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Merry Christmas

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When is Santa Claus expected to deliver gifts to homes in Scurry County?
 A—According to a special dispatch from the North Pole, Santa should arrive in Scurry County about 3:15 a.m. Christmas Day.

Local

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Inquiry: Tough Questions Jesus Asks."

Appreciation

An appreciation reception will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30 in the county courtroom for Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing and County Judge Bob Doolittle, who are leaving office.

Candlelight

The July Fourth Breakfast/Community-Wide Candlelight Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce. Visitors are welcome.

ISD taxes

People needing to pay Hermleigh and Ira school taxes are advised that the computer at Scurry County Appraisal District will be down Friday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 2.

Anyone needing to make payments should make them on or before Dec. 29. Appraisal personnel said they will also accept December payments on Jan. 3.

Special service

Snyder's First Presbyterian Church will conduct its traditional Christmas Eve service of "lessons and carols" Saturday under the director of new pastor Nan Swanson.

The candlelight service will begin at 11 p.m. and is expected to last approximately one hour.

The service will consist of a poem and a Christmas story with Christmas carols sung throughout. Those attending will join with a 12-member choir.

The general public is invited to attend. First Presbyterian is located at the corner of 28th Street and Avenue R.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday, mostly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. South wind 5-10 mph. Rest of the Christmas weekend, mostly cloudy Christmas Day. Mostly cloudy Monday. Low near 40 the lower 40s. High 60-65 Christmas Day and in the mid upper 50s Monday.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:47. Sunrise Sunday, 7:40. Sunset Sunday, 5:47. Sunrise Monday, 7:40. Of 357 days in 1994, the sun has shone 349 days in Snyder.



Recycle the tree this year

Getting rid of your Christmas tree this year will be easier than ever thanks to a new recycling program by the City of Snyder.

The city will accept natural trees for recycling from Dec. 27 through Jan. 3. After that date, residents must carry the trees out to the landfill for disposal.

Trees will be accepted at the collection site at 30th St. and Ave. Q (south side of 30th, just east of Varsity Square) or by calling City Hall at 573-4960 for the trees to be carried to the recycling location free of charge.

Chris Habert has organized a program to pick up the trees as part of an Eagle Scout project and the city will schedule him to carry the trees to the location.

City officials remind everyone that all spikes, nails, stands, etc., must be removed and no flocked or artificial trees can be accepted.

Mulch generated from recycling the trees can be picked up anytime after Jan. 7. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels for the mulch.

Citizens can also recycle corrugated cardboard boxes that Christmas presents may have come in by depositing them in the red collection containers.

Officials remind everyone that only corrugated cardboard boxes may be placed in the containers and all packaging materials such as styrofoam, wood framing and metal must be removed.

The containers for the corrugated cardboard are located at Varsity Square Shopping Center, east of the pond at Towle Park and on E. Coliseum Drive and Ave. F.

J. Eicke files affidavit alleging abuses of law

An affidavit filed Wednesday in Lubbock seeks a restraining order against government agents preventing alleged harassment against three defendants in a \$1 trillion banking scam.

A paid advertisement in this issue of the Snyder Daily News is a verbatim text of a hand-written motion written by one of the defendants, Johannes J. Eicke, and purportedly filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

The affidavit and complaint is signed by Eicke from his jail cell in Lubbock where he is being held without bond.

Eicke, his brother, Arlie Thomas Eicke of Snyder and Heather M. Altschuler, are named in a 21-count federal indictment in a bogus bank scam which totaled more than \$1 trillion.

The trio is charged with conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud and interstate transportation of falsely-made securities written on a non-existent bank, Central Dominion Trust, operating out of Snyder.

Lavelle Eicke, when placing the advertisement Friday, asked that it be run "word for word" and referenced on the front page.

Mrs. Eicke, mother of the Eicke brothers, described the affidavit



PEACE ON EARTH — This life-size replica of the nativity scene is on the grounds of the Ira Church of God. The scene portrays the birth of Christ and is popular with Scurry County residents as well as travelers on Highway 350. (SDN Staff Photo)

Political fallout, nature's fury will stand as symbols for 1994

DALLAS (AP) — Downfall and destruction.

The words stand as symbols for a year in which Texans saw the collapse of a political dynamo at the hands of a familiarly named newcomer and the deadly devastation of nature's fury.

With her tart tongue and biting barbs, accompanied by a wrinkle-framed grin, Ann Richards became one of the most well known governors in the country.

But what brought her fame may also have caused her fall.

Richards, 61, swept to stardom at the 1988 Democratic National Convention when she jeered that then presidential candidate George Bush "was born with a silver foot in his mouth."

It was Bush's namesake, Republican George W. Bush, who defeated Richards in her bid for reelection, often turning her tongue against her by accusing the Democrat of making personal attacks more than talking issues.

Now Richards, the first woman elected governor in Texas in 50 years, must step aside as the 48-year-old Texas Rangers managing general partner tries his hand at a new game.

The eventful election year was disrupted in October when floods, then fire and an oil spill devastated Southeast Texas.

"We've had floods, we've had fire. What's tomorrow going to bring, famine?" said one Channelview resident, shaken first by the threat of flooding on the San Jacinto River, then jolted a second time when pipelines in the river exploded, igniting the waterway with streams of leaking fuel into miles-long serpents of flame.

"It felt biblical," said Mike Norman, who was on the river when the blast occurred. "It was like hell opening up on the planet. ... I was literally running for my

life." The weeklong nightmare claimed 22 lives and cost more than \$700 million in damage, not including uninsured losses.

For many of those who lost homes or businesses, the rebuilding continues.

Texas saw more misfortune in July, when a record 65 people died in traffic accidents over the July Fourth weekend. Sunday, July 3, was the deadliest day on Texas roads, with 44 deaths.

The deadly weekend has prompted state lawmakers to push for stricter seat belt laws, particu-

Ukrainian student enjoying American holiday traditions

By Shirley A. Gorman
 SDN News Editor

Presents under pillows, church services and a big family dinner — that's how Marichka Trach would be celebrating the holidays if she were at home in Lviv, Ukraine.

Instead, the Snyder High School senior is living with Mike and Rebekah Thornton and their daughter, Katie; and — much to her delight — she is observing a very different Christmas this year.

Marichka, whose year-long stay has been arranged through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, has been introduced to holiday traditions somewhat different than her own.

In the Ukraine, St. Nicholas Day is observed on Dec. 18. Parents — pretending to be St. Nicholas — put presents under the pillows of their children. Marichka said they continue the practice as long as the children live at home.

St. Nicholas serves as the Ukrainian version of Santa Claus. In

contrast, Ukrainians do not celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25 nor do they have a general exchange of



MARICHKA TRACH

gifts as is the American custom.

Instead, Christmas comes on Jan. 6 and is marked by Greek Catholic church services and a big get-together at grandmother's house, complete with special food, Marichka explained. Special holiday and thanksgiving prayers always precede the meal.

Families also decorate a tree which is put up on Jan. 1 and taken down on the 6th. Each year is different, Marichka said, recalling that one year she and her father spent hours looking for the right tree. Then, everyone had to rush in order to get it decorated in time. A star always goes on top.

Ornaments and decorations can be bought at stores, but Marichka said that sometimes families establish the tradition of making their own.

In years past, Marichka's presents from St. Nicholas have included skates, toys, books, puzzles and candy.

She likes the U.S. tradition of gift-giving and especially enjoyed Christmas shopping at the South Plains Mall in Lubbock. The prospect of giving and receiving presents makes the American holiday "more exciting," she said.

Children in the Ukraine also sing carols door to door. They often dress up like characters in the Bible and travel from house to house singing. At one time, Marichka said the custom was to give them food, but now giving money is more popular.

By the time Jan. 6 arrives, the Ukraine has usually had its first snow.

Theaters and state organizations always have Christmas parties, she added.

Marichka turned 17 on Dec. 23.

Peace On Earth

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Be safe this weekend, and watch out for reindeer..."

For the past five or six years, the holiday rush has been hectic. Some enjoy it, most endure it and others rejoice when it comes to an end.

It's not unusual to hear someone say, "I'll be glad when it's over." Christmas provides a variety of memories for individual families — memories that few want in the past tense.

The season is artfully captured in a poem by an unknown author, entitled, "The Christmas Spirit." I enter the home of poverty, causing pale faced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot in his soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh

in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams of woven magic.

I cause eager feet to climb the dark stairways filled with baskets, leaving behind the hearts amazed at the good of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on this wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious lives some little token that releases glad tears — tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

I come softly into the still, white home of pain and lips that are too weak to speak.

In a thousand ways I cause the wary world to look up in the face of Good, and for a little moment forget things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit!

Fund drive nearing goal

Efforts to raise \$75,000 by the end of the year remains just \$5,935 shy of the goal.

The \$75,000 is needed to combine with a \$100,000 grant awarded earlier this year by The Meadows Foundation to build a Learning Resource Center inside the Price Daniel unit.

The Learning Resource Center will be used as a chapel, for counseling and for other self-improvement programs.

The amount raised to date is \$69,065, which represents 92.1 percent of the goal.

McCurry will replace Dee Dee Myers

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department spokesman Michael McCurry will replace Dee Dee Myers as President Clinton's press secretary and will begin work sometime in early January, a

White House official said Saturday.

The appointment of McCurry, 40, had been widely expected. However, until Saturday, details had not been confirmed.

White House aide Mark Gearan, a former White House communications director, will serve as acting press secretary over the next few weeks until McCurry begins the job, the offi-

cial said.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta would formally announce McCurry's appointment after the first of the year, along with other staff changes.

Myers, 33, announced her resignation last week after working three years for Clinton — including one year on the Clinton-Gore campaign. Panetta tried to ease her out of the office in September, but

Myers won a promotion after appealing to Clinton.

Thursday was her last day on the job.

McCurry, a Princeton University and Georgetown University graduate born in Charleston, S.C., has been State Department spokesman since the beginning of the Clinton administration.

He has been involved as a spokesman in Democratic politics for more than a decade.

Fire claims 6 children in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A fire described by authorities as suspicious gutted a rowhouse this morning, killing six children.

The mother of four victims and her 6-month-old child escaped and were taken to a hospital, Fire Commissioner Harold B. Hairston said. The other two victims were

sisters who lived next door.

The children ranged in age from 2 to 15, Hairston said.

Hairston said he characterized the fire as suspicious because someone had tried to break into the home earlier in the night. He said no evidence of arson was immediately found.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 26, 1994

Acts of kindness and compassion could pay extra dividends in the year ahead. Situations in which you do things for others, without seeking benefits for yourself, will not go unrewarded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Define your objectives realistically today. If you go off on an unproductive tangent, you will have little or nothing to show for your efforts. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You won't be too convincing today trying to sell ideas in which you don't truly believe. Only sincerity instills the support of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you ask a friend for an honest opinion today, make sure it's a person who will tell the truth, even if it hurts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Companions may get miffed at you today if you say one thing and do another. Clearly define your motives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your mind on what you're doing today if your work requires an eye for detail. A lack of attention could ruin your endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be content with what you do today and with whom you share your time. If you start wishing you were elsewhere with others, you'll lose what the moment has to offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is marvelous when we can take others at their word, but unfortunately, today several persons might promise you things they have no intention of fulfilling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you're pretty good at clarifying your objectives, especially if they can enhance your prestige. Today, however, this mechanism might misfire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's best you leave your checkbook and credit cards home today if you plan to visit stores or shops offering tantalizing merchandise your budget can't handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not pursue any project or endeavor that does not have your wholehearted support today. Shelve them until you're in a more favorable mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Acknowledge the efforts of those worthy of compliments today, but do not use insincerity or flattery to manipulate them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are generous and giving, but today someone may try to take advantage of your kindness. Be careful.

Do not take your luck for granted, though, it won't last forever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are involved in an activity today that everyone seems to be enjoying, don't let a bossy individual spoil the fun. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dealing with intangible things might seem exceptionally difficult today. You will have more fun if you focus on concrete reality today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general will be pleasant today with the exception of one overcomplicated project. Remember the old adage: Too many cooks spoil the broth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is unfair to judge everyone else today by the standards you set for yourself. Just because you feel like cooperating doesn't mean others will follow suit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you offer encouragement and express enthusiasm today, others will, too. If you walk away, they might do that instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone in a position to help you significantly might extend him/herself on your behalf today. Keep your greed in check.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may lavish your wit and charm on almost everyone you encounter today. Certain family members, however, might not be privy to this treatment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are apt to offer assistance today as long as it is your idea. If someone asks for your assistance, however, you may feel it is an imposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might extend your friendship to someone today only to find him/her unresponsive. Before you take offense, consider why this individual is withdrawn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your protective instincts will be aroused today in ways that many will admire. The object of your concern, however, might be indifferent to your gestures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your agenda flexible today. Adhering to a rigid schedule could become irritating and take the pleasure out of socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be reserved today around strangers, but your family is likely to make you feel like king of the mountain. Spend your day with the ones who love you.

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Mitchell will start retirement

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Outgoing Senate majority leader George Mitchell is starting his retirement in Florida.

Mitchell will lecture at four state colleges. He said Tuesday that he received "a fairly large number" of proposals from schools trying to land him, but the ones in Florida put together an attractive eight-lecture package on public affairs.

There's also a family connection. His sister owns a house on Key Biscayne.

The lectures will fill some of the Democrat's time while leaving him open to full-time employment, including the oft-mentioned baseball commissioner's job.

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Mulch may be picked up anytime after January 7th at no charge. Please bring your own container, shovel, etc.

City of Snyder

Dr. Gott

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

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You haven't heard much about catalytic antibodies but, within the next decade or so, they may revolutionize the treatment of disease.

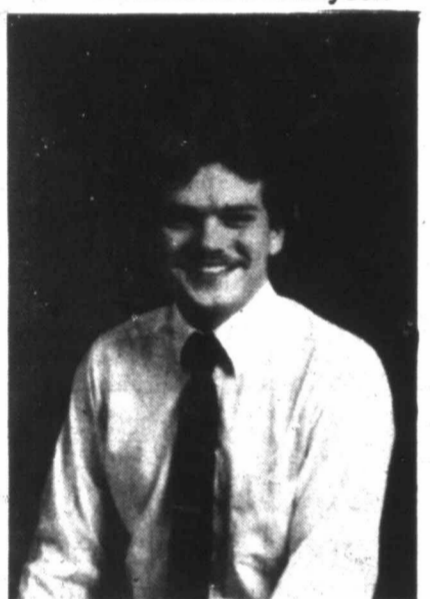
Ordinary antibodies are proteins produced by the immune system as a specific response to foreign material, usually an infection. For example, years ago when children were prone to get measles, the viruses entered the body and caused disease (fever and rash). During this active phase, the immune system identified the viruses as foreign and went into high gear producing antibodies that would stick to the invaders, permitting other cells from the immune system to destroy them.

The disease lasted about a week (until all the viruses had been inactivated) and the child recovered.

Jay Vincent earns degree

Jay Scott Vincent of Bethalto, Ill. received a bachelor's degree in business administration this month from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill.

Specializing in finances, he is married to Rosemary Rios, former Snyder resident. Vincent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Vincent of Snyder and Linda Daniels of Las Vegas, Nev. He is the son-in-law of Nellie Rios of Snyder.



JAY VINCENT

immune for life from another bout of measles. One episode of measles provided permanent immunity because the body continued to manufacture small quantities of anti-measles antibody that would prevent a future infection from developing.

The same reaction occurs when vaccines are injected into the body — except that the inoculations do not usually contain living microorganisms. Rather, pieces of viruses (or bacteria) stimulate the appropriate immune response, without causing disease. This is the basis of disease-prevention using vaccines against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, hepatitis — and even influenza in adults.

As I've described it, the process consists of two components: attachment of the antibody to the foreign material and destruction of the material by other cells. In a sense, the antibody marks or identifies the target, so that the body knows what material to destroy. This splendid scheme works beautifully most of the time. But what happens if there's a glitch and the body can't eradicate the antibody-tagged material? Disaster.

The infection continues unchecked, despite adequate antibody levels. This is what many authorities believe happens in AIDS: The body identifies the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and sticks antibodies to it, but is unable to eradicate the invader.

Such a situation prompted many researchers to attempt, in the laboratory, to make an antibody that would both tag foreign material and destroy it in one reaction. The scientists have

experienced initial success in their efforts: So-called catalytic antibodies have been developed, although many years will pass before these substances will be used to treat human disease.

The implications are enormous. In addition to curing disease, catalytic antibodies will also attach to certain drugs. Because many medicines — notably cancer chemotherapy — have serious side effects, it is theoretically possible to alter such drugs, using catalytic antibodies, and reduce complications. In essence, medication could be fine-tuned like a "smart bomb" to attack only precise targets. Moreover, "trained" antibodies could destroy cancer cells and any type of virus or bacteria.

Although it will never happen in my lifetime, I can imagine the day when children will be given immunizations against cancer, hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, as well as shots to avoid the common childhood afflictions. Such a development would, of course, usher in a new world for mankind. To that end, I wish our scientists well.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been advised to attend a pain clinic for advanced osteoporosis. They actually wish to make house calls and I'll be having my first one soon. Is this a scam or might they be on the level?

DEAR READER: I've not heard of pain clinics for osteoporosis, so I'll withhold making a judgment. Anytime you can convince health professionals to administer some care at home, you're better off.

However, osteoporosis — even in the presence of spinal crush fractures — can usually be helped in an office setting, with medication (such as Didronel) and physical therapy.

Try out the new service, let me know what they do and keep me posted on your progress.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: I'm a 73-year-old paraplegic and have developed a pressure sore on my buttocks. There is considerable drainage when I sit in my wheel chair and it just isn't healing. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Pressure sores are common in paralyzed patients and other people who are forced to remain relatively immobile. If your sore has not responded to the usual measures (frequent change in position, padding and the like), you should bring this condition to your doctor's attention. He will advise you — or refer you to a specific resource, such as a nurse wound-specialist, who will teach you to apply one of a number of commercially available preparations for pressure-sore therapy.

This condition should be treated before it worsens to the point where the sore is deep and may require surgical cleansing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a solution for our 8-year-old boy who still has enuresis and sometimes wets and

soils his pants during the day? Fluid restriction is being attempted as well as awakening him during the night to urinate. We need help.

DEAR READER: Although most children who go through a bed-wetting phase will eventually outgrow the condition, some will continue their habit of enuresis, despite fluid restriction and regular trips to the bathroom. This can be an unpleasant and disruptive annoyance.

Help is now available in the form of a new prescription medicine called DDAVP (desmopressin), which is

marketed as a nasal spray that contains a hormone that retards the formation of urine. Ask your pediatrician about this and whether your son would be a candidate for its use. Ordinarily, it is safe and very effective.

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Life Insurance Annuities and Mutual Funds

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Jeffords breaks leg

SHREWSBURY, Vt. (AP) — Sen. James Jeffords did some homework on a favorite topic — health care — during the congressional holiday break: He broke his leg.

Jeffords, one of the GOP's leading advocates for health-care reform, suffered the injury while felling the family Christmas tree.

Precept Bible Study

Revelation

So you can understand the things which must shortly come to pass and live accordingly.

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Senior Citizens Center sets holiday closings

The Senior Center will be closed Monday for the Christmas holiday and open again at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The senior citizens dance originally scheduled in the center at 7 p.m. Tuesday night has been cancelled. A performance by the Local Yokels is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday.

A New Year's Eve party is scheduled in the center Friday morning starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be games and everyone is invited to join in preparing to welcome the new year.

Senior citizens who have December birthdays are invited to celebrate at a birthday party start-

ing at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

A modified exercise class will return to the schedule at the center starting Jan. 3. It will meet from 11-11:15 Monday through Friday with Opal Wigginton as leader. The class stresses mild stretching, bending and flexing. Senior citizens who enjoy walking for exercise can walk in the gymnasium next door to the Senior Center each weekday morning. An aerobics class for women meets at 2:30 on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Earline Payne was winner of the quilt given away in the center during the Christmas dinner on Dec. 15.

A 55 Alive Driving course for senior citizens has been scheduled Feb. 1 and 2 in the center. The course is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and there is a fee of \$8 for the eight-hour course. Classes will meet from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. both days and persons enrolling must attend all sessions to qualify for certificates which entitle them to discounts on some types of automobile insurance. Persons wishing to attend are asked to pre-register in the center's office. The fee is to be paid as registration is completed at 9:45 a.m. on Feb. 1. Persons wishing additional information can call the center at 573-4035.

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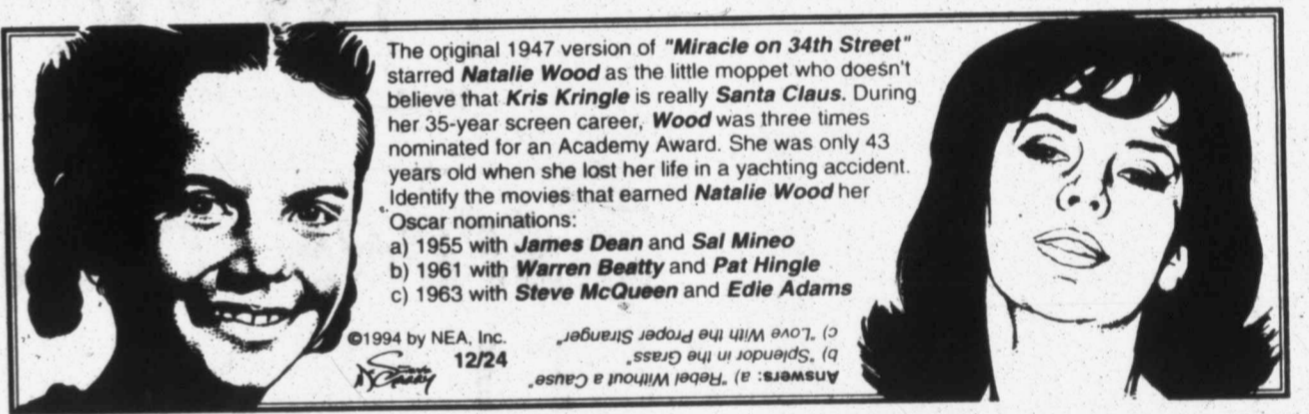
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- Caught
- Stage play
- Profile
- Fiber for caulking
- Fall month
- Optic applicator
- Circuit
- Scandinavian monetary units
- Unclaimed mail dept.
- Aug. hours
- Region
- Vice pres.
- African mammal
- Clinton's st.
- Shelter for bees
- Saucy
- One Day -- a
- Time
- Chemical compound

36 Architect -- Saarinen

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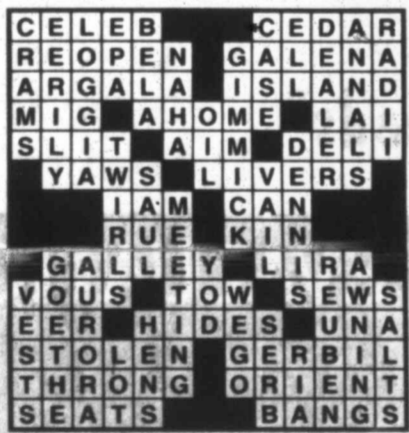
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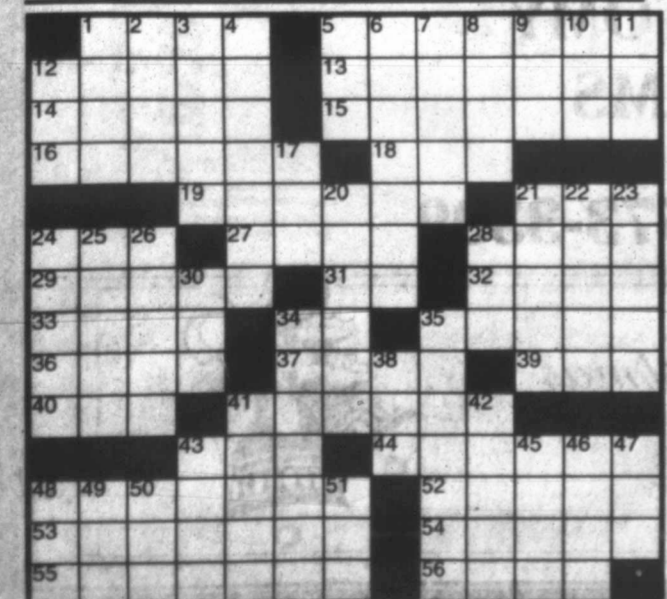
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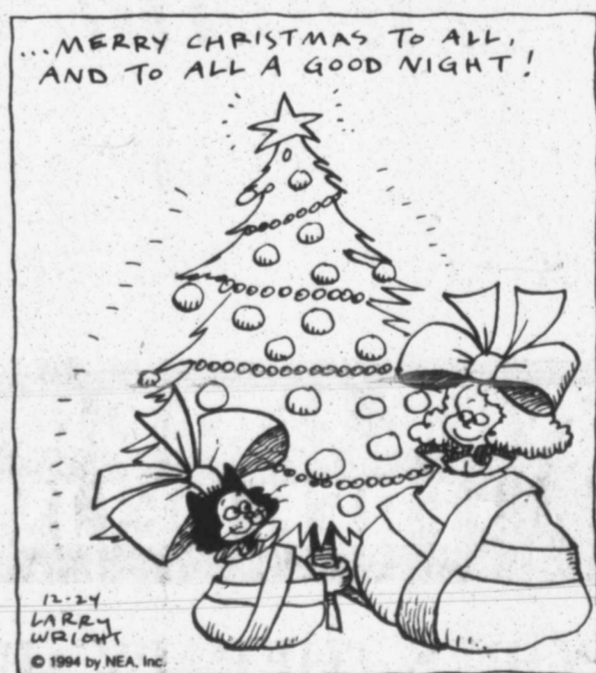
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New Vehicle Registrations

Pamela J. Haynes, 1995 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.
J&S Oilfield Electric Co., 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Russell H. Brown, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby Murr, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Energy Inc., 1995 Ford flatbed from Wilson Motors.

Grimmett Brothers Inc., 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James L. Collom, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Elizabeth W. Conger, 1994 Ford from Wilson Motors.

William Carl Claunch Jr., 1994 GMAC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Raymond Hollabaugh, 1994 Ford pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Xan Harris, 1995 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Don R. Bennett, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

T. Keith Williams, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License
Mike Todd Murphy and Leslie Ward, both of Snyder.

Michael Anthony Pruitt and Monica Lachelle Green, both of Snyder.

Jerry Dale Adams Jr. and Lorna Jean Sims, both of Snyder.

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Action in District Court
Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Royce C. Walker, et al, motion to dismiss.

In the marriage of Kenny Wayne Miller and Sandra Kay Miller, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Laura Marie Alexander and Earl Parker Alexander, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rita Garza and Fermin Garza Jr., divorce granted.

Filed in District Court
Scurry County vs. Concepcion DeLa Garza, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. David G. Lunsford, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Henry L. Seale, Aviation Supply Co. Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

al, delinquent tax suit.
Scurry County vs. Arlie Thomas Eicke, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Maria Elaine Luera, individually and as next friend of Amy Luera, vs. Vision Transfer Inc. and Troy Lee Barber, suit for personal damages.

Deed Records
Dwain and Patricia J. Camp to The Dwaine Camp and Patricia J. Camp Revocable Living Trust, all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Smith and Morris Addition.

Dwain and Patricia J. Camp to The Dwain Camp and Patricia J. Camp Revocable Living Trust, all of Lot 11 in Block 2 of the Forrest Addition.

Bankers Trust Co. of California to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, all of Lot 4 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

Daniel L. and Amy E. Williams to Ronald Blaine and Myra Jan Featherston, all of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Bowden Addition.

Vera McClanahan to Myron Fenton, the north 13 feet of Lot 34 and all of Lot 35 in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. to James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh, 0.398 of an acre tract out of Lot 3 and part of Lot 4 in Block 20 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision.

Shirley Giddens, independent executrix of the estate of Roy Giddens, to Shirley Giddens, all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 14 of the Boothland Addition.

Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to Richard Dupree, the south 68 feet of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Roger and Diana Iglehart to First Bankers Mortgage Corp., all of Lot 9 in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Addition, a replat of Block 14 and replat of the north 140 feet of Blocks 27 and 28 of the Adams Addition.

Roberta Langford to Belinda Dollins and Barbara Justiss, a one-acre tract out of the southwest corner of Section 247, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kenneth G. and Shirley L. Minyard to Shirlessa M. and Timothy L. Sonnier, all of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 8 of the Helms Subdivision in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kenneth G. and Shirley L. Minyard to Charles Lee and Maribelle Virgil-Minyard, all of Lots 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 4 of the John D. Curtis Subdivision.

Bobby F. and Meta E. Head to the City of Snyder, all of Lots 2 and 4 and the south one-half of Lots 1 and 3, all in Lots 1 and 3, all in Block 14 of the Blankenship Addition.

Harold and Billye Yearwood to Michael D. Roberts, parts of Lot 2 and 4 in Block 6 of the Blankenship Addition.

John Scott and Julia Dawn Johnson to Shawn K. and Teresa D. Ragland, all of Lots 7 and 8 in Block A of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Lady Bird Johnson celebrates 82nd

AUSTIN (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson celebrated her 82nd birthday surrounded by family and friends in Johnson City.

"I'm certainly feeling 82," Mrs. Johnson said Thursday. "I have a good deal of fatigue. The arthritis is taking its bite. But I still have just as much pleasure in life, the change of the seasons and the community of family and friends."

About 20 guests enjoyed German food and a birthday carrot cake at a party and dinner for Mrs. Johnson given by Patsy and Marshall Steves of San Antonio.

The Steves are longtime friends of Mrs. Johnson and former President Lyndon Johnson, who died in

1973.

Mrs. Johnson said the party at the Johnson City Bank evoked memories of her husband, who was a stockholder in the bank and maintained an office in its basement during his presidency. Secret Service agents occasionally stayed in the building's top-floor apartment.

Currently, Mrs. Johnson is focusing on the spring opening of the National Wildlife Research Center's new \$9 million facility.

The center, established by Mrs. Johnson 12 years ago, is dedicated to the preservation and re-establishment of native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees.

A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delaine and Rasmussen



State official recommends high risk pool insurance increase

AUSTIN (AP) — A state administrative law judge has recommended an approximately 60 percent auto insurance rate increase for the 10 percent of Texas drivers who obtain their policies through a high-risk pool.

That would increase the average annual premium through the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association from \$500 to \$800 for the minimum coverage required by state law.

The recommendation by the state administrative law judge now goes to Texas Insurance Commissioner Rebecca Lightsey for consideration.

"These consumers just got a lump of coal," said Mark Kincaid, the state's advocate for insurance consumers.

But insurers said the rate increase was necessary. "This is something long, long overdue," said Dick Geiger, an attorney for the TAIPA.

The TAIPA is set up to sell insurance to drivers who cannot purchase insurance in the market. All insurance companies that sell auto coverage in Texas must offer policies through TAIPA and charge the same regulated rate.

Consumer advocates say insurers unfairly place drivers with clean records into TAIPA when it is really meant to cover high-risk motorists.

WHEN CHANGE IS BAD



Homer Anderson

No one questions that we are living in times of radical religious change. Change, in itself, is neither good nor bad. It is the purpose and direction of change that should concern us. If change is "repentance" and "restoration," it is good. If change is to conform to culture and away from Scripture, it is bad. Two questions should be asked about proposed changes.

Change from what to what? Are the changes closer to the will of God? Men began to worship idols because they changed the glory of a spiritual God into physical images (Rom 1:21). They wanted to worship their own way without regard for God's will.

Why change? Change without a valid theological purpose is folly. Change to conform to culture is apostasy. Paul warned against such, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).

Both those who advocate "restoration" and those who advocate "apostasy" desire change. They differ on two questions: (1) To What? (2) Why?

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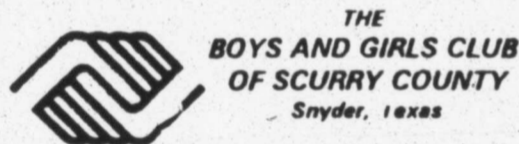
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TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS A SUCCESS BY COACHING AND ASSISTING IN OUR ATHLETIC EVENTS AND OUR ARTS AND CRAFTS PROGRAMS.

TO THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS THAT SUPPORTED THE YOUTH WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES, CIVIC CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US WITH THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS.

TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN "YOUR FAIR SHARE" TO LAST YEAR'S UNITED WAY DRIVE, WHICH ALLOWED US TO PAY OUR SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN IN 1994.

TO THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR UTILITIES AND MAJOR BUILDING REPAIRS.

IT TAKES THE TEAM EFFORT OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF US IN THE COMMUNITY TO MAINTAIN THE MANY PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR COUNTY, WHETHER IT BE THE SMALL BABIES AND PRESCHOOLERS IN THE SNYDER DAY CARE CENTER, THE CHILDREN TAKEN CARE OF BY THE OIL PATCH FOSTER PARENTS, THE OLDER YOUTH SERVED BY THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB, OR THE YOUTH AND ADULTS SERVED BY THE SNYDER COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE HELP FROM OUR LOCAL UNITED WAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK EACH OF YOU, THAT HAVE GIVEN OR PLEDGED TO THE DRIVE FOR A BUILDING AND PROGRAM AT THE PRICE DANIEL UNIT, TO AID AND ASSIST THE INHABITANTS IN THEIR REHABILITATION, TO RECONSIDER THE 1995 UNITED WAY DRIVE, WHICH HAS REACHED ONLY A LITTLE OVER HALF THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR. PLEASE HELP US AID AND ASSIST THE YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH WE SERVE, BEFORE THEY REACH THE STAGE WHERE THEY NEED TO BE REHABILITATED.

TO QUOTE A NEWS COMMENTATOR, WHOSE NAME I CANNOT REMEMBER, "IT IS CHEAPER TO BUILD BOYS THAN IT IS TO MEND MEN."

I AGAIN WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, AND WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

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THE FORMULA FOR THE FUTURE

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Financial Focus

Common sense tells us it would be bad for our health to eat only one type of food. Just as it's better for our health to choose a variety of foods, it's better for our "fiscal fitness" to choose a well-balanced variety of investments. Investors who diversify among different types of investments, as well as among various industries, are in better shape to handle the inevitable economic ups and downs.

The recent decline in utility stocks illustrates the downfall of putting all your eggs in one basket. Risk-averse investors often look to utility stocks for above-average income and safety. But from late 1993 into 1994, the Dow Jones Utility Index declined about 30 percent, one of the biggest drops ever in such a short period. Even the strongest companies were dragged down by this unprecedented decline. Some of the best-known utility companies ended up cutting dividends because of lower earnings. Many individual investors looking for stability and income through utility stocks and utility mutual funds were surprised.

Two important lessons can be learned from this decline. First, no industry is immune to the effects of adverse economic conditions on market reaction. Therefore, diversifying investments not only among securities, but also among industries, is the best way to buffer your investments from unexpected declines within one industry.

Second, when an industry suffers a downturn, most securities within that industry are usually affected. However, higher-quality companies are better able to protect earnings and dividends during market declines. For instance, it's not uncommon for well-managed, financially stable utility companies to pay out only 70 percent to 80 percent of company earnings as dividends, even during bad times. Weaker companies, on the other hand, may be forced to pay out virtually all of their earnings or—even worse—cut dividends during rough economic periods.

Whether investing in individual stocks or other types of securities, the key is to fill your plate with a variety of wholesome choices. "Diversify and buy quality!" It's the battle cry of serious investors.

Is it just me, or is this Christmas just flying past in a busy blur?

Honestly, after eight years of doing this column, and after checking the calendar and finding that this "Country Life" would appear on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, I wandered around for three days trying desperately to think up something warm and fuzzy to say about the holidays.

Through the years, I've written many times about the wonderful homey country Christmases we have here, and how much the kids enjoy it, and how special it all is to have the house decorated with cut cedar and a homegrown tree.

Used to, I'd take the entire month of December off, just to decorate the house and do my annual baking, (yes, it's the only time I make cookies and stuff from scratch), and when the kids were little, we'd even make our own wrapping paper and our own Christmas cards. They'd help, and it was really special.

Of course, back then we were stone broke. Back then, my books weren't being published and nobody in the publishing industry gave a hoot whether I took off a month or twelve months. But now that I'm caterpillar-inching slowly up the career ladder towards some semblance of so-called success, well, the truth is...

I really hate to admit this. I just don't have time for Christmas this year!

There, I said it. And I know good and darn well there are a bunch of you working moms out there who are heaving a sigh of re-

lief and saying, "Finally, somebody said it out loud."

I know it's not just me. In the Big City, did you know you can, like, call up this service thing, and they'll come out while you're at work and put up a tree and decorate the house like a bunch of little elves? You come dragging in from work, see, and it's all done!

I know. My kids would kill me if I even fantasized about such a thing. We all pitch in to fix up the house at Christmas and they'd feel deprived. But the truth is that I do the lion's share, and it takes about ten days to get it all done right. Then you gotta take it all down later and find someplace to store it.

Bah, humbug. It's a shame, isn't it? We're just all getting so busy these days that we can't even enjoy the good times while we're having them. This year we'll be at my mom's, and all I could think was, "Thank goodness I won't have to do the stupid turkey."

I haven't even baked any cookies. (If somebody'll show me how I can do it by remote from my computer terminal, I'll jump right on in there.)

I'm so glad now that we chose to be broke when the kids were little, as opposed to my working outside the home for more material things. I can't imagine how hard this must be when your precious little ones are little and magic-eyed and eager. I feel so bad for those moms who haven't got any choice, who have to trek off to work in order to put that

turkey on the table. They deserve medals of valor for doing what they do to make the holidays warm and special.

So I guess if I have anything of redeeming value to say this year, it would be this: to all you people who're depending so heavily on mom to make things right...well, give her a little break. Take a closer look and notice just how exhausted your lady really is. The days of June Cleaver are over (did they ever really exist anywhere except our imaginations and yearnings?) — Mom just can't do it all anymore — and it's not fair to

expect her to. You guys — drag the TV football games into the kitchen and take over the dish-washing after the turkey. (You may have to push her out, but you won't have to push too hard.) You older kids, pitch in and clean up all the discarded wrappings and assorted company-litter. Granddad, take the kids outside to play with the new bike so she can maybe stretch out and take a little nap.

Remember everybody, it's her Christmas, too. C'mon — give her a gift she'll never forget.

Grocers limiting amount of formula for babies sold

AUSTIN (AP)—Large grocers say they are rationing baby formula to prevent raiders from buying their stock and reselling it to those who receive food stamps and vouchers for formula at higher government-guaranteed prices.

Officials with H.E.B. Grocery Co. and Randall's Food Markets say they have been limiting the formula sold to individuals because their shelves were being emptied by smaller retailers.

Kristy Ozmun, an Austin spokeswoman for H.E.B., said the limits vary depending on the type of formula.

"We have experienced some incidents of bulk purchasing at unpredictable times which have depleted stock of certain brands. And to avoid these inconveniences to our customers, we've im-

plemented a policy of limiting quantities," she said.

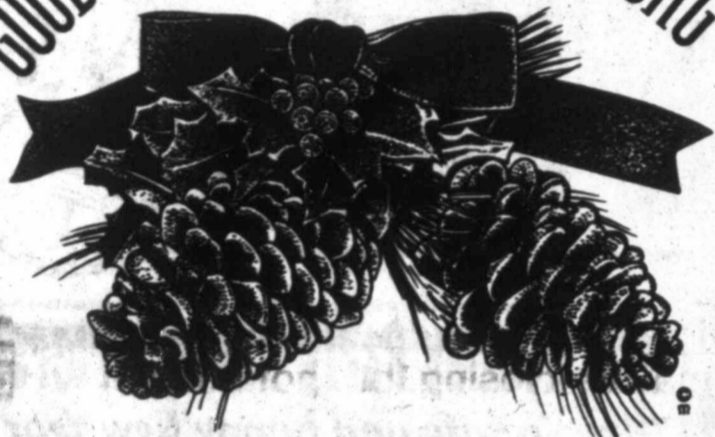
At Randall's the rationing is done on a case-by-case basis, said John Sullivan, Randall's division vice president.

"If a mother is buying it for her children, we are surely not going to say she can only have a certain amount," Sullivan said. But, he added, "We sure don't want anybody to get rich on it, and that's what we are trying to stop."

The North Slope is that portion of Alaska north of Brooks Range, a string of mountains extending across the northern part of the state.

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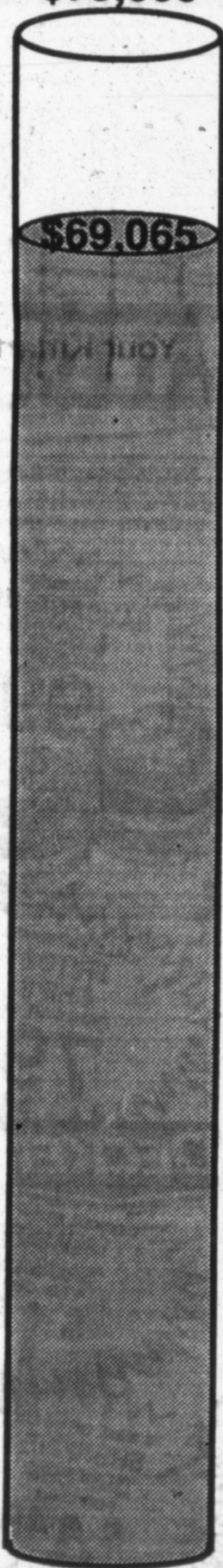
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Sports

Freeman File

And the winner is...

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The annual Freeman File tongue-in-cheek Texas sports Christmas presents:

—The Barry Switzer BS Award-To, drum roll, Barry Switzer, who throws out words like "Oskie" and "Smashmouth" at his entertaining press conferences.

—The Liberty Bell There is Justice Medal: To the Texas Tech Red Raiders and Spike Dykes, who finally got to the Cotton Bowl after a half-century hiatus.

—The Three Stooges Boner Beanie: To Dallas Mavericks owner Donald Carter for inflicting Roy Tarpley on fans once again; not to mention the contaminating factor Tarpley has among the great, young players on the roster. Would Curly, Larry or Moe have given this guy a \$26 million contract?

—A Jay Leno Applause Meter Medallion: To Mavericks coach Dick Motta, for his stern handling of Tarpley and the \$36,000 fine for cursing the coach.

—The Jimmy Stewart It's A Wonderful Life Lantern: To that human Christmas tree, Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs, the only person on the planet who looks normal when he wears green hair.

—The Jerry Jones Beautiful Dreamer Award: To Jones, of course, who wants to con the city of Irving into helping build a "Jerry's World" theme park.

—The Las Vegas Loser Label: To Houston Oilers owner Bud Adams, who has proven it's a heck of a lot easier drilling oil wells than it is putting together a championship football team. He turned one of the best NFL teams into the worst. Warren Moon where are you?

—The Texas Sports Lotto Winners Wreath: To Eddy Clinton, the Plano telecast broadcaster who parlayed the amazing Plano East-Tyler John Tyler game into an appearance on Jay Leno and perhaps a high school football weekly report next near on ESPN.

—Runnerup: Jimmy Johnson of Port Arthur, Texas who struck gold again with his lucrative three-year Fox Television contract and didn't return to the stomach-churning sport of coaching a pro football team.

—The So Long It's Been Good to Know You Award: To the Cotton Bowl, which lost out in its bid to stay among the New Year's Day elite and must settle for cold scraps every year from the Big 12 runnerup and teams from the Pac-10 and WAC.

—The Sad Songs and Natives Area Selling This Year Willie Nelson Album: To Texas coach

John Mackovic, who blamed some of the team's losses on a concussion he received on a sideline hit. Didn't Troy Aikman win a Super Bowl last year one week after he got one courtesy of a Dennis Brown knee to the head?

—Spoil the Rod and Spoil the Child Christmas Card: To Mackovic, who could never summon the courage to severely discipline receivers Mike Adams and Lovell Pinkney for their off-the-field antics and paid for it in lack of discipline with the Longhorns.

—The Igloo Cooler Cold-Shoulder Citation: To Texas Christian coach Pat Sullivan for his public relations disaster involving LSU's coaching search. Sullivan succeeded in burning bridges with his players, press, and TCU alumni in one short week.

—The Roy Rogers White Hat Award: To Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, who handles all the attention given him with grace and style.

—The Jack Elam Black Hat Award: Tarpley. Nobody else is close.

—The David Letterman-Freeman File Top Ten 1994 Crazy Items in Texas Sports:

1. The couple who made love on the Dallas Cowboys 50-yard line star hours after the Monday night game against Detroit.

2. The colorful broadcast crew at the Tyler John Tyler-Plano East game who put "Good gosh almighty Joe Friday" into the Texas sports dictionary.

3. The new star jerseys of the Dallas Cowboys. Everyone laughed at them as did owner Jerry Jones, all the way to the bank.

4. The Houston Rockets win the NBA championship.

5. Owner of a professional football team fires the coach who won him two consecutive Super Bowls then hires an old college coach who hasn't worked in half a decade.

6. Southwest Conference unravels like a 50-cent baseball.

7. Texas A&M has unblemished football season except for a tie against a Southern Methodist team that won one game.

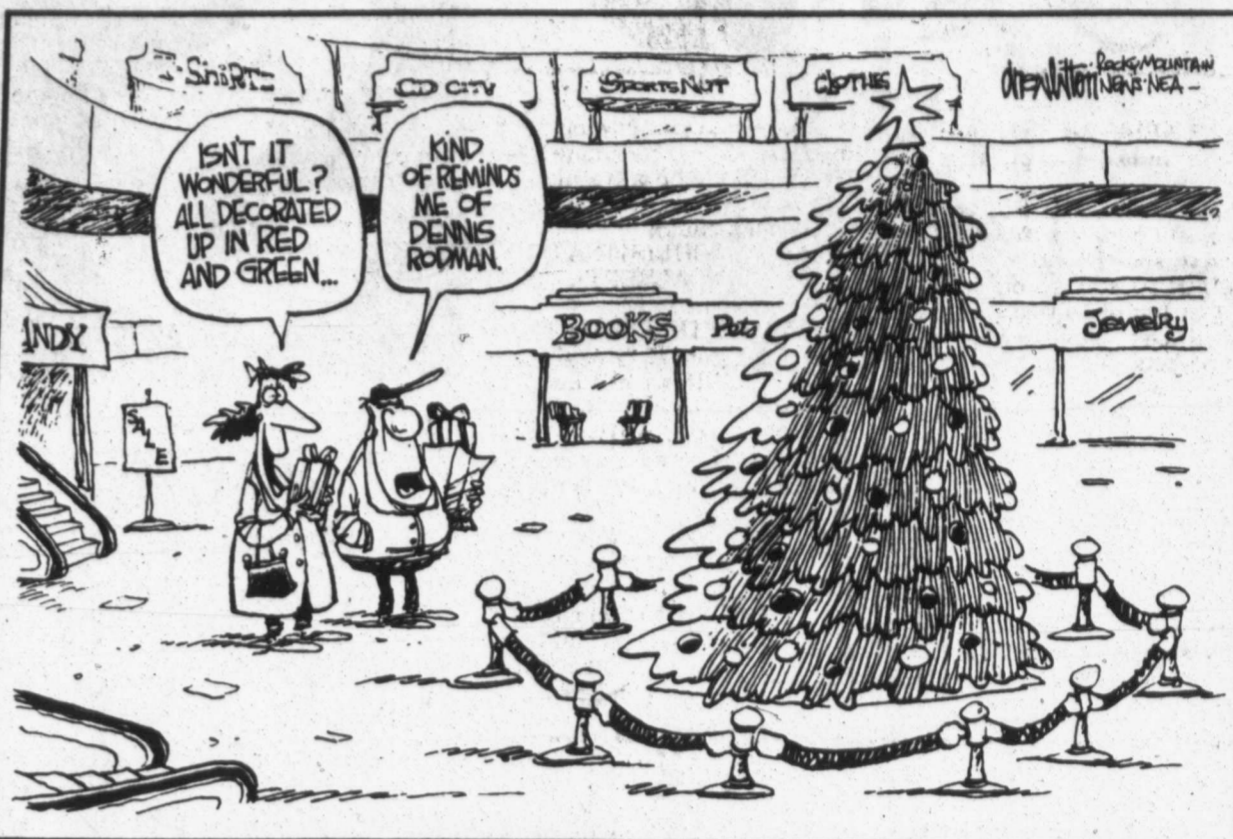
8. Texas Rangers win AL West TEN games under .500. Management then fires general manager and manager despite winning first division pennant.

9. Major track horse racing falls flat on its nose.

10. The Houston Oilers, who went from almost first to the very, very, very worst.

And to all here hoping you get a Cowboys cheerleader calendar in your stocking.

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San Antonio talking with Rivers but no contract has been signed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs say they are talking with waived Knicks point guard Doc Rivers but that no contract has been signed.

The New York Post reported Friday that Rivers was signed to an NBA minimum \$150,000 contract with the Spurs Thursday. "He has not been signed," said Tom James, director of media services for the Spurs. "Obviously, there are talks between Doc Rivers and the Spurs. It is safe to say they are serious. But they have not signed."

The Post reported that the 33-year-old Rivers, waived by New York Dec. 15, turned down more lucrative offers to come to San Antonio.

"If Dennis Rodman plays, I think they have the best shot to win a championship, which is the only thing I'm after," Rivers told the Post.

Because Rivers cleared waivers, the Knicks must still pay him \$1.4 million this season and are responsible for half of his \$3.2 million contract in 1995-96.

Rivers spent eight seasons with the Hawks and one with the Clippers before joining the Knicks for the 1992-93 season.

He has averaged 12.1 points and 6.4 assists in 726 regular-season games in 12 seasons with the Atlanta Hawks, Los Angeles Clippers and Knicks. He spent eight seasons with the Hawks and one with the Clippers before joining the Knicks for the 1992-93 season.

No-name conference snares television deal

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The new league including Memphis, Cincinnati, Houston and Louisville doesn't have a name but does have a television deal for football starting in 1996.

The league, expected to announce its name in April, has signed a deal with Liberty Sports Inc. of Irving, Texas, that guarantees the conference's football-playing schools \$20 million in a five-year deal.

Each of the football schools would receive nearly \$167,000 annually starting in 1996 with more money based on the number of TV appearances. The deal calls for 12 to 14 games a year. Liberty, associated with Prime Sports Network, will offer the games to cable systems throughout the nation.

The package is the first national TV deal for Memphis. The other football schools are Southern Mississippi and Tulane. Non-football members in the new league include Alabama-Birmingham, DePaul, Marquette and St. Louis.

"This is a red-letter day for our football program," said Chuck Cavanaugh, Memphis athletic director. "We're in a conference, our conference champ will be able to play in a bowl, and now our games will be on national TV. This completes the triangle that is so important."

The league also is negotiating with several networks for a basketball television package.

Long layoff concerns K-State as it prepares for Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Bill Snyder, who says his Kansas State football team is about as ready as it can be for Christmas Day's Aloha Bowl against Boston College, is still concerned about not having played for nearly four weeks.

"We'll probably have to be somewhat cautious (in the first quarter)," Snyder said Thursday. "We don't want to change the momentum before the game starts. I really don't know if it will be any different."

One Wildcat player without any need for motivation is Jim Hmielewski, one of quarterback Chad May's protector's. The 6-foot-7, 310-pound tackle said he's heard some talk about K-State by the Eagles.

"They've been complimentary to us," he said. "Stuff like they're going to eat up the offensive line and get to Chad. Things like that. It just adds fuel to the fire."

Hmielewski said Boston College should note that K-State's line has blocked well enough for

May to complete 59 percent of his passes for 2,571 yards and 18 touchdowns, and that running back J.J. Smith has rushed for 1,073 yards.

"We like to think we can move the ball," Hmielewski said.

In response to Snyder's concern about the lack of game competition for nearly a month, Hmielewski said there's a flipside to the long layoff.

"We've had more time to pre-

pare," he said. "We've covered them all. It's made it a whole lot easier from that standpoint."

He says the Boston College defense is "big and quick across the front."

"They're very technique conscious," Hmielewski said. "They do stunts and twists very well. Picking up the blitz is going to be the big thing for us. But we've had some success at doing that."

NFL Glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
y-Miami	9	6	0	.600	362	307
NewEngland	9	6	0	.600	338	309
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	331	346
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	297	311
N.Y.Jets	6	9	0	.400	254	296
x-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	282	197
y-Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	305	195
Cincinnati	2	13	0	.133	243	376
Houston	1	14	0	.067	202	342
x-SanDiego	10	5	0	.667	344	272
LARaiders	9	6	0	.600	294	308
KansasCity	8	7	0	.533	300	289
Denver	7	8	0	.467	319	366
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	278	288

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
x-Dallas	12	3	0	.800	404	233
N.Y.Giants	8	7	0	.533	264	295
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	229	257

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.400	278	275
Washington	2	13	0	.133	296	391
Central						
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	335	300
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	337	315
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	268	294
GreenBay	8	7	0	.533	348	268
TampaBay	6	9	0	.400	232	317
West						
x-SanFrancisco	13	2	0	.867	491	275
NewOrleans	6	9	0	.400	318	379
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	307	379
LARams	4	11	0	.267	265	341
x-clinched division						
y-clinched playoff spot						
Saturday's Games						
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.						
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.						
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.						
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.						
Seattle at Cleveland, 4 p.m.						
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.						
New Orleans at Denver, 4 p.m.						
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.						
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.						
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.						
Sunday's Game						
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.						
Monday's Game						
San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.						
Playoffs						
Saturday, Dec. 31						
APC and NFC Wild Card						
Sunday, Jan. 1						
APC and NFC Wild Card						
Saturday, Jan. 7						
APC and NFC Divisional						
Sunday, Jan. 8						
APC and NFC Divisional						
Sunday, Jan. 15						
APC and NFC Championship						
Sunday, Jan. 29						
Super Bowl at Miami						
Sunday, Feb. 5						
Pro Bowl at Honolulu						

College Bowl Schedule

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Day	Game	Time	Network
Sunday, Dec. 25	Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala.	Noon (ABC)	ABC
	Aloha Bowl At Honolulu	3:30 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Kansas State (9-2) vs. Boston College (6-4-1)	3:30 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Freedom Bowl At Anaheim, Calif.	9 p.m. (Raycom)	Raycom
	Arizona (8-3) vs. Utah (9-2)	9 p.m. (Raycom)	Raycom
Wednesday, Dec. 28	Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Texas Christian (7-4) vs. Virginia (8-3)	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
Thursday, Dec. 29	Copper Bowl At Tucson, Ariz.	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Oklahoma (6-5) vs. Brigham Young (9-3)	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
Friday, Dec. 30	Heritage Bowl At Atlanta	1 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Grambling State (9-2)	1 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
Saturday, Dec. 31	Golden Bowl At Gainesville, Fla.	7:30 p.m. (TBS)	TBS
	Tennessee (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3)	7:30 p.m. (TBS)	TBS
	Holiday Bowl At San Diego	9 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Colorado State (10-1) vs. Michigan (7-4)	9 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas	2:30 p.m. (CBS)	CBS	
	Texas (7-4) vs. North Carolina (8-3)	2:30 p.m. (CBS)	CBS
Saturday, Dec. 31	Alamo Bowl At San Antonio	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Baylor (7-4) vs. Washington State (7-4)	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.	1 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Illinois (6-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4)	1 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
Sunday, Jan. 1	Punch Bowl At Atlanta	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	North Carolina State (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (8-3)	8 p.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Orange Bowl At Miami	8 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
	Nebraska (12-0) vs. Miami (10-1)	8 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
Monday, Jan. 2	Hall of Fame Bowl At Tampa, Fla.	11 a.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Wisconsin (6-4-1) vs. Duke (8-3)	11 a.m. (ESPN)	ESPN
	Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla.	1 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1)	1 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Flora Bowl At Tampa, Ariz.	4:30 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
	Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1)	4:30 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
	Carquest Bowl At Miami	1:30 p.m. (CBS)	CBS
	South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5)	1:30 p.m. (CBS)	CBS
	Cotton Bowl At Dallas	1 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
	Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3-1)	1 p.m. (NBC)	NBC
	Ross Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.	4:50 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Penn State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3)	4:50 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Sugar Bowl At New Orleans	8:30 p.m. (ABC)	ABC
	Florida (10-1-1) vs. Florida State (9-1-1)	8:30 p.m. (ABC)	ABC

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Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: Am I the only person who finds "change jinglers" annoying?

I have never seen this in your column, so I have wondered if I am alone in this pet peeve.

As I sit in a large office, I am forced to listen to the irritating sound of loose change jingling in men's pockets. If I don't hear them when they walk past my desk, I am treated to a private performance when they stop at my desk. It is an automatic thing they do; they stop walking, their hands go into their pockets, and the change starts to jingle. It is quite humorous when a group of them stand around and they all jingle — as if they were competing with each other to see who could jingle the loudest.

I wonder if they realize how annoying this can be?

Thank you for allowing me to air my frustrations. Fortunately, I married a man who puts his change where it belongs — in his piggy bank (clink-clink)!

CHRISTINA COOPER, ALBERTA, CANADA

DEAR CHRISTINA: Your letter is a first. If "jingling" irritates you, it would seem only reasonable to ask the jingler to kindly quit jingling in your vicinity. The request for silence should be repeated as often as necessary.

DEAR ABBY: Last Saturday night, my boyfriend (I'll call him Joe) and I picked out a video for rental, then we stopped and I got

some wine coolers to sip while we watched the movie.

Joe fell asleep three times during the movie, and I finally had to wake him up when it ended.

In about 20 minutes, he said he was tired, took the remaining coolers, and said goodbye.

The next morning I stopped to see him, only to find that he had gone to someone else's house with my coolers, hung out there, fell asleep, and remained there for the entire night. I told him that what he had done was very rude. He accused me of overreacting.

Abby, what do you think of such behavior? I would like your opinion as proof that I am not some kind of raving nut, which is what he called me.

HURT AND ANGRY

DEAR HURT AND ANGRY: From your account of what occurred Saturday night and Sunday morning, I would not say you were a "raving nut." I would, however, question your judgment if, in the future, you tolerate such insulting and abusive behavior.

WORTH REMEMBERING: "Our ideals, laws and customs should be based on the proposition that each generation in turn becomes the custodian rather than the absolute owner of our resources — and each generation has the obligation to pass this inheritance on to the future."

ALDEN WHITMAN

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DEAR ABBY: I was desperately in need of new eyeglasses, and couldn't afford to buy any. A friend had read the column you ran last January about free glasses, and gave me the 800-number.

Through that number, I was put in touch with the nicest gentleman who determined that I qualified for the free eye examination, so he set up an appointment for me with a

local doctor.

Well, I had the exam — and now I have new glasses!

I want to thank you for running such important information in your column, and also thank whoever is behind the program. I am more grateful than I can express, Abby, please convey my appreciation to those responsible.

LOIS MOIR, NORTH VERNON, IND.

DEAR LOIS: It's VISION USA, sponsored by the American Optometric Association. They offer free eye care to qualifying low-income working Americans.

I recently received this letter from their president, Larry DeCook, O.D.:

DEAR ABBY: This January, the American Optometric Association (AOA) will begin the fifth year of our VISION USA program to provide free eye care to low-income, uninsured working people and their families.

Last year, "Linda L." read about the program in your column. She had been laid off her job and couldn't get another one because, at the age of 49, her vision was too blurred to read a job application and do the detailed computer data entry work for which she was qualified. Although her daughter, who lives with her, was working, there wasn't any money for an eye exam and glasses.

Through VISION USA, Linda received the eye care she needed. Three weeks after getting her new glasses, she found a job. She was one of approximately 32,000 people served last year by nearly 8,000 optometrists who donated their services through this program.

Nine out of 10 of these people had eye health or vision problems. These included such conditions as a detached retina, glaucoma, cataracts and many common vision problems that make it difficult for adults to work and for children to learn in school.

From Jan. 3 to 31, 1995, low-income working people can be screened for eligibility for the 1995 VISION USA program by calling (800) 766-4466. (Phone lines will be open weekdays

The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Sun., Dec. 25, 1994 9 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time.)

People can also apply by mail. Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JAN. 25, 1995. Because the phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

Last year, almost 8,000 callers to our toll-free number said they heard about the program from Dear Abby.

Will you please alert your readers to the VISION USA program again this year?

LARRY DE COOK, O.D., AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

DEAR DR. DE COOK: Yes! Readers: To qualify for the free eye care, you must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member;

have no health insurance of any kind; have income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week — March 5-11.

DEAR READERS: Have a merry Christmas — and a safe one, so if you're driving, don't drink; and if you're drinking, don't drive!

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## Affidavit and Complaint

I, the undersigned Johannes J. Eicke, in special visitation and involuntary special appearance only, solemnly state and attest as follows:

1. THAT I am a victim/witness under harassment in the matters identified herein, and that I am entitled to relief from said course of conduct by T. 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1514. Other victims/witnesses likewise entitled include also Bridget C. Jones-Eicke, Arlie T. Eicke, Heather M. Altschuler and others. Investigation shows that the perpetrators of the harassment are one or more racketeering influenced corrupt organizations and the members thereof (Hereinafter the "RICO(S)" further acting in violation of T. 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1961, et seq. To which they are subject.

2. THAT said "RICO(S)" have harassed and continue to harass the victims/witnesses named herein, to wit: a course of conduct directed at said victims/witnesses specifically which caused and continues to cause substantial emotional distress in said victims/witnesses and serves no legitimate purpose, in violation of T. 18, Sec. 1512, et seq., and will continue unless restrained.

3. THAT it is necessary and imperative that the attorney for the government make application for, and the court grant, ex parte temporary restraining orders and other orders prohibiting, preventing and restraining harassment and specific acts as mandated in T. 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1514, and specifically that the attorney for the government certify such of the facts herein to obtain such relief.

4. THAT this matter is brought in the best interest of speedy justice, and is not brought to hinder, impair nor delay any legitimate matter.

5. THAT members of the "RICO(S)" include\*, but are not limited to the following, either in a direct or indirect capacity:

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R. First Union Nat. Bank — Charlotte, N.C. and branches, officers, directors and related persons; the Federal Reserve Banks.

S. Piper Jaffrey — Minneapolis, Minn., and officers, directors, attorneys and related persons.

\*Listing victims unintentional; related parties included.

6. THAT I am duly informed of, have personal knowledge of, and/or

have received valid evidence of the "RICO(S)" knowing use of intimidation, physical force, threats and corrupt persuasion and attempts to do so, and misleading conduct, including but not limited to: murder, kidnapping, wrongful death; threats of murder/harm; assault, extortion; embezzlement; fraudulent concealment of official documents/records; fraudulent fabrication of "crimes"; abuse of courts and process to prosecute fictitious "Crimes"; abuse of courts and process to obtain information and evidence not entitled to; obstruction of justice; making and taking bribes and other corrupt influence; falsifying evidence; fraudulent concealment/suppression of evidence; jury tainting; illegal wire tap and mail opening/covering; criminal conversion; tampering with court documents/process; perjury; denial of due process; usurpation of powers; conspiracy; etc.

7. THAT specific acts of such violations of T. 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1512 et seq. above include but are not limited to:

A. 1970's — Embezzled \$675 billion from Richard L. Jones, of Bloomington, Illinois; prevented prosecution of complaints to recover the funds; destroyed and concealed evidence; obstructed justice.

B. 1979 - Sham proceeding against Richard L. Jones — Case 79-30019, U.S. District Court, Springfield, Ill. — 46 counts of wire fraud — R.L. Jones found not guilty after bankers proved he conducted a \$1.2 trillion transaction.

C. 1980-1986 — R.L. Jones threatened, shot at, stabbed, poisoned twice, resulting in his death April 15, 1986.

D. April - July, 1986 — "RICO(S)" embezzled another \$10 million plus from R.L. Jones' widow Bridget C. Jones, and R.J. Jones resulting trust.

E. April - July, 1986 — \$1.2 million embezzled from Bridget C. Jones, criminally converted; Bridget "indicted" on fictitious "crimes" to cover the "RICO(S)" crimes; assaulted three times in prison 1989-1994 by "RICO(S)".

F. March, 1987 — Bridget tried for fictitious crimes — U.S.D.Ct., Springfield, Ill. Attorneys concealed exculpatory evidence — Gov't agents lied to jury: gov't agents took control of records and property for "RICO(S)".

G. 1986 — Johannes Eicke charged with sham "securities fraud" charges by Oklahoma Securities Commission. State's attorneys dropped the charges after admitting that Eicke was not involved in securities and they had no evidence of Eicke committing any crime.

H. 1989 — Johannes Eicke arrested on sham charges in N. Carolina. State's attorneys dismissed with prejudice after learning the "RICO(S)" had embezzled funds from Central Dominion Trust then caused the arrest of Eicke to conceal the "RICO(S)" criminal acts; records further showed that Central Dominion Trust instruments were clearing legitimately until impeded by the "RICO(S)".

I. 1990 — Johannes Eicke and Bridget C. Jones-Eicke were tried in U.S.D.Ct. — Springfield, Ill. — for failure to appear (Bridget) and aiding and abetting (Johannes) — Gov't agents destroyed Eicke's exculpatory evidence at the beginning of the sham trial, because...

J. March 1987 — Judge Richard Mills and others of the "RICO(S)" paid a murder contract on the lives of Johannes and Bridget, utilizing bribe money supplied by Donald A. Montgomery and El Cough (C.I.A.) which they had embezzled.

K. 1990 Habeas corpus relief denied in 90-291 and 90-291 in U.S.D.Ct., Washington, D.C. — illegally by corruption by "RICO(S)".

L. December, 1986 — Christian Palzer, Seattle First Bank, died of circumstances similar to Richard L. Jones' death.

M. (Date?) — President of First National Bank of Idaho died of circumstances similar to Richard L. Jones' death.

N. 1987-1994 — Judge Richard Mills orders Arlie Eicke to produce records, but when records appear showing Judge Mill's bribe money account, he reverses and blocks Arlie's records.

O. October 1994 — Judge Sam Cummings denies Arlie's motion for assistance in obtaining records, thus protecting Mills — Order: U.S. District Court, Lubbock, Texas, No. 5:93—MC-14.

P. 1990 — Johannes Eicke held in the hole at F.C.I. El Reno, Okl., to prevent his testimony against "RICO(S)" in N. Carolina.

Q. 1992 - Johannes Eicke was denied release from F.C.I. Sandstone, Minnesota by order of Judge Richard Mills. C.I.A. finally obtained his release 7 months later, 7 months after mandatory release date.

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R. 1993 - "RICO(S)" threatened Johannes Eicke with life in prison.

S. 1994 - "RICO(S)" search warrants netted evidence illegally to prevent proceeding against "RICO(S)" (Arlie Eicke and Heather Altschuler searches); murder contract put out on Heather Altschuler by Richard Mills in retaliation for block put on his bribe money.

T. 1994 — "Grand Jury" in Denver hearing fictitious "crimes."

U. 1994 — Freriks, et al, concealed evidence from "grand jury" that Central Dominion Trust instruments were legitimately clearing (paying, paid) until impeded by the "RICO(S)"; "grand jury" members were exempt, excluded; fictitious "indictment" 94-0069 signed by exempt foreman in violation of Constitutional Amendment 11.

V. 1994 — Fictitious warrants sought/issued with no probable cause, and based solely upon belief and conclusions (Lubbock) 94-0069.

W. 1994 — Victims/witnesses arrested on fictitious warrants, denied preliminary examination mandated by 18 U.S.C., Sec. 3060, within 10 days of arrest, Rule 5, F.R.Cr.P No. 94-0069 (Lubbock) No trust was named nor served in No. 94-0069.

X. Dec. 14, 1994 — No. 94-0060 - victims/witnesses' habeas corpus relief unlawfully denied by J.T. Warnick exercising War/Emergency Powers suspending law hearing under military flag/rule under federal form 61 oath of office executive branch administrative proceeding in violation of Constitutional Amendment 10 separation of powers and due process of law requirements: Art. 4, Sec. 1. Con.

8. THAT the consequences of the above harassments and related criminal acts against these victims/witnesses, being the intents thereof, have caused the delay, influence and prevention of testimony, caused evidence withholding, object alteration, destruction, mutilation and concealment, evasion of legal process, being absent from official proceeding, and caused hindrance, delay and prevention of communication regarding commissions/possible commissions of federal offense, as well as hindering, delaying, preventing and dissuading attendance at official proceedings and causing criminal prosecution, all orchestrated by the "RICO(S)" for their benefit, in violation of 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1512.

9. THAT it is not the province of the U.S. District Court, Lubbock, Texas, nor the U.S. Attorney's office, to continue, aid and abet, conspire in, assist, further the "RICO(S)" harassment nor their other criminal acts, nor is it their providence to deny, delay, hinder the relief sought herein.

10. THAT to prevent and restrain the "RICO(S)" obtaining, abusing and misusing the information in and proceedings regarding this matter, it is necessary and imperative that such be ex parte ONLY, with no notice to any of the "RICO(S)", and further that the relief be granted for no less than three (3) years as provided in 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1514(a)(2);, restraining the "RICO(S)" named and unnamed from:

A. Seeking, issuing and causing process signed by exempt/excluded persons, and/or in violation of Constitutional Amendment 11.

B. Fabricating Fictitious "Crimes"; false arrest/imprisonment.

C. Impeding Central Dominion Trust activities/instruments.

D. Exercising war/emergency powers.

E. Concealing location and information regarding funds embezzled/converted.

F. Prosecution against the victims/witnesses.

G. Any and all acts/omissions, affecting the victim(s)/witness(es), in furtherance of the purposes of the "RICO(S)"; See 18 U.S.C., Sec. 1964.

11. All rights reserved, waiving none.

I ATTEST under the penalty of perjury under the common law of the United States of America, without the United States Bankrupt, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my recollection. Executed on this 20th Day of December, 1994.

/s/ Johannes J. Eicke  
Under Threat, Duress & Coercion

# Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

## Caroling ministry continues to grow

Volunteers sing at PDU, jail nursing homes and hospital

Each year a growing group of dedicated volunteers make Christmas a little brighter for those who have little or no chance to share in a traditional celebration.

This month, as they have done for the past several years, these volunteers spent many hours bringing Christmas carols to inmates, hospital patients and residents of two nursing homes.

Called the Inter Parish Social Ministry, the volunteers numbered about 75 adults and youth this year — the best turnout yet, reported Virginia Williams, who spearheads the annual event.

Current participants are all members of St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. John Catholic churches.

However, Virginia noted that the music ministry is open to anyone who wants to share their talent and time with people less fortunate. They also hope to be able to expand the ministry to include singing during other holidays, not just Christmas.

More volunteers participate each year, especially youth members, who swell the ranks of the carolers at all their stops except the Price Daniel Unit. An 18 or older plus valid driver's license requirement restricts younger volunteers from participating there.

Volunteers sing a combination of English and Spanish carols which are equally well received, Virginia said. After so many years of singing carols in two languages, not even the carolers are sure "which is prettier."

Each year, the volunteers sing and play the carols at each facility on their itinerary, including Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Snyder Oaks, Snyder Healthcare Center, Scurry County Jail and the Price Daniel Unit.

Sometimes various musicians accompany the carolers. Not all of the musicians can perform at each facility because of the difficulty in transporting and carrying their instruments. The musicians include Leon Gutierrez, tambourine; his son, Leon, keyboard; his daughter, Alicia Ibarra, guitar; Ignacio De La Rosa, guitar; Marie Clark, flute; Melinda Workman, clarinet; Joe Lopez, base; Thomas Bishop, trumpet; Rinaldo Canales, guitar; Emiliano Chaidéz, guitar; and Emiliano Chaidéz, Jr., drums; and

Frances Rios, guitar. Augie Garcia Jr. also plays the trumpet but was unable to participate this year.

The carolers carry lighted battery-operated candles as they make their rounds. In addition, youngsters who accompany the group hand out Christmas cards to patients, inmates or residents. "Those in wheelchairs really love getting a card," Virginia said, adding that the parishioners of the three Catholic churches donate the cards each year.

Besides musicians and carolers, the holiday music ministry also includes two very spirited senior citizens — Rosie Contella of St. Elizabeth and Nellie Rios of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In the past, they always took part "no matter what" but this month ill health forced Rosie to miss the annual caroling. They always dress up in long skirts, blouses and jingle bells — Nellie adds a sombrero to her outfit — and dance as the singing gets underway.

The carolers are enthusiastic about their annual singing, so much so that they do not let anything deter them, not even West Texas' unpredictable weather.

Weather is an especially important factor at Price Daniel because the carolers have to perform in the outdoor recreation yard. They have been going to the prison since 1990, but were unable to sing one year because a thick fog rolled into the area and the prison had to be locked down as a safety precaution.

"We were so let down," Virginia said. "But we understood why it was necessary."

Pat Blakely, one of the carolers, said it was so cold in 1993, "Our feet were almost numb." The cold north wind also numbed the hands of the guitar players. However, the carolers continued to sing as the enthusiastic inmates requested more.

In contrast, the weather was "too hot this year." However, the weather was abundantly counteracted by the warm reception the carolers received from both the inmates and prison personnel.

Virginia said it seemed natural to add the Price Daniel Unit to their itinerary, since the carolers had already established the tradition of singing at several facilities



**ORGANIZERS** — Virginia Williams, far right, has spearheaded the organization of a caroling ministry, with ample assistance from Leon and Lupe Gutierrez. The carolers, which include adult and youth volunteers, sing on the first Sunday in December. Their itinerary includes the hospital, two nursing homes, county jail and the Price Daniel Unit. (SDN Staff Photo)



**TRUMPET PLAYER** — Thomas Bishop and his trumpet join the carolers each year when they sing for inmates at the jail, nursing home residents and hospital patients. He is also a member of the choir at St. Elizabeth. (SDN Staff Photo)



**MUSICIANS** — Musicians have added their musical talent to the annual singing of carols slated on the first Sunday in December, sponsored by the Inter Parish Social Ministry. Pictured are back row, from left, Ignacio DeLa Rosa, Emiliano Chaidéz Sr., Rinaldo Canales, Joss Lopez, León Gutierrez, Jr. and Leon Gutierrez, Sr. In front are, Frances Rios, left, and Alicia Ibarra. Not pictured is Emiliano Chaidéz, Jr. They are also members of Our Lady of Guadalupe's choir. (SDN Staff Photo)



**FLUTIST** — Flutist Marie Clark lends her talents each year in December when volunteers sing carols on the first Sunday. Locations include the county jail, Price Daniel Unit, local hospital and both nursing homes. (SDN Staff Photo)

in Snyder.

Virginia contacted Stan Wilson, the first chaplain, whom she had already met, and found him "very enthusiastic." He secured permission from Les Woods, the warden at that time, and it has been "go, ever since then."

The first year they sang at the prison, Virginia said they did not have microphones. One year, trustees set up some microphones for them. This year, Virginia said, they brought their own sound system with them.

One year, their performance was delayed because the prisoner count was not finished. While the carolers waited, prison staffers served them coffee and doughnuts.

In spite of the prison surroundings, Pat noted that they always "feel comfortable" there.

Attendance by the inmates is always voluntary. When the carolers first arrive, only a few inmates are in the recreation yard, but as they start singing, more and more join them. The reception they receive and the "looks on the inmates faces" is what makes it worthwhile for the carolers, Pat said, adding that the response of the inmates never fails to "move us."

Sometimes, traditional pieces

like "De Colores" draw a special response from the inmates. Several began clapping at this year's performance. "We definitely touched a chord in some of them," Pat said.

Their caroling has evoked similar responses at the other facilities. Pat noted another moving experience at a nursing home when one of the residents came out of her room as the carolers walked the halls and later returned to her room when they were finished singing. "We all had lumps in our throats which made it difficult to sing," she added.

The closing number at Price Daniel is always "One Day At A Time" in Spanish, a special request of the inmates. As they sing, Pat said, the carolers begin "to do the wave" as well.

It's an emotional moment as the 90-minute caroling session comes to a close. "We all feel as one," said Lupe Gutierrez who, along with her husband, Leon, helped organize Our Lady of Guadalupe's participation.

That's why the carolers say they would like to see the ministry expanded to include other occasions and community volunteers. "It started out with carols, but who knows where it could go?" Pat said.

At the nursing homes, the carolers begin in the lobby and walk through the halls singing in English and Spanish. The closing number is "Feliz Navidad."

At the county jail, the carolers sing in front of the jail cells. She noted that the jail officials are always very "accommodating and helpful" during their annual appearance.

By tradition, the carolers gather at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall the Sunday before Thanksgiving to practice carols and share refreshments and fellowship.

They always sing on the first Sunday in December, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with appearances at both nursing homes and the hospital. They then take a covered dish meal break at the hall before going out to Price Daniel. Their last appearance is at the county jail. This year, they concluded their caroling around 9 p.m. and though understandably tired, they were very happy. "Perhaps, for a short

time, we did make a difference," Pat said.

The carolers said they are already eagerly looking forward to next Christmas.

Though Virginia spearheaded the organization of the caroling ministry, she said she could not manage without the help of the Gutierrezes.

They support Virginia totally. "Whatever she needs we will do," they said.

They all agree that Pat is their "morale booster."

Together, they hope the caroling ministry will continue to grow and become a community event with volunteers from other churches participating.

## Judges, court officials seek changes in jury pool system

FORT WORTH (AP) — Judges and court officials in Tarrant County are pushing for changes in the expanded jury pool system, which they complain has turned into an administrative nightmare.

The Texas Legislature two years ago expanded the pool of people eligible for jury duty by going from registered voters to everyone with a driver's license, like most other states.

The change was intended to make juries more reflective of society at large.

But in Tarrant County, some officials insist the new system has not made juries more diverse.

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## Community Calendar

### MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

### TUESDAY

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon and Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; \$6.50 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., games of choice follow.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

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.  
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.

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 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for 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 County Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

## Scurry County Penwomen meet in Burk home Dec. 14

Scurry County Penwomen met Dec. 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burk with Janelle Burk presiding.

A covered dish luncheon began at 1 p.m. with Roy Burk voicing the blessing and Christmas gifts were exchanged by members.

A reading session followed with Burk reciting her story, "The Christmas That Was Different," and Garnet Quiett read her poem, "A Stable in Bethlehem."

Others participating in readings

were Bertha Warren, Sherry Bryant and Christine Killgo. Bryant announced that Johnny Ray Watson would include her song, "The Gift," in one of his albums.

Bryant was to read "The Crippled Lamb" to children in the Scurry County Christmas Program at East Side Church of Christ.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bryant. Visitors are welcome.

## Minnelli checks out of hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What's the use of sitting alone in your hospital room?

Eager to be with friends and family for the holidays, Liza Minnelli checked out of the hospital Thursday, five days after undergoing hip replacement surgery.

"I feel so much better, I can't tell you," she said at a news conference, wearing an all-black ensemble that included black crutches and black, four-inch high-heel shoes. "I suffered with degenerative arthritis for 10 years and never told anyone. I was ashamed of it. I don't know why."

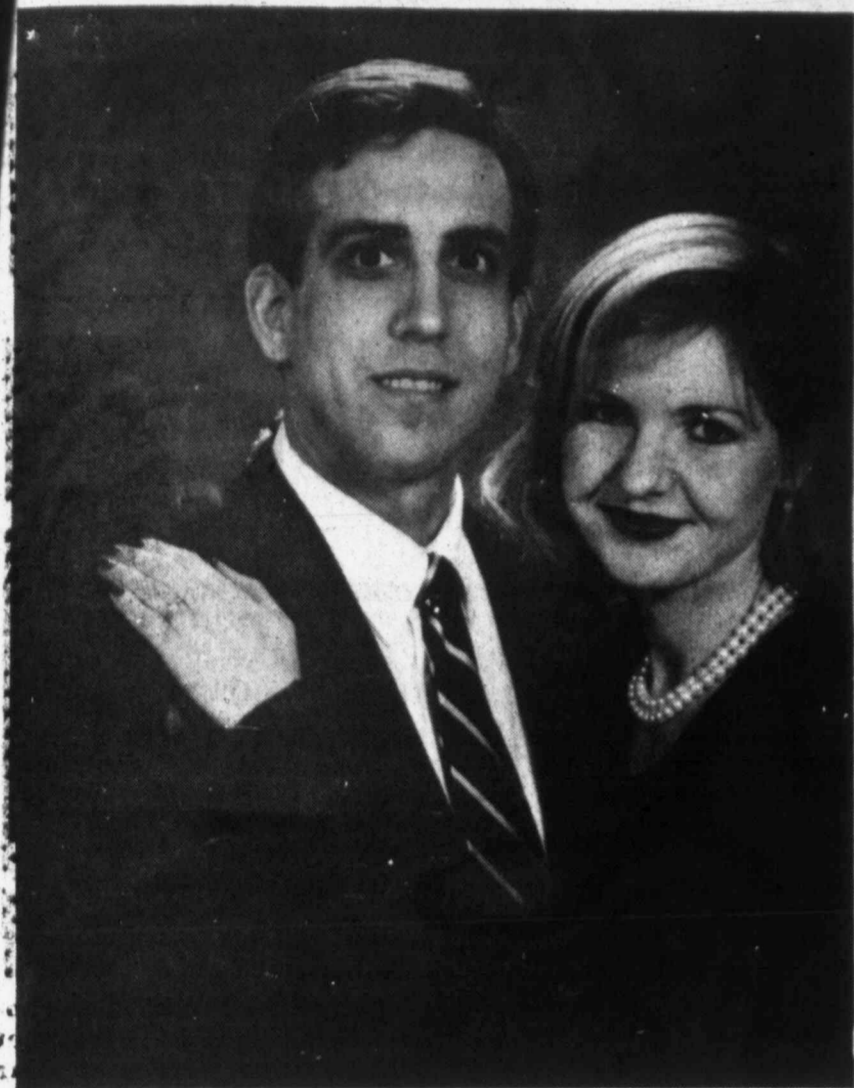
Minnelli, 48, said she had to

have the surgery if she wanted to keep dancing.

Her doctor said her muscle tone should help her fully recover within a year. She plans to tour in March and is now working on an album and a TV special and producing a film.

"It just got so painful I was forced to do it," said Minnelli, who won an Oscar for "Cabaret." "There is something horrific about constant pain. It's just awful."

About 108 million bicycles were manufactured worldwide last year. That's three times higher than the number of cars produced in the same period.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Buck and Patsy Sitton announce the engagement of their daughter, Marika Lynn, to David Daniel Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of San Francisco. The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Snyder High School. She attended undergraduate school at Baylor University and the University of Texas at Austin, and graduate school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is currently a director of education for Educational Field Studies Inc., an educational travel company in Fairfax, Va. The prospective groom attended undergraduate school at the University of California at Berkeley and graduate school at Columbia University. He is employed by the federal government as an Intelligence Analyst. A March wedding is planned in the Washington, D.C. area. (Contributed Photo)

## Hope celebrates Christmas at home as well as abroad

By GOOD HOUSEKEEPING For AP Special Features

Bob Hope has spent a lot of Christmases away from home entertaining American servicemen and women, but that hasn't stopped the Hope family from celebrating the holiday in a big way — for the last 61 years.

"Our Christmas celebrations have gone from three days to 10 — if Bob is entertaining servicemen and service women far from home," Dolores Hope told Vernon Scott in an article in the current issue of Good Housekeeping. "There is Christmas Eve — Christmas Day, when we all attend church services; and the day after Christmas, which can be stretched out until the day after New Year's. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up on family activities, news and just plain fun."

Mrs. Hope added that probably the happiest Christmas she remembered was in 1939, the first one after the couple adopted Linda, their oldest child, who today produces Bob Hope's Christmas TV specials.

Bob Hope pointed to a photo of Linda at about age 5, with Jerry Colonna — Hope's longtime comedy sidekick, in the background.

"The Colonnas came to all our Christmas dinners," Hope said. "In those days, Bing Crosby lived nearby and he and his four boys would come by the house to sing Christmas carols. Wonderful days."

While Hope sometimes found himself on a movie location at Christmas, it wasn't until World War II that he began entertaining the troops.

"Bob didn't start doing the Christmas shows overseas until 1947," Mrs. Hope said. "During the war, however, he flew to Alaska to entertain our boys at that outpost. I went with him on six or seven of those trips."

Hope recalled one of the more memorable Christmases with the troops, saying:

"I won't forget the time Dolores and I flew to Saudi Arabia to do a show for the troops during Operation Desert Shield. On the

first day there we stopped by a big contingent of men out in the middle of the sun and sand in the desert. I asked, 'Where are you guys from?' And they said, 'Twenty-nine Palms.' I said, 'C'mon, you mean to tell me we travel halfway around the world to find out you're 10 minutes from our house in Palm Springs?'"

Dolores told the men when they got back they must visit the 'Hopes' home — and the following year they did entertain the troops at home.

In the old days, the Hopes used to entertain about 50 guests for Christmas dinner at their Toluca Lake, Calif., home, but now the climate and handy golf courses draw them to Palm Springs, instead. Dinner now is reduced to about 30 guests.

"I guess the most extravagant gift I ever gave Bob was a party on his 90th birthday last year," Mrs. Hope said. "I invited 140 of his best friends. The whole garden was decorated to look like a circus. Bob loves a circus."

"We had a tremendous tent with all kinds of performers and a midway. All the comedians were there; Buddy Hackett, Sid Caesar and Red Buttons did turns and Dennis James was ringmaster."

The Hopes had an added hope for Christmas.

"The greatest Christmas gift of all is world peace," Mrs. Hope says, "I'd like to see a little more peace and less violence in our own country."

"Amen," her husband said.

## Ads prompt suit

NEW YORK (AP) — The ads for "Naked Gun 33 1-3" were more than photographer Annie Leibovitz could bare.

Leibovitz is suing Paramount Pictures, claiming it ripped off her 1991 Vanity Fair cover photo of a pregnant and naked Demi Moore — using the head of star Leslie Nielsen over the body of a pregnant model instead.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday, seeks unspecified damages.

Paramount says it did not reproduce the cover from the magazine,



**MARRIED** — Keith and Chiva Pitner of Brentwood, Tenn., formerly of Snyder, announce the marriage of their daughter, Kari Paige Pitner to James Ray Mezell, son of Walter and Virginia Mezell of Waxahachie. The double-ring ceremony was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 in Bethel Baptist Church in Waxahachie, where they have made their home. (Contributed Photo)

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

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with the club ace. Gleeefully, Collings ruffed, drew trumps and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing the last in the dummy. Returning to hand with a club ruff, Collings discarded dummy's three diamond losers on his three heart winners.

East was not so amused. "Did you see my club three?" he demanded. "Did you hear the bidding?" replied West.

Yes, the opening statement was made by a politician. Ian McDonald, a British Ministry of Defense spokesman, uttered it in 1982.

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## Don't bid a slam missing two aces

By Phillip Alder

You can probably guess the profession of the person who said this: "I wouldn't want to mislead you by doing other than saying however easy it would be for me to answer the question you have asked, it is not fair for me to go further than I have. And I would not read too much into that."

In bridge, you can occasionally use the answer to a question to mislead the opponents. The declarer in today's deal was John Collings, a mercurial player with an enormous talent for the game. His lack of discipline, however, sometimes results in his not doing as well as he should.

After North had made a limit raise of three spades, Collings launched into Blackwood. Hearing of no aces opposite, most players would sign off in five spades. But Collings decided that if the missing aces were split, he might be able to engineer a coup. He bid six spades!

West led a top club, under which East signaled with the three. Not anticipating the danger, West continued

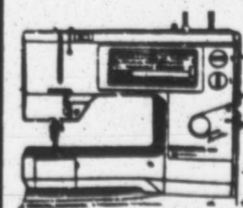
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Keith Collier,  
Sheriff of  
Scurry County, Texas  
by Joe M. Cheyne  
Deputy Sheriff

## Salvadorans worry Christmas may be last in El Norte

**DALLAS (AP)** — This Sunday, Reina Urrutia and Jose Mejias will celebrate the holidays as they have for the past four years, opening gifts with their 2-year-old daughter, Carina, and enjoying tamales with friends.

But their pungent homemade ethnic meal will make for a bittersweet celebration as the Salvadoran immigrants contemplate what is likely to be their last Christmas in the United States.

Mejias and Urrutia are among 190,000 Salvadoran war refugees across the country whose protected status was set to expire Dec. 31. President Clinton granted a nine-month extension, but in September, most of them will have to pack up or become illegal immigrants.

"We just want a chance, an opportunity to stay," said Mejias. "If I had to leave, it would be bad for my children. We would like to be Americans. I just want to stay, to work to support my family there."

Not that the four years in El Norte have been easy. Mejias and Urrutia work long hours to pay for their small, one-bedroom apartment in North Dallas, and send much of their money back to their other three children who live in El Salvador with Mejias' parents in a small town near the city of San Miguel.

While the couple would like to reunite with their children, they say they can do more for them from Dallas. Life for them is better in Dallas as well.

Mejias, who left El Salvador in 1989, and Urrutia, who left in 1990, fled a country ravaged by a 12-year civil war that pitted leftist guerrillas and the U.S.-backed government. A peace agreement was signed in 1992.

Mejias can't read or write and understands little English. Urrutia has limited English but is able to read and write in her native language.

Both have immediate family members in the United States, but none are permanent residents or citizens. Their daughter, Carina, was born in Dallas and is an American citizen, but that doesn't guarantee the parents a right to stay.

"They would have to show extreme hardship, that something would happen to her if they left," said Glasser-Kerr. "She could stay if she was the star student in her class and it would create a hardship for her to leave."

Carina isn't a star student. She isn't even old enough to go to school. Her parents pay someone \$5 a day to care for her while they work.

Together they earn about \$2,000 a month. Mejias works two full-time jobs as a janitor at a Dallas hotel and an upscale department store. Urrutia works at the counter of a fast-food restaurant, then goes home to care for Carina.

Mejias remembers working in El Salvador from 7 a.m. to noon for 8 colones, or one American dollar, a day.

"The extra money in the United States lets them send home a monthly cashier's check for about \$175. Sometimes more, if the children need medicine or clothing."

Without the money, Mejias' parents wouldn't be able to care for the couple's children or to buy them Christmas presents.

After rent, utilities, groceries and other monthly living expenses, the couple tries to save as much as they can.

"It's very hard to have your kids so far away," said Mejias. "But I want their lives to be different than mine. I want them to be happy."

**Former President Reagan honored**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan has been honored with a national peace medal for his role in nuclear arms reduction.

Reagan received the Spark M. Matsunaga Medal of Peace on Thursday from the United States Institute of Peace. He shares the spotlight with Jimmy Carter, who received his award last month.

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## "Family Focus"

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



**QUESTION:** I know many people who make their decisions on the basis of astrology. Even their business dealings are influenced by their horoscopes. Will you comment on the practice of astrology and whether there are any scientific facts to support it?

**DR. DOBSON:** I have been amazed by television personalities, politicians and millions of American young people who refer to astrology.

How ridiculous it is to think that Adolph Hitler, Queen Elizabeth, Harry Truman, William Shakespeare, Bing Crosby, Willie Mays, Ho Chi Minh, Golda Meir and I should have everything in common because all of us were born under the sign of Taurus! How stupid to suppose that the success of our business venture, our health and even our sex lives are predetermined by the position of the stars and planets on the day of our births!

Yet there are more than 10,000 astrologers currently working in the United States, offering advice on everything from business deals to the compatibility of a man and his dog.

There is not a scrap of scientific evidence to support the validity of such illogical notions. In fact, it was an all-knowing astrologist who advised Hitler to attack Russia—his biggest mistake! Nevertheless, millions of believers consult their horoscopes to obtain daily truth and wisdom.

I was recently introduced to a famous Hollywood actor while we sat waiting to appear on a television talk program. My wife was with me to observe the interview, and the actor commented on her attractiveness. He said, "I bet you are a Sagittarius because most pretty girls are born under that sign." I was so appalled by the silliness of his statement that I felt obliged to challenge what he said.

Trying not to insult his intelligence, I asked him if he had made any effort to prove his hypothesis. I pointed out how simple it would be, for example, to check the birth date of every girl entered in next year's Miss America or Miss Universe contest. I soon learned that the best way to end a conversation with an astrologist is to begin talking about scientific evidence.

In 1960, the world's astrologers announced that the worst combination of planetary influences in 25,000 years would occur that year. Seven of nine planets were to appear in a line, which meant bad news for mother earth. Indian soothsayers were going crazy in sheer fright and American skygazers were predicting everything from the drowning of California to the cataclysmic end of the world.

But the fateful day came and went, of course, with no more disasters than on any other day.

When astrological advice is broadcast on radio or television stations, the announcers often repeat a disclaimer, saying they are not attempting to foster a serious belief in astrology and are providing the horoscopes for fun and entertainment.

How about it then? Is astrology just an

amusing pastime for our enjoyment? What about those millions of Americans who depend on the stars to provide direction and meaning each day? Isn't it better that they believe in this myth than to believe in nothing at all? Should we foster a tolerant attitude toward astrology or should it be seen as an insidious philosophy to be opposed wherever possible?

A widely quoted psychiatrist recently professed that he urges his patients to depend on the astrologers, even though he admits that their predictions are scientifically worthless. I couldn't agree

more! Astrology is not only mythical nonsense, but it is dangerous to those who accept its tenets.

One serious concern is that it offers a substitute for rational judgement and wisdom. A young man or woman, for example, may choose a marital partner on the basis of compatibility of their charts, without proper regard for the lifetime implications of their decision. Others postpone or disregard needed action because of the "do nothing" advice printed on their horoscopes.

It is impossible to estimate how many important decisions are based on the stars each day, undoubtedly having a profound impact on family, business and even governmental affairs. How risky it is to determine one's destiny by the flip of a fickle coin!

The naive believer exchanges his understanding of facts, his common sense, his experience, and his better judgement for a "know all, tell all" pulp magazine of forecasts. He reminds me of a man confidently leaning against the wind while standing on top of a 10 story building. His body is seemingly held in check as he teeters precariously over the edge of the structure. But sooner or later, the gusts will slacken and the man will suddenly plunge downward in panic.

Likewise, the astrology convert is leaning against an apparition which cannot possibly hold him securely in place.

Sooner or later, when troubling and fearful circumstances beset him (as will come to everyone), he will reach frantically for something stable and firm to grasp. But he will find little support from the myth and superstition on which he has been leaning.

Please believe me when I say I am personally and professionally acquainted with individuals who have taken that frightening plunge. Some fun! Some entertainment!

*This column is brought to you courtesy of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c), 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.*

## In wheeled sleigh... Santa enchants children

AUSTIN (AP) — With his crimson suit, snow-white beard and wire-rimmed glasses, T.J. Medina looks like most Santas.

But instead of a sleigh, Medina makes his Christmas rounds in a wheelchair.

"The beauty about being Santa was that the children could care less if I used a wheelchair or walked in on my two feet. When they looked at me, all they saw was Santa," said Medina, who

was Santa at the South Austin Recreation Center Christmas Party this week.

Medina, 48, has worked for the Austin Parks and Recreation Department for two years. But this was the first time he filled in as Santa Claus.

Robert Armistead, program manager with the department, said he asked Medina to be Santa because he's a good role model for children.

"TJ is a wonderful guy who works really well with children," Armistead said. "Not all Santas are alike. There are people from all walks of life in wheelchairs and who are Santas. We felt people were ready to see a Santa who uses a wheelchair."

## Obituaries

### Frances Walker

1897-1994

Frances Roena Walker, 97, died Friday in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Mrs. Walker had been a resident of Snyder since August, moving from Lubbock.

Service for Mrs. Walker will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Christian Church in Cisco. The Rev. Donnie Price will officiate with burial to follow in the Cisco Cemetery.

A resident of Lubbock for almost 50 years, Mrs. Walker was a member of the Lubbock First Christian Church and was in the advertising business.

Born in Cisco, she married Roy Little who died in 1923 and Ralph Walker who died in 1967. She was also preceded in death by a son, a daughter, nine brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Gene Huestis of Snyder.

## Letters

### No toys

Dear Editor,

I'm very upset with this town which I was born and raised in. In which I'm raising my two-year-old daughter.

This year I applied for Toys for Tots so my daughter could have some Christmas. Me and my husband only live on disability and we don't make enough money to give our child a Christmas.

We didn't get Toys for Tots so our little one will not have a Christmas. Merry Christmas to the ones who do.

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## Misfortune blemishes 1994

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larly to protect youngsters. Twenty-seven of the victims were under age 18, with at least 15 lacking safety restraints.

A tragedy from 1993 was revisited as 11 members of the Branch Davidian sect went to trial in the slayings of four federal agents during a botched raid on the cult compound near Waco.

On Feb. 26, jurors in the seven-week trial cleared all 11 defendants of the most serious murder and murder conspiracy charges. Three were acquitted of all charges.

Five were convicted of voluntary manslaughter and weapons charges and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Three others convicted of weapons violations received sentences ranging from five to 20 years.

Sixteen other agents were wounded and six Davidians died in the Feb. 28, 1993, gunfight that

began a 51-day standoff.

The stalemate ended April 19, 1993, when fire engulfed the compound as federal agents bulldozed their way in. Cult leader David Koresh and 78 of his followers died in the blaze.

Several elected officials faced legal troubles in 1994.

Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was charged with using state funds, employees and computers for personal and campaign purposes when she was state treasurer, from January 1991 to June 1993. She also was charged with tampering with state computer records to cover up her activities.

But before testimony began in her trial last February, Mrs. Hutchison was cleared after prosecutors lost a key ruling and refused to proceed.

Mrs. Hutchison had claimed the charges were the result of a Democratic plot to hurt her re-election

chances. She went on to win a landslide victory over Democratic opponent Richard Fisher in the November elections.

Former Hidalgo County Sheriff Brig Marmolejo Jr. wasn't as fortunate.

Marmolejo was convicted in July of taking \$151,000 in bribes to allow a drug trafficker to enjoy sexual visits and other privileges in jail.

Also finding himself in legal trouble this year is Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros. The former San Antonio mayor has been sued by his old lover.

### PD investigates house burglary


Local law enforcement agencies are investigating a house burglary that occurred at 907 27th St. and reported Friday at 2:27 p.m.

Sgt. Kevin Fritz reported that several appliances and firearms had been taken from the residence and the investigation was continuing.

A report of Christmas decorations taken from 3611 41st St. was made at 12:55 p.m. Friday.

A shoplifter was reported at Don's Value King at 2:09 p.m. Friday. No charges were filed in the case.

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Dec. 24, 1994

Dec. 25, 1994

Today is CHRISTMAS EVE. It is the 35th day of 1994 and the 4th day of winter.

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**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1865, the Ku Klux Klan was founded in Tennessee. Six of the founding members were high-ranking Confederates and the group was called a social club, designed to cheer up mothers and girls.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Kit Carson (1809-1868), U.S. frontiersman-soldier; Howard Hughes (1905-1976), industrialist; I.F. Stone (1907-1989), journalist; Ava Gardner (1922-1990), actress; Robert Jeffrey (1930-1988), choreographer.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1967, Joe Namath became the first quarterback to pass for 4,000 yards in a season.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want — and their kids pay for it." — Richard Lamm

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1987, snow, ice and sleet covered northwest Oklahoma. Seventy-five thousand homes were left without electricity — many for as long as a week — and seven people died.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Day before last quarter (Dec. 25).



**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1818, "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung for the first time in Oberndorf, Austria. It had been written the day before — for guitar — by obscure Austrian composer Franz Gruber.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Clara Barton (1821-1912), humanitarian; Robert Ripley (1893-1949), cartoonist; Cab Calloway (1907-1994), singer; Rod Serling (1924-1975), writer; Jimmy Buffett (1946-), singer, is 48; Sissy Spacek (1950-), actress, is 44; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player, is 36.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1989, former New York Yankee player and manager Billy Martin was killed when a truck he was riding in skidded off an icy road.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat / Please to put a penny in the old man's hat / If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do / If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless ypu!" — Beggar's rhyme


**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1983, the coldest recorded Christmas hit much of the United States east of the Rockies. Daily records were set in 125 cities in 24 states, including Atlanta, which fell to zero degrees.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Last quarter.




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