

New faces in key places

Personnel changes noted in schools, public offices

Editor's Note: The following is the second in a four-part series recalling events which impacted Scurry County in 1994.

Elections, transfers, reassignments and retirements. Scurry County citizens witnessed a lot of changes during the second quarter of 1994, particularly in public office and at the schoolhouse.

Snyder ISD got a new superintendent, a new assistant superintendent and a couple of new principals.

Ira ISD also got a new principal, but the revolving door wasn't open only at the administrative level. Snyder High School bade goodbye to one of the most successful baseball coaches in the state.

Elsewhere, Price Daniel Unit welcomed a new warden, First Methodist said farewell to its pastor, Scurry County Boy's Club hired its first woman's director and new faces dotted the ranks of school and college boards and the city council.

A failed election, state UIL competitions, graduation and personal recognition were among the other notable memories in April, May and June.

At the end of April, and following a long search, Snyder school board trustees announced their choice to succeed the retiring Dalton Moseley as superintendent. The board selected Gayle Lomax, assistant superintendent for personnel with Abilene ISD, as the man to take over the district.

Following Moseley into retirement were Dr. Tom Scannicchio, assistant superintendent, and Bob Travis, Stanfield Elementary principal.

In May, Lomax named Ann McCabe, director of personnel for An-

dreWS ISD, as his assistant superintendent. And in June, he announced administrative reassignments. Wendell Sollis, junior high principal, was assigned as director of curriculum; Kellye Starnes, junior high assistant principal, was assigned as junior high principal; and Lois Boles, director of compensatory education and federal funds, was named Stanfield Elementary principal.

That same month, Ira principal Jane Matlock announced her resignation. The position would be filled in July with the selection of Tommy Hancock, a Borden County High School and Texas Tech University graduate.

1994 marked the end of an era in Snyder High School athletics. In April, longtime baseball coach Albert Lewis announced that he would retire at the end of the season.

Lewis served for years as assistant coach under Speedy Moffett. When he took over the program in 1977, he replaced one of the winningest coaches in the history of the state. All Lewis did was expound upon that. He won over 70 percent of his games, emassing a record of 324 wins and 131 losses. His accomplishments included a 50-game district winning streak, 11 district titles and two co-championships and three trips to the state tournament. His 1983 team came home from (See NEW FACES, Page 8)

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Ask Us

Q—When county elected officials are sworn in today, will they take office immediately?

A—No, they officially take office on Jan. 1.

In Brief

Teen killed

NEW YORK (AP) — A teen-ager was shot to death on a subway platform for his flashy jewelry, although his mother believes the reason was his even flashier Christmas gift — the gold-and-diamond bridgework in his mouth.

Before he died early Wednesday, 17-year-old Adonis Matthews told police two men confronted him on the platform in the borough of Brooklyn and ordered him to hand over his gold chain and medallion, Transit Police spokesman Lt. Robert Valentino said.

But Matthews fought back and the gunmen fired one shot into Matthews' stomach.

Matthews' mother, who is unemployed, said she thinks her son was murdered for the \$600 diamond-studded gold teeth she got him for Christmas.

Local

Appreciation

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

'Watch'

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will hold a "Watch" meeting on New Year's Eve from 10 p.m. until midnight. The public is invited.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 45 degrees; low, 41 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 41 degrees; .06 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 12.21 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the upper 30s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. High in the mid 50s. Outlook for New Year's weekend, a slight chance of snow early Saturday. Mostly sunny Sunday. A slight chance of rain and snow mixed Monday. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:50. Sunrise Friday, 7:42. Of 362 days in 1994, the sun has shone 353 days in Snyder.



ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY — A 70-year-old Daingerfield woman was treated and released from Cogdell Hospital following a one-vehicle accident Wednesday morning. Virginia Morrison was a passenger in a 1993 Dodge pickup driven by her husband, Jas-

per, when it overturned four miles south of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 on wet pavement. The vehicle was pulling a Traveleze travel trailer that was destroyed. (SDN Staff Photo)

New year marked by 'greetings' from IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the White House may be trying to outdo each other with offers of a middle-class tax cut, but at the Internal Revenue Service it's business as usual as another tax season officially opens.

The Postal Service is scheduled to begin delivering 109 million 1994 tax forms and postcards next Tuesday. But as in past years, some post offices have already jumped the gun.

The forms, regardless of when they are delivered, will be due back on April 17. April 15, the traditional deadline, falls on a Saturday in 1995.

The schedules don't include any of the middle-class tax breaks that President Clinton and Republicans in Congress have been talking so much about in recent weeks.

Rather, the forms will look very much like the 1993 edition, although there are some extra tax breaks for low-income families and an extra tax bite for higher-income Social Security recipients.

IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson said a major goal of the agency this year is to expand the use of such high-tech procedures as filing returns by Touch-Tone telephone and home personal computer.

The IRS will offer free electronic filing services at 126 of its offices, up from 40 last year. The agency estimates that 15.5 million taxpayers will file electronically and in 29 states they will have the option of filing both their federal and state returns in a single electronic transmission.

In addition, the IRS is pushing the use of personal computer programs to aid filing, including greatly expanding a program that allows taxpayers to file their returns directly from their home computer.

The IRS also announced it hoped that 700,000 taxpayers with simple returns will use their Touch-Tone telephones to file this year in a program that has been expanded to eight states — Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and South Carolina — plus south Texas and northern California.

Richardson said IRS telephone help lines will be open an extra two hours each day and weekend service will be offered on the last three Saturdays of filing season to handle an expected 18 million calls.

"We are listening to what you are telling us," she said. "You want to file your returns without a hassle, you want your refunds quickly and then you don't want to hear from us again until next year."

The tax law change with the biggest impact this year is an expansion of the earned income tax credit designed to aid the working poor. For the first time, an estimated 4 million to 5 million workers without children will be able to qualify for the credit, which previously had gone only to families with children.

County to address airport regs

Scurry County commissioners on Friday hope to finally land a list of proposed airport rules and regulations which has been in a holding pattern since September.

The meeting, set for 1:30 p.m., will be the court's final of the year.

Commissioners court, pilots, Development Corporation of Snyder personnel and private citizens have been mulling the rules and minimum standards for commercial operations at the airport

since September.

There have been two public hearings — Sept. 27 and Nov. 15 — and an informal hearing on Oct. 20 in which the commissioners received input. One of the main points of contention has been whether to allow free-lance operators, or mechanics, to work at the airport and if so, whether to require them to maintain liability insurance.

Some pilots have expressed the belief that requiring liability insur-

ance would result in higher repair costs and perhaps delays in repairing their aircraft.

County Judge Bob Doolittle has contended that the county should not require the mechanics to have liability insurance because that would be limiting access to the airport.

"To require a mechanic to have liability insurance would be against Federal Aviation Agency rules," said Doolittle. "We cannot

limit their access to the airport."

He has also maintained that if a pilot contracted for a mechanic for repairs than any problems would be between those two and the county would not be involved.

At the last meeting in November, Pct. 3 Commissioner C. D. Gray Jr., suggested that the county require free-lance operators to have a \$5,000 letter of credit, and a \$25 yearly fee would be charged for mechanics, flight instructors, painters and all others who might use the airport for a commercial enterprise.

At the meeting, a show of hands from the audience indicated they were in agreement with such a plan.

County Attorney Pete Greene has also suggested that the county require enough insurance to cover the \$5,000 deductible on the county's insurance policy.

Gray said he encourages everyone who has an interest in the rules at the airport to attend the meeting.

"We hope to pass them Friday and while they will not be etched in stone, they may be a lot harder to change after this meeting," Gray added.

Other agenda items include a discussion on the implementation of a safety policy manual for the county, consideration of bids for sealcoating rock, line-item transfers and budget amendments, and the approval of bills.

J. Eicke seeking to be placed in military protective custody

A former Snyder resident accused in a \$1 trillion banking scam has asked to be placed in military protective custody from other federal authorities whom he claims are conspiring against him.

Johannas Eicke this week has asked the commander of Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock to take him into custody to protect him from the RICO organization which he claims includes federal judges and prosecutors.

Eicke, one of three persons facing a 21-count federal indictment, asks to be removed from the Lubbock County jail and placed in the Air Force's protective custody.

Eicke further claims that he is a necessary witness in grand jury investigation in Scurry County concerning RICO's organized crime operation.

The Scurry County grand jury is scheduled to meet Tuesday, but District Attorney Ernie Armstrong said he knows of no such investigation or inquiry.

Federal prosecutor Steven Suscy of Lubbock said the complaints and affidavits are being hand-written by Eicke from the Lubbock County jail without the use of his court-appointed public defender.

Suscy said it may become necessary for the government to file a motion asking the federal court to require all motions and

complaints to come through Eicke's attorney, Marvin Williams of Lubbock.

At Eicke's arraignment on Dec. 20, Suscy said he had filed a motion to have Eicke undergo psychiatric or psychological evaluation to determine if Eicke is competent to stand trial and whether he was competent at the time of the alleged criminal activity.

Also charged with conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud and interstate transportation of falsely-made securities are Eicke's brother, Arlie Eicke of Snyder,

and 29-year-old Heather M. Altschuler of Denver.

Arlie Eicke is free on a \$5,000 bond. Bond for Johannas Eicke has been denied. Altschuler was arrested in London and is awaiting arraignment.

The defendants each face a maximum of 110 years in prison and a fine of \$5.25 million.

A tentative trial date of Feb. 6 has been set by U.S. Magistrate J.Q. Warnick. All three will be tried together, and since Altschuler has yet to be returned to Lubbock, the trial likely will be delayed.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One exercise that seems to wear out the quickest is running out of cash."

A few days before Christmas, school board president Charles Anderson had a spell in the middle of the night that waked up his wife, Marg.

Fearing it might be a stroke or heart attack, Mrs. Anderson ran across the street and sought assistance from the John Gayle family.

It now appears that Charles' medical problems are not life-threatening, and Marg is able to reflect with appreciation. She wrote:

"What wonderful neighbors we have. Points of light in our community. The John Gayle family is one family that goes beyond the call of duty.

"Not only awoken at 2 a.m. to render aid, all four came to the hospital to stay as long as needed. What an example! Even their two children came and re-

ndered their concern and support.

"Does this say something about our young people, or not? Chris and Paige (Gayle), examples of young folks who care at any hour, day or night. Hats off to you."

There is no disputing, Scurry County has an outstanding group of people — both young and old.

Anderson, a former school administrator, has been active in local affairs a number of years.

Charles was also extremely complimentary of the hospital's personnel and equipment.

The Andersons have a son, Chuck, who is a medical doctor in Abilene, working out of Hendrick Medical Center. Commenting on his father's care, Dr. Anderson expressed both surprise and amazement concerning the quality of health care available in his hometown.

There are a lot of "best-kept secrets" in Snyder.

Supplement law might face more fights in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitter congressional battle over regulation of the dietary supplements industry, considered settled when President Clinton signed compromise legislation this fall, may not be over after all.

Some supplement makers now say the law, lauded as a historic compromise just two months ago, needs changing because it still gives the Food and Drug Administration too much authority over vitamins, herbs and other supplements.

Fatal fire kills nine in family

ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — An electric space heater apparently started a fire that killed nine people from three generations of a family, including six young children.

There were no smoke detectors in the three-story wooden house, said Orange Fire Director John Gamba. "If they had some, maybe some fatalities could have been avoided," he said.

Killed in the blaze Wednesday morning were 39-year-old Viviane Moise, all her children — none older than 8 — her grandmother and her sister. Four of the children were found under their mother's body and two were found huddled in a closet.

Moise's husband, Pierre, left for work before the fire erupted, his brother said.

"I heard a lot of screaming and I thought they were just having a fight and then the whole house went up in flames in two minutes," said a neighbor, Lisa Williams.

Investigators believe the fire was started by a heater on the first floor and spread quickly through a stairway, Gamba said. The victims were found on the second floor.

City Business Administrator Thomas Brown said 17 people lived in the house, which was zoned as a one-family but had three kitchens. The New York Times reported that the Haitian family often opened their home to other immigrants from their country.

Two people who escaped the blaze by leaping from a second story window were hospitalized today. One was in fair condition with a fractured pelvis and wrist, the other was stable with back and hip fractures. A third victim was in stable condition with scrapes and bruises.

Joseph Moise said his 36-year-old brother and his family had lived in the house for four years.

The children who died were Vanessa, 8; Nirva, 7; Frantz, 6; Jennifer, 5; Stevenson, 3; and Stella, 2. Also killed were Mrs. Moise's mother, Ilfauda Charles, 64, and her sister, Altigracia Michel, 19.

The supplement makers insist they're not fighting the battle again merely because of the new Republican Congress, which incoming Speaker Newt Gingrich vows will be less regulatory, although they acknowledge that will certainly help.

"The people will be respected and not protected as if they were ignorant cattle — that's the change that just took place in Congress," said Gerald Kessler, head of the Nutritional Health Alliance. "We would like to go back into that Congress and present the will of the people."

At issue is regulating the \$4 billion dietary supplements industry. FDA planned to keep the industry from making unproven claims that supplements cure or prevent disease, but manufacturers contended it really would ban supplements. Companies spent \$2.5 million in lobbying and, with ads depicting the FDA outlawing Vitamin C, generated 2 million consumer letters to Congress.

After two years of bitter debate, Congress in October passed a compromise setting the first safety standard for supplements, requiring makers to follow FDA's health-claim rules for four years while a presidential commission studies whether the rules are too strict.

However, it ensured consumer access to supplements and allowed manufacturers to label how they affect bodily function, such as a label saying, "Vitamin A is important for good vision."

But the Nutritional Health Alliance contends the law gives FDA too much power. It objects to the requirement of pre-market approval to sell food ingredients as supplements, restrictions on information stores can offer about products, the high safety standard and restrictions on health claims for four years instead of the two years the industry preferred.

The Senate crafted the compromise bill and passed it by voice vote near the end of the congressional session. The House then added those changes that Kessler opposes — but the Senate again easily passed the changed compromise.

Kessler said he has won promises from the law's authors to retool the measure.

"They have all agreed the bill needs fine-tuning," Kessler said.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

'Colon cocktail' adds bulk to diet

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You often mention the value of bulk in the diet for people with elimination problems. Our local visiting nurse's office has developed a "colon cocktail" consisting of equal parts of unprocessed bran, applesauce and prune juice. You let the combination sit in the refrigerator for at least an hour to blend, then take 1 to 2 tablespoons a day, or more as needed. This potion may take two weeks to be fully effective, but it is a safe and natural formula. Perhaps it will help your readers.

DEAR READER: Your "recipe" is a good one. In fact, it is now used routinely in one of our local nursing homes. Thank you for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I've tried everything my doctor recommended, plus everything advertised on TV for hemorrhoids. Sunday evening I had dinner with friends and one of the women is a nut about Jell-O. Thinking it is good for everything that ails you. In desperation I gave it a try the following morning. I cooked it according to the directions on the package and applied it to the affected area. Not only did it do absolutely

nothing to alleviate the pain, but it made a horrible stain on my new white linen slacks. Perhaps I shouldn't have used strawberry. Do you think either lemon Jell-O or perhaps plain gelatin would be better? Someone else at the dinner table suggested roasted garlic, but I don't think he was serious. What do you think? Please don't use my name. I have my wife believing I know all the answers and it would be very detrimental if she found out I'm a mere old man who doesn't know his butt from first base.

DEAR READER: OK, no names. Lemon Jell-O won't help. Troublesome hemorrhoids that don't respond to suppositories (prescription and non-prescription) should be examined by a physician, because surgery may be necessary to control the pain and bleeding of this uncomfortable disorder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from congestive heart failure, water retention, peptic ulcer and a high cholesterol level. I take furosemide and spironolactone daily. What herbs would be safe for me to use for my problem?

DEAR READER: No herbs will help your condition. However, you might

find relief if your doctor prescribed an ACE inhibitor, in preference to the diuretics that you are already taking. ACE inhibitors, including Vasotec and Capoten, reduce the work of the heart and can alleviate the symptoms of heart failure (fluid retention, weakness and breathlessness). Ask your doctor about this.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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.

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Convicted killer back in prison after being accidentally freed

FORT WORTH (AP) — A drifter convicted of beating a homeless man to death for a bottle of beer is back in prison after a bureaucratic mistake allowed him to go free for nearly two months, authorities said.

Clarence Wayne Wilson, 27, already was serving time for auto theft when he was sentenced in October for the August 1992 slaying of Raymond Mara, 71.

But the paperwork for the murder conviction was not recorded when Wilson returned to prison and he accidentally was released three weeks later, prison officials said.

The mistake was discovered last week and Wilson was promptly arrested without incident and returned to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He had been living in Fort Worth and working at a carwash, officials said.

"We screwed up," department spokesman Larry Todd told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's a rarity, and it ain't gonna happen again, if we can help it."

"The paperwork was received, and not acted upon as it should have been. It chalks up to human error. We take it very seriously."

Todd said no one will be fired or disciplined because of the accidental release. He said the department's intake office in Huntsville handles 3,400 paperwork transactions each week.

"There is a supervisor down there that is red in the face," Todd said.

Unless Wilson is able to win his appeal, he will have to serve 15 years before being considered for parole.

"I can't remember one where they just didn't record a sentence," said Mike Parrish, a senior prosecutor with the Tarrant County district attorney's office. "If this guy had gotten out and eaten a couple of little babies or something, there would have been hell to pay."

Wilson has been convicted of at least four felonies and was on parole in August 1992 when he fatally bludgeoned Mara in east Fort Worth after stealing his 40-ounce bottle of beer.

By the time of Wilson's trial, his parole had been revoked and he was in prison for a 1991 Harris County auto theft conviction.

"He's a dangerous person," said Jay Lapham, who helped prosecute Wilson on the murder charge. "He needs to be in prison. We're very fortunate that nothing happened while he was out."

EPA says the new gas does not cost more than the other

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — It may not cost more yet, but the cleaner-burning gasoline that becomes the only fuel for 50 million American motorists next week will eventually cost more, dealers and refiners say.

Environmental officials tried Wednesday to allay consumer concerns of 11-cent to 20-cent per gallon boosts by noting that the reformulated fuel has been sold for most of December without much increase.

But they acknowledge higher production costs will be reflected at the pumps — eventually.

And the American Automobile Association and a group of New Jersey station owners noted that prices in the 17 states where the reformulated gasoline is being sold haven't dropped as they normally do in winter.

Standing beside the pumps at an Exxon station near the New Jersey Turnpike, Jeanne M. Fox, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's administrator for New Jersey and New York, said prices haven't changed much, and certainly not as much as some had foreseen.

"So all the talk about hikes in the price of gas was just that — talk — much of it coming from special interest groups looking for the chance to increase their profits and blame somebody else, that being the government," Fox said.

The EPA, AAA and gasoline refiners agree the reformulated gasoline is the most cost-effective way of reducing pollution and smog.

The EPA predicts an increase of 3 cents to 5 cents a gallon. State retailers believe they will have to pass along to customers a 5 cent to 8 cent increase in their costs from refiners; refiners won't say.

The new fuel also cuts mileage up to 3 percent. That's on top of the normal drop in automobile performance in colder weather.

Federal law mandates the new gasoline be sold in urban areas with significant smog problems, including most of the Northeast and mid-Atlantic region, from parts of Virginia to southern Maine.

Most of New Jersey was included, and Gov. Christie Whitman opted to add the remaining counties — Atlantic, Cape May and Warren.

The fuel also will be required in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas; in and around Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth; in the Chicago area, stretching into northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin; and in the Louisville, Ky., area, as well as in three counties near Cincinnati.

The law lets other regions join the program. Scores of cities and entire states have signed on in an effort to meet clean air standards, so the new formula will account for one-third of all gasoline being sold in the nation.

Stations started getting it in early December, and it becomes the only gasoline that can be sold starting Sunday — Jan. 1 — in those areas.

A special AAA survey released Wednesday found the price per

gallon in cities selling conventional gas has declined an average of 2 cents in the past three weeks, while it is only down 0.6 cents in cities selling reformulated gas.

"The federal mandate has kept prices from falling as they normally do during the winter months," said William Berman, AAA environment affairs director in Washington, D.C.

Some critics of the new formula say an additive called MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether makes people sick and leads to cancer-causing vapors being emitted into the atmosphere. However, reformulated gasoline uses a slightly lower level of MTBE than previous oxygenated fuels that have caused consumer complaints in recent winters.

The EPA, noting MTBE has been used in gasoline to boost octane since lead was phased out in the 1970s, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have said they have no evidence MTBE poses any more danger than other gasoline components.

Prices in New Jersey are generally higher than last year because refiners didn't reduce prices in April, when they stopped selling oxygenated fuel, said Jerry Ferrara, executive director of the New Jersey Gasoline Retailers Association.

"If the refiners don't intend to raise the price after the first of the year, we'll be very, very happy," said Ferrara, whose group represents most of the state's 3,500 retailers.

He expects dealers will pass along whatever increase they get.

Women file suit

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some faculty, students and alumna of Texas Woman's University have begun a legal challenge to keep the school from going co-ed.

They filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing school regents of violating the Texas Open Meetings Law and of usurping authority by opening all undergraduate programs to men.

"The constitutional authority to exist in our present structure has not been set aside by the Legislature," said Betty Myers, a TWU alumna and kinesiology professor at the Denton school who is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit.

"So if the regents want to do this, they need to go to the courts or to the Legislature and get it changed there," she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The lawsuit asks state District Judge L. Dee Shipman to issue a temporary injunction against the policy change and to uphold the constitutionality of the 1901 Texas statute that created the university.

Regents voted 6-1 on Dec. 9 to allow men to enroll in all of the university's 166 undergraduate programs. The action triggered student-led protests on campus.

The lawsuit, which was filed by 23 people, alleges the board violated state law by not posting notice of the meeting.

Nine regents and board secretary John Lawhon were named as defendants.

"I am confident that what we did was right," board Chairwoman Jayne Lipe said Wednesday. Ms. Lipe, who was vacationing in Seattle, said she did not know details of the suit.

"I don't think in the long run there will be any finding of bad faith or negligence on behalf of the board for making what, in essence, was a very difficult decision," said regent Cheryl Wattlely, an attorney in Dallas.

Spokesman Ron Dusek said the state Attorney General's office probably will defend the school.

Couple dies peacefully

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario (AP) — Through 66 years of marriage, Christmas was a time of joy for Jacob and Maria Wiens, shared in recent years with their 114 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At Christmas 1994, they shared their final wish together.

They died peacefully, within an hour of each other, at a local senior citizens' home.

Jacob "wished this to be the case," said his son-in-law, Jake Klassen. "He wished they could go together."

Jacob, 86, died of a heart attack about 1 a.m. Christmas morning. Forty minutes later, shortly after being told of her husband's death, Maria, also 86, passed away.

"At first I thought she did not understand," said Klassen. "Then tears rolled down her cheek."

A joint funeral service was held Wednesday. They were to be buried in adjoining plots.

Religious persecution forced the Wienses, who were Mennonite, to flee Siberia in the former Soviet Union in 1930. They went to China for three years and then South America before moving to Canada.

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CELEBRATE THE SEASON — Rebecca Thornton, Dorothy Kayser and Mary Williams, from left, accompanied by Susie Burgess, sang songs celebrating Christmas at the Cosmorama Study Club's recent meeting at the Martha Ann

Woman's Club. Hostesses were Mippy Brownlee, JoAnn Stewart and Dorothy Rosson. The club's next meeting will be held Jan. 19 in the Snyder Country Club at 7 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BRIDGE CLUB DONATES — Barbara Yorgesen, right, presented a monetary gift in behalf of the Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club last week to the Goodfellows, accepted by Polly Echols, president. Bridge players had their charity game on Dec. 16 at the Snyder Country Club. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

New Year...

Luck around the world

By The Associated Press
The following are some of the good luck rituals from around the world. They are believed to bring good fortune and prosperity in the coming year.

—**Austria:** The suckling pig is the symbol for good luck for the new year. It's served on a table with tiny edible pig decorations. Dessert is often green peppermint ice cream in the shape of a four-leaf clover.

—**England:** The British place their fortunes for the coming year in the hands of their first guest. They believe the first visitor of the year should be male and bearing gifts. Traditional gifts are coal for the fire, a loaf for the table and a drink for the master. For good luck, the guest should enter through the front door and leave through the back. Guests who are empty-handed or unwanted are not allowed to enter first.

—**Wales:** At the first toll of midnight, the back door is opened and then shut to release the old year and lock out all of its bad luck. Then at the twelfth stroke of the clock, the front door is opened and the New Year is welcomed with all its luck.

—**Haiti:** In Haiti, New Year's Day is a sign of the year to come. Haitians wear new clothing and exchange gifts in the hope that it will bode well for the new year.

—**Sicily:** An old Sicilian tradition says good luck will come to those who eat lasagna on New Year's Day. But woe if you dine on macaroni, for any other noodle will bring bad luck.

—**Spain:** In Spain, when the clock strikes midnight, the Spanish eat 12 grapes, one with every

toll, to bring good luck for the 12 months ahead.

—**Greece:** A special New Year's bread is baked with a coin buried in the dough. The first slice is for the Christ child, the second for the father of the household and the third slice is for the house. If the third slice holds the coin, spring will come early that year.

—**Japan:** The Japanese decorate their homes in tribute to lucky gods. One tradition, kadomatsu, consists of a pine branch symbolizing longevity, a bamboo stalk symbolizing prosperity and a plum blossom showing nobility.

—**Peru:** The Peruvian New Year's custom is a spin on the Spanish tradition of eating 12 grapes at the turn of the year. But in Peru, a 13th grape must be eaten to assure good luck.

—**China:** For the Chinese New Year, every front door is adorned with a fresh coat of red paint, red being a symbol of good luck and happiness. Although the whole family prepares a feast for the New Year, all knives are put away for 24 hours to keep anyone from cutting themselves, which is thought to cut the family's good luck for the next year.

—**United States:** The kiss shared at the stroke of midnight in the United States is derived from masked balls that have been common throughout history. As tradition has it, the masks symbolize evil spirits from the old year and the kiss is the purification into the new year.

—**Norway:** Norwegians make rice pudding at New Year's and hide one whole almond within. Guaranteed wealth goes to the person whose serving holds the lucky almond.

A New Year's relaxed and casual supper

By The Associated Press
It's time to ring out the old and welcome the new. This year, invite friends for a casual relaxed supper on New Year's Eve. Make it easy on yourself by choosing a main dish that is quick and easy to make.

In less than 15 minutes, Oriental beef tip steak dinner can be on the table, ready to eat. Stir-fried strips of beef round tip steaks — sometimes called sandwich steaks — are tossed with Oriental-seasoned noodles and vegetables. These steaks cook in a flash, so don't overcook them — stir-frying takes just 30 to 60 seconds. Convenience ingredients like ramen soup and a frozen vegetable medley also make this dish extra-good in no time.

SPEEDY ORIENTAL BEEF TIP STEAK DINNER

1 pound beef round tip steaks, cut 1/8" to 1/4-inch thick
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 package (3 ounces) Oriental ramen soup

2 cups frozen Oriental vegetable combination
2 cups boiling water
2 teaspoons light soy sauce
Cut beef steaks crosswise into 1-inch wide strips. Combine oil and red pepper; add beef strips and toss to coat.

Break noodles from soup mix into 3 to 4 pieces, reserve seasoning packet. Add noodles and vegetables to boiling water; return to boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer gently, uncovered, 3 minutes. Drain noodle-vegetable combination; toss with reserved seasoning packet.

Meanwhile heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Stir-fry beef (one-half at a time) 30 to 60 seconds. Add soy sauce to beef strips. Stir in noodle-vegetable combination; heat through. Makes 4 servings.

Life of an actress

LONDON (AP) — English actress Lavina Fenton, after the Duchess of Bolton, was born in 1708, the daughter of a naval officer.

Miss Fenton first appeared in 1726 at London's Haymarket Theater and then joined the players at the theater in Lincoln's Inn Fields. She made her greatest success in 1728 as Polly Peachum in "The Beggar's Opera," and was painted by Hogarth in this role.

Miss Fenton married an older man, the third Duke of Bolton, after the death of his wife in 1760. That same year, the actress died at the age of 52 in Greenwich.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♠ 5 3			
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▲ J 10 8 6 4 2		♥ Q 9 7	
SOUTH			
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♥ A Q 7			
♦ A Q J			
♠ A K			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

Learn from your correct plays

Who wrote "A little learning is a dangerous thing?"

In today's deal, South thought he was putting his knowledge to good use, but it didn't work out like that.

Two clubs was strong and artificial. Two diamonds was the negative response. However, North's three spades promised some value. With a complete Yarborough, North would have made a double negative (of three clubs or two no-trump, according to choice). This persuaded South to launch into Blackwood.

Immediately, declarer saw that if the diamond finesse was losing, he would have to play the trumps for no losers. He would cash the ace and king, hoping the queen-doubleton would drop. However, if the diamond finesse was winning, South could take a safety-play in spades to maximize the chances of only one loser.

South won the first trick in hand, played a heart to dummy's jack and finessed the diamond queen. It won. Feeling confident that West hadn't ducked the king, South took his safety-play. He cashed the spade ace before leading a low spade toward the dummy. This would have worked well if West had started with Q-10-x-x of spades. Here, though, disaster struck. East won with the queen and gave his partner a diamond ruff to defeat the slam!

Alexander Pope wrote that a little learning is a dangerous thing. He nearly continued: "Play deep, or taste not the Pierian spring. There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, and bridge largely sobers us again."

Silver city

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP) — Known as the Silver City, Meriden has been a center for the manufacture of sterling silver and plated silverware for more than 150 years.

Settled in 1661, Meriden lies 90 miles northeast of New York. Its silver industry developed from pewter button and tin shops set up in the late 18th century. Electroplating was invented here in 1847.



WELCOMES NEW MEMBER — Deep Creek Chapter of American Business Women's Association met recently at the Golden Corral for its Christmas party where gifts were exchanged. Johnnie Pyburn received a "Friendship" pin for sponsoring two new members. Linda Briseno, shown left, was installed as a new member. She was sponsored by Brenda Meurer, right. The next meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. on Jan 3 at the Golden Corral. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

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.

Most listened to country-western

- Best-selling country western singles of the week:
1. "When Love Finds You" Vince Gill
 2. "Untanglin' My Mind" Clint Black
 3. "The Big One" George Strait
 4. "Take Me As I Am," Faith Hill
 5. "Pickup Man" Joe Diffie
 6. "We Can't Love Like This Anymore" Alabama
 7. "When The Thought Of You Catches Up With Me" David Ball
 8. "This Is Me" Randy Travis
 9. "Now I Know" Lari White
 10. "Not A Moment Too Soon" Tim McGraw
- (Source: Cashbox magazine)

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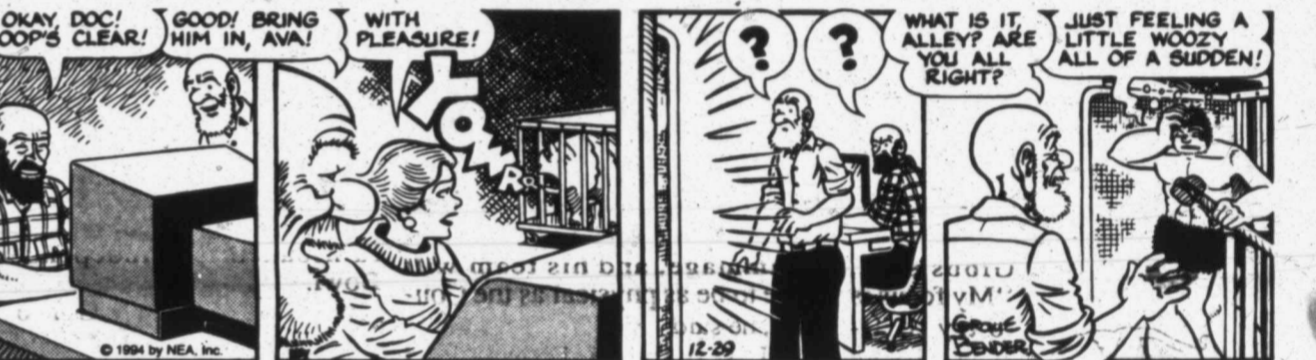
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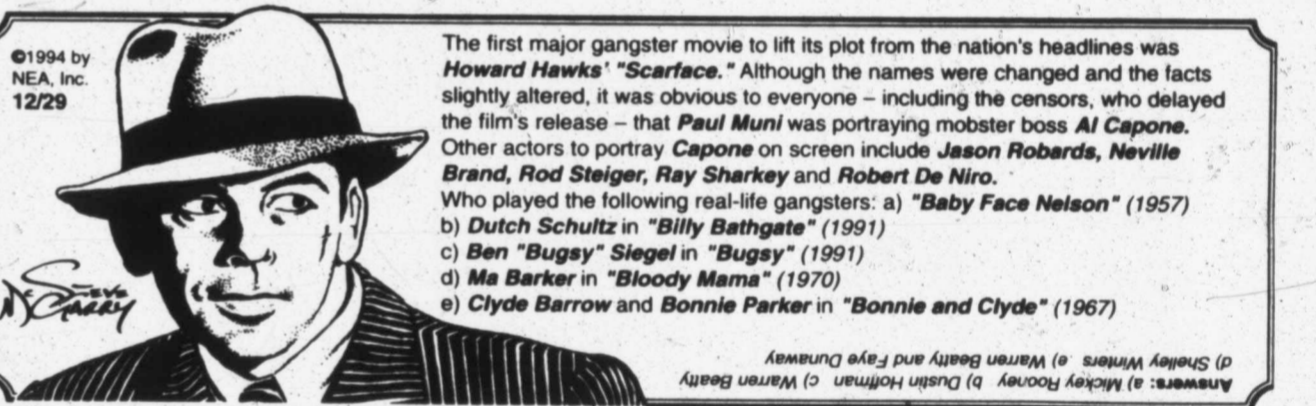
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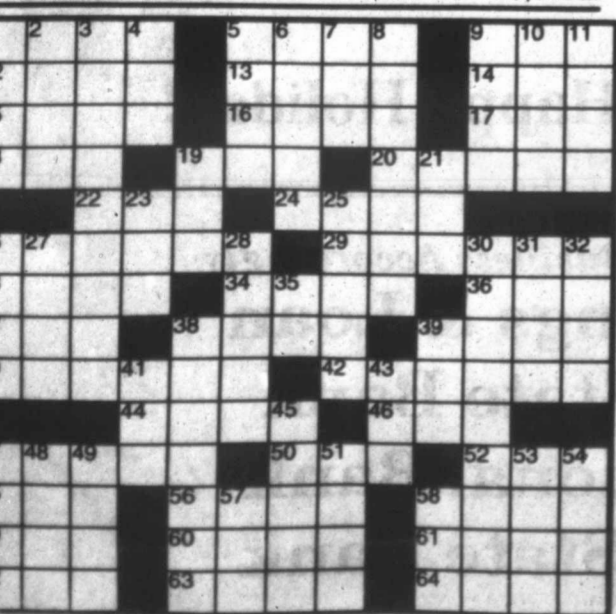
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 - South African tribe
 - Gridder org.
 - Armadillo
 - on the back
 - Roman 3
 - Hissing sound
 - Attention-getting sound
 - Female name
 - Actress Merkel
 - Opp. of NNW
 - Growing out
 - Fib
 - Mountain lake
 - Poured
 - Close-fitting jacket
 - Axlike tool
 - Footless
 - Game of cards
 - Born
 - Siblings (abbr.)
 - Prejudice
 - Lock —
- DOWN**
- Actress Pitts
 - arms
 - Said through the nose
 - Apr. 15 agcy.
 - Smashes (sl.)
 - Unexpected win
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 - Declared
 - 1492 ship
 - Decree
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 - Compass pt.
 - Like (suff.)
 - Got up
 - Frog genus
 - Arabian airport
 - Actress — Hannah
 - Old-fashioned gun
 - Pertaining to the dawn
 - Pink wine
 - River in Italy
 - Actress Ingrid —
 - voyage
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 - Time long past
 - Large birds
 - Anger
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Sports

Padres, Astros swap 12 players

SAN DIEGO (AP) — In baseball's biggest trade in 37 years, the San Diego Padres on Wednesday acquired third baseman Ken Caminiti, shortstop Andujar Cedeno and center fielder Steve Finley in a 12-player deal with the Houston Astros.



The deal, the first move by any team since owners imposed a salary cap last Friday, also involves a father-son combo. Tal Smith was hired Nov. 22 as the Astros president.

His son, Randy, was hired by the Padres as general manager on June 9, 1993.

"Obviously we talked about it as we got closer to finalizing it," Randy Smith said, "but 99 percent of the conversations were with (Houston GM Bob) Watson."

The Padres, with a Texas-size hole to maneuver in under the new salary cap and a new owner,

willing to spend money now, also received right-hander Brian Williams and first baseman Roberto Petagine. They'll also get an additional minor league player to be agreed on by April 30 or \$50,000.

If it becomes a 12-player deal, it would match the fourth-largest of the century, behind 18-player deals in 1900 and 1954, and a 13-player trade in 1957. There also was a 12-player trade in 1957.

Houston will receive left fielder Phil Plantier, center fielder Derek Bell, shortstop Ricky Gutierrez, third baseman-shortstop Craig Shipley and relievers Pedro Martinez and Doug Brocail.

"I like this deal," said Randy Smith, who had a radically different start to his tenure when he was forced by ownership to trade Gary Sheffield, Fred McGriff, Bruce Hurst and Greg Harris to complete a salary purge in 1993.

"It's a real nice mixture for us, and we did not have to give up our young prospects," Smith said. "Our future still looks good, and our present doesn't look too bad, either."

Sooners face BYU in Gibbs' swan song

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs, whose six-year career ends tonight after a Copper Bowl matchup with No. 22 Brigham Young, thinks too much is being made of his departure.



"It's not a big deal. Our focus is B Y U," Gibbs said. "My focus is to try to allow these guys to go out on top against BYU,

to have success."

Asked if Gibbs' resignation under fire was providing added incentive for the Sooners (6-5), Oklahoma receiver Albert Hall said, "Coach has always told us to go out and play for ourselves, and he will take care of his part."

The game offers a stark contrast in quarterbacking as well as coaching situations.

The Sooners will be playing with reserve quarterback Terence Brown, who has completed one pass this season and has attempted nine passes in his career. He's starting in place of Garrick McGee, recovering from viral-caused spinal meningitis.

On the other hand, BYU (9-3) features an offense directed by junior quarterback John Walsh, who has passed for 3,712 yards and 29 touchdowns this season

and 8,390 yards during his career. Oklahoma, making its 32nd bowl appearance, will need a victory to finish a 29th straight winning season. The Sooners finished fourth in the Big Eight.

Gibbs said BYU, which defeated Notre Dame 21-14 at South Bend, is anything but a finesse football team. Aside from turnovers, the key will be the line of scrimmage, and his team will have to be as physical as the Cougars, he said.

"Late in the third quarter and the fourth quarter, they physically beat Notre Dame at its game," Gibbs said. "We've got to disrupt what they like to do. This will be a chess-match type of game because they've seen everything."

Gibbs said his team won't rely on a three-back running attack because of Brown's inexperience. He said he's been surprised by how well Brown played in practice.

"The first day he struggled a little bit, but his improvement has been evident to all of us," he said.

The game is the Cougars' 17th straight postseason appearance under coach LaVell Edwards, who is completing his 23rd season.

The Cougars, who finished tied with Utah and Air Force for second in the Western Athletic Conference, averaged 144.5 yards on the ground while rushing 480 times and attempting 475 passes.



FORM EQUALS FUNCTION — Snyder's Reagan Key soars for a layup during the Tigers' win over Merkel. Snyder, which is coming off a 60-56 win over Merkel, takes on Vernon today at 6:30 p.m. in the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Snyder forges win over Merkel 60-56

SWEETWATER — The Snyder Tigers secured a second round matchup with the Vernon Lions at 6:30 p.m. today with an 60-56 opening game win over the Merkel Badgers in the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic Wednesday.

After a shaky start, Snyder settled down in the second half and worked its offense for 24 fourth quarter points.

Merkel, led by 6'6" senior center Bryce Buntin's game high 19 points, jumped out to an early 16-11 first quarter lead thanks to erratic play by the Tigers.

"This was definitely a good team," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "They (Merkel) have beaten some quality area teams and they were able to show why with a good first half performance."

This season the Badgers have defeated Big Spring and Sweetwater, two times each, and scored an upset win over the Odessa High Broncos.

According to Birks, the major cog to the Merkel basketball machine has been the play of Buntin.

"He (Buntin) is a tough player to defend," Birks said. "He has a variety of different shots that he can hurt you with."

Although Post, a senior, didn't contribute as much on the offensive end (one point) he made up for it defensively.

"I thought (Ricky) Post did a good job defensively against Buntin," Birks said. "He also did a

nice job feeding the low post offensively."

Snyder (9-7) fell behind in the first half, 29-23, but settled down in the second half to get the victory.

"We were really pressing in the first half," Birks said. "In the third and fourth quarter we were more relaxed and patient with our offense."

"I think our patience won us the game."

Another factor in the Tigers' win was the overall team effort, according to Birks.

"We got good play from the entire team," he said. "When we put our minds to it and start to really fight, that's when we are at our best."

"The kids got after it in the second half and were able to claw their way back into the ballgame."

Three Snyder players scored in double figures for the Tigers, in a night that saw 10 players convert for points.

Wayne Brazier led the team with 11 points and both Reagan Key and Brad Gober each had 10.

A bright spot for Snyder continues to be the play of sophomore Rick Henderson. Henderson came off the bench for eight points, all in the second half.

"Rick gave us the spark we needed off the bench," Birks said. "All eight of his points came in rapid succession and that helped pull us ahead."

Cavaliers slish way to 20-10 win over TCU

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — No. 18 Virginia rode Mike Groh's pinpoint passes and the running of Charles Way and Kevin Brooks to a 20-10 victory over Texas Christian Wednesday night in the rain-soaked 19th Independence Bowl.

Groh scorched the unranked Horned Frogs (7-5) with a 37-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Tyrone Davis in the third period as the Cavaliers (9-3) took an insurmountable 17-3 lead.

Brooks, who rushed for 114 yards, set up one touchdown with a 52-yard run and Way bulled in

from the 6 for the other as the Cavaliers ended their postseason losing streak at four.

It was the first meeting ever between the Cavaliers of the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southwest Conference co-champion Horned Frogs and pretty much followed the pregame forecast.

Although playing without premier cornerback Ronde Barber, Virginia's powerful defense held the Frogs' explosive, balanced attack to a total of 195 yards.

Rafael Garcia opened and closed Virginia's scoring with field goals of 20 and 32 yards.

TCU trailed 10-3 at halftime and 20-3 at the end of the third period but marched 48 yards in 11 plays in the final quarter and scored on a 1-yard pass from Max Knake to tight end Brian Collins. With little over 7:00 left, Char-

les McWilliams blocked a 25-yard Virginia field goal attempt, but it just delayed inevitable.

The Cavaliers entered the game with the country's No. 1 rushing defense and led the nation in interceptions with 27. Cavalier linebacker Randy Neal stole a Knake pass to set up Garcia's second field goal.

Groh, voted the game's outstanding offensive player, guided Virginia 68 yards in six plays for the pivotal touchdown, hitting Davis with the 37-yarder as he sped down the sideline.

Moments later, Neal's interception wrapped things up.

With Virginia nursing a 3-0 lead, Brooks slashed across the tackle and raced 52 yards to the TCU 28 to launch the only touchdown drive of the first half.

Way hammered out runs of 9, 8 and 5 yards and blasted across from six yards out to cap the 80-yard scoring thrust with 2:46 left in the second period.

TCU closed the gap to 10-3 on the final play of the half as Knake's 9-yard pass to Andre Davis and a defensive holding penalty put the Frogs in range for Michael Reeder's 43-yard field goal.

After misfiring on a 36-yard attempt, Garcia got the first points of the cold, rainy night on a 20-yard field goal 4:40 deep in the second period.

After a 19-yard TCU punt, Groh burned 6:17 off the clock in a 40-yard, 14-play drive that stalled at the TCU 2.

The game was sponsored by Poulan/Weed Eater.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	22	5	.815	-
New York	14	12	.538	7 1/2
New Jersey	12	18	.400	11 1/2
Boston	10	17	.370	12
Philadelphia	10	17	.370	12
Miami	8	17	.320	13
Washington	7	18	.280	14

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	19	8	.704	-
Indiana	16	9	.640	2
Charlotte	14	12	.538	4 1/2
Chicago	14	13	.519	5
Atlanta	11	16	.407	8
Detroit	9	16	.360	9
Milwaukee	9	17	.346	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	19	8	.704	-
Houston	16	9	.640	2
San Antonio	14	9	.609	3
Denver	13	12	.520	5
Dallas	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Minnesota	6	19	.240	12

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	21	6	.778	-
Seattle	18	8	.692	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	9	.625	4 1/2
Sacramento	14	12	.538	6 1/2
Portland	12	12	.500	7 1/2
Golden State	10	15	.400	10
L.A. Clippers	4	23	.148	17

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 105, Boston 97
New York 101, Detroit 93
Cleveland 91, Washington 75
Utah 117, Indiana 95
Seattle 121, Philadelphia 102

Thursday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

College Basketball

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TOP 25 SCOREBOARD

No. 2 UCLA 88, N.C. State 80
No. 3 Arkansas 86, Oklahoma 84
No. 10 Arizona 95, Richmond 68
No. 12 Georgetown 83, Grambling St. 66
No. 14 California 79, Columbia 43
No. 16 Arizona St. 65, Pacific 50
No. 24 Indiana 92, E. Kentucky 49

EAST
New Hampshire 81, Navy 79
Providence 93, Oklahoma St. 78
Villanova 80, Rider 69

SOUTH
Bradley 63, Mississippi 61
Fla. International 86, Lamar 56
George Mason 84, Miss. Valley St. 80
Hartford 69, Cent. Florida 65
LSU 105, Georgia St. 70
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SOUTHWEST
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Holy Cross 75, Rice 74
Nicholls St. 90, Stephen F. Austin 84
Texas Tech 67, Penn St. 61
Alabama 83, Texas Christian 64
Southern Cal 91, Southern Meth. 73
Texas-El Paso 77, Texas-Pan American 61
Rhode Island 87, Texas A&M 68
South Florida 87, Baylor 75

FAR WEST
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Monia 103, Cal Poly-SLO 54
S. Utah 79, N. Arizona 65
Utah St. 86, Lewis-Clark St. 62

Sterling career may end for Packers' star

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Opponents and teammates alike are praying for Sterling Sharpe's recovery from a neck impairment that has cut short his season and possibly his career.

Sharpe needs surgery to fuse the top two vertebrae in his neck, team physician Patrick McKenzie said Wednesday after coach Mike Holmgren, quiet and downcast, stated simply: "Sterling's season is over."

So, too might be Sharpe's magnificent but brief career that includes 595 receptions for 8,134 yards and 65 touchdowns. He had 94 catches for 1,119 yards and a team-record 18 touchdowns this season.

"I consider Sterling a friend of mine. I was real sorry to hear that," said wide receiver Brett Perriman, whose Detroit Lions visit the Packers on Saturday in the first playoff game at Lambeau Field since Jan. 8, 1983.

"My prayers go out to Sterling," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said. "I think he's one of the great ones in the NFL. I'm pulling for him to get back



Sterling Sharpe

as soon as he can."

"At least now we know what the problem was," Holmgren said. "We feel we can fix it and we'll see where it takes us after that."

Sharpe's 314 receptions in the last three seasons is unmatched. He is the first player in the 75-year history of the NFL to post consecutive 100-reception seasons.

A seventh-year pro out of South Carolina, he is a five-time Pro Bowl selection.

DID YOU KNOW?

Just before an Oakland Athletics-Kansas City Royals game in June 1986, A's slugger Dave Kingman, who neither liked, nor was liked by the press, had a live rat delivered to the press box to sportswriter Susan Forno of The Sacramento Bee.

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"Primetime" named NFL's defensive MVP

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Deion Sanders' acquisition by the San Francisco 49ers was supposed to be a gamble.

Some gamble. Sanders became the focal point of a defensive turnaround by the 49ers that, along with the team's powerhouse offense, has the club poised for another Super Bowl run.

"Without him, we would be a different team," secondary coach Tom Holmoe said of Sanders, named Wednesday the 1994 Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year.

"I think a lot of players gained confidence by seeing his approach, his confidence in himself, his confidence in his skills. Now, some people say that the 49ers went out on a limb, but I can say that there's not another team in the NFL that wouldn't want to

have him," Holmoe said.

Sanders was the last of six new starters in the remaking of San Francisco's defense, which collapsed in consecutive losses to Dallas in the NFC championship game.

The two-sport star waited until the baseball season was canceled in September before signing with the 49ers as a free agent, but went on from there to fashion a brilliant season.



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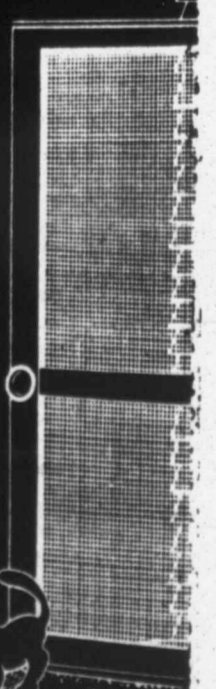
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- RICHARDS LOSES.** Popular Texas governor loses in her bid to remain the state's highest elected official. Ann Richards hints she'll continue public, if not necessarily political, service.
- BUSH WINS.** Son of former U.S. President and part owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team defeats Richards, vowing to be especially tough on juvenile crime.
- HOUSTON FLOODS.** Deadly flooding leaves 22 people dead and causes millions of dollars of damage to area homes and businesses. Thousands of residents are displaced and forced to apply for federal disaster aid.
- TEXAS ECONOMY.** The North American Free Trade Agreement completes its first year amid disagreements over whether the free trade pact, joined late in the year by GATT, is creating or costing jobs. Meanwhile, Texas housing booms early in the year and unemployment falls to four-year lows as the state's economic recovery continues.
- HUTCHISON ACQUITTED:** U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is acquitted after prosecutors abandon criminal ethics case against her. Mrs. Hutchison goes on to record a landslide victory over Richard Fisher in the November General Election.
- NAFTA IMPACT.** The first year of the North American Free Trade Agreement increases cross-

border trade dramatically, but the debate whether it's good or bad for the U.S. job market continues.

- DEADLY CRASHES.** The highway death toll reaches a record 65 during the July 4th weekend, leaving state lawmakers to push for stricter seat belt laws to help protect youngsters. Twenty-seven of the victims were under age 18, with at least 15 lacking safety restraints. Sunday, July 3, was deadliest day in Texas traffic history, with 44 deaths. The previous record was 42 on Christmas Eve in 1975.
- DAVIDIANS TRIAL.** Most of the Branch Davidians charged in the shooting deaths of four fed-

eral agents are convicted for their roles. Judge imposes strict sentences.

Free trade, steady growth give Texas economy a merry 1994

DALLAS (AP) — In Texas, 1994 was a quiet year for business. And that was good news.

"I think the era of big events is past," said Bernard Weinstein, director of the University of North Texas Center for Economic Development and Research.

"What we saw in Texas in '94 is continued strength in a lot of our industries, the state benefiting from a rapid pace of national growth, the state benefiting from continued trade and investment with Latin America and particularly Mexico — not headline-grabbing events so much as just improving business conditions in virtually every part of the state," he said.

The Texas economy continued to outpace the nation's, and analysts expected the growth to continue in 1995. Unemployment fell to 5.5 percent in November, the lowest in nearly four years and the best two-month rate since before the oil bust.

Some controversy persisted over the effect on jobs of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which celebrates its first birthday Jan. 1. But Texas analysts said the state clearly has benefited from increased trade under the pact with Canada and Mexico.

"We've been very positively impacted," said Roland Arriola, director of the University of Texas-Pan American Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development.

Adoption of the global GATT trade accord, which takes effect Jan. 1, and the successful Mexican presidential elections also were major events for the state in 1994, Arriola said.

"The way that the Mexican elections turned out has been very positive, primarily because a lot of people don't realize this but the trade with Mexico impacts the whole state of Texas," he said.

"There are about 1.1 million jobs in the state of Texas that are tied to our trade with Mexico."

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade "sort of piggybacks on NAFTA and increases the opportunities for some sectors of the economy that NAFTA wasn't affecting as much," such as agriculture, Arriola said.

Real estate markets were busy across Texas in 1994, with some predicting housing sales could hit an all-time high. However, as interest rates rose and the state's economic growth was expected to slow next year, the market was expected to cool a bit from its feverish pace.

"The short-term economic outlook for Texas is a bright and promising one," Waco economist Ray Perryman wrote in his annual economic forecast.

"On the whole, 1994 has been a strong year for the United States and an even stronger one for the Lone Star State. This trend will continue over the forecast horizon as the state's competitive advantages draw individuals and corporations alike," Perryman wrote.

Events that did make news in Texas business began on a sour note, with GTE Corp. saying in January it planned to cut 17,000 phone-related jobs nationwide. GTE's telephone operations subsidiary is based in Irving.

The travel industry also had another tumultuous year. Dallas-based Greyhound Lines Inc.

struggled to stay out of bankruptcy court, while the safety of commuter air travel was called into question by two deadly crashes of Fort Worth-based American Eagle planes.

Robert R. Ferguson III quit as chief executive officer of Houston-based Continental Airlines, and the Texas bullet train reached the end of the line in August, when a state board revoked the franchise for a 200 mph railroad.

On the other hand, Texas computer makers had a good year, with Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp. expected to become the biggest U.S. seller of personal computers and Austin's Dell Computer Corp. showing strong growth and reintroducing a line of its own notebook computers.

Dell, however, also got snared by the debacle that taught the nation a new term: derivatives, complex securities linked to, or "derived" from, a group of stocks, bonds or other assets.

In April, Dell said it lost \$500,000 in derivatives linked to foreign exchange trading. Then, in September, Odessa College reported its \$22 million portfolio had lost half its value because of derivatives.

As the year ended, local governments made a run on the state's TexPool investment fund due to concern spawned partly by Orange County, Calif.'s bankruptcy declaration, which was linked in part to losses from derivatives.

The oil business, once king in Texas, continued to see declines in 1994, as thousands of layoffs were announced nationwide.

But the majors continued doing massive deals, especially overseas. In November, Irving-based Exxon Corp. and the government of Indonesia agreed to spend up to \$40 billion to develop a huge natural gas field in the South China Sea. Earlier in the year, Exxon was assessed \$5 billion in punitive damages from its 1989 Alaskan oil spill. The company is appealing.

The oil industry marked a sentimental passing late in the year, with the \$250 million sale of Placid Oil, one of the largest remaining vestiges of the Hunt oil empire.

The year also saw the exit of two prominent Texas businessmen. Famed Houston oil well firefighter Paul N. "Red" Aaai sold his company and retired in January.

Michael Walsh, chairman of Houston-based Tenneco Inc., died of brain cancer in May at the age of 51.

Man with four wives needed notebook to keep track of lies

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Charmaine Whalen called police when her husband, who said his job kept him on the road, disappeared for longer than usual.

She wasn't the only wife looking for him.

Officers who went to Vernon Pierce's townhouse in this Phoenix suburb found a second wife knocking on his door. Then they found a third wife, and a fourth, and a list of "Who to Marry" with two more potential brides on it.

Pierce, who police had been looking for since September, was charged with bigamy after unexpectedly turning himself in Tuesday. He faces up to four years in prison and a \$300,000 fine.

The handsome 33-year-old said he surrendered so he could start a new life — and that other men shouldn't envy his escapades.

"I've wasted five years of my life with this," he said Wednesday, free on \$1,500 bail. "That kind of life is not what it may seem to be."

He said things got so complicated he had to keep notes of what he had told which wife. He carried a little black book in his wallet.

Pierce said he fantasized about having many wives, but didn't offer a more detailed explanation of why he was simultaneously married to four women in Arizona, California and Nevada.

That was the main question for wife No. 1, LaDranda Pierce of Phoenix. "Why, why? I really want to know why," she said Wednesday, wiping away a tear.

The 33-year-old legal secretary married Pierce in Los Angeles in August 1989. They separated in 1991 — she wouldn't say why — and are getting divorced. They have a 4-year-old son, Jared.

"Vernon has always been a really nice person," she said. "But he does know how to manipulate people."

Pierce, who says he used to be a model, set out on his wedding spree earlier this year. Police say he married Whalen, 23, of Palmdale, Calif., on April 29; 21-year-old Jamillah Thompson of Phoenix on May 11; and 27-year-old LeMitri Reed of Las Vegas on June 5.

Pierce said he spread his time between the three women, telling them he was a salesman, model, or engineer — jobs that kept him traveling.

The truth, he said, was al-

together different: "I didn't have a job. I didn't have time." He lived off his wives and other women he was dating.

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Jones' lawyer says ruling will allow probe of Clinton's past

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lawyers for the woman who accused President Clinton of sexual harassment say a judge's decision to delay a trial until the president leaves office frees them to question him about alleged affairs.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webster Wright refused Wednesday to dismiss Paula Corbin Jones' lawsuit against the president. She said granting him absolute immunity "would be contrary to our form of government."

In somewhat of a setback for Clinton, however, she said fact-finding procedures such as taking sworn statements from witnesses could proceed while he is in office.

"A trial is a process that doesn't just begin when the gavel is sounded," said Gilbert Davis, one of Ms. Jones' attorneys. "The most important thing is that we obtained this right requiring the president to answer, under oath, relevant questions that relate to this case."

Clinton probably will appeal that part of the judge's decision, said one of his private lawyers, Carl S. Rauh. Clinton's attorneys had said a trial would interfere with his ability to carry out his duties.

"We are concerned about this being a distraction for the president and believe it is inconsistent with the basic premise of the judge's decision," Rauh said. He said, however, that the delay of a trial was an "important victory for the office of the president."

Ms. Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, has accused Clinton of making a crude sexual ad-

vice in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991, when he was governor of Arkansas. Clinton denies her allegations.

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North Korea releases pilot's 'confession'

Hall apologizes for 'flagrant violation of international law'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hours after President Clinton demanded the release of Bobby Hall, North Korea countered today with a handwritten statement purportedly from the American pilot asking forgiveness for "a flagrant violation of international law."

It wasn't clear whether the statement was an indication that North Korea is ready to free Bobby Hall or an attempt to intensify pressure for a public U.S. apology.

It was impossible to know whether Hall wrote and signed the statement as the North Koreans claim, or if he did, under what type of pressure.

The statement, dated Christmas Day, was released after inconclusive talks Wednesday between North Korean officials and U.S. diplomat Thomas Hubbard. Another session was scheduled for today in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

Hall was captured Dec. 17 after his helicopter went down in North Korean territory. His co-pilot died and his body was returned last week.

Korea News Service in Tokyo, a pro-North agency, today released a photograph of the handwritten statement it said it had obtained from North Korea.

The seven-page statement is headlined "CONFESSION." Only the first and last pages are clearly visible. U.S. officials had no immediate comment on whether it appeared to be Hall's handwriting.

In the statement released by the North's official news agency, Hall said he was on a reconnaissance mission when his OH-58A-C helicopter "deviated from the route" and crossed into North Korea.

He did not admit to spying and gave no explanation for the deviation, but said, "I admit that this criminal action is inexcusable and unpardonable. However, at home my parents, wife and kids are anxiously waiting for my return to them."

"I only hope, and it is my desire, that the Korean People's Army will leniently forgive me for my illegal intrusion so that I may return to my home and be with my family again."

After Hall's statement was released, a Clinton administration

official, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the helicopter could be viewed as having illegally entering North Korean air space, but reiterated that the action was accidental and not part of a spying mission. U.S. officials have expressed regret over the incident.

In Washington on Wednesday, Clinton denied Hall's helicopter was involved in espionage. "He was on a routine training mission. That's all," the president said.

Clinton and administration officials avoided threatening retaliation, even while insisting the helicopter strayed into North Korean territory because of navigational errors.

Lawmakers and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have said failure to release the pilot soon could jeopardize an agreement to provide \$4 billion in aid to North Korea and improve relations. In

exchange, the isolated communist state, suspected of building nuclear weapons, is supposed to stop work on its nuclear program.

Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, a senior Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, attributed to Hall today is "a typical, North Korean strategy and sort of a Cold War re-enactment again."

"The only basis for hope is the fact that the North Korean government is still coherent enough to want to have a relationship with the United States," Lugar said.

It wasn't clear why North Korea released the statement four days after it was said to have been written and just after Hubbard arrived for the highest-level direct talks yet in the crisis.

But there have been indications of a power struggle between the North's civilian leaders and military hard-liners reported to be upset over the nuclear agreement signed two months ago.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency supplied a text of what it called Hall's confession.

"I am Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bobby Wayne Hall, pilot of an OH-58A-C ... which was shot down ... after illegally intruding deep into the territorial airspace of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," the statement began.

It said fellow Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon was thrown from the helicopter in the crash and killed. Hilemon's body was released Thursday and returned to the United States.

He was buried Wednesday in the spot he had requested — a knoll overlooking Mount Rainier in Washington state.

Chechnya's leader reportedly ready for peace negotiations

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — With Russian bombs raining down on the capital of his republic, Chechnya's leader, holed up in a bomb shelter under the presidential palace, reportedly told the Kremlin today he was ready to talk peace.

Despite the lengthening odds faced by outmanned Chechen forces, it was by no means clear President Dzhokhar Dudayev was backing down. He has steadfastly refused to negotiate unless Russian troops withdraw from Chechnya.

Radio Mayak of Moscow — affiliated with state-run Ostankino broadcasting — and the independent news agency Interfax said Dudayev had sent a telegram notifying Russia of his intent to hold talks. The reports, citing unnamed sources in Grozny, said Dudayev called the offer unconditional, but previous offers he also labeled unconditional have in fact held to the withdrawal demand.

A spokesman for the Russian government press service said he could not confirm the reports, and Chechen officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Russians hold a huge advantage in manpower and equipment, with as many as 40,000 troops to only several thousand

Chechens, and have made significant gains in recent days. Heavy fighting raged on the edges of Grozny as Russian forces tried to press their attack on the rebel capital from north and east.

U.N. diplomacy might be paying off in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs might sign a four-month truce with the government today, their leader said, suggesting that intense U.N. diplomacy to save a crumbling cease-fire had produced results.

Last week, former President Jimmy Carter brokered a two-stage halt to fighting between the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government.

A weeklong cease-fire — which is to end Saturday — is to allow time to nail down a four-month truce. But continuing attacks by Serb allies on government forces have threatened the

process. The leader of the rebel Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, said without elaboration today that "several points" of the longer truce were still being discussed. But "the Serb side might sign the agreement later today," he said.

Karadzic spoke after talks with Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, the U.N. commander in Bosnia, in the Serb stronghold of Pale outside Sarajevo. The United Nations has stepped up its diplomacy in an effort to try to make this cease-fire work where numerous others have failed.

On Wednesday, Rose traveled to the Bihac enclave.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	Change
AMR Corp	53 1/8	52 5/8	52 7/8	+1/4
AT&T Corp	52 1/8	51 1/2	51 5/8	+1/8
AirTouch	29 1/2	29	29 1/4	+1/4
Albersons	29 1/2	29 1/8	29 1/2	+1/4
Aldisgaal	35	34 1/2	34 7/8	+3/8
Alltel	30 1/8	30	30	-1/8
AmStofess	26 5/8	26 1/2	26 5/8	
Ameritech	41 3/4	41 1/2	41 1/2	-1/4
Amoco	59	58 3/4	59	+3/8
AndarkPir	39 1/4	38 3/8	39 1/8	+1
ArmoInc	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	
AirRichfld	102 3/8	102 1/8	102 3/8	
ATMOS Egy	16 5/8	16 3/8	16 3/8	-1/2
Aviall	77 1/8	77 1/8	77 1/8	
BakerHughes	18 1/2	18 3/8	18 3/8	
BellAtl	51 1/8	50 5/8	50 3/4	-1/4
BellSouth	54 7/8	54 1/2	54 1/2	-3/8
BethSteel	18 5/8	18 1/2	18 5/8	
Borden	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 5/8	-1/8
BritPet	80 1/8	79 3/4	80	-5/8
Caterpillar	54 3/8	53 7/8	54	-1/4
CentSoWst	22 5/8	22 3/8	22 1/2	+1/8
Chevron	44 5/8	44 3/8	44 1/2	
Chrysler	48 7/8	48 1/2	48 7/8	-1/2
Coastal	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 3/8	+1/4
Coastal	52 1/8	52	52	-1/4
ColgatePalm	62 3/4	62 1/4	62 3/8	-1/2
ComMell	25 3/8	25 1/8	25 1/8	-1/8
CooperL	33 7/8	33 1/4	33 3/4	
CyprusAmx	26 3/8	25 7/8	25 7/8	-1/4
DeltaSemic	16 1/2	16	16 1/2	+3/8
DeltaAirl	50 3/8	50	50 1/8	-3/8
DigitalEq	34 1/4	34	34 1/4	
Dillard	26 1/4	26	26	
DocChem	67 3/4	67	67 5/8	+1/8
DresserInd	19 3/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	
DuPont	56 1/8	55 5/8	56 1/8	+1/4
EastmanChem	51 3/8	51	51	-1/4
EastKodak	47 7/8	47 1/4	47 7/8	+5/8
EjlerInd	53 1/4	53	53 1/4	
Eserch	12 5/8	12 1/2	12 5/8	
Energy	21 5/8	21 1/4	21 5/8	+1/4
Exxon	61 3/4	61 3/8	61 3/8	-3/8
FlowerInd	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	
FordMotor	27 5/8	27 1/4	27 3/8	+1/8
GTE Cp	30 7/8	30 5/8	30 5/8	-1/4
GTE Corp	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 3/8	-1/8
GenElec	51 5/8	50 7/8	51 5/8	+1/2
GenMills	56 7/8	56 5/8	56 3/4	
GenMotors	41 5/8	41 1/4	41 1/2	+1/4
GenMotors E	38 1/2	38 3/8	38 1/2	+1/8
GenPacif	71 1/4	71 1/8	71 1/8	+1/8
GlobalMar	33 1/4	33 1/8	33 1/4	+1/8
Goodrich	44 3/8	44 1/4	44 1/4	
Goodyear	34	33 5/8	34	+1/4
GratPac	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 3/8	
Halliburton	33 5/8	33 1/4	33 1/4	-1/4
Hanson ADS	18 1/8	18	18	-1/4
Houstad	36	35 3/4	35 7/8	+1/8
IBM	73 3/4	73	73 5/8	+5/8
IntlPaper	74 5/8	74 1/8	74 1/8	-1/2
Johas&Jas	55 3/8	55	55	-1/8
K mart	127 1/8	125 3/8	123 3/4	
Kroger	24 1/8	23 7/8	23 7/8	
Litton	37 1/8	36 3/4	36 3/4	-3/8
Lowe's	34 3/8	34	34 1/8	+1/8
Luby's	22 3/4	22 3/4	22 3/4	-1/8
Maxus	31 1/2	31 3/8	31 3/8	
MayDeptSt	33 1/8	32 7/8	33	
Medtronic	55 1/4	55	55 1/4	+1/4
Mobil	85 3/8	84 7/8	85 3/8	+1/4

Obituaries

Pete Martinez
 Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, for Pete Martinez, 85, of Snyder who died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Healthcare Center. Ft. Pat Maher of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, will officiate.

Mr. Martinez, a cotton gin floorman, was born on Sept. 4, 1909, in Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Lilly Martinez of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Ricky Sosa of Snyder; two sisters, Martha of San Antonio and China of Ballinger; and two grandchildren, Bruce and Mathew Sosa of Snyder.

Burglary suspect kills himself

ROSALIE (AP) — A suspected burglar who had been sought for months in the woods of northeast Texas was found dead after a gunfight with law officers.

Richard E. Davidson, 36, was found shot to death Tuesday in an old hunting trailer. Davidson apparently had suffered a chest wound in the gunbattle, then shot himself in the head, an autopsy revealed.

Lamar County Attorney Tom Wells said Wednesday a pistol was found in Davidson's hand. No officers were hurt.

Davidson was suspected in at least 70 burglaries in Lamar and Red River counties since June. For months officers had used dogs, helicopters and search teams to try and find Davidson in the woods and rural areas of the two counties, Wells said. He apparently evaded the dogs by using ointment to cover his scent.

At times, the suspect at times left taunting notes at the crime scenes.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Carl Stokes, P.O. Box 445; Marissa Potter, Colorado City.

DISMISSALS: Betty Monroney, Marissa Potter, Amy Fowler and baby, Margaret Howell, Becky Lentz and baby.

Census: 48 (Med-14, Long-Term Care-30, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Charles and Jennifer Northcutt of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter weighing six pounds, seven ounces, born at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 28 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Craig and Jennifer Bailey of Midland are parents of a son, Nicholas Glen, born on Dec. 14 in the Midland Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Lynn and Beverly Conine of Midland and his paternal grandparents are Roy and Sallie Bailey of Snyder.

New faces in key places

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 Austin as the Class 4A state champion.

Also well-liked and respected as a teacher, Lewis chose to remain in the classroom, stepping down only from the coaches' box. He was replaced on the field by longtime assistant Roland Herrera.

T.J. Medart of Tulia assumed duties as the third warden of the Price Daniel Unit as Bob White, senior warden at the unit since August of 1993, was promoted to Beaumont.

And the Boy's Club got a name change and a new face. With the hiring of Jan McClain in June, the club officially opened its doors to girls. The facility was renamed the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club.

May's elections produced a lot of new faces — nine of them, to be exact. They were councilmembers Jerry Webb and Kenny Gambrell, SISD trustee Richard Chambers; Ira ISD board member Dirk Dunn; WTC trustees Lee Presswood and Eddie Peterson; and Hermleigh ISD trustees John D. Williamson, Andres Rodriguez, Jimmy "Chip" Roemisch and Carole Haynes.

Two incumbents held off strong challenges at the polls on May 7, in elections otherwise dominated by newcomers. Retaining their board seats despite opposition were school trustee Geraldine Parker and city councilwoman Vernest Tippens. Later in the month, Tippens would be named mayor pro-tem.

Uncontested incumbents holding their spots were college trustee R.C. Patton, Ira ISD trustee Bo Robinson and city councilman I.E. Martin.

Following May's elections came another turn at the ballot box in June. The topic was a controversial underground water district. Mitchell County approved it. So did Borden County. But Scurry County voters voted to turn off the

tap on the proposed Rolling Plains Underground Water Conservation District. Of the 1,511 votes cast, 1,129 were against. It failed 1,021 to 196 in Scurry County.

Other notable events in the second quarter of 1994 included:

—First United Methodist Church pastor Dr. Wylie "Buff" Hearn accepted a promotion to pastor St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Earnest A. "Earnie" McGaughey of Tulia was named to replace him.

—Toni Evans, a sophomore from Snyder, was named Western Texas College Rodeo Queen at the annual WTC NIRA Rodeo. Western Texas' squads, both the men and women, won the rodeo.

—In a move that put the police department, sheriff's office, Texas Rangers office and 911 dispatching in the same building, Snyder Police Department moved its offices to the newly-created Law Enforcement Center in mid-April.

—Three high school students were expelled and a West Elementary student placed on in-school suspension for having weapons on campus in mid-April. The high school boys — a 16-year-old and two 17-year-olds, were expelled for having a pistol at school. In an unrelated incident, a 12-year-old boy was placed on in-school suspension for bringing two kitchen knives to school.

—Fletcher Tigner of Magdalena, N.M. and Nealley Hernandez of Sunray were named Mr. and Miss Western Texas College.

—Emergency medical assistance for southern Borden County residents improved dramatically with the dedication of a helipad some 10 miles from Lake J.B. Thomas.

—Snyder High School band members scored a "1" in concert and sight reading at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in

Plainview. Coupled with a "1" earned during marching competition in the fall of 1993, the achievement earned SHS a sweepstakes award for band.

—Once again, Snyder High School's drama department swept through district, area and regional one-act play competition to advance to state. The trip was Snyder's 27th to Austin and the 25th under current drama instructor Jerry Worsham. The play, "Pygmalion," did not place in 1994, despite what Worsham called an "outstanding" performance. Craig Row, the only senior with acting experience in the cast, was named to the Class 4A All-Star Cast. Kevin Alejandro and Katie Thornton were honorable mention.

—Snyder High School placed second out of 37 schools at the UIL Region I Class 4A Academic Meet and advanced five students to state — Amanda Carter, Kurtis McCathern, Tiffany Jones, Tom Kerr and Robert Clarady. At state, McCathern placed fourth in ready writing. Also placing fourth was the science team of McCathern, Kerr and Clarady.

—Carla Sanchez of Ira and Tommy Gale Jones of Colorado City were named outstanding students for 1993-94 at Western Texas College on April 26.

—Snyder High School girl's golf team took second place at region and earned a berth to the Class 4A State Tournament. Making up the team were Brooke Lowrance, Kayla Drain, Kelli Lack, Mandy Baker and Brooke Kubena. Lowrance was regional medalist with a two-round total of 145. In May, the golf team placed fifth overall at state. Vicky Green also placed sixth in the state track and field meet with a personal best of 1:30.76, 4-inches in the discus.

—Darren Jackson, Scurry County deputy sheriff since 1986, was named president of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association on May 10.

—The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District banquet was held May 11, with several major awards announced. Snyder area farmer Clint McCowen was presented with the Conservation Farmer Award. Tim and Carol Wilson were presented with the Conservation Rancher Award. The Conservation Educator Award was received by Dr. David Kattes of Western Texas College. Borden County rancher Ralph Price received a Take Pride in American Conservation Farm Award. Fifteen public school students were also recognized as poster and essay contest winners.

—Chris Lambaren was named valedictorian and Sheri Sandefur was named salutatorian at Hermleigh High School.

—Snyder High School junior Paige Gayle was selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State. Jeremy Perkins, an SHS junior, was chosen to attend Boys State.

—Jennifer Early was named valedictorian and Brandi Doyle salutatorian of Snyder High School.

—Borden County's top students for 1993-94 were Melody Harrison, valedictorian, and Richard Buchanan, salutatorian.

—Ira top students were Wendy Nicole Wilson, valedictorian, and Michelle Joy Germandt, salutatorian.

—In a 4-1 decision that drew applause from a crowded board room on May 25, Snyder public schools trustees approved pay increases for 22 teachers left uncompensated when the state legislature abolished the career ladder. The issue had first been brought to the school board in September of 1993, and took nine months to be resolved.

—With the hiring of a new director, Jan McClain, Scurry County Boys Club officially opened its doors to girls on June 8. The facility was renamed the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club.

Dear Abby



Helmetless Horseback Riders Won't Be Hardheaded for Long

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you mention the importance of bikers wearing safety helmets, which prompts me to write to you regarding horseback riding.

According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, each year more than 42,000 people are sent to hospital emergency rooms due to riding-related accidents. The American Riding Instructors Association sponsors a certification program. Instructors certified by this program are required to use approved safety headgear for their students and themselves.

Since this program was instituted in 1984, we have received a number of letters from individuals who, thanks to the fact they were wearing protective headgear, received non-catastrophic injuries. (In one instance, the rider's doctor told her that the helmet saved her life.)

Few people realize that head injuries are cumulative; several seemingly "minor" bumps and bangs can result in serious problems. Your readers should be aware that appropriate safety headgear is vital in any activity in which the head is readily exposed to injury. Those who say they can't afford a helmet should check out the cost of brain surgery!

CHARLOTTE BRAILEY
KNEELAND, A.R.I.A.
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM,
ALTON BAY, N.H.

DEAR CHARLOTTE: Since most people might associate riding accidents with bicycling or motorcycling, your letter provides a helpful reminder of the fact that horseback riding, too, contributes its share of head injuries.

Many enthusiasts insist that "to wear or not to wear" should be a matter of personal choice. However, it should be remembered that organ banks report that the best candidates for organ donations are hospital patients on life support, with non-reversible head injuries.

AT&T wants to raise rates for calling cards, other items

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the heels of a monthly rate increase, AT&T Corp. is seeking to raise other rates, including those for calling cards and operator-handled calls.

The plan, filed with the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday, would generate \$259 million in additional revenue for the telecommunications giant.

It will affect far fewer callers than the rate increase for monthly long-distance service that went into effect Dec. 16. Joseph Nacchio, president of AT&T's Consumer Communications Services unit, said in an interview. Exact numbers were unavailable.

At the same time, AT&T

pledged not to increase basic long-distance rates for domestic calls in 1995.

The company charges an average 15.9 cents a minute for those calls. While the pledge is not legally binding, Nacchio said: "If we make a pledge we will keep it. ... We're not going to violate our customers' trust."

AT&T spokesman Jim McGann said inflation and increased costs for providing the services are prompting the request for higher rates.

If approved, the new rates would take effect Jan. 10.

Regional phone companies trying to get into the long-distance business say AT&T's plan under-

scores the need for more competition in the \$60 billion-a-year industry.

AT&T and rival MCI currently are slugging it out in ads over whose rates are lower. MCI increased its monthly rate — in line with AT&T's — on Dec. 16. MCI declined to comment on AT&T's latest pricing proposal. Sprint also had no comment.

Under AT&T's proposed pricing, domestic calling card and operator-handled calls would go up 3.8 percent. Direct-dial calls from the United States to some countries would increase 1.3 percent and monthly subscription fees for some domestic savings plans would increase 2.4 percent.

The most popular savings plans, True USA and True World, will not be affected, McGann said.

Among the affected plans are Any Hour Saver, in which the \$10 monthly subscription would rise to \$10.75, and Reach Out 24 Hour, in which the fee would rise from \$8.70 to \$9.50, McGann said.

The new pricing request also seeks to increase rates an average 5 percent for USA Direct Service calls.

Broadway dream comes true for contest winner

NEW YORK (AP) — A German tourist had a brush with bat-wielding New Yorkers near Times Square — and she loved every second of it.

The 20-year-old kindergarten teacher-in-training was making a guest appearance in "Damn Yankees," the Broadway musical about a fan who sells his soul to become the world's greatest baseball player.

No such price was extracted from Simone Freue of Hamm, Germany, who won a "dream come true" contest sponsored by the German newspaper Bild

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 4, 12, 28, 32, and 33.

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

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed all those letters about zippers. Here's another one: A gentleman was dining alone at a Beverly Hills restaurant, unaware that his fly was unzipped.

His waitress noticed this, and very discreetly handed him a piece of paper on which she had written:

"Dear Sir: I notice that your fly is unzipped and wide open. I will go to the other end of the room and drop a tray full of silverware on the floor to attract everyone's attention to that area while you zip up your fly."

LONGTIME READER
IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR LONGTIME: I hope he gave that waitress a nice tip for the tip-off.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the retired couple who is on a fixed income and had very little to spend for Christmas gifts.

My husband's grandparents are also on a limited budget, but every year, we get a wonderful homemade gift from them. The great-grandchildren get handmade ornaments and paperback books.

One year, Grandma bought some candy tins and filled them with the most delicious homemade fudge, and she taped the recipe on the lid!

Now, I, too, can make the world's best fudge!

MALEAH SMITHAM

DEAR MALEAH: If it's not a secret, please send me the recipe.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Clinton opens search for new CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is opening a search for a new CIA chief to polish the spy agency's image in the aftermath of nearly a decade of treachery by Russian mole Aldrich Ames.

James Woolsey, 53, resigned Wednesday after two tumultuous years as CIA director during which he was dogged by the Ames affair, congressional criticism of the agency's bloated budget and post-Cold War restructuring.

Woolsey cited personal and family considerations, and the White House insisted he was not forced from office.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch, the No. 2 official at the Pentagon, was said to be high on the list of possible successors.

White House officials said, however, it was too early to speculate on front-runners.

Deutch, 56, has a reputation as a demanding taskmaster and a shrewd political and strategic adviser to the White House. He has been at the center of many of the administration's most sensitive decisions on the use of military force, particularly the operation in Haiti.

Haunting the selection process is the case of Ames, the 31-year CIA veteran sentenced to life imprisonment after confessing he served as a paid Russian agent for eight years, turning over secrets said to have caused Moscow to execute several key U.S. intelligence agents.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-

Ariz., the outgoing chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, had complained that Woolsey's actions in clearing the wreckage left by the Ames affair were weak and inadequate.

But he called Deutch "a very competent fellow" and said he would be an excellent choice to head the agency.

The White House officials said Clinton soon will begin to concentrate on his choice and said it is likely he hopes to conclude the search in the next few weeks. Woolsey agreed to stay through the end of January if necessary.

The Ames affair dealt Woolsey's agency a morale and public relations wallop as well as an intelligence setback.

Although most of the Ames

spying took place before Woolsey assumed command of the CIA early in 1993, his decision not to severely punish the CIA officials for whom Ames worked stirred a storm on Capitol Hill.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., current vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and possibly its next chairman, said Woolsey made "errors in judgment."

"The reprimands that Woolsey gave to the individuals who were singled out (in the Ames case) ... were not commensurate with what should have been given those individuals; and indeed were not commensurate with what public opinion felt was necessary," he said.

The next director, Warner said, should be someone "who has instant credibility across America as a person who has achieved recognition in the area of national security."

Woolsey also faced congressional fire for the agency's estimated \$3 billion budget, a costly secret building project for its spy satellite division and allegations of sexual harassment inside the agency.

Woolsey's successor will have plenty of direction on the future of the agency.

A commission to be headed by former Defense Secretary Les Aspin will soon begin examining the missions and roles of the agency. Clinton's National Security Council already has launched a similar review. The House and Senate intelligence committees are expected to examine the same ground in hearings and to look again at the Ames case.

"The new director would be at the forefront of framing the agenda to downsize the intelligence community while focusing on the quality of its product," a White House official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "In other words, how to spend fewer dollars and improve intelligence."

Privileges for Simpson lead to better treatment for others

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Inmates at the Men's Central Jail can thank O.J. Simpson for new privileges such as hot meals for a day in court and more privacy when talking to their lawyers.

Sheriff Sherman Block announced Wednesday that some of the privileges first extended to Simpson have filtered down to the jail's 6,000 other inmates.

Those who appear daily in court for three weeks or more can now get a hot meal in the evening instead of cold sandwiches.

In November, Simpson's attorneys complained he was losing weight because he only got sandwiches when he missed dinner because of long days in court. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito then ordered jailers to keep a warm meal ready for Simpson.

Ito also ordered a room sound-proofed for Simpson's use after a deputy said he overheard Simpson shouting during a meeting last month with minister Rosey Grier. The room has been available for about a week to all inmates on a first-come, first-served basis, Block said.

Block also contracted reports of other privileges allegedly enjoyed by Simpson, who is charged

with murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Simpson is allowed to shower every day only when he has a court appearance. Otherwise, he must follow jail policy and shower every other day, Block said. He also doesn't have greater access to telephones than other prisoners, Block said.

Block acknowledged that Simpson is awakened an hour later than most inmates for court appearances, but said that high-security prisoners get extra sleep because they are transported individually to court by van.

He said Ito allowed Simpson's mother to visit the jail Christmas Eve and again Monday, when other inmates weren't allowed to have visitors.

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Man blames cops for death of son

ODESSA (AP) — Earlier this week, James Earl Crowder was worried about threats against his 18-year-old son. He told police what was happening and felt his pleas were ignored.

Crowder's fears were realized Wednesday afternoon when his son Earl Jason Crowder was fatally shot at his house.

"This could have been prevented," the elder Crowder said. "I told police about those kids. (The police) knew who they were. But because we were poor and black, they didn't do anything."

Police are seeking a 16-year-old who reportedly walked up to the house, spoke to Earl Jason Crowder, argued with him, then pulled out a handgun and shot Crowder in the chest.

The suspect may have been in-

involved in prior drive-by shootings and altercations this week with Crowder, James Earl Crowder said.

Odessa Police Detective Vic Sikes said late Wednesday he did not believe the murder suspect was involved in a Monday morning drive-by shooting.

In a statement released Wednesday night, Jim Dodson, commander of the OPD criminal investigation bureau, confirmed the calls about the drive-by shootings, but said "these shootings have been at different locations and involved several different persons."

Dodson's statement said Earl Jason Crowder "refused to assist in the investigation or file formal charges against the persons responsible."

Bush's quail hunt has little fanfare

BERCLAIR (AP) — Former President George Bush was finally able to slip onto the Lazy F Ranch in peace and quiet for his annual quail hunt.

Few people even knew Bush was headed to the small Goliad County town of Berclair when he arrived Wednesday. A last-minute change in plans and no announcement Bush was coming may be partly to blame for the lack of a greeting.

Rose Moya, owner of Juices convenience store on U.S. Highway 59 in Berclair, said that if people had known of Bush's arrival, they would have been out to welcome him.

"I am sure he would have stopped if he saw people out there," she said.

Bush missed the trip in 1990

and 1993 and Ms. Moya said there was no reason to believe he'd be here this year.

"Usually the Secret Service will come two months before to check out the town," she said.

Jim McGarth, press aide in Bush's Houston office, said the trip was not meant to be a secret.

"He has been a private citizen for about two years and he is just trying to act more like one," McGarth said. "He does not yearn for the spotlight. He just wants to go down there and enjoy some hunting."

This is Bush's 24th year to hunt on the 10,000-acre Lazy F Ranch near Berclair, a town of about 70 residents.

There was no word on whether he shot anything.

Two teens arrested in Chicago for murder

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — Authorities in Starr County say they will seek the extradition of a San Juan man and his 16-year-old female companion in the brutal slaying of the man's neighbor.

The body of Eleanor Ginder, 58, was found Christmas Eve in her van at Fort Ringgold Park at Rio Grande City. She had been bound and gagged and stabbed at least 10 times in the neck and chest, officers said.

The woman had been reported missing five days earlier.

Jamie Charles Nonn, 19, and his female companion, who was not identified because she is a juvenile, were arrested Wednesday by Chicago police.

"Capital murder charges are pending," sheriff's investigator Mike Mascorro said.

Officers said they believe rob-

Family friend charged with alleged abuse of 3 children

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 35-year-old man faces three sexual assault charges for abusing two young sisters and their 5-month-old brother while the children's mother reportedly slept on a couch.

Ralph Vasquez was being held in the Bexar County Jail early Wednesday on \$300,000 bonds. He faces three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Officers responded Tuesday afternoon to a report that a girl had been molested by a man described as a family friend.

When police arrived at the family's apartment, they said the mother was "very upset ... (She) stated she apparently fell asleep on the couch while all this was

happening."

The 9-year-old girl told police a man had taken her into a back bedroom, removed her pants and molested her.

The 8-year-old sister told investigators she also had been sexually assaulted.

Both girls told police the man had threatened to harm them if they told anyone about the incident.

One of the girls told officers said that while she was on the bed, the man also had removed her baby brother's diaper and sexually assaulted the infant.

Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony, punishable by a term of up to life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Man confesses to killing two people

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Johnson County man is facing two capital murder charges after getting off a bus headed out of state and confessing to killing his common-law wife and brother.

Leonard Rojas, 44, was being held in the Johnson County Jail on \$500,000 bail after having turned himself in to a security guard at a Dallas bus station Tuesday night. He gave no reason for the crimes.

"He told us that when the bus pulled into the Dallas station, he decided running away was not the thing to do and hunted up two security guards and told them he had

killed his wife and brother in Johnson County," said Capt. Dale Durham, a sheriff's investigator.

The victims were Jo Ann Reed, 34, and David Rojas, in his early 40s. Both lived with Rojas in a trailer about 17 miles south of Fort Worth.

Ms. Reed's two sisters found the bodies in the blood-splattered trailer around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The women were alarmed that Ms. Reed had missed work and had not picked up her two sons, who had been with their father in Grand Prairie.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 30, 1994

The year ahead could be prosperous for you if you're inspired to work harder to provide for those you love. Taking care of them will help you as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hopes and expectations have a good chance of being fulfilled today if you approach your objectives in a practical manner. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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) This might be a day of substantial achievement. What occurs may appear to be reasonably easy, but you'll know better.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may be very well equipped for dealing with groups today. The larger the group, the better you'll do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might have to deal with two individuals the world has mistreated lately. Your compassion will guide you and you'll know just what to say and do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The greatest lessons today aren't apt to come from textbooks. Knowledge you acquire through personal experience could prove invaluable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your earning capacity could increase at this time. You are in a cycle where the service or expertise you offer could yield unusually larger returns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you want to earn a reputation as a good guy, make a sincere effort to treat others as you would have them treat you. The golden rule is the best measure today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A solution might be found today for a problem you've been unable to solve. The answer will affect your entire family, not just the perpetrator.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you might feel a little lonely today, you should still choose your companions carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your luck in financial situations will be unusually good today. Think logically, but do not ignore strong hunches or intuitive perceptions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Over the next few days, you might hear from several friends you've been out of touch with for quite some time. Strange circumstances could compel them to call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Good things might happen to you today just because you'll be in the right spot at the right time. Watch for opportunities from sunup to sundown.

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DATE BOOK

Dec. 29, 1994

Today is the 363rd day of 1994 and the 9th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1992, Jean Harris, the murderer of Scarsdale Diet doctor Herman Tarnower, was released from a New York prison when Gov. Mario Cuomo commuted her sentence to time already served.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British statesman; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), musician; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 57; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 56; Ted Danson (1947-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Fred Newton became the first and only person ever to swim the length of the Mississippi River. Protected from the cold by a layer of axle grease applied to his body, the 1,826-mile journey took Newton about six months.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would impeach him because he is such an infernal liar." — Ulysses S. Grant on Andrew Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1830, a historic snowfall (not approached in modern times) commenced in Kansas City, Mo. The frontier community was buried under 30 inches of snow, with drifts up to 12 feet.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 25) and new moon (Jan. 1).

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FAA, airline eye complaint

DALLAS (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating whether a member of an American Airlines cockpit crew was drinking alcohol shortly before a recent flight from Amarillo to Dallas-Fort Worth.

Once the complaint was made, the airline put a different crew on the Sunday flight, American spokesman John Hotard said, adding that he did not know who made the complaint.

The Fort Worth-based airline also is investigating the incident, Hotard said.

HHS: GOP plan would drop millions from welfare rolls

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican plan to revamp the welfare system would deny aid to 5 million children now on the rolls without providing nearly enough money to care for them in orphanages and foster homes, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said today.

Shalala called the GOP's welfare overhaul a "cruel hoax whose human consequences would fall on children, and whose financial consequences would fall on state taxpayers and private charities."

Her comments are the latest attempt by the Clinton administration to discredit the proposed reforms, which Republican leaders have promised to take to the House floor for a vote by early spring.

The White House has yet to reveal its own strategy for welfare reform in 1995, although it has scheduled a bipartisan summit meeting in January with governors and lawmakers to find common ground on the issue.

House Republicans are pushing legislation to discourage teen-age pregnancy and illegitimate births by denying cash welfare and housing benefits to teen-agers who have children out of wedlock.

States could use the savings to promote adoptions and establish orphanages for children whose families could no longer afford to support them.

But the analysis released today by the Department of Health and Human Services suggested that states would receive only enough money to establish group homes for less than 1 percent of children who would be dropped from the rolls of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

HHS estimated that at least half of the 10 million children who receive AFDC would be denied benefits but that federal funds would be available to create fewer than 9,000 places in orphanages.

In a statement, Shalala said states would be left with two choices: to use state revenues to finance residential care for children whose parents could not afford to support them, or to hope that pri-

vate charities and other family members would take up the slack.

"The solution to the welfare crisis is not to send children to orphanages; it's to send their parents to work," the HHS secretary said.

She said the fantasy of the 1938 movie "Boys Town" — touted by incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., as an instructive portrayal of orphanages — must be contrasted with the "reality of orphanages and state budgets."

"The real issue here is not whether orphanages or group homes can be loving and compassionate facilities," Shalala said.

"The issue is what actually happens to millions of real-life children who would be cut from welfare rolls, with no Father Flanagan (Boys Town's founder) in sight and no money to pay for the real costs of child-rearing."

According to the Child Welfare League of America, residential care costs an average of \$100 a day, or \$36,500 a year. Foster care

costs about \$400 a month, or \$4,800 a year. The average monthly benefit for a family of three on AFDC was \$373 in 1993.

An earlier Agriculture Department analysis found that the Republican plan would also deny aid to millions of low-income Americans who need help buying groceries.

The USDA said that 6 million low-income Americans could be dropped from the food stamp rolls alone in 1996 and that spending on federal nutrition programs would be cut by more than \$30 billion through the year 2000.

The GOP plan would combine about a dozen federal nutrition programs, return the money to the states in a lump sum and cap overall spending.

Food stamps, AFDC and other welfare programs would no longer be "entitlements" — programs on which the federal government spends as much as is necessary to cover all who are eligible.

Magazine says 1994 best year for concerts

by The Associated Press
Lucrative tours by the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and the Eagles made 1994 the richest year ever for the concert industry, a trade magazine reported today.

A record \$1.4 billion was spent on concert tickets this year, shattering the previous record of \$1.1 billion spent in 1991, Pollstar magazine said.

This year also was notable for ticket prices that climbed above \$100 for the Eagles and Barbra Streisand, said Gary Bongiovanni, Pollstar's editor. He said that except for the Grateful Dead, the practice of charging significantly higher prices for better seats became the industry norm.

The Stones took in \$121.2 million from 60 North American concerts, making their "Voodoo Lounge" tour the richest ever. They broke their own record of \$98 million, set the last time they toured in 1989, Pollstar said.

"Money" proved to be more than one of Pink Floyd's best-known songs. The group made \$103.5 million this year during its trek across the continent.

The reformed Eagles had the third most profitable tour, at \$79.4 million in ticket sales, and Streisand's much-awaited return to the stage made \$58.9 million.

The Stones' standard may prove nearly as durable as the group itself. "I don't know of any other act waiting in the wings that could conceivably do that much business," Bongiovanni said.

The Grateful Dead had their best concert year ever, at \$52.4 million, but it was only enough to get fifth place on the list of top tours. Last year, the Dead topped Pollstar's list with \$43 million in concert ticket sales.

Bongiovanni said the industry continues to worry that few new acts show the earning power of the graying veterans.

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