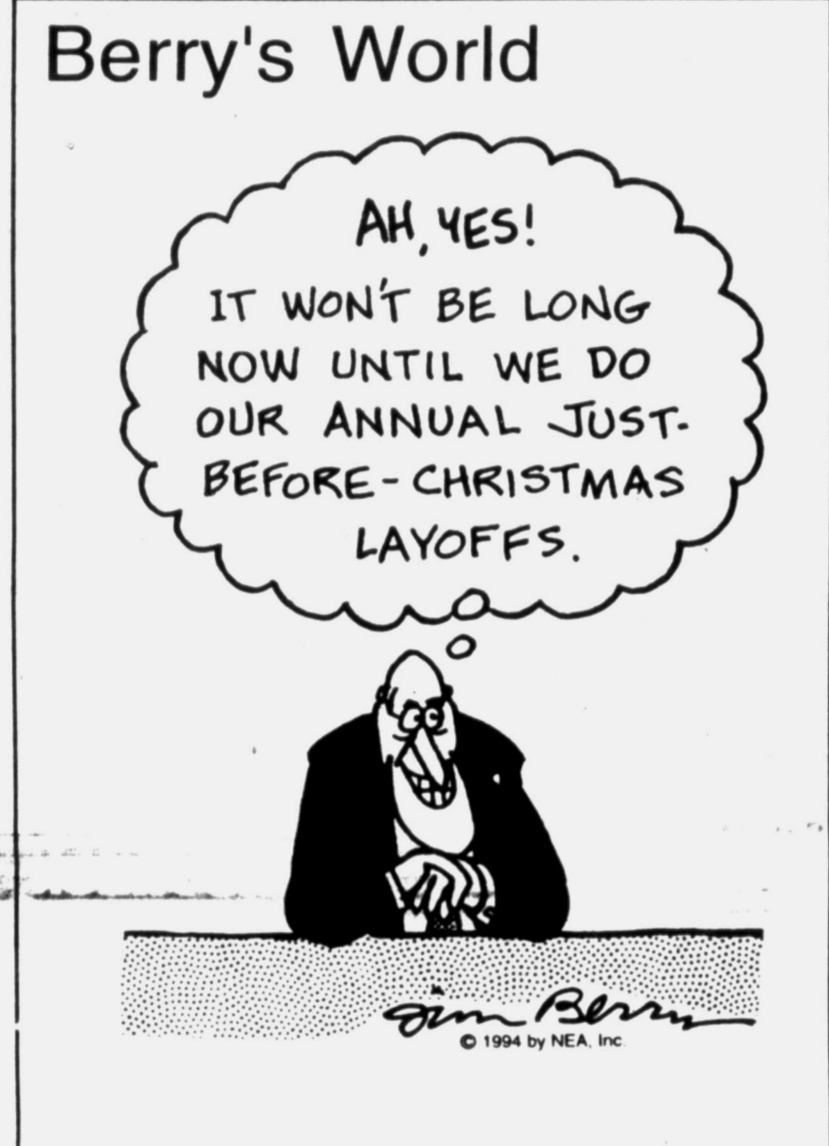
AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-7 (one, two, seven)

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Getting help for motion sickness

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from motion sickness and have many family members with the same condition. Following numerous tests, I was diagnosed with vestibular neuronitis. I also suffer from glaucoma and can't take anti-histamines. At 88 I now have trouble walking straight and lose my balance frequently. Do I have to put up with this condition or is there help?

DEAR READER: There may be help for you in the form of the prescription anti-histamine Antivert, which — in low doses — should not appreciably affect your glaucoma. Ask your ophthalmologist about this.

Also, remember that the drug scopolamine (available in a patch by prescription) is an excellent antidote for motion sickness; you might consider this option for airplane flights, sea voyages, or lengthy automobile rides.

Again, obtain approval for this — and any other prescription or over-the-counter drugs — from your ophthalmologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I are concerned about high blood pressure. The water supply in our home filters through a water softener. Could the salt have any bearing on our high readings?

DEAR READER: While most water-softeners exchange a "soft" mineral (sodium) for a "hard" one (calcium), these devices do not ordinarily add enough salt (sodium chloride) to cause health problems. Water-softeners are, in general, safe for hypertensive patients.

Nonetheless, you should ask your doctor about your particular situation because he may be aware of some unusual prohibition that pertains to your case.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 70-year-old husband has a health problem that has our doctor baffled. Sometimes he loses consciousness after eating. His face becomes flushed and he will perspire excessively. His nose and throat tighten up. His blood pressure drops for about 20 minutes and sometimes a red streak will appear up his arm. One time when called, paramedics found a rapid and irregular heartbeat. It doesn't appear to be allergy-related, so what is causing the problem?

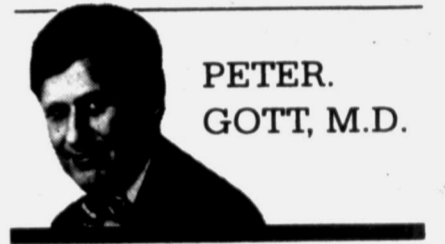
DEAR READER: Your husband's problem is truly a medical challenge. However, despite your statement that his reaction is not related to an allergy, I suspect that it is: Something in his food is causing the release of histamine, which leads to the symptoms you describe.

I think that he should be examined by an allergist, who will obtain a battery of blood and skin tests to identify the offending edible. Then your husband can either avoid the food or be de-sensitized to it. In fact, the syndrome affecting your husband is similar to the one caused by monosodium glutamate, a food additive and flavor-enhancer.

Because your husband's reaction could be life-threatening, I urge you to get him to an allergist as soon as possible.

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DR. GOTT



FBI bomb task force may have discovered vital clue

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Who is H.C. Wickel? The FBI wants to know.

The name was on a typed return address label on the mail-bomb package that killed an advertising executive Saturday. Authorities hope it's a clue that helps unravel the mystery of the Unabomber, who has killed two people and injured 22 in 15 bombings since 1978.

The label said Wickel was from the Department of Economics at San Francisco State University. But no such person has ever taught or enrolled at the school, said Jim Freeman, head of the San Francisco FBI and leader of the Unabomber Task Force.

Plaque given to Snyder man

Tommy Davis, president of SJS Inc., headquartered in Snyder with a branch office in Lubbock, was recently presented a plaque by Spartan regional manager Paul Cimino in recognition of the firm's 20-year association with Spartan Chemical Inc.

Spartan, an international manufacturer of specialty maintenance products such as floor finishes, industrial cleaners and degreasers and hand cleaners etc., is headquartered in Toledo, Ohio.

"The task force has been investigating extensively all leads that relate to the identity of this return addressee, and that has been without success," Freeman said Wednesday.

Authorities believe the Unabomber, so named because his early targets involved people connected to universities and airlines, sent the pipe bomb to the New Jersey home of Thomas J. Mosser. The New York City advertising executive was killed when he

ASB employees get service pins

Six employees of American State Bank in Snyder were awarded 10-year service pins Saturday at the bank's annual recognition dinner.

Some 56 employees were recognized and the six Snyder recipients included Mary Herring, teller; Linda Hughes, loan operations; Helen McLeod, mortgage loans; Pam Murray, teller; Polly Nichols, facilities; and Nancy Stansell, loan secretary.

ASB, with three locations in Lubbock and branches in Plainview, Brownfield, Levelland and Snyder, recognizes employees at five-year intervals. Established in 1948, ASB opened in Snyder in 1984.

opened it. The package had a San Francisco postmark, but it could not be traced to a particular facility, said Daniel Hagberg, the city's chief postal inspector. He could not say if it was dropped in a mail box or brought to a post office.

Postal Inspector Frank Ducar said the generic stamp on the package probably meant it was processed at a central facility, rather than at a post office window.

Freeman said 3,100 calls had come into the Unabomber hotline by Wednesday afternoon. About 20 percent had "potentially helpful information" that was given top priority, he said.

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Bridge By Phillip Alder

Give greed some help

By Phillip Alder

Lao-tse, the founder of Taoism, wrote, "There is no calamity greater than lavish desires. There is no greater guilt than discontentment. And there is no greater disaster than greed."

Many declarers have gone down in contracts trying for overtricks. However, occasionally the defenders must give the declarer a gentle nudge down the slippery slope to destruc-

tion.

In today's deal, the top French pair, Michel Perron and Paul Chemla, did just that, in the Round of 16 of this year's World Open Team Championship.

Against four hearts, Chemla led the club jack. Here Perron made the first good defensive play: He put in the nine, thinking it extremely unlikely that his partner had both a singleton heart and a singleton club.

After winning with the club king, declarer immediately led his diamond. West went in with his ace and switched to a low spade.

To South, everything looked so rosy. He played low from the dummy and

NORTH 12-17-94			
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♦	K J 7 6 2	♣	7 4
WEST			
♠	Q 8 6 4 3 2	♥	A 9
♦	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♣	J 10 9 7
♠	A 9 8 5 3	♥	Q 10
♦	J 10	♣	A Q 9 8 6 2
SOUTH			
♠	K 10	♥	A K Q 6 5 3 2
♦	4	♣	K 5 3
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB — "Always in Season," the theme for Snyder Christian Woman's Club was carried out throughout a program by participants, harpist Kim Gorman, from left; guest speaker Jenny Broughton from Midland; prayer advisor Doris Wilson; and Glenda Glasscock, special feature from Countryplace.

The meeting was held Dec. 7 at the Snyder Country Club. CWC members will have a prayer coffee at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 4, 1995, at the home of Nan Love, 209 36th Street. The next luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m., Jan. 11, 1995, at the country club. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



GIRL SCOUT CEREMONY — Brownie Scout Troop 400 bridged to Junior Girl Scouts in a ceremony held recently in the Girl Scout Hut. Parents and friends were in attendance to watch

troop members sing and say the Girl Scout Promise in sign language, and do a flag and a candlelight ceremony. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m. SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m. Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m. ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Atheneum couple's Christmas dinner; home of Bill and Martha Schiebel; 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m. Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 21 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; or more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m. Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m. Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Helpful hints for holiday baking

NEW YORK (AP) — As you head to your kitchen, reaching for your cookie sheets and cutters, the following hints from the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline (1-800-782-9606) are helpful to have in your apron pocket:

Question: What makes cookies go flat and spread over the baking sheets?

Answer: Bake one cookie as a test. If it spreads more than desired, the dough may be too soft. Refrigerate dough until well chilled, about one to two hours. If the dough is still too soft, stir in 1 or 2 tablespoons flour. Do not oversoften the butter before making the dough.

Do not use low-fat spread (less than 70 percent fat) in place of butter. Low-fat spreads have a higher moisture content and cause cookie dough to be too soft. If you have used a low-fat spread, go ahead and bake the cookies rather than trying to "fix" the dough.

Another way to prevent cookies from spreading too much is to be sure to cool cookie sheets completely before placing more cookie dough on them.

Question: Can I substitute unsalted butter for salted butter or vice versa?

Answer: Unsalted butter can be substituted for lightly salted butter and vice versa in any recipe. It is not necessary to add more salt to the recipe.

Question: What is the best way to ship my baked goods?

Answer: Tender, fragile cookies are apt to crumble when shipped. Bar, drop and fruit cookies can best withstand mailing.

Use a heavy cardboard box or empty coffee can as a mailing container. Line container with aluminum foil or plastic food wrap. Wrap four to six cookies of the same size in aluminum foil, plastic food wrap or plastic food bags;

seal securely with freezer tape. Place the heaviest cookies in the bottom of the container. Layer wrapped cookies with crumpled paper towel around them. Seal container with freezer, plastic or adhesive tape. Wrap the container with an outer paper wrapper. Label the package "perishable food" so your recipients will know to open your gift right away.

Museum makes much of merry-go-rounds

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — The Merry-Go-Round Museum offers people a chance to relive their childhood memories and create a few new ones.

The museum, which opened in July 1990, attracts between 20,000 and 25,000 visitors a year from all over the country, curator Rachel Pratt said.

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 - 13 Three blind -
 - 14 Compass pt.
 - 15 Made fun of
 - 17 Fragment
 - 18 Social rank
 - 19 Fad toy
 - 21 Otherwise
 - 23 Apply lightly
 - 24 Hawaiian timber tree
 - 27 Lawn covering
 - 29 Pleasant
 - 32 Of medicine
 - 34 Hospital doctor
 - 36 Bashed
 - 37 Partial
 - 38 Purchase goods
 - 39 Son of Noah
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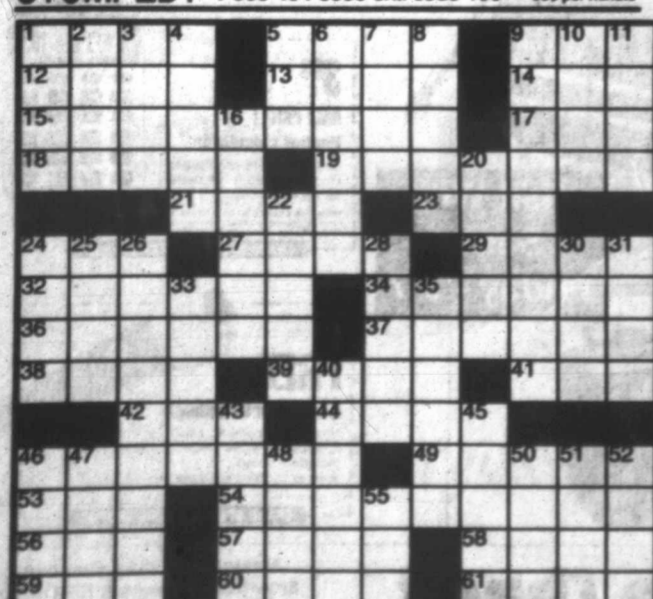
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- 9 Having the most lumps
- 10 Regarding (2 wds.)
- 11 Apportion
- 16 Irish, e.g.
- 20 Mr. Claus
- 22 Draws into the mouth
- 24 Token of affection
- 25 Swearword
- 26 Wasted away
- 28 Thread
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- 31 Opposite of ecto
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Sports

San Antonio hammers Celtics

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Vinny Del Negro's return to shooting guard has paid immediate dividends for the San Antonio Spurs.



Robinson

Del Negro had a season-high 26 points Wednesday night to key the Spurs' 122-110 victory over the Boston Celtics.

An injury to Willie Anderson and the arrival of free-agent point guard Avery Johnson relieved Del Negro of most of the ball-handling responsibilities this season. Del Negro was miscast as the Spurs starting point guard last season.

"It was a different style we had last year, but I like playing this role better," Del Negro said. "I definitely feel more comfortable. Before I came here, I'd play the '2' (off-guard) position about 95 percent of the time. Then I was pushed into the other role with the Spurs."

Anderson's elbow injury pushed Del Negro back into the starting lineup eight games ago. The former North Carolina State product has flourished in his starting role, averaging 17.2 points while hitting 59.4 percent from the field.

"I don't feel like I have to prove anything to anybody," Del Negro said. "I've been able to produce in this league in the past. I just want to see us win and jell as a team."

He has gone a long way in en-

sureing that the last two games. In two Spurs' wins, Del Negro has made 17 of his last 19 shots.

Wednesday's victory boosted San Antonio over the .500 mark for the first time in more than three weeks. Del Negro was 10-for-12 Wednesday, including three clutch fourth-quarter shots after David Robinson fouled out.

"That was the Vinny Del Negro show tonight," Spurs coach Bob Hill said. "He had some shots that were tough, but he was able to make them when we needed him to step up. He was unbelievable on the pick and roll."

Teammates can tell a difference in Del Negro's performance this season when he hasn't worried about ball-handling responsibilities.

"You can see that he's much more comfortable," Robinson said. "He's been very steady for us. He's stepped up and done a job."

Robinson had 32 points in 27 minutes, but missed the final 4:09 after he was whistled for his sixth foul.

"I think I played all right when I was in there," Robinson said. "Everything I did was in the first half, because I wasn't in there much after getting my third foul in the second quarter. Then, I had a couple of calls go against me and I got into a little trouble."

Del Negro delivered the next five points to seal the victory and extend San Antonio's winning streak.

"I felt the shot in that situation and my teammates knew it," Del Negro said. "I think I have to give credit to the guys who are feeding me. All I've been doing is getting

out and finding the lanes and spreading the defenses out."

After missing most of the third quarter with four fouls, Robinson reeled off 12 straight San Antonio points early in the fourth quarter. He capped his offensive outburst with a tomahawk jam, a breakaway layup on a nice feed from Dennis Rodman and a spinning jumper.

Robinson finished with 11 rebounds and six blocked shots.

"We knew we had to step up in that situation," Del Negro said. "Everybody has been getting the ball and getting their shots. It's been a lot of fun the last few games."

Boston dropped its sixth game in eight outings.

Dominque Wilkins led the Celtics with 27 points, and Derek Strong added a career-high 25. Boston played without coach Chris Ford, hospitalized after removal of a benign polyp from his colon earlier this week.

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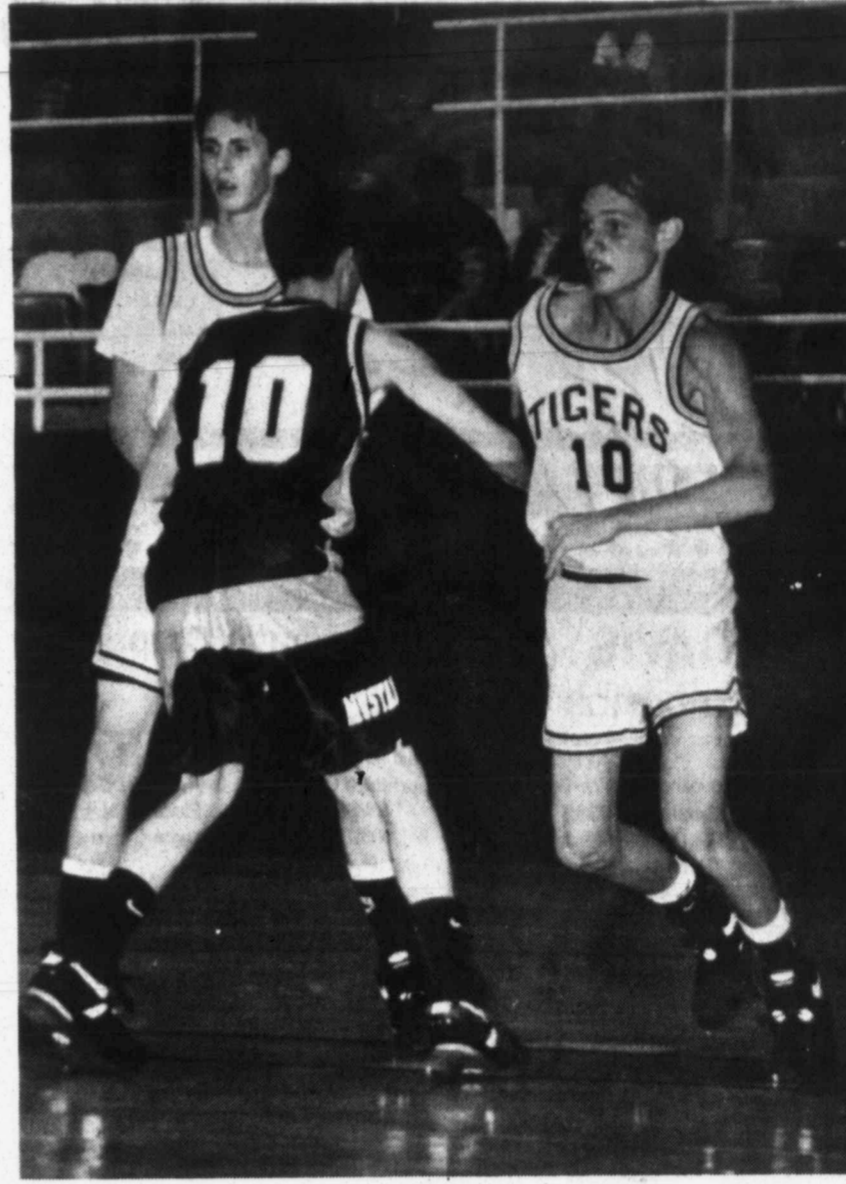
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SAN ANTONIO(122)

Reid 5-9 3-3 13, Elliott 4-11 3-4 11, Robinson 11-14 10-12 32, Johnson 4-12 3-4 11, Del Negro 10-12 5-6 26, Person 4-10 0-9, Rodman 3-4 0-0 6, Whitney 0-1 2-2 2, Cummings 0-2 0-0 0, Malone 3-4 6-8 12. Totals 44-79 32-39 122.

Boston 22 36 27 25-110
San Antonio 41 23 25 33-122

3-Point goals—Boston 5-14 (Wilkins 3-6, Edwards 1-2, Wesley 1-4, Brown 0-2), San Antonio 2-8 (Del Negro 1-2, Person 1-4, Elliott 0-1, Whitney 0-1). Fouled out—Montross, Robinson. Rebounds—Boston 40 (Montross 7), San Antonio 54 (Rodman, Robinson 11), Assists—Boston 31 (Wesley 8), San Antonio 24 (Johnson 8). Total fouls—Boston 27, San Antonio 16. Technicals—Reid, Earl. A.—15,154.



A MUSTANG CORRAL — Snyder's Rick Henderson, left, and Robby Huestis, right, work on Andrews' Brian Molleur during the Tigers' 53-40 win over the Mustangs on Nov. 18 at Scurry County Coliseum. The Tigers travel to Andrews Friday for a rematch at 7:30 p.m. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Yankees gamble on Black Jack

NEW YORK (AP) — Acquiring Jack McDowell was the easy part. The hard part for the New York Yankees will be fitting him into a new salary structure.

With the baseball strike continuing and the threat of a salary cap at hand, the Yankees are betting that no matter what happens, they can agree with McDowell on a long-term deal.

On Wednesday night, less than 24 hours before the owners were expected to implement a salary cap, New York acquired McDowell, one of baseball's best pitchers, from the Chicago White Sox for minor league pitcher Keith Heberling and a player to be named.

McDowell would become a restricted free agent if the salary cap is imposed, and he could sign an offer sheet with any team. But the Yankees would have 10 days to match any offer.

Another risk is how he would fare in the Big Apple. The Yankees have signed a number of high-profile players who failed to cut it in New York. And McDowell was once so fed up with his situation in Chicago that he said it was becoming "a mini-New York."

Not promising words for someone headed to the media capital of the world, but the 28-year-old McDowell is no ordinary pitcher.

McDowell, a right-hander, throws a mean fastball and plays guitar in a hard rock band called V.I.E.W. He goes by the nickname "Black Jack," wears a goatee and stares down hitters from the mound.

"We were only looking at top pitchers, and he was one of them," Yankees general manager Gene Michael said. "Hopefully, we can sign him. You have to take chances in this world. He's a good one to take a chance on."

The 1993 AL Cy Young Award winner was 10-9 last season with a 3.73 ERA. After a rough start, McDowell proved his toughness.

On May 13, he was 2-7 with a 7.54 ERA. But over his last 10 starts, McDowell went 7-2 with a 1.81 ERA, allowing just 17 earned runs in 84 2-3 innings. He threw three consecutive complete games to end the season and finished among the AL leaders in innings, strikeouts, complete games and shutouts.

"He's a top pitcher, a Cy Young winner once, who threw great last year," Michael said. "He's a great competitor, a proven winner."

McDowell would have become an unrestricted free agent, with six years of service, if the season had been completed. Yankees left-hander Jim Abbott is in a similar situation, and not expected to return.

Cleveland steals victory from Nets

Orlando continues magical 16-4 start with 24 point win over Denver

By The Associated Press

Two nights after routing the NBA's best team, the New Jersey Nets thought they had their third straight victory.

Cavaliers forward Tyrone Hill's shot went out of bounds with the clock winding down in overtime, and the Nets began leaving the court thinking they had an 84-82 victory.

But officials added three-tenths of a second back on the clock, and Hill scored off Chris Mills' alley-oop inbounds pass to force a second overtime. Under the rules, the only way the Cavs could have scored with that much time left was with a tap-in or dunk directly off the pass.

Cleveland went on to win 95-88 Wednesday night.

"I've seen plays like this work before, but I've never been involved in one," Hill said.

The Cavaliers' play called for Mills to take the ball out along the right sideline. Guard Terrell Brandon screened Nets forward Jayson Williams while Hill broke for the basket, took Mills' pass and dunked over Nets guard Kenny Anderson.

"Everything was perfect," Hill said. "The screen, the pass, everything. That was a real tough pass to throw. I was surprised I was so open. Chris put it right there and all I had to do was put it in."

Cleveland, which won its fourth straight, played without point guard Mark Price, who was sidelined with back spasms. John Williams led the Cavs with 20 points, and Hill had 17.

Hornets 106, Pistons 93

Mugsy Bogues and Hersey Hawkins, each with 18, led seven Charlotte players in double figures as the Hornets sent Detroit to their fifth straight loss.

Alonzo Mourning had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the visiting Hornets, who dominated from start to finish. Detroit got no closer than 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Rookie Grant Hill returned to the lineup after missing three games with the flu and a left foot injury, leading the Pistons with 21 points.

Magic 120, Nuggets 96

The Orlando Magic remained unbeaten at home with a rout of Denver behind Shaquille O'Neal's 24 points.

Reserves Anthony Bowie had a season-high 21 points, Dennis Scott added 16, including four 3-pointers, Anthony Avent had 11 points to go with 11 rebounds and Brian Shaw had 10.

Reserve forward Reggie Slater, who finished with 16 points, led

the Timberwolves have beaten this season, can match the team record for consecutive road victories with a win at Washington tonight. The Timberwolves remained winless at home this season.

Isaiah Rider had 24 points to lead Minnesota, and Christian Laettner added 16.



Cleveland's Tyrone Hill was the equalizer in the Cavs' win over the Nets.

Pacers 81, Hawks 79

Reggie Miller and Derrick McKenna scored 12 points each as Indiana fended off an Atlanta rally.

The Pacers led by as many as seven in the fourth quarter, but could not pull away from the visiting Hawks.

Mookie Blaylock, who led Atlanta with 23 points, scored 11 in the final period. But he missed a jumper from the top of the key that would have tied it with 29 seconds remaining, and the Pacers hung on to win.

Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 96

Rookie Glenn Robinson scored a season-high 32 points, and Milwaukee withstood a late 12-0 Philadelphia run.

Willie Burton, who had a career-high 53 points the previous night, led the Sixers with 28, and Sharone Wright added 19. Lee Mayberry had 18 and Todd Day 17 for the host Bucks.

The 76ers pulled to 98-96 on a layup by Jaren Jackson with 8.5 seconds left. But Philadelphia fouled Mayberry with 6.2 seconds left. The Nuggets.

Jazz 103, Timberwolves 95

Karl Malone scored 31 points for Utah as the Jazz earned their fifth straight road victory.

Utah, one of only three teams left, and he hit one of two free throws.

Suns 111, SuperSonics 93

Phoenix hit 12 3-pointers, all but three in the first half, to beat Seattle and remain unbeaten at home.

Wesley Person led the Suns with 24 points and was 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

Charles Barkley scored 10 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Suns build on an 82-72 lead. A.C. Green had 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Danny Manning scored 19.

Gary Payton scored 16 for Seattle.

Trail Blazers 121, Clippers 73

Portland had five players in double figures and held Los Angeles to its lowest point total of the season.

Reserve James Robinson led the Blazers with 21 points, 15 in the fourth period.

Terry Dehere, the only Los Angeles player in double figures, had 17 points.

NBA Glance

By The Associated Press
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Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	16	4	.800	-
New York	11	7	.611	4
Boston	9	12	.429	7 1/2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	8
New Jersey	9	14	.391	8 1/2
Washington	6	11	.353	8 3/4
Miami	5	13	.278	10

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	13	6	.684	-
Cleveland	13	8	.619	1
Charlotte	11	9	.550	2 1/2
Chicago	10	9	.526	3
Atlanta	9	12	.429	5
Detroit	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	13	6	.684	-
Utah	13	8	.619	1
Denver	10	8	.556	2 1/2
Dallas	9	8	.529	3
San Antonio	10	9	.526	3
Minnesota	3	17	.150	10 1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	15	5	.750	-
L.A. Lakers	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Seattle	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Sacramento	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Portland	10	8	.556	4
Golden State	8	12	.400	7
L.A. Clippers	2	18	.100	13

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 95, New Jersey 88, 2OT
Orlando 120, Denver 96
Charlotte 106, Detroit 93
Indiana 81, Atlanta 79
Utah 103, Minnesota 95
Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 96
San Antonio 122, Boston 110
Phoenix 111, Seattle 93
Portland 121, L.A. Clippers 73
Thursday's Games
Utah at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Clinton administration, produced scant progress.

If owners impose a cap — Baltimore owner Peter Angelos is the only announced opponent of the move — they would eliminate salary arbitration, which has existed since 1974. And they would force some teams to cut as much as \$5.6 million from their payrolls next season.

The salary cap ruins free agency and there's no price on freedom," pitcher Orel Hershiser said Wednesday after negotiations collapsed in Rye Brook, N.Y.

Players, who struck the final 52 days and 669 games of last season, have vowed to continue the walk-out next year unless owners agree to preserve free agency, a right they won before the 1976 season.

Owners refused to back off their demand for cost controls and left for Chicago two hours after Wednesday's session began. They led little doubt they would declare an impasse and impose a cap.

Since owners reopened the labor contract on Dec. 7, 1992, union head Donald Fehr has predicted owners would attempt to impose a cap. Four rounds of talks under the supervision of former Labor Secretary W.J. Utery, appointed in mid-October by the

Strawberry arraigned

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry left a different kind of signature — fingerprints and a mug shot — when he was arraigned on felony tax evasion charges.

Strawberry and his agent, Eric Goldschmidt, surrendered at federal court Wednesday and pleaded innocent during a 20-minute hearing. The prosecution agreed with the defense that the two should be released on their own recognizance.

Strawberry, a right fielder for the San Francisco Giants, is accused of evading \$146,000 in income tax by allegedly not reporting more than \$500,000 in cash payments from autograph shows and personal appearances.

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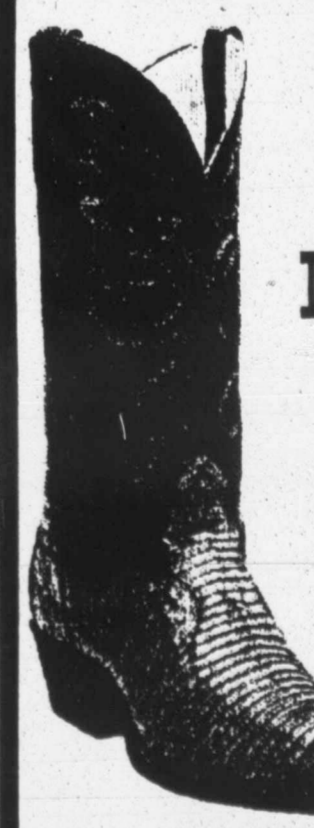
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Body snatched from cemetery...

Private eye offers to help

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent private eye is willing to help authorities solve a baffling body snatching.

"If it's not finished by the middle of next week, I'd like to volunteer to do something," detective William C. Dear of Dallas said Wednesday night.

Dear, known for his involvement in high-profile mysteries, said he sympathizes with the family of Melinda Ann Lee.

"I can imagine right now what the family's going through," Dear said.

The body of the 20-year-old Texas Tech honors student was stolen this week from her fresh grave at Restland Memorial Park in North Dallas.

Ms. Lee, a Dallas native and junior in marketing at Tech, died Dec. 7 of injuries she suffered in an Oct. 14 traffic accident involving a drunken driver, officials said. The wreck occurred in Lubbock; Ms. Lee was hospitalized for 54 days before her death.

Officials at Restland said someone burrowed 6 feet to the grave and then broke a hole through a 4-inch concrete crypt to the coffin. Another hole was made in the coffin, through which the entire body was removed and taken away, they said.

A cemetery official discovered the results early Tuesday and called authorities.

Dear outlined three scenarios for the crime: somebody trying to cover up mishandling of her treatment following the accident, an admirer with a bizarre obsession with Ms. Lee and possible occult interest in a fresh body.

In any case, it took more than one person to exhume the body, Dear said.

"I don't care how much digging you do through that fresh dirt — that (concrete) vault is heavy," he said.

The detective said he could offer an alternative contact for somebody who did not want to share information with Dallas County Sheriff's deputies.

"This is the Christmas holiday and this is an emotional time and somebody might want to get it off their conscience," he said. "I'd be willing to act as an intermediary."

In the meantime, deputies are in Lubbock to question people who knew Ms. Lee. Sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said Wednesday that hospital personnel and the woman's sorority sisters will be questioned.

But Ewell said they have no motive or suspects in the crime, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

"We're having a discussion with the FBI to see if we can rely on their specialists in behavioral science. We're looking at a very

sick situation here. This is a case we were not prepared to deal with," said Ewell.

A 1992 graduate of Lake Highlands High School in suburban Dallas, Ms. Lee was in her third year at Texas Tech studying marketing. In addition to her sorority activities, she was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Sigma Beta Business fraternity and the American Marketing Association.

The other motorist in the accident that caused Ms. Lee's death, Wayland Leroy Lamb Jr., 33, of Levelland, has been charged with intoxicated manslaughter. Lamb remained jailed in Lubbock County Wednesday on \$50,000 bond.

Dear received national attention for solving the 1979 disappearance of 16-year-old whiz kid Dallas Egbert III, of Dayton, Ohio, from Michigan State University. It was called the "Dungeons & Dragons" case because Egbert and his friends acted out the game in a maze of steam tunnels beneath the campus.

The detective also is known for his continuing investigation of two unexplained deaths he believes were linked to the September 1988 fire that destroyed the Wax Museum of the Southwest in suburban Grand Prairie.

American cars closing quality gap with Japanese vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — American cars have become safer, easier to maintain and get more miles to the gallon — all adding up to more competition for Japan, says the author of "The Car Book."

"The good news is you don't have to be afraid to buy an American car anymore," Jack Gillis said Wednesday in releasing his consumer guide for 1995. "We're closing the gap in terms of quality and reliability with the Japanese."

However, Gillis said about 30 percent of all vehicles manufactured still only have air bags on the driver's side rather than dual air bags.

"I caution consumers, before you buy that car just think, what if you get in a serious accident and you walk away but your passenger doesn't?" said Gillis.

His 224-page book rates each car model on crash safety, fuel economy, repair costs, warranties, insurance costs and complaint history, among others. The greatest weight is given to crash-test performance.

According to the book, among the best overall cars are: the Ford Escort and Mercury Tracer in the subcompact category; the Saab 9000, Volvo 850 and Ford Taurus wagon in the intermediate category; the Ford Windstar, Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager for minivans; the Toyota Corolla and BMW 3 for compacts, and the Cadillac DeVille, Mercury Cougar and Chrysler LHS-New Yorker for large cars.

Ford makes a particularly strong showing in the safety category — although a car's size is still a dominant factor in its safety. Re-

ceiving high marks are the Ford Thunderbird, Escort, Probe, Windstar and Taurus.

"It's clear that Ford has placed a tremendous emphasis on good crash-test performance," said Gillis, whose safety numbers are based on the car's performance in government-run tests.

But the Ford Probe has one of the highest repair costs when calculating nine items most likely to need replacing during a car's first 100,000 miles, including starter, alternator and fuel pump.

Replacing a starter in a 1995 Ford Probe would cost \$914, compared with \$192 in an Eagle Vision.

"It's rare for a car to perform well in every single category,"

SMU players suspended after charges filed

DALLAS (AP) — Three SMU football players charged recently with the aggravated sexual assault of a teen-age girl at a Denton motel were suspended from the university Wednesday, school officials said.

Dr. James Caswell, vice president for student affairs, and interim athletic director William Lively announced in a joint prepared statement that the three men were suspended from Southern Methodist because of "the seriousness of the charges."

The Associated Press was unable to reach either school official immediately for comment Wednesday night.

Charged with one count each of aggravated sexual assault are Weldon G. English, 19, a cornerback from Houston; Calvin Robinson Jr., 18, a defensive back from San Antonio; and Eric D. Yarbrough, 19, a wide receiver from the East Texas town of Timpson.

The three athletes were released from Denton County Jail Tuesday.

English, Robinson and Yarbrough were arrested early Sunday morning after leaving the Desert Sands Motor Inn on Interstate 35E in Denton. Police were called to the motel after receiving reports that a nude woman was screaming from a second-floor balcony.

Denton police said the men met the 16-year-old Austin girl at a popular Denton nightclub. The teenager was treated and released from a Denton hospital on Sunday.

Caswell and Lively said SMU will continue an investigation into the matter during the suspension. "SMU's inquiry and any subsequent action regarding the students will be carried out through its student judicial system," according to the statement. "The university expects all students to abide by state laws and to behave responsibly whether on or off campus."

said Gillis, a former employee of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "There are tradeoffs and choices every consumer has to make."

Also on the worst-repair-cost list is the Audi A6-S6. However, the A6-S6 and Audi 90 have the lowest cost under the measure for preventive maintenance because Audi warranties last longer and are more comprehensive than for other cars, Gillis said.

In contrast, the Acura Legend costs on average of \$1,295 per year just for preventive maintenance recommended in the owner's manual. The Infiniti G20 and Honda Prelude are also high on the list, each costing an average of \$1,139.

The car that gets the fewest consumer complaints filed with the government is the Subaru Impreza, followed by the Mazda Miata. Among the worst cars for complaints are the Acura NSX and the Eagle Vision and Dodge Intrepid.

The biggest gas guzzler is the Lamborghini DB132 Diablo, which gets 14 miles per gallon on the highway and 10 or below in the city. The cost of gas for traveling 15,000 miles in the year? \$1,841.

'Werewolf' slaying verdict 'guilty'

MALLEN (AP) — A Donna man who stabbed a woman three times in the heart because he said she was a werewolf and a vampire has been found guilty of murder.

A jury in Edinburg found Rafael Nunez, 33, guilty Tuesday, rejecting the notion that he was innocent by reason of insanity. Nunez, who claimed he is an angel, faces 25 to 99 years or life in prison for the September 1993 murder of Paula Hernandez, 22.

State District Judge Fernando Mancias was scheduled to sentence Nunez Thursday.

Prosecutors disagreed with the testimony of Nunez's family members, who said he was incompetent to stand trial because he is insane.

"We tried to take away the ramblings that he included in the confession and just emphasize his conduct," prosecutor Jaime Aleman said. "How he was trying to get away, how he tried to cover up like any normal person would — that was our theme throughout this whole trial, that he behaved like a person who knew what he was doing was wrong."

Several members of Nunez's family cried after the verdict was handed down.

"We didn't expect for him to be found guilty, but it was (the jury's) call. They received all the information they needed," said Danny Nunez, one of the defendant's brothers.

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Most of California's '187' blocked by district judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has ruled that California's attempt to deny most public services to illegal aliens may violate federal immigration law.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer issued a preliminary injunction Wednesday blocking almost all of Proposition 187, which seeks to prevent illegal aliens from using public schools and health and social services.

The judge said parts of the measure could pressure immigrants into leaving the country when they have a right to remain. That would constitute a "scheme to regulate immigration" — something only the federal government is allowed

to do. She also said denying medical services for illegal aliens could result in greater health risks for the general population.

Pfaelzer let stand two of the proposition's minor provisions prohibiting illegal immigrants from attending state colleges and banning the sale and use of false immigration documents.

The injunction, which can be appealed, stays in effect until a trial.

The ban on illegals receiving state-funded higher education already had been blocked by a state judge.

The ruling "restores decency

and common sense to the state of California," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which is representing opponents of the measure.

Assistant Attorney General Charlton Holland said he was disappointed by the ruling, but declined further comment.

He argued in court that any discrepancies between state and federal laws could be resolved by regulations that Gov. Pete Wilson has ordered.

The judge disagreed. "You virtually have to stitch up every section of 187 with regulations and I am quite certain it can't be done," she said.

Before Proposition 187 was approved by 59 percent of California voters on Nov. 8, state law entitled illegal immigrants to a public education, but made them ineligible for most health and welfare programs.

Proposition 187 requires teachers, doctors and social workers to report suspected illegals.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 15, 1994



Today is the 349th day of 1994 and the 8th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux Indians, was killed during a skirmish with U.S. soldiers along South Dakota's Grand River.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 61; Don Johnson (1949-), actor is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, Babe Didrikson Zaharias set the single-year prize money record for female golfers. Her earnings of \$14,800 were the result of wins in six major golf tournaments.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What treaty that the white man ever made with us have they kept? Not one. When I was a boy the Sioux owned the world; the sun rose and set on their land; they sent ten thousand men to battle. Where are the warriors today? Who slew them? Where are our lands? Who owns them?" — Sitting Bull

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, the high of 94 degrees in Belize City, Belize, marked the record high December temperature for that location.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 9) and full moon (Dec. 18).

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Student hailed as hero after ending tense hostage event

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — For nearly two hours, a ranting gunman carrying so much ammunition that it rattled in his pockets held 35 students and a professor hostage in a college lecture hall.

At one point, he told his hostages that a microchip implanted in his brain when he was a baby controlled his thoughts. At another, he told them they could study if they wished.

"He was a fanatic," said student Michael Connors. "One minute he was offering me a cigarette. The next minute he was screaming at the top of his lungs, 'I have a very bad temper!'"

The hostages said a split-second decision by sophomore Jason McEnaney ended the standoff Wednesday at the State University of New York at Albany.

The gunman had picked on McEnaney throughout the ordeal. When he tried to move McEnaney at gunpoint, the 19-year-old student lunged at him and knocked the rifle away.

The gun went off during a brief struggle, wounding McEnaney in the midsection and leg. Four other students jumped in and helped pin down the gunman. McEnaney was in serious condition today at a hospital.

"At the point he knew there was no return, he stepped up and showed his courage," said student Dackri Simpson, who helped pin down the gunman. "He showed everybody what he was made of."

Police arrested Ralph Tortorici, a 26-year-old psychology major. He smirked and shouted "Government experiments!" as he was hustled into a police car.

Authorities offered no firm motive, but university spokesman Joel Blumenthal said Tortorici has a dispute with the school over his student status. The hostages said he mentioned something about financial aid.

Tortorici faces attempted murder and other charges. He cut his hand in the struggle and was in fair condition.

Police say Tortorici sneaked a .270-caliber rifle in a duffel bag

into a classics class at the 17,000-student university.

Authorities talked with Tortorici by telephone, and he released professor Hans Pohlsander and five students in the first hour. He later fired at two police negotiators, but missed.

"He demanded a number of things ... to speak to the president, to speak to the governor, everything," said Albany Police Chief John Dale.

Two of the hostages who were released early told a fellow student that the gunman let most of them smoke or study.

McEnaney's family rushed to Albany after learning that he had been shot. His fraternity brothers stood vigil outside the hospital Wednesday night.

"He's so smart but he did a stupid thing," said McEnaney's aunt, Ginny Ogno. "But at least he saved a lot of people's lives."

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 16, 1994

The road ahead might be difficult for you in the coming year, but take heart. Overcoming obstacles and barriers usually means bigger rewards later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It isn't that you lack common sense, it's just that you're too anxious to finalize something today. This will make your judgment questionable and throw your timing off. Take a deep breath. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're bent on getting others to do your bidding today, you will have to make promises, you'll later regret. Do your own work and save yourself the grief.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are usually level headed and uninterested in risky financial ventures. Today, however, you might let false hopes overrule self-discipline.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Just because others may have catered to you recently doesn't mean they'll do the same today. Stop counting on someone else to do your work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your imagination might be operating on a negative wavelength today, so bear this mind if molehills suddenly transform into mountains.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Caution and prudence are watchwords today when dealing with unreliable friends. Your pals might drag you into something financially distressing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The spotlight will focus on you today whether or not you like it. Behave in a manner that won't jeopardize your reputation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might be tempted to embellish the truth a bit. Keep in mind that words, like rubber bands, can snap back and sting you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This might not be a good day for a collaborative effort, especially if no one seems motivated to do any real work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The fear of failure could cloud your judgment today. Be careful and try to look at things as realistically as you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you don't plan carefully before attempting something difficult, you might find yourself in trouble so deep you'll need the Coast Guard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Maintain a healthy skepticism today or you might fall for the old "carrot on a stick" ploy. You'll soon discover that you don't get something for nothing.

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Gone to the dogs

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — BeBe Winans' neighbors are complaining that the neighborhood has gone to the dogs.

They say Winans' two Great Danes run wild through this Nashville suburb, rummaging through trash and frightening children. Winans is to appear in court in January to answer the complaints.

Winans is a gospel-rhythm and blues singer who often performs with his sister CeCe. Their hits include "I'll Take You There" and "Addictive Love."



Lost Legacy From Mother Adds to Daughter's Grief

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from the widower who contemplated keeping one of his wife's rings to give to a "Miss Perfect" should he meet her:

My parents were divorced when I was 2 years old. I was reared by my father and my aunt.

Mother died of cancer at the age of 48. I had lunch with several of her friends before the funeral, and they told me that Mom wanted me to have her pearl earrings. The fact that she had thought of me was overwhelming in my time of grief. I spoke to my stepfather about the earrings, and he said: "No one touches her jewelry! You can't have them!"

When my older brother sent some photographs of my stepfather and his new bride, I noticed she was wearing Mother's earrings. No one could have put a price on how much those earrings would have meant to me. I was

HER ONLY DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: My condolences to you on the loss of your beloved mother. Your stepfather's insensitivity was inexcusable. How sad that your mother did not make her wishes known in a will.

DEAR ABBY: Harold Z. of Chicago asked why we use animals and birds to describe the worst qualities in humans: Not true — we attribute as many positive qualities to birds and animals as we do negative.

For example:
— Busy as a bee
— Gentle as a lamb

- An eager beaver
- A memory like an elephant
- Wise as an owl
- Happy as a clam
- Eats like a bird
- Runs like a deer
- Quiet as a mouse
- Quick as a cat
- Cute as a bug's ear
- Strong as an ox

There are more, of course. — WILLARD L., SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR WILLARD: And don't forget:

- Graceful as a swan
- Fearless as a lion
- Loyal as a dog
- Proud as a peacock

If I've overlooked any, I'm sure my readers will write and let me know.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SHAPING UP IN SAN DIEGO: The following ditty, which ran in the Los Angeles Times, suits your situation to a "T":

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WOLVES DEN 3 — Wolf Cub Scouts in Den 3 who received soccer and softball belt loops are Mike Helton, soccer and softball; Brent Tyler, softball; Andrew Rollins, soccer and softball; Thomas Henderson, soccer and softball. Parents in back are assistant leader Earl Helton, den leader Steve Tyler, Lisa Rollins and assistance leader Tracy Henderson. (Contributed Photo)

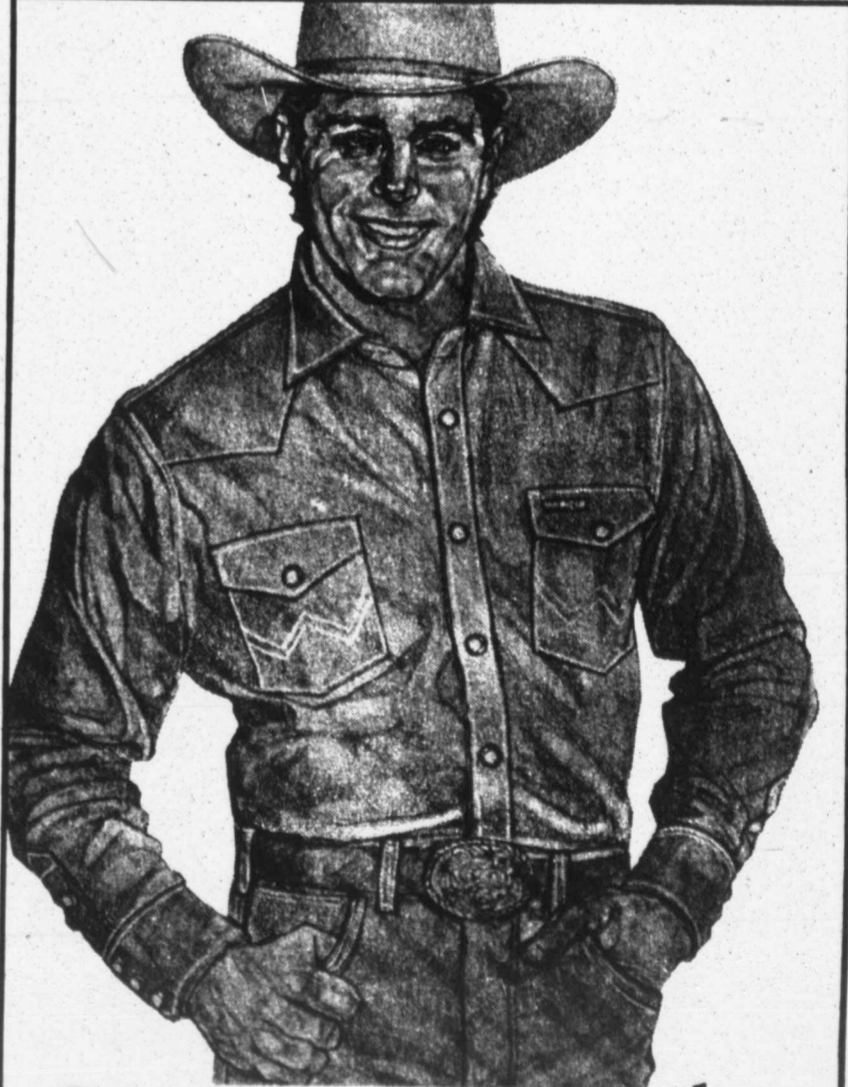
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Arkansas' Faubus is dead at age 84

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Former Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who battled President Eisenhower in an unsuccessful attempt to keep nine black students from integrating a Little Rock high school in 1957, has died at 84.

Faubus, who had spinal cancer, died Wednesday at his home. His body was to lie in the state Capitol rotunda for public viewing today.

Born in backwoods poverty and possessing no more than an elementary school education, the conservative Democrat became Arkansas' longest-serving governor, holding office for six terms from 1954 to 1966.

In 1957, Faubus mobilized the Arkansas National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Central High despite federal court orders.

Three days after that, the black students entered the school through a side door while police struggled with rioters at barricades holding back 1,000 whites. The black students were removed from school for their safety.

Eisenhower then federalized the guard to remove it from Faubus' control and sent 1,200 paratroopers to protect the Little Rock Nine.

The black students walked through Central High's front door the next day as an Army helicopter buzzed overhead and rioters were subdued by soldiers' bayonets and rifle butts. The soldiers stayed through the school year.

It was the first such use of federal troops, and the episode demonstrated the federal resolve behind the Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation ruling.

Residents voted to shut city schools down for the 1958-59 school year but opened them again the following year.

"The governor, during '57, had an opportunity to become a statesman, and he didn't move to that level," said one of the Little Rock Nine, Ernest Green, now a 53-year-old director at Lehman Brothers investment bank in Washington.

To the end, Faubus insisted he acted only to avoid the violence he was sure would come with desegregation.

"He did what he had to do at that time," said Faubus' first wife, Alta. "His main interest was keeping peace. You know there was a lot of bloodshed in other places."

But Little Rock Mayor Woodrow Wilson Mann said at the time that the threat of violence was a hoax. If any trouble developed, he warned, "The blame rests squarely on the doorstep of the governor's mansion."

Faubus won four more terms after the Central High crisis. Some say he benefited from segregationist emotion, but he also was known for boosting industrial development, starting one of the state's biggest road-building programs and establishing community colleges and vocational-technical schools.

"The people who loved him thought he was one of the world's greatest men, and the people who didn't thought he was an agent of the devil," said Faubus biographer Roy Reed.

Faubus attempted three comebacks after stepping down in 1966, losing Democratic primaries to Dale Bumpers in 1970, David Pryor in 1974 and Bill Clinton in 1986. Bumpers and Pryor are the state's U.S. senators today.

Orval Eugene Faubus was born Jan. 7, 1910, in a shack in the Ozark Mountain hamlet of Greasy Creek. As a boy, he trapped animals, skinned them and sold the furs.

After hopping trains as a hobo looking for work in 1938, Faubus returned to Arkansas as court clerk and county recorder. He was with Army intelligence during World War II and was Huntsville postmaster until he ran for governor in 1954.

At 59, Faubus divorced after 37 years of marriage and wed 30-year-old Elizabeth Westmoreland. When he tried his first comeback, his ex-wife spoke against him, saying, "Oh, it's the same old story — just a lot of promises. He promised to love, honor and obey me, and he broke all those promises."

In 1983, Faubus' second wife was found strangled in their apartment. A fugitive pleaded guilty to the murder.

Faubus married his third wife, Jan Wittenburg, a teacher 33 years his junior, in 1986.

Services are scheduled Friday in Conway and Saturday at Huntsville.

Survivors include his wife.

Newton testifies

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Just because he's bankrupt doesn't mean Wayne Newton is denying himself the finer things in life.

Newton admitted in federal bankruptcy court Wednesday that he bought a sculpture and a painting by Renoir from Sotheby's auction house after filing for Chapter 11 protection in August 1992.

But he denied newspaper reports that he frittered away nearly \$163,000 in auctions on other artwork, a guitar pick used by Elvis and a cigarette case that belonged to Errol Flynn.



HIGH SCHOOL GOODFELLOWS — Snyder High School Student Council sponsored a Goodfellows fund-raiser recently, raising \$400. The school also collected canned goods for the annual food drive. Kiwanis Club members on hand to receive the check are Bob Cole and Jay Wesson, far left, and Polly Echols and Joe Cheyne, far right. High school students shown in front are Eric Childress and Chris Mitchell. Those in back are Edwina Brooks, Greg McAden and Mark Love. (SDN Staff Photo)

Charges are dropped against parents

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A couple who left their children with a 14-year-old baby sitter for more than two weeks have been cleared of criminal charges, but it could be weeks before they get their children back.

On Wednesday, a judge dismissed child endangerment charges against Bonnie Railing and James Fignar, calling them foolish but not reckless.

The children — ages 10, 9, 3 and 2 — have been with foster pa-

rents since late September. Ms. Railing and Fignar are allowed only two hours of supervised visits each month.

The question of custody won't be resolved until January because of the holidays, the couple's attorney said.

"We won't see them Christmas morning," Ms. Railing said in a halting voice after the ruling.

Fignar, who does construction work, and Ms. Railing left the children while they went to lay tile

at a store being built in Lawrenceville, N.J. They told the sitter they would be back in three days. They said later the job took longer than expected.

During a three-day break, they spent an afternoon gambling in Atlantic City.

Police accused them of leaving the children with inadequate food, heat and hot water from Sept. 7 to Sept. 23. Ms. Railing said Wednesday that she left the sitter \$138 worth of groceries.

The sitter, Angela Morris, recruited friends to feed and care for the children when the couple didn't return as promised. At one point, Angela heated water for baths in an electric coffee machine.

The charges were dismissed by Chief Pittsburgh Magistrate Donald Machen. He said the incident "bothers me still," but that he believed the couple was aware their children were never in danger because they telephoned the sitter and asked five adults to check on her.

Ms. Railing, 28, is the mother of all four children; Fignar, 37, is the father of the youngest two. They aren't married.

Since the arrests, friends and strangers have come forward with gifts to help them finish renovating their home. Donations have included a hot-water heater, furnace and \$1,000 to reconnect the telephone, which was cut off during the last days of the trip.

The couple also has received hate mail from all over the country. Even now, Fignar said, people drive by the house at night and scream obscenities.

Fignar and Ms. Railing said things will be different if Fignar gets another job out of state.

"If I go out of town," Fignar said, "she will stay here."

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Crash survivor recounts how 'bottom dropped out' of plane

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) — As pilots of a doomed commuter plane spoke of an "engine flame-out" and considered aborting their landing approach, the plane made a sudden, sharp drop.

"With no warning, the bottom dropped out," said a survivor who crawled from the burning wreckage of the crash that killed 13 passengers and both pilots.

Those were some preliminary findings of investigators probing the crash of American Eagle Flight 3379, National Transportation Safety Board chairman Jim Hall said Wednesday.

Two pilots and 18 passengers were aboard the Jetstream 3200 when it slammed into woods at 200 mph in rain and fog Tuesday night, 31 1/2 miles from Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

The accident, following the Oct. 31 crash of a different type of American Eagle plane that killed all 68 people aboard, brought U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena to the muddy crash scene to announce tougher safety standards for commuter airlines.

"We are very troubled by the number of accidents we've had this year," Pena said Wednesday.

One of the five survivors, a frequent flier who was sitting in back of the plane, gave investigators a harrowing account of the final moments of the 70-mile flight from Greensboro. Hall, who quoted his

comments, said he asked not to be identified.

As the plane "dropped hard," the pilots seemed to be trying to regain control. The passenger "believes he heard the engines spool up" or rise in tone, Hall said. A second drop followed, and then the plane crashed.

Covered with fuel after the crash, the man freed himself from the burning wreckage and quickly "crawled away from the fire until he felt it was safe enough to stop crawling," Hall said.

Hall said officials were investigating a warning tone that sounded intermittently on the plane's cockpit voice recorder. The tape also shows the pilots talked about aborting their initial approach.

"There is discussion on the cockpit voice recorder of an engine flameout. ... There is further discussion of which engine is not operating properly," Hall said. He would not elaborate on the pilots' comments.

A flameout is when fuel combustion stops in the engine.

Seconds before impact, the plane veered to the left, then struck the ground at more than 200 mph, according to the flight data recorder. The fuselage broke into three segments, officials said.

One survivor, Ronald Lewis, 35, of Crystal Lake, Ill., was in critical but stable condition with

broken bones and internal injuries. His wife, Diane, called his survival a miracle.

"I have a husband for Christmas. I have a father who's going to be there for my kids," said the mother of four children under age 8.

Don Merkel, 60, of Wheaton, Ill., was in good spirits following surgery to repair a broken left elbow, said his wife, Lois.

"Considering he's been in a plane crash, it's amazing. His spirits are really up," she said.

Pena announced that commuter airlines will be required to meet the same standards as regular airlines and that all the nation's airlines will undergo a safety audit. American Eagle spokesman Marty Heires said the airline already follows most FAA safety standards for large airlines.

The plane that crashed Tuesday was a two-engine Jetstream 3200, which seats 19 people and has a 52-foot wingspan. It was registered in 1991, and since then had made four unscheduled landings for engine power surges and one case of smoke in the cockpit, the FAA said.

The plane's two engines, made by Allied Signal Inc., had 200 and 500 hours of use since overhauls earlier this year, the NTSB said. Regulations allow 5,000 hours between overhauls, said Bill Reavis, a company spokesman.

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