In 1995...

Oklahoma City bombing top news story

NEW YORK (AP) — It was all O.J. all the time when 1995 began, but two stories surpassed the Simpson saga over the next 12 months: The arrival of homegrown terrorism in Oklahoma City, and the dispatch of 20,000 U.S. soldiers to blood-stained Bosnia.

The April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City was overwhelmingly cited as the top story of the year in the 59th annual Associated Press vote of newspaper and broadcast executives.

A solid second was the ongoing mess in the former Yugoslavia, where 60,000 NATO troops — one-third of them Americans — began arriving in December to replace ineffective United Nations peacekeeping forces. Years of war sparked by ethnic conflict in Bosnia have left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless; a peace treaty offered shaky hope.

Last year, the Simpson case was the story of the year. In 1995, the Simpson acquittal was No. 3 on the list, finishing well ahead of the next two choices: the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the enormous earthquake that rocked Kobe, Japan.

The second half of the top 10, in descending order: Newt Gingrich, President Clinton and their fight for control of the government; a nerve gas attack in the Tokyo subway system; the rescue of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady from Bosnia; the murderous heat wave that killed more than 700 people in Chicago; and the jury decision to spare Susan Smith from execution.

A short synopsis of the top 10:

1. OKLAHOMA BLAST. When it happened at the World Trade Center, the terrorists came from the Middle East. But when a powerful bomb detonated outside the federal building on April 19, authorities said, the search for the terrorists ended within U.S. borders.

Accused were two U.S. Army buddies, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who face trial in 1996. The carnage was shocking: 169 dead, more than 500 injured. The images were unforgettable: a firefighter carrying the bloody body of a baby girl. A woman rescued from the building's wreckage — only after doctors amputated her right leg.

2. THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. It was another year of ethnic violence and unrest in Yugoslavia, the continuation of a mind-numbing cycle of civil war that started near the turn of the decade. But at the end of 1995, the confrontation halfway around the world became personal for Americans: U.S. troops were sent to the Balkans.

The NATO mission — Operation Joint Endeavor — is the largest Western military operation in Europe since World War II. But many questioned Clinton's decision to step in where the United Nations had failed.

3. O.J. WALKS. It was 10 a.m. Pacific time, Oct. 3, when the nation stood still and stared at its televisions. Minutes later, a Los Angeles jury cleared O.J. Simpson of murdering his ex-wife and a waiter from a nearby restaurant. Many whites were shocked; many blacks applauded.

Months after his acquittal, public opinion remained divided — mostly along racial lines — on whether the former football hero slashed the throats of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The story just won't go away. Simpson is reportedly planning an infomercial declaring his innocence, and the Brown and Goldman families are pressing on with a civil suit against the Juice.

4. RABIN ASSASSINATION. On Nov. 5, Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin delivered a message of conciliation to the crowd in Tel Aviv: "People really want peace." Rabin, a Nobel Peace Prize winner for his efforts in the Middle East, then left the pro-peace rally and walked to his car.

Yigal Amir was waiting.

The 25-year-old Amir, taking advantage of lax security, fatally shot Rabin from point-blank range, authorities said. The alleged killer had ties to Israeli extremist fringe groups, and no remorse for the slaying.

"I'm satisfied," he said, when told of Rabin's death.

5. KOBE EARTHQUAKE. They lined the streets outside Kobe — people limping, wrapped in bandages, carrying what was left of their possessions. They were fleeing the worst earthquake in Japan since 1923, a disaster that turned a sleek, modern city of 1.4 million into a post-apocalyptic nightmare.

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 17 killed more than 6,000 people, injured more than 26,000, demolished more than 94,000

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Home Of Jerry Don Early

Snyder holiday is quiet

Five people were booked into custody over the long Christmas weekend on various charges.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 3:21 p.m. Saturday on outstanding city warrants for family violence, disorderly conduct and failure to appear.

Following a call at 11:43 p.m. Sunday of a possible drunk driver on the Lamesa Highway, DPS troopers arrested a 33-year-old Lamesa man for misdemeanor

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A perfect advertisement is one that makes people glad they bought it."

The day after Christmas has become one of the busiest retail days of the year.

Some people exchange wrong color and wrong size gifts, while others use the right colored gift — green — to buy something special for themselves.

Sales traditionally start the day after Christmas, and money received from Santa makes retailing fun, despite being tired from the hectic days just before Christmas, and even in the face of demands for exchanges.

Santa may get sued.

This lawsuit may redefine the meaning of frivolous. You may have heard about the woman who filed suit against Dispey because she says her children were "traumatized" when they saw some Disney characters pull off their costumes and become ordinary people.

You guessed it. A kid has tugged on Santa's beard in a shopping mall. Junior found out that his parents had been fibbing all these years.

It was so traumatic...

Despite O.J., we still have confidence in the system. Even though it's 365 days until his next round — nobody, but nobody on a jury is going to vote against Santa.

Got a call from a reader who told us about a "female" Santa who got fired after parents complained that Santa is supposed to be a man.

Trying to keep everybody happy, the mall offered the tender gender a job as a "female" elf.

1996 is gonna' be good!

BURIED TREASURE - Price Daniel Unit furniture warehouse supervisor David McKinney took advantage of a day off after Christmas and a sunny morning to look for coins and other "treasure" at Towle Park this morning. McKinney said he has enjoyed this hobby for over 25 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

On I-10...

Teen wanting toys shoots at trucker

FORT HANCOCK, Tex. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy trying to get toys for Christmas fired rifle shots at a truck on Interstate 10, critically wounding a motorist in another vehicle, police said today.

The boy, whose identity was withheld because of his age, was charged with juvenile deadly conduct, punishable by up to life in prison, police said.

"He told one of his little brothers that he was going to try to get a truck (filled) with Nintendos, so everybody would have some toys for Christmas," said Hudspeth County Sheriff Arcadio Ramirez.

The boy fired three shots from his family's .22-caliber rifle at a tractor-trailer rig eastbound on I-10, about 60 miles southeast of El Paso near the U.S.-Mexico border at about 5 p.m. Monday, officials said.

The youth apparently was trying to shoot out the truck's tires, hoping it would overturn and spill a cargo of toys, officials said.

"I guess he thinks every truck had toys," he said of the boy.

Ramirez said he didn't know what the truck was hauling. The driver apparently was unaware of the shots fired at his rig, and the trucker kept going, investigators said.

One of the shots fired struck Albert Tarango in the head, Ramirez said. Tarango, who had been driving just behind the big truck, was listed in critical condition today at El Paso's Thomason Hospital, the sheriff's department reported.

Tarango's wife, whose name was not immediately available, brought their pickup under control and to a stop without it overturning, Ramirez said.

Border Patrol agents tracked footprints leading about three miles from the highway to a residential area just east of Fort Hancock and found the youth hiding in a car, police said.

Officers from the Border Patrol and sheriff's office surrounded the car. The 13-year-old initially refused to surrender "but we persuaded him to get out," said Dan Hiebert, a Border Patrol supervisor in Fort Hancock.

The boy finally gave up without a struggle.

Deadly conduct, a felony, is punishable by five years to life in prison, Ramirez said.

The sheriff's department said the boy had now previous problems with law enforcement officers.

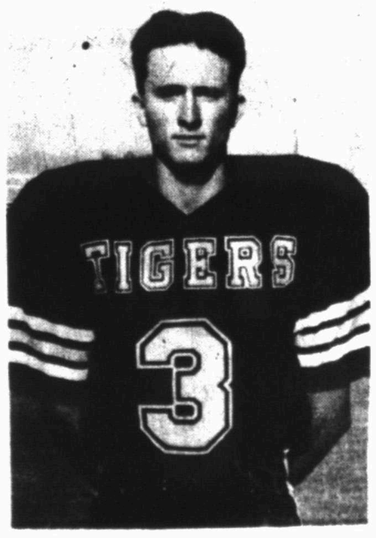
Matt Parker is academy nominee

Matt Parker, a senior at Snyder High School, has been nominated by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm to both the U.S. Military and Naval Academies.

Parker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker of Snyder, was one of 32 seniors in the 17th Congressional District nominated to attend one of the service academies.

Parker, an honor student at SHS, is a member of the SHS National Honor Society. A two-year starter at quarterback on the Snyder High School football team, he was recently named Class 4A honorable mention all-state as a place kicker. Parker was also named District 5-4A All-District.

Parker's older brother, J. Parker, currently attends West Point.



Matt Parker

Plastic money debt growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — As hopeful merchants open their doors for post-Christmas sales, reports of record-breaking credit card debt have sparked fears that consumers are in over their heads and the economy could be in trouble.

But some analysts say worries of a debt crisis are exaggerated. Surging credit-card use is for convenience and a shrewd way to accumulate frequent-flyer miles and other bonuses, they say.

Some say the situation really is quite clear. It is only low-income families that are in trouble with their credit cards — a threat to their own well-being but not to national prosperity.

"Credit cards have been too freely available. If you're going to give money away, someone is going to take it," said David Hale, chief economist for Kemper Financial Services Inc. in Chicago.

The bottom 20 percent of the population in earnings accounts for just 4 percent of total income, he remarked. "A debt crisis is not going to cause a major crisis — except for low-income people," he said.

Harriet Cooper might take exception. A 49-year-old computer software trainer at the World Bank, she earns more than $50,000 a year, which easily puts her in the middle class.

But before she got counseling and ripped up a dozen credit cards, her debts nearly immobilized her.

"I was to the point where the stress was so severe I was forgetting to make payments and didn't even open my mail," she said in a telephone interview.

Commissioners' final meeting is Wednesday

Scurry County commissioners court has only two items on its agenda when it meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday, the court's final meeting of 1995.

The court will set county holidays for 1996, and will also set the court's regular meeting schedule for the coming year.

ASK US

Q.-Why do they charge a fee when someone files for office?
A.-The filing fee is paid to either the Democratic or Republican party, and the funds are used to conduct the party primary elections.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Sunday, 46; low, 22; high Monday, 55; low, 20; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 29; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.22 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30-35. SW wind 5-15 mph. Becoming N after midnight. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. High around 50. N wind 10-20 mph.

Sunset:
5:48 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.
Of 359 days in 1995, the sun has shone 343 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Vitamin C: Don't get carried away

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Referring to your comments about vitamin C, haven't you heard of Norman Cousins, who was given up for terminal by the medics? He escaped the hospital and began an hourly regimen of large doses of vitamin C plus laughter. He not only recovered, but has lectured to many medical groups and associations. Linus Pauling worked himself up to 25,000 mg of vitamin C daily. At last word, he was 92 and going strong. Further, I have a cure for stuttering and stammering, but in spite of the fact that doctors have no cure, they are not interested in my method of speech control. Hmmph!

DEAR READER: Hmmph yourself. The famed chemist Linus Pauling has died. The author Norman Cousins' penchant for laughter probably kept him going.

Vitamin C is necessary for healthy tissue and proper healing, but there are no — repeat no — valid scientific studies proving that huge doses (above 2,000 milligrams) prolong life or improve health. (The Recommended Daily Allowance is 60 milligrams for adults.)

What's more, mega-doses of vitamin C can cause diarrhea, nausea, interference with copper metabolism (thereby elevating cholesterol), gout, and decreased resistance to infection.

Excess vitamin C that is not used by the body is rapidly excreted into the urine and feces. Therefore, if you consume large doses, you're wasting your money.

Incidentally, I am not aware of any dietary method to cure stuttering. If you're on to something hot, please let me know what it is.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm writing for information on morphea. My dermatologist says I have it on my stomach. I have a large bruise and bumps on the bruise. Where does this condition come from?

DEAR READER: Morphea refers to the skin manifestation of scleroderma, a disease that affects many of the body's organs, leading to scarring. Fortunately, morphea is confined to the skin, where it causes sharply demarcated patches or linear scarring, often associated with a tendency to bruise.

No treatment is necessary but periodic blood tests are advised to make sure that internal organs are not affected. Morphea is not a hazard to health, but should be monitored by a dermatologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have very ugly spider veins on the outer side of my thighs and would like to know if there is any way to correct them.

DEAR READER: Known as "starburst" veins, these blood vessels in the skin swell due to the aging process. They are harmless but can be unsightly. Plastic surgeons are skilled at removing them, either with laser therapy or cosmetic surgery.

In my experience, starbursts tend to run in families, as do varicose veins, to which they are related. To my knowledge, there is no preventative and no compelling medical reason to have them treated.

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Dean Martin dead at age 78

A star for 45 years, yet no one knew him

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For more than 45 years, Dean Martin remained one of the most visible and admired of star performers. Yet no one, not even his wife and children, seems to have known him.

Martin, 78, died at 3:30 a.m. Christmas Day at his Beverly Hills home of an acute respiratory failure, said his longtime manager, Mort Viner.

Martin first achieved fame in the late 1940s, when he paired up with a zany comic, Jerry Lewis. When the team broke up after their last film in 1956, Martin emerged as an actor in such movies as "The Young Lions," "Some Came Running," "Rio Bravo," "Bells are Ringing," "Toys in the Attic" and "Airport."

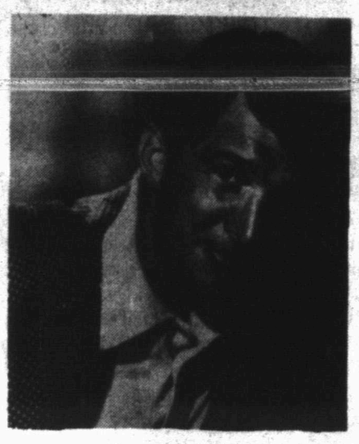
Martin also starred in his own television shows from 1965 to 1974 and made bestselling records such as "That's Amore," "Volare" and "Everybody Loves Somebody," which topped the charts in 1964.

Despite his immense fame, Dean Martin, born Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio, remained an enigma even to those closest to him.

Jeanne Martin, his first wife, said of him in a 1978 interview: "When I met Dean Martin, it was love at first sight. I married him knowing nothing about him. I divorced him 23 years later, and I still know nothing about him."

Dean Paul "Dino" Martin, the son who was later killed in a 1987 Air National Guard fighter plane crash, added: "There is no way he is going to sit down and open up. He doesn't do that to his closest friends. He never really tells you what he feels, what he's really thinking. I don't know him very well."

During his heyday, Martin listed among his friends Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Vic Damone and other Italian-Americans with whom he had easy, macho relationships.



Dean Martin
...early in his career...

"Dean was my brother — not through blood but through choice," Sinatra commented on learning of Martin's death. "Good times and bad, we were there together."

They toured together in the late 1980s, along with fellow Hollywood "Rat Pack" member the late Sammy Davis Jr., until Martin was forced to quit in 1988 because of a kidney condition. But Sinatra and Martin had little contact in their later lives.

Martin spent his final years dining out alone every night. His manager Viner explained: "Dean loves to go out to restaurants. What he doesn't like is to be with a lot of people or attend parties."

This reclusiveness may have started early. Born on June 17, 1917, his first five years were spent speaking only Italian, the language of his immigrant father. He was ridiculed in school because of his accent, which he finally lost.

In a rare, revealing interview with Oriana Fallaci in 1967, Martin disclosed: "When Jerry Lewis and I were big, we used to go to parties, and everybody thought I was bigheaded and stuck up, and I wasn't. It was because I didn't know how to speak good English, so I used to keep my mouth shut."

He added: "Well, see, I'm shy. Always been. See, if I walk into a party, I sort of go in a corner, 'cause I don't know what to say to people."

For a man who never had singing, acting or dancing lessons and couldn't read music, Dean Martin reached amazing heights in show business. He was modest about his achievements.

"I'm no singer," he claimed. "I can carry a tune, and I have an easy style. But we crooners get by because we're fairly painless."

Martin got by with a minimum of effort. Like Sinatra, he detested rehearsals, preferring to rely on the freshness of his performance. His television show epitomized his style.

"When Dean walks through the studio door on the morning of the show," his longtime producer Greg Garrison said in 1978, "he doesn't know what he is going to sing, what he is going to say, who the guest stars are going to be. I make it a point never to call him during the week for any reason."

Martin practiced his songs, walked through one rehearsal of the show and retired to his dressing room until show time. His work time on the show was calculated at three hours. After eight years, the raggedness of the show began to tell, and his television career drifted to a close.

He remained a top performer in the Nevada and New Jersey casinos, but even there his unchanging act started to wear thin. Audiences became too acquainted with his drunk gags, such as asking his pianist at the opening of the show, "How long have I been on?" Or remarking: "I don't drink anymore... of course I don't drink any less."

Martin married three times. In 1940 he married Betty McDonald; they divorced after nine years and four children. His second marriage, to Jeanne Riegger, lasted 23 years. Among their three children was Dean Paul "Dino" Martin, member of a '60s teen pop group, Dino, Desi and Billy, and later an actor ("Players," 1979).

In 1973, Martin, then 55, married former model Catherine Mae Hawn, 25. They divorced in 1976. His instructions for the champagne reception at the wedding: "I gave orders that no glass should ever get lower than half-empty."

After his illness on the Sinatra-Martin-Davis tour in 1988, the singer stopped performing. He had had it all, and he seemed content to spend his last years alone.

A private funeral is planned for the performer, who is survived by six children.

Political leaders not in sync with exasperated electorate

WARNER, N.H. (AP) — Derek Pershouse is the portrait of an increasingly disenchanted voter.

Like many Americans looking to next year's elections, he senses the nation is at a crossroads and a mere election won't cure its problems.

"We've got to change the wind, not the sails," said Pershouse, 60, who is struggling to rejuvenate his career after losing his job as a regional planner.

A study for the Pew Center for Civic Journalism shows that anxiety pervades America and is growing.

Voters are disenchanted with what they see as America's eroding values and economy, and they fear the American Dream is becoming unattainable and political leaders aren't listening or don't understand, the study found.

In essence, Americans perceive a major shift in society, said Richard Harwood, a Maryland-based opinion researcher who conducted the study. They feel the economy is unraveling, values have disappeared and corporations lay off workers to please stockholders and fatten executives' salaries.

"The fabric of our society now is far less stable," said Pershouse, who did not participate in the study. He feels America's biggest challenge is rebuilding a sense of community in the computer age.

A close community protects its weakest members and leads people to act responsibly, said Pershouse, who was in his 50s when his employer was bought out and he lost his job.

Harwood held 15 three-hour, intensive discussions, called focus groups, with voters in California, Florida, Iowa and New Hampshire — crucial states in presidential politics. The meetings were held in communities large and small, from Los Angeles and Miami to Claremont, N.H., and Davenport, Iowa. Participants were promised anonymity to encourage them to speak freely.

The voters said politicians were speaking a different language.

Politicians "don't have a clue as to what we're up against as working people," a Jacksonville, Fla., man said in the study.

Talk about taxes, welfare changes and family values by the Republican presidential candidates and President Clinton illustrate the disconnection, Harwood said. The candidates believe they are touching a chord. But in fact, they are deepening the "cynicism and frustration and alienation that people feel about politics," he said.

"Tax reform, family values, welfare reform — (all) merely skate across the surface of people's concerns, and when people hear those kinds of labels, they say, 'These politicians don't get it. They don't get how deeply I feel these problems and how much they affect me on a day-to-day basis,'" Harwood said in a telephone interview.

A Mason City, Iowa, man said he would like to hear a candidate say: "If you don't agree with me, don't vote for me. But if you vote for me, I'm going to try to do exactly this."

Voters are exasperated because they vote for change, but believe they don't get it. They feel high-powered politicians and corporate and media executives control their lives.

"We're becoming more like a lot of foreign countries — where there is an extreme upper class, and a lower class, and no middle class," another Iowa man said.

Voters want leaders to give realistic expectations and to propose solutions that are attainable even if they will take time, according to the study.

Holding "town meetings" and group discussions with voters has become fashionable for politicians. But citizens who take part question whether they are being heard.

"Are they listening to us because they really care about what we think, or because they want our vote?" a New Hampshire woman asked.

The focus groups confirmed a growing anxiety documented in a survey released in November by the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press.

Across the board, from affording college to buying a home, voters are more worried about their futures than in the past. When it comes to health care, 66 percent of voters are "very concerned" they won't be able to afford it, compared with 50 percent last year.

Date Book

Dec. 26, 1995

Today is the 360th day of 1995 and the fifth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus established La Navidad in what is now Haiti. The settlement was later destroyed by Indians.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Miller (1891-1980), writer; Mao Tse-Tung (1893-1976), Chinese communist leader; Steve Allen (1921-), humorist-composer, is 74; Alan King (1927-), comedian, is 68; Phil Spector (1940-), recording engineer-innovator, is 55; Ozzie Smith (1954-), baseball star, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1902, boxer Oscar Nelson knocked down Christy Williams 42 times en route to a 17th-round knockout victory.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every man with a bellyful of the classics is an enemy to the human race." — Henry Miller

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1778, snow and cold killed 50 in Newport, R.I., nine of them Hessian soldiers who froze at their posts.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 22) and first quarter (Dec. 28).

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Christmas morning fire kills two persons

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Fire gutted a Russian immigrant family's wood-frame home, killing a woman and her teen-age son and injuring seven other family members early Christmas morning.

Firefighters said Leonid Kernachitsky, 47, handed one child out a window to a neighbor, Troy Harvey, who then helped the father to safety. Kernachitsky was hospitalized along with three of his children. His wife, Valentina, and her son Vitaly, 19, died, the medical examiner's office said.

The injured children ranged in age from 17 years to 19 months, Fire Bureau spokesman Rob Ware said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

A neighbor, Archie Dickenson, said that when the sound of fire engines woke him he looked outside and saw heavy smoke coming from the three-bedroom house.

"The whole thing is gutted," Dickenson said. "It's such a shame. Jiminy Christmas. It makes the whole neighborhood sad."

Dickenson said the family had lived in the neighborhood about 2½ years. Only the children spoke much English, but the family would wave and say "Hi," he said.

Elsewhere around the nation:

— A fire of unknown origin Christmas morning destroyed a row house in New York City's borough of Brooklyn, killing Florian Teraskiewicz, 75, and his wife, Irene, 69.

Oil Patch News

Nolan County

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 3827 Southwest Nena Lucia Unit, 12 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 88, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 4005 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also scheduled for 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 7, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 4820 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 12 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned depth is 7,500 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 3123 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also set for 7,500 feet, location is in Section 86, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 3126 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 12 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also contracted for 7,500 feet, location is in Sectsion 86, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2318 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 10 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned depth is 7,500 feet, and location is in Section 92, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2317 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. The venture is planned for 7,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 92, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2206 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 91, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2106 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Contracted for 7,500 feet, location is in Section 91, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 1703 Southwest Nena Lucia unit, 10 miles southwest of Maryneal. Permitted for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Tucker Drilling Co. will drill the No. 6-T B.K. Harris in the Lake Trammel south field, three miles northeast of Maryneal. The wildcat is planned for a depth of 5,700 feet, and location is in Section 75, Block X, T&P survey.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

WHAT: Live Christmas Trees Only! No artificial trees!
WHEN: Dec. 26th thru Jan. 4th
WHERE: Ave. Q and 30th St. (On the south side of 30th, behind Varsity Square)

If you drop your tree off at the above location during the dates stated, the City of Snyder will chip it into mulch. You may pick up the mulch until Jan. 6, 1996. There is no charge.

After Jan. 4th, you will need to take your tree to the landfill. If placed in the area for brush & tree limbs, there will be no charge.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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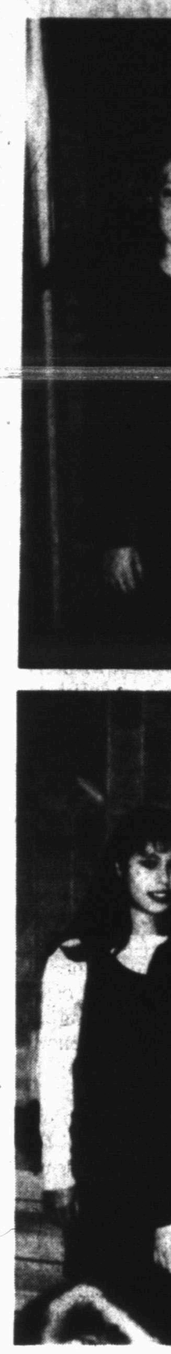

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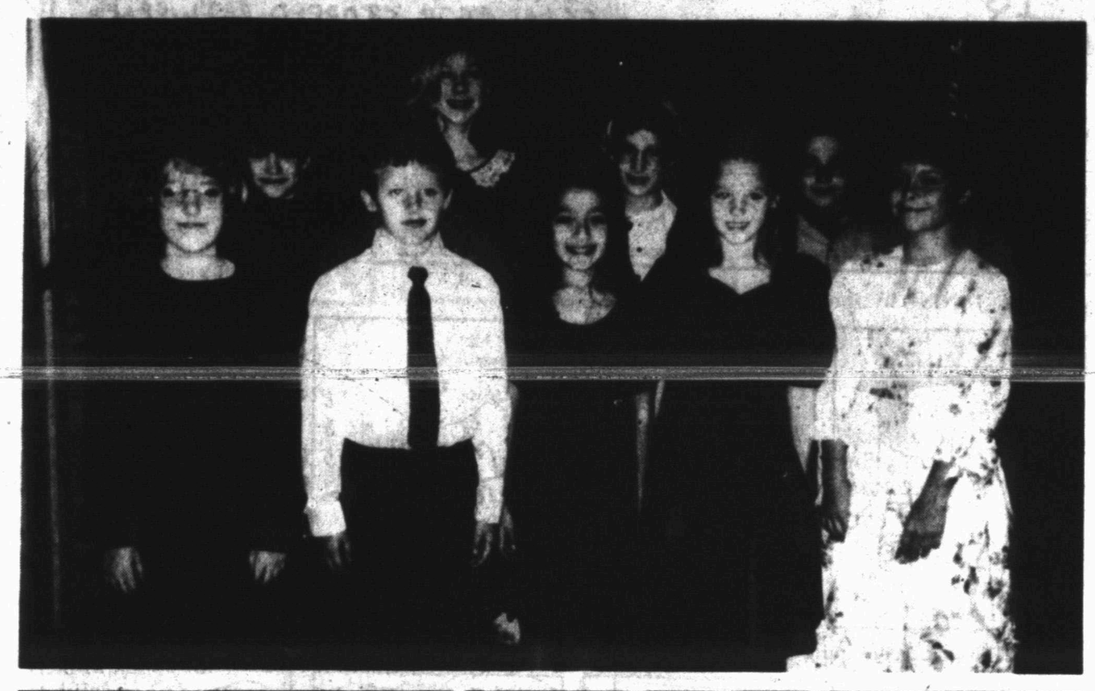

HOLIDAY RECITAL — Piano students of Barbara Tune were recently presented in a recital, "Christmas by Candlelight." The event, held at Martha Ann Woman's Club, also featured the brass and woodwind sections of the Snyder High School Band, directed by Walter Reneau and Kay Kennedy. From left in the top photo are, first row, Traci Jordan, Brandon Robbins, Sara Cantu, Hayley Grant and Stephanie Parmer; back row, Katie Kerley, Wendy Proffitt, Emily Long, Jason Hall and not shown, Jackie McKamie. In the bottom photo are, first row, Laurie Kerley, Amber Rich, Audra Reneau, Crissida Tyler; back row, Melinda Hernandez, Vanessa Jones, Joshua Kelley, Jacob Crawford and Casity Reneau. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

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1907 Snyder Shopping Center
573-7519
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FATHER of the BRIDE PART II
SHOWTIMES: 7:00 & 9:15 PG
SORRY NO DISCOUNT TONIGHT
Matinees Daily 12:26 - 1:2:96 $2.50
Father ... 2:00 p.m.
Toy Story ... 2:15 p.m.

GALLOWAY PRESENTS PROGRAM — Georgene Galloway presented a program, "The Reason for the Season," at a recent Altrurian Daughters Club meeting held at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hostesses for the meeting were Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit and Mary Doak. Mrs. Galloway is pictured, right, with Francene Noah, program chairman. The next Altrurian meeting will be Jan. 17 and the program, "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady," will be given by Mrs. Noah. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

More people achieve excellence by exercise than talent.
—Democritus

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Lewis praises dad

DENVER (AP) — Heading to the mountains to take a show on tour is old hat to Jerry Lewis. He was 5 when he put on a tiny tuxedo to join his parents in their vaudeville act in the Catskills.

"My dad was my mentor, my hero and my best friend," Lewis said Sunday before a 13-day run of the Broadway musical "Damn Yankees" at Denver's Buell Theatre.

"Everything I did was very good. He was very proud of me. But he would always throw a little dig at me like, 'Ya ain't got it yet. Until you've played Broadway, ya ain't got it.'

"He believed that when you played Broadway, then you had totality."

Bridge

NORTH 12-23-95
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♥8 5 4 3
♦A Q
♣A 7 6 2

WEST
♠J 9 4
♥J 9 6
♦J 7 5 2
♣Q 9 3

EAST
♠K 10 8
♥A 10 2
♦10 8 6 4 3
♣J 10

SOUTH
♠A Q 7 3
♥K Q 7
♦K 9
♣K 8 5 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦2

Another milestone passes

By Phillip Alder

It is hard to believe but this is my 1500th column for Newspaper Enterprise Association. And I hope you don't agree with Mark Twain, who claimed that mere killing was too light a punishment for the man who invented the celebrating of anniversaries.

As a peace offering to the lynch mob, here is one of my favorite deals. It was declared by Jim Proctor. He is one of England's best tournament directors, but based on this performance he should be competing for a place on that country's international team.

How would you plan the play in three no-trump after West has led the diamond two?

As well as the spade finesse, declarer needs three heart tricks. Yet even if East has the necessary ace-third, there are entry problems. Suppose, after winning the first trick with dummy's diamond queen, South leads a heart to his king, returns to dummy with a club to the ace and plays a second heart. East can step in with the ace and return a diamond. With no dummy entry remaining, declarer cannot enjoy the 13th heart.

Proctor saw the solution. After the diamond queen and a heart to the king, Proctor led his diamond king to dummy's ace, establishing the opponents' suit for them! But now, after Proctor led a second heart, he couldn't be defeated. East won with the ace and the defenders cashed their three diamond tricks before switching to a club. However, Proctor won in hand, unblocked the heart queen, reached the dummy with a club, cashed the last heart and took the spade finesse — beautiful.

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Holiday Recipes

For those entertaining over the New Year holiday, the following recipes may be helpful; for those who are not, these cookie and spiced pecan recipes will be good any time.

Forgotton Cookies are an excellent recipe for the harried holiday cook.

FORGOTTON COOKIES

2 egg whites
1 c. nuts
1 tsp. vanilla
⅔ c. sugar
1 c. chocolate chips
Pinch of salt

Remove rack from oven and cover it with foil. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually adding sugar and salt. Fold in nuts, chocolate chips and vanilla.

Drop by spoonfuls onto foil. Turn off oven, place rack in oven and close the door. Leave in oven overnight. Do Not Open Door until morning!

SPICED PECANS

2 c. shelled pecan halves, toasted 10 min. in a 275 degree oven.

1 c. sugar
½ c. water
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. cloves
Very small amount of salt
1¼ tsp. vanilla

Bring to a rolling boil, cook for 2 min., drop in pecans and stir. Separate and drop pecans individually on a Pam sprayed platter.

Contributed by Beth Teal

An intelligent man never snubs anybody.
—Vauvenargues

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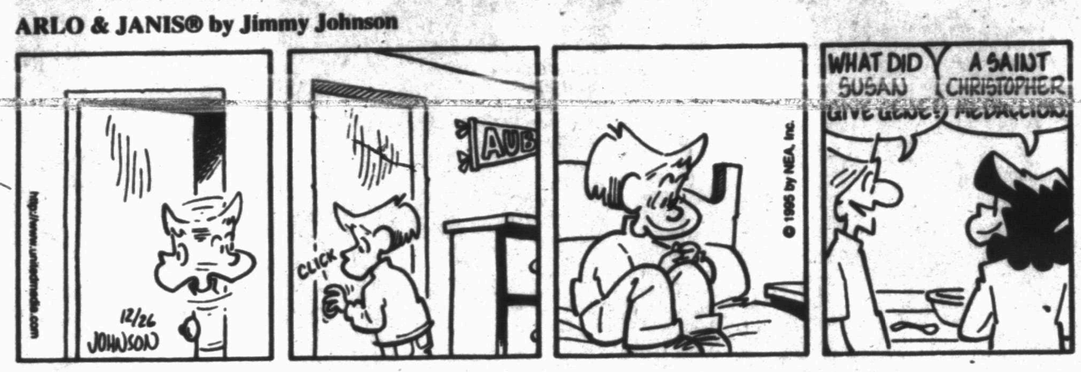

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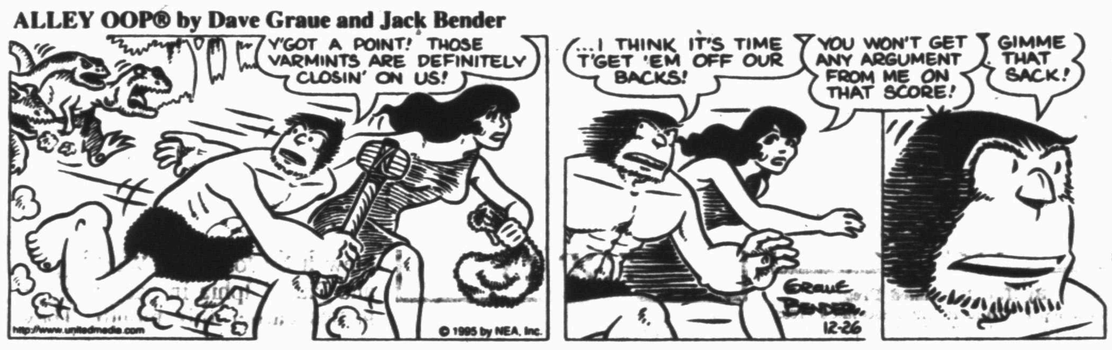

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Guido's high note
4 Future bks.
7 Ancient
10 Actor — MacLachlan
12 Toledo's state
14 Actor Silver
15 City in Oklahoma
16 Transmitted
17 — — rule (generally)
18 Slow ones
20 Useful
22 Wagon
24 Make obese
26 Ali —
30 Type of school
31 Ibsen character
32 Actor Wallach
33 Bead
37 Earthenware jar
39 More uncanny
40 Insult
43 Joint between foot and leg
45 Public hall
49 Bridge expert — Culbertson
50 Trim
52 Grafted, in heraldry
53 Language suffix
54 — Domini
55 — — I say
56 Spoil
57 Male title
58 Shinto temple

DOWN

1 — out (stretches)
2 Actress Redgrave
3 Inter — (among others)
4 More covered with velvety plants
5 Feminine pronoun
6 Nasal cavity
7 Spoken
8 Forfeit
9 Genetic material (abbr.)
11 Proclamations
13 Director Preminger
19 Tardy
21 Writing fluid
23 TV host, Tom —
24 Replete
25 Seed covering
27 American patriot Nathan —
28 Jacob's son
29 Tennis-court divider
30 Recent (pref.)
34 House broker
35 Wild party
36 Patched
38 Astronauts' all right
41 Forearm bone
42 Youthful years
43 Likewise
44 Russian veto word
46 Adam's grandson
47 Mormon State
48 High plateau
49 Ending for auction or profit
51 Tropical cuckoo

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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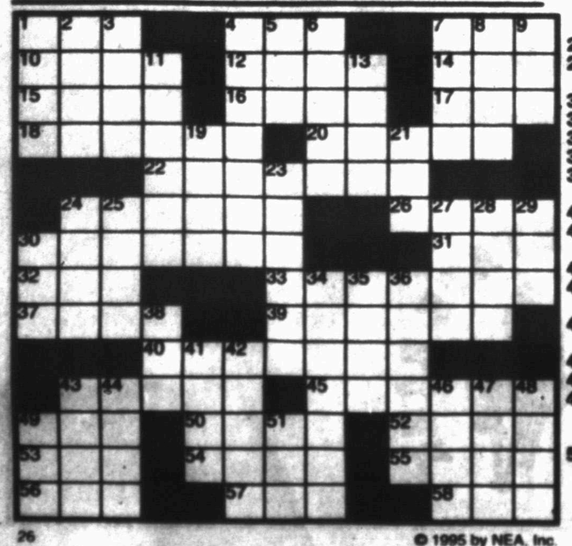

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SPORTS

NFL AT A GLANCE

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National Football League
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	350	335
y-Indianapolis	9	7	0	.563	331	316
y-Miami	9	7	0	.563	398	332
NewEngland	6	10	0	.375	294	377
N.Y.Jets	3	13	0	.188	233	384
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.689	407	327
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	349	374
Houston	7	9	0	.438	348	324
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	289	356
Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	275	404
West						
x-KansasCity	13	3	0	.813	358	241
y-SanDiego	9	7	0	.563	321	323
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	363	366
Denver	8	8	0	.500	388	345
Oakland	8	8	0	.500	348	332

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	4	0	.750	435	291
y-Philadelphia	10	6	0	.615	318	338
Washington	6	10	0	.375	326	359
N.Y.Giants	5	11	0	.313	290	340
Arizona	4	12	0	.250	275	422
Central						
x-GreenBay	11	5	0	.689	404	314
y-Detroit	10	6	0	.625	436	336
Chicago	9	7	0	.563	392	360
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	412	385
TampaBay	7	9	0	.438	238	335
West						
x-SanFrancisco	11	5	0	.688	457	258
y-Atlanta	9	7	0	.563	362	349
St.Louis	7	9	0	.438	309	418
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	289	325
NewOrleans	7	9	0	.438	319	348

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games
San Diego 27, New York Giants 17
Detroit 37, Tampa Bay 10
Indianapolis 10, New England 7
Sunday's Games
Green Bay 24, Pittsburgh 19
Houston 28, Buffalo 17
Kansas City 26, Seattle 3
Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 21
Atlanta 28, San Francisco 27
Chicago 20, Philadelphia 14
New Orleans 12, New York Jets 0
Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 24
Washington 20, Carolina 17
Denver 31, Oakland 28
Miami 41, St. Louis 22
Monday's Game
Dallas 37, Arizona 13

NBA AT A GLANCE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	6	.786	—
NewYork	19	7	.731	2
Miami	13	12	.520	7½
Boston	12	12	.500	8
Washington	12	13	.480	8½
NewJersey	10	14	.417	10
Philadelphia	5	19	.208	15
Central Division				
Chicago	23	2	.920	—
Indiana	13	11	.542	9½
Cleveland	13	12	.520	10
Charlotte	13	14	.481	11
Atlanta	12	13	.480	11
Detroit	12	14	.462	11½
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	13½
Toronto	8	20	.286	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	8	.704	—
SanAntonio	17	7	.708	½
Utah	17	9	.654	1½
Denver	11	14	.440	7
Dallas	7	17	.292	10½
Minnesota	7	17	.292	10½
Vancouver	4	23	.148	15
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Sacramento	15	9	.625	1½
L.A.Lakers	15	13	.536	3½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	5½
Portland	11	14	.440	6
GoldenState	10	15	.400	7
L.A.Clippers	10	16	.385	7½

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
San Antonio 105, Phoenix 100
Orlando 92, Houston 90
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee vs. Toronto at Hamilton, Ontario, 1:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Cowboys get back on track with win in time for playoffs

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — With the clock winding down in a lopsided game, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys was getting impatient.

"You have a tendency to think that it's never going to happen," Smith said after setting an NFL record for touchdowns in a season with 25 when he scored standing up with 5:49 left in a 37-13 Dallas victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night.

Earlier, Troy Aikman threw for 350 yards, with scoring strikes of 25 and 48 yards to Kevin Williams, and Brock Marion scored on a 32-yard interception return. The two touchdowns by Williams were his first two of the season, and he finished the year with a flourish, catching 19 passes in his last three games, compared with 19 in his first 13 games.

"I'm glad all the guys scored, and I didn't recommend to anyone to go out of bounds at the 1-yard line on my account," Smith said. But he acknowledged that he wanted badly to pass the record of 24 touchdowns that John Riggins scored for Washington in 1983.

"The only thing I could see was the goal line — the stripes on the ground — and I knew I wasn't over it," said Smith, who broke a tackle at the 2-yard line before scoring.

Smith, who had the rushing title wrapped up before the game, has 100 TDs for his career, tied for ninth on the NFL list. His 96 rushing TDs, including all 25 this season, have him fifth in that category, 10 behind career leader Jim Brown.

The Cowboys (12-4) earned home-field rights throughout the NFC playoffs after thinking they blew it by losing to Washington and Philadelphia in back-to-back games earlier this month. They regained control of their destiny when Atlanta upset San Francisco on Sunday.

"It's been what? Thirty hours?" Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "So we've had the most dramatic change conceivable — from not even winning the division and having to go into the playoffs as a wild card to winning the whole thing."

Jones has defended coach Barry Switzer since an ill-fated decision to run Smith on fourth-and-a-foot two weeks ago against the Eagles. In the interim, there have been calls for Switzer's ouster, and Aikman has said he might consider retirement after the season.

Aikman was much more encouraged after leading the Cowboys to their fourth straight season of 12 or more wins.

"We got a little bit of help yesterday, and we were able to take advantage of it. Now is what we've been playing for all year long, and now the real season begins for us," Aikman said.

Williams closed his third year in the league with a career day — nine catches for 203 yards.

They were his first scoring catches since his 1993 rookie year, when he had two. Last season, Williams watched and returned kicks while Alvin Harper took advantage of the attention paid to Michael Irvin and led the NFL by averaging nearly 25 yards per catch.

"It's been a long season for me," Williams said. "Trying to replace him, and with all the criticism I've been taking — I wasn't big enough, I was too short, and all the different things people have been saying. You go out tomorrow and ask them how big my heart is."

Marion gave the Cowboys a 14-0 lead in the first four minutes of play when he picked off a pass by Dave Krieg and returned it for the score.

Magic wins on Christmas Day

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic are still drawing on a lesson learned in the NBA Finals.

Regular-season success against the Houston Rockets is nice, but it doesn't guarantee anything against the two-time defending champions when the games count most.

Orlando won both regular-season meetings between the teams last winter, only to lose four straight to the Rockets in the final round of the playoffs. So coach Brian Hill and his players talked about "perspective" instead of "revenge" when the teams met again Monday night.

"It was just another basketball game to me," Hill said after Anfernee Hardaway's clutch jumper with 3.1 seconds remaining gave the Magic a 92-90 victory.

"I'm being honest with you," the coach added. "It's nice to represent the league on Christmas Day on national TV and all that, but it's just one of 82 games."

Hill's players expressed the same sentiment.

"One game is not going to make or break our season," forward Dennis Scott said. "And it's not revenge, because the bottom line is they've still got the (championship) rings on their fingers."

Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Orlando, which blew a 13-point lead and fell behind by eight in the fourth quarter before overtaking the Rockets.

"We'll take a win any way it comes, but I was a little disappointed," Hardaway said. "We had them down and they came back. It seemed like deja vu from the Finals."

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 30 points, but his basket in the opening minute of the final quarter was his last of the night. Scott rebounded the All-Star center's airball with 24 seconds left, setting the stage for Hardaway.

The All-Star point guard let the shot clock run down to six seconds before starting from the top of the key and moving toward the right side of the basket to rise above Houston's Mario Elie.

The ball hit the rim, banged off the glass, rolled around and fell in.

"It was a gift. It was a tough shot by a tough player," Houston's Sam Cassell said.

Spurs sink Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — For the San Antonio Spurs, no deficit looks too large these days. And for the Phoenix Suns, no lead is safe.

Sean Elliott scored 10 of his 28 points in the fourth period and David Robinson finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds, rallying San Antonio to a 105-100 victory over the struggling Suns on Monday.

The Spurs, who overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half, have won six straight games and are off to their best start since 1990-91.

Phoenix has lost nine of 16 games this season when leading after the third quarter. The Suns were 45-2 in the same situation last year.

"The key was we never counted ourselves out," said Elliott, who has combined with Robinson to become one of the NBA's most productive combinations this season. "Even if we're down by 10 points with five minutes left, we still feel like we can get it done."

"Phoenix went for scoring punch and a smaller lineup down the stretch, and it hurt them," Robinson said. "We just took advantage of things. We're playing with a lot of confidence lately."

"David and Sean stepped up and that's what we needed," coach Bob Hill said after San Antonio won in Phoenix for the first time since April 14, 1991, ending an eight-game losing streak here.

Charles Barkley had 29 points and 15 rebounds for the Suns, who were outscored 14-3 in the final 3:40 and lost for the fifth time in their last eight games.

"Sean Elliott and David Robinson just made some big plays in the last quarter and we weren't able to make the shots we needed," Suns coach Paul Westphal said. "We outrebounded them (4-126) and held down their shooting percentage (46 percent) but we couldn't stop them down the stretch."

Phoenix, which was playing without Kevin Johnson (strained groin) and John "Hot Rod" Williams (strained knee), led 84-72 in the final minute of the third quarter.

But San Antonio scored the final four points of the period and first five of the fourth quarter to close to 86-81 with 9:50 to play.

A.C. Green's 3-point goal, the Suns' ninth in 25 attempts in the game, made it 95-91 and Barkley's free throws put Phoenix ahead 97-91 with 3:48 remaining.

Kansas wins Aloha Bowl and coach

HONOLULU (AP) — Four words were enough to get Kansas in the right frame of mind for its Aloha Bowl game against UCLA.

Glen Mason, who accepted the coaching job at Georgia only a few days earlier, assembled his players Monday morning for what they thought would be for his final pregame talk.

Instead, Mason said, "I'm staying at Kansas."

Jolted by the sudden turn of events, Kansas, an underdog despite its national ranking and better record, presented Mason with a Christmas present — a 51-30 rout of UCLA.

"When he told us before we left the hotel this morning, we were in shock," said Mark Williams, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

By The Associated Press
College Bowl Games
All Times EST

Thursday, Dec. 14
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 26, Gray 7
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas 51, UCLA 30

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan 13
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 20
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan 21
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.Massachusetts(58)	7-0	1,593	2
2.Kentucky(3)	7-1	1,508	4
3.Memphis(1)	7-0	1,364	5
4.Kansas	7-1	1,348	1
5.Cincinnati(1)	7-0	1,283	9
6.Georgetown	9-1	1,224	6
7.Connecticut(1)	8-1	1,151	8
8.Villanova	8-1	1,110	7
9.Arizona	8-1	1,024	3
10.Iowa	10-1	1,011	10
11.NorthCarolina	8-1	991	11
12.Illinois	9-0	960	14
13.Syracuse	9-0	915	19
14.WakeForest	6-1	886	12
15.Utah	7-2	640	13
16.Georgia	8-1	564	18
17.MississippiSt.	6-1	551	16
18.Missouri	7-2	507	15
19.Michigan	9-2	498	17
20.Duke	7-2	312	20
21.VirginiaTech	4-1	274	22
22.Virginia	4-2	191	23
23.UCLA	6-3	142	—
24.Clemson	8-0	80	—
25.Tulsa	5-0	66	—

Other receiving votes: Marquette 53, Texas Tech 51, Temple 46, New Mexico 41, Boston College 39, Stanford 39, Vanderbilt 36, California 33, Miami, Ohio 31, Washington St. 30, Arkansas 29, Maryland 26, Penn St. 21, Louisville 20, Auburn 19, Georgia Tech 17, Purdue 14, Santa Clara 12, Oklahoma St. 11, Texas 8, Iowa St. 7, Ark.-Little Rock 6, Ohio St. 6, DePaul 5, Oregon 5, N. Carolina St. 3, Oklahoma 2, Alabama 1, George Washington 1.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.LouisianaTech(39)	9-0	975	1
2.Connecticut	9-1	926	2
3.Vanderbilt	7-0	891	3
4.Stanford	6-1	832	5
5.Tennessee	9-1	827	4
6.Virginia	6-2	774	6
7.PennSt.	9-2	714	7
8.Arkansas	10-1	690	8
9.Georgia	8-2	650	10
10.Colorado	11-2	640	9
11.Purdue	6-3	514	12
12.Iowa	8-1	505	11
13.OregonSt.	8-1	488	14
14.N.CarolinaSt.	6-1	487	13
15.TexasTech	7-2	447	15
16.Duke	10-1	389	16
17.Wisconsin	6-1	339	17
18.Alabama	9-2	324	18
19.OldDominion	5-1	277	19
20.OklahomaSt.	7-0	235	21
21.TexasA&M	7-3	146	24
22.Mississippi	7-3	103	20
23.Florida	10-1	89	23
24.Northwestern	9-1	65	25
25.Auburn	9-1	56	—

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 48, Kansas 32, Massachusetts 30, Nebraska 30, Montana 24, Notre Dame 19, Clemson 12, W. Kentucky 12, Oklahoma 11, Middle Tenn. 10, LSU 9, Ohio St. 9, Southern Meth. 8, Washington 8, Utah 7, Iowa St. 6, Indiana 5, DePaul 2, Georgia Tech 2, Oregon 2, Seton Hall 2, Southern Miss. 2, Illinois 1, Southern Cal 1.

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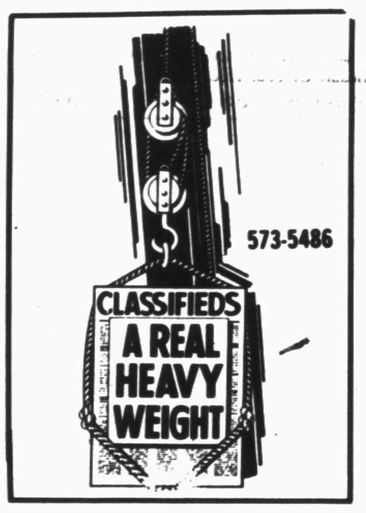

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Release date set

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Little Richard sings "I Feel Pretty," Kenny Loggins and Wynonna do "Tonight" and Michael McDonald, David Pack and James Ingram team up for "Maria" in a new fund-raising recording of "West Side Story."

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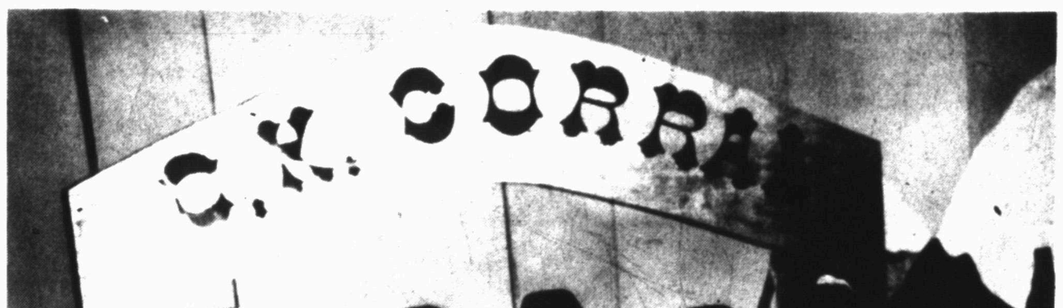

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TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS — Hermleigh kindergarten through fifth grade students presented "The Twelve Days of Christmas" recently. Fourth and fifth graders (top photo) are, from left, back row: Amelia Hermosillo, Lauren Lee, Brittany Milota, Randy Thomason and Valerie West; second row, Juan Yruegas, Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Shawn Roemisch, Jimmy Luna and Danny Elder; front row, Roy Torres, Reecie Sauceda, Amanda Bayer, Edward Arellano, Jessica Hernandez, Toni Jackson and Courtney Bridges. Kindergarten through third graders are shown in the middle and bottom photos. Students in the middle photo are from left, back row, Tyler Rogers, James Coonrod, Misty Ritch, Scotty Arellano, Robby Anderson and Megan Lee; middle row, Bobby Lane, Shae Rinehart, Lennon Lane, Josh Baldwin and Erica Torres; front row, Crystal Bridges, Danni Webb and Samantha Berry. Shown in the bottom photo are from left, back row, Amy Botts, Brenda Torres, Atasha Arrendale, Georgianne Smith, Cassie Harbin, Joseph Yruegas, Karl Smith and Frank Smith; third row, Robert Ritch, Nickolas Eaton, Brian Molina, Kelvin Doggett, Mike Barrera and Chase Arrendale; second row, Jonathan Mireles, Jonathan Hernandez, Corey Bayer, K'Leigh Jackson, Cesilie Torres and Brittany Kelley; front row, Erissa Sanchez, Megan Karlainen and Christina Villa. Justin Kelley is not pictured. Teachers are Cathy Beckman, 5th grade; Brenda Kuss, 4th; Cindy Rogers, 3rd; Debra Dennis, 2nd; Lori Williamson, 1st; and Karen Whittenburg, kindergarten. (SDN Staff Photos)

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Victims' kin working to change system

HOUSTON (AP) — First, Jennifer Ertman and Elizabeth Pena were raped. Then they were beaten. And when they wouldn't die quickly, they were tortured some more by their six teen-age attackers.

"They crushed Jenny's chest down, they broke her jaw," said Randy Ertman, recalling testimony he forced himself to endure during the trials of five of the six responsible for his 14-year-old daughter's death. "Then when they couldn't choke my daughter to death, they decided they had to stomp on her."

It has been 2½ years since murders No. 250 and 251 of 1993 rocked Houston. But rather than spend the years adrift in grief, the Ertmans and the Penas became leaders in the national victims' rights movement.

What Mothers Against Drunk Driving did in the 1970s and '80s, the Ertmans, Penas and other murder victims' families hope to do in the 1990s: reform the criminal justice system by making it a victims' justice system.

"People got to learn to fight and quit laying back and saying, 'Oh, I've been hurt. I'm so sorry,'" Ertman said.

The Ertmans and Penas fill their days in between work with fundraisers, support group meetings and protest appearances. Or they sit in court with other parents who are watching their child's killer on trial.

This past September, the Ertmans and Penas scored their first legislative victory. Beginning next year, murder victims' families will be able to watch the executions of their loved one's killers.

When the five defendants in the Ertman-Pena case were found guilty, both couples became the first murder victims' families to utilize a Texas law allowing victims to address the court after a conviction. Some 28 states have such a law.

"People are just sick of the laws in Texas, sick to death of them," said Sandra Ertman, Jennifer's mother. "I am. Murderers walking the streets, out on bond, and they get convicted by a court of law and then they're out for their appeals."

Around the country, victims' families are becoming more visible before news cameras, legislatures and in courtrooms. They fax the media notices of news conferences and updates to keep their loved one's cases in the public eye.

More than 1,000 addresses on the Internet provide information on the rights of crime victims and call for changes in laws that seemingly give criminals more privileges than their victims.

In Texas, the Ertman and Pena families would like to see a reduced appeals window after a conviction. They want stiffer penalties for juveniles. They are asking that the names of underage suspects be made public.

And they want families of murder victims to be allowed in court to hear testimony. Potential witnesses — in murder cases, that often includes the victims' families — usually have to wait outside until they are called to the stand so that they don't shape their testimony to fit others' accounts.

Elizabeth and Jennifer died on June 24, 1993, hours after they came upon a railroad trestle where members of a gang were celebrating a cohort's initiation.

First came catcalls, then Elizabeth was grabbed by one of the gang members. She shouted to Jennifer for help. Jennifer, who had slipped from the gang's grasp, turned back to help rescue her friend. The two screaming girls were then dragged into the woods and raped.

When their bodies were found days later, the 100-degree heat had ravaged their remains. Investigators sent for dental records.

Of the men arrested, five received the death penalty. The sixth, a juvenile, was given 40 years.

All four parents said there was a temptation to crawl inside their grief.

"It's like someone has taken you out and run you over with a truck," said Melissa Pena, 16-year-old Elizabeth's mother. "It just drains you."

Both families attended all five capital murder trials, often bringing friends and family to pack the courtroom benches.

The Penas and Ertmans won the right to sit inside the courtroom because only Mrs. Ertman's testimony was needed, to describe jewelry that her daughter was wearing. Jewelry was recovered from Jennifer's killers.

"I don't know how I did it," said Adolph Pena, Elizabeth's father. "It was a living hell, if there ever was a living hell. To hear every detail that my daughter went through."

Witnesses described in excruciating detail how Elizabeth's teeth were kicked in by one of the gang member's steel-toed boots; how Jennifer's jaw was broken. How Jennifer was strangled with a belt, Elizabeth by her shoelaces. How both girls were stomped when then wouldn't die quickly.

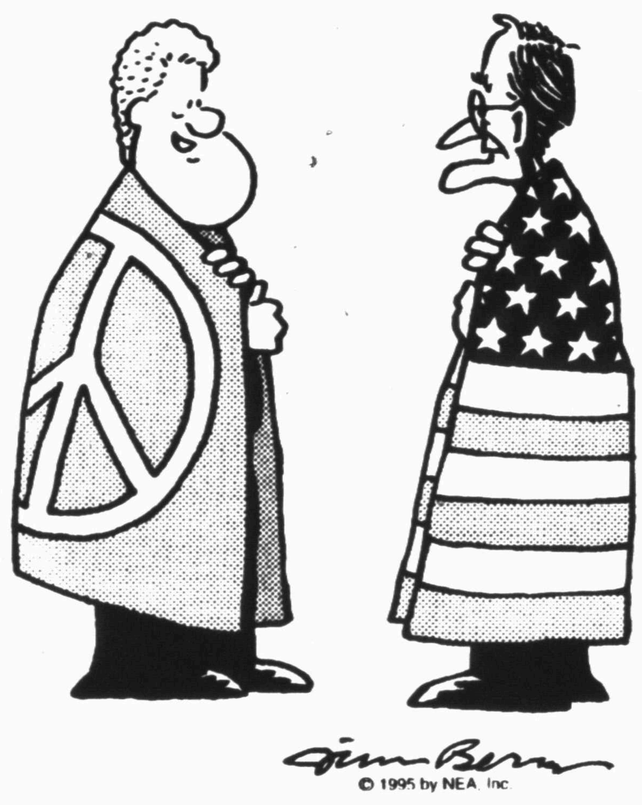
What followed the trials was a desire to reform the system.

"We didn't want anyone to go through what we did," Pena said.

At a recent neighborhood festival, three booths were set up by murder victims' survivors. One was staffed by the Ertmans and Penas. Passers-by were asked to sign petitions to keep in inmates coming up for parole.

"I'll be damned if I'm going to lay on my ass and just say, 'Beat me, I don't care,'" Ertman said.

Berry's World



"I'm 'takin' a page outta YOUR book,' George."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Family Fears for Mom's Future After 8-Month Break From Work

DEAR ABBY: We need your help. We are three adult children of a mom who is making us crazy. She's in her late 50s, divorced and alone. She has been unemployed for eight months and her money is running out. She had heart trouble a few years back and is on medication. Although she has been denied disability income, she's convinced she cannot physically tolerate working.

Abby, she either sabotages any job interview she gets, claiming she can't do it, or finds a reason not to go for an interview. ("I didn't feel well," "It was too far away," etc.) She used these excuses for refusing several jobs we thought would be perfect for her.

To make matters worse, she calls almost daily and bemoans her situation. We have tried to help in many ways — scouring the classified ads, providing leads and helping her prepare her resume, giving financial assistance, even offering her a home with us.

We're on the brink of telling her to quit whining and *do* something about her life, but we're the only support she has and we are afraid she may do something drastic.

Do you have any advice for her? And for us?

CONCERNED BUT CRAZY

DEAR CONCERNED: I understand your impulse to tell your mother to stop whining. There may come a time when that is appropriate, but wait until you have helped her overcome some of the real obstacles she is facing.

Insist your mother have a thorough medical checkup. It is possible that the heart medication, along with some hormonal shifts due to her age, and bouts of depression are making her feel physically incapable of taking care of herself. Proper medication can relieve many of these symptoms, which will help your mother feel more physically and emotionally fit.

Since she has been out of the job market for some time, your mother may now be fearful of re-entering it. Once she is feeling better, suggest she find part-time work. Working part-time in the beginning will be less overwhelming, but will remind your mother that working has many rewards: new friends, greater self-esteem and less worry about money.

Your mother is fortunate to have such caring children.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Maid No More" about the holidays brought back memories of my childhood: The women cooked and cleaned, the men ate, burped, napped and watched TV. But my husband and I have adopted the "Grandma Phillips" policy.

According to her granddaughter, Grandma Phillips would sit back after the meal and announce, "Well, I cooked." For anyone who hadn't participated in the preparation, that meant, "Get your rear in gear and clean up this mess!"

It works all year at our house. When I cook, my husband washes dishes. When he cooks — and he's an excellent cook — I wash the dishes.

A FAN OF GRANDMA PHILLIPS

DEAR FAN: Grandma Phillips was on the right track. It's only fair that those who enjoy the fruits of the cook's labor volunteer for KP duty.

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Work must be done — even on holiday

By TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

Joseph Robertson rolled out of bed at 5 a.m. on Christmas Day, not to open presents piled under the tree but to do a day's work on an oil rig 110 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Texas ranch foreman Bill Bland rode the range, and served dinner to 2,000 head of cattle.

For some people, Christmas was another work day.

"But we've still got the Christmas spirit," Robertson said of himself and his fellow rig hands bunking aboard an Oryx Energy offshore oil platform. "Everybody's called their families.'

"We've got good food, turkey and everything you can think of for Christmas dinner," said Robertson, of Lafayette, La.

And crews working the offshore platforms needed a link to land.

Ten helicopter pilots were on duty at the Petroleum Helicopters Inc. base near Sabine Pass, Texas.

Thomas Blanchard was one of them, flying to rigs as far as 125 miles off the Gulf Coast, working his monthly 14-day stretch 760 miles from his home in El Paso.

"We have to man the (helicopter) ships every day," he said.

Cowboys no longer share Christmas together around the campfire, so Bland gave his crew the day off at the 30,000-acre E.W. Hunt Ranch near Seymour, Texas.

That meant that the chore of feeding about 2,000 head of cattle fell to him.

"I stayed here, cut the chores down to the minimum and did them myself," he said.

And afterward, he had dinner with about a dozen relatives.

"We're going to have a big ham, turkey and all the accessories that go on the side," he said.

In Little Rock, Ark., Bill Rogers cleaned the telephones and watched a little football to pass the time at the dispatcher's desk at Capitol Cab.

"I have a wife and grown children. I don't mind (working) too much. I just kick back my heels and watch TV a little bit," the 56-year-old Rogers said.

Only one third of the company's fleet was working Monday.

"Nothing's open so people don't need to go anywhere. It's mostly people visiting families or needing to go to the bus station ... or the occasional trip to the airport," he said.

Elmer Curry had an even quieter job, answering the phones at Roller-Chenal Funeral Home in Little Rock.

"It's something to do," said Curry, a retiree who said his children and grandchildren are all grown and scattered.

At a coal mine in Sylvester, W. Va., Security Sgt. Mark Melvin was looking out for would-be robbers and hunters.

He planned to go to his girlfriend's to celebrate the holiday when his 12-hour shift at Elk Run Coal Co. ended.

He also scheduled a trip later this week to visit family in Pennsylvania.

"I am making my Christmas work one way or the other," Melvin said.

About 50 miles south of Dallas along Interstate 35, a few truckers pulled into the Carls Corner truck stop near Hillsboro, Texas, for holiday dinner and a few hours of sleep.

"A lot of them don't have families, so they go ahead and drive. It ain't what a lot of them want, but they've got to make a living," said manager S.M. Becks.

Loren liked movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Sultry Sophia Loren was right at home playing for laughs in "Grumpier Old Men."

"I've played many dramatic characters," the actress tells McCall's in next month's edition. "But I like to laugh and make people laugh."

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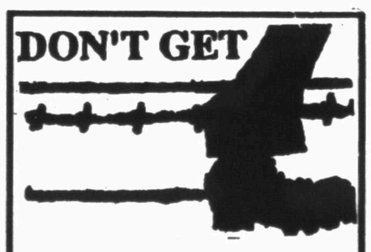

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by Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995

Restrictive conditions may have impaired your progress during the last few months, but they will be alleviated in the year ahead. This development could allow you to reach new heights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There will be ample opportunity around you at this time, but you mustn't dilute it with negative thinking. If you do, you could severely lessen the probability of success. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today outside forces may intervene and reward you for past contributions. If you haven't been too helpful lately, don't expect something for nothing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A group project might run aground today because of poor leadership. If this happens, it will be your responsibility to get everything back on track.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be a pleasant day for you because people with power may grant you the favors they withheld from others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might receive some good news you'll be eager to share with a few choice friends. The information could be revealed in a unique way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions that affect your standings in the eyes of your peers are favorable today. Impressive behavior could win you extra points.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Harmony should begin to prevail today in an arrangement that has concerned you for a long time. The crux of this problem might finally be laid to rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there is a positive change you've been wanting to make in your life, don't wait for someone else or special circumstances to initiate it. Take control of matters and do it yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your greatest benefits will come from partnership arrangements today. You may be linked into something that should prove pleasurable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An important situation can be finalized to your satisfaction today if you have nerve and determination. Try to be the master of events, not the pawn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your warmth, wit and good humor can win you desirable admirers today. Let your positive traits emerge in all of your involvements with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something constructive will stir and allow you and your colleagues to feel more materially secure. This development may come from an unusual source today.

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Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995

Your chart indicates that you may develop a broader range of interests in the year ahead than you have explored in the past. It looks like you will start doing things you've always wanted to try.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Use your wit and humor when dealing with members of the opposition today. This attitude will encourage them to cooperate once they see you are not awestruck by events or circumstances. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This will be a good day to focus on your financial interests. You will be more astute than usual in these areas and you could do well for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will function better today when you are in the front ranks rather than in the rear. If circumstances require a strong leader, don't fear the pressure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your financial prospects look promising today, especially those that generated earnings for you previously. Stick with the winners.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not make things tougher on yourself today. What you can't accomplish single-handedly can be achieved with the assistance of strong allies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure to fulfill promises made to others today. You might forget, but they won't. Keep this thought in mind so that your popularity doesn't start to skid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This will be an appropriate time to activate an important plan you've recently conceived. Move now while conditions are working in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Exploit shifting conditions today instead of using them as excuses to explain why things shouldn't be done. These elements will put you over the top.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Allow yourself adequate time today to evaluate an important decision. Make sure to look things over from every angle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you should have the patience and resolve to handle a testy development you've tried to avoid. Your past attitude has made matters worse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might learn a valuable lesson today from an unexpected tutor. Keep an open mind, and don't resent the lesson or the source.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your greatest joy today could come from helping others, especially if they are people with whom you have strong, emotional bonds.

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Peter Jennings almost joined '60 Minutes'

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Jennings almost jumped from his ABC anchor spot to take a job on CBS' "60 Minutes" two years ago, producer Don Hewitt says.

"It came down to the wire with Peter Jennings," Hewitt says in the year-end edition of "TV Guide." Hewitt added, "I don't have any openings, but I'd make room for him."

The 28-year-old newsmagazine has lost some big interviews — including Christopher Reeve and Colin Powell — to competitors. It came under fire recently for backing off a story critical of the tobacco industry.

Other on-air regulars also are looking to make some changes. Correspondent Mike Wallace is said to be lobbying for CBS reporter Bob Simon to join the staff. Commentator Andy Rooney says he'd like the show to air live.

But Hewitt said the program won't stray from its proven formula. "I'm not looking for Michael Jackson," he said.

Christmas shoppers go back for post-holiday bargains

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers who got fantastic bargains on Christmas presents are going back into the stores for even better prices today as retailers begin clearing out leftover holiday goods.

Many stores were opening at 8 a.m., with plenty of "50 percent off" signs posted on sweaters, gloves, crystal vases and other merchandise that never made it under the Christmas tree.

Newspapers that published Christmas day were filled with store ads announcing more bargains.

Bloomingdale's ads promised "20 percent to 50 percent off all over." Filene's Basement said its sale is "like saving up to 80 percent off department store prices."

The markdowns come on top of near-desperation price reductions retailers took to bring customers into the stores during what was a generally disappointing holiday season. For storeowners, the after-Christmas sales are a chance to perk up their anemic sales figures a bit.

The economy's slow growth, continuing corporate cutbacks and Americans' high debt levels made many consumers more cautious this season.

"The uncertainty in the economy isn't going to move stuff off the shelf," said Bob Untracht, national director of the consumer products industry service at Ernst & Young, the accounting and consulting firm.

Shoppers put off purchases until late in the season, partly because there was a full weekend before Christmas day, but also expecting prices to come down. The heavy markdowns were likely to devastate some retailers' profits during the season they hope to make at least half their annual earnings.

"Prices are at or below where they were last year," said John Konarski, a vice president with the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group. "Retailers have cut each other with the pricing."

But, he added, "this is great for the consumer."

Big retailers including Dayton Hudson Corp. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. indicated the season would turn out to be a disappointment. But Sears, Roebuck and Co. and higher-end stores like Saks Fifth Avenue did well.

Exactly how good or bad the season was will be known Jan. 4, when the big stores announce their sales figures for the month of December.

Retailers' fortunes aren't expected to improve much during the coming year. Consumers are unlikely to start spending freely, and retailers are also contending with a surplus of stores and malls — there are too many outlets competing for a finite number of shopper dollars.

Analysts expect thousands of stores to close in the next few years, particularly in the women's apparel business, which has been in a slump for years, and the discount store business, where small regional operators like Bradlees and Caldor are being hurt by the expansion of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Report: DOE paid millions to study radiation projects

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Department of Energy spent more than $22 million researching Cold War human radiation experiments in the past two years, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Monday.

The figure includes $6.2 million spent by the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, which recommended that victims of the experiments be financially compensated in cases where the government or researchers deliberately misled them, or where there was no medical benefit and they were physically harmed.

"My only reaction to that is, 'Wow'" said Robert Newman, attorney for the plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit involving radiation experiments at the University of Cincinnati. "That amount of money could certainly have settled all the claims."

"That is going to become a real measuring stick for the victims and their families," said Cooper Brown, spokesman for the Task Force on Radiation and Human Rights, a coalition of victims' groups nationwide.

Congress has yet to take up the compensation issue.

"I still think there is a chance," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, a frequent critic of the experiments at the University of Cincinnati. "But let's be honest, this has been an extremely busy six months focused on balancing the budget."

The 14 members of the human experiments committee were paid $462 a day for their time, the newspaper said. The panel met about every three weeks from April 1994 through July 1995, then two more months revising its report, which was issued in October.

Energy Department officials said the work was worth the price.

O.J. watchers get one look

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson waved and smiled to a dozen tourists outside his Brentwood estate, then climbed into his black Bentley and drove off for an unknown destination.

It was the only moment of excitement for the Christmas Day crowd that gathered in hopes of catching a glimpse of the former football star.

The estate — decked out with plastic candy canes, reindeer and lights — still attracts passersby nearly three months after Simpson was acquitted of the slashing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend.

Business and Industrial News

Bryant's offers expert care for carpets

Bryant's Carpet Cleaning has served Snyder for over 15 years. They have used or seen every type of carpet cleaning. Even though they could use a cheaper method, they prefer steam extraction. This method extracts the dirt and stains, whereas other methods leave the dirt in the carpet. For a clean and safe carpet, steam extraction is by far the best method.

Some methods leave the carpet wet, but they leave it only damp, so it will dry in only a few hours. This is because they have the latest truck mount unit with more power than smaller units. The unit stays in the van and only the cleaning head goes into the house, eliminating spills in the home.

Most carpets need to be cleaned within a year, depending on the traffic. Not only can they be dirty, but after walking on the carpet awhile the carpet protector is worn off. They can clean the carpet and replace the carpet protector, which is similar to Scotch Gard.

In some cases, they can clean the carpet as inexpensively as you can rent a machine. Many times when people try to do it themselves and the carpet won't come clean, they keep adding detergent to the machine. This results in the carpet becoming too wet. Also, the detergent leaves the residue in the carpet and the carpet seems to get dirty quicker. Bryant's doesn't leave a residue in the carpet because they prespray with cleaners and when they go over the carpet with the cleaning head they use only soft hot water.

Carpets should be cleaned regularly if anyone in your home has allergies and also if you are moving into a different home.

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Ex-champion charged

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Former Olympic heavyweight boxing champion Ray Mercer has been charged with assaulting his girlfriend.

Mercer, 34, was jailed on a misdemeanor charge of hitting Kim Melvin, 25, in the head after police were called early Sunday to the home they share.

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Obituaries

Leonard Mason

1911-1995

Graveside service was set for 10:30 a.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Leonard F. Mason, 84, who died Sunday, Dec. 24, in a Big Spring nursing home.

The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of Hermleigh's First Baptist Church, was to officiate.

Born June 20, 1911 in Hermleigh, Mr. Mason married Willie Mary Cox on July 26, 1932 in Scurry County. They moved to Big Spring in 1933 from Snyder. Mr. Mason had farmed in Hermleigh all of his life, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mary Mason of Snyder; two daughters, Sheila Melton of Big Spring and Cindy Roberson of Odessa; a son, Jimmy E. Mason of Midland; a sister, Lou Voss of Snyder; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of the Southwest, P.O. Box 14710, Odessa, Tex. 79768.

Herschell Thigpen

1939-1995

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Herschell Thigpen, 56, who died Monday, Dec. 25, in a Colorado City Hospital. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born in Dunn, Mr. Thigpen was a road construction worker and had lived in Colorado City for the past four years. A Baptist, he married Jo Robertson in 1959 in Colorado City, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Don Thigpen of Colorado City and Perry Thigpen of Milbourn, Okla.; a daughter, Theresa Fran Walters of Colorado City; three brothers, W.L. Thigpen of Saginaw, Merlin Thigpen of Big Spring and James Thigpen of Marble Falls; three sisters, Faye Franklin of Hobbs, N.M., Nelle Cox of Midland and Jonelle Shriver of Llano; and six grandchildren.

Ruby Drum

1911-1995

FORT SUMNER, N.M. — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday (MST) in the Fort Sumner Church of Christ for Ruby Bell Drum, 84. Officiating will be Skip Clark, with burial to follow in the Drum family plot in the Fort Sumner Cemetery.

Mrs. Drum, a native of Fluvanna, died Friday, Dec. 23, in Fort Sumner following a long illness.

Born Oct. 1, 1911 in Fluvanna to John and Anolia Bley, she attended Fluvanna schools and married Ira Ardis Drum on Aug. 17, 1932 in Snyder. The couple made their home on a ranch north of Fort Sumner in 1946 and moved to Fort Sumner in 1990.

Mrs. Drum was a member of the Fort Sumner Church of Christ and was a past member of the Cowbelles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Drum, on May 15, 1990, and by 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Theresa Dell Drum of Fort Sumner; along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers will be deacons and elders from the Church of Christ. The family suggests memorials to the Christian Childrens Home in Portales. Arrangements are under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home.

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George Reddin

1917-1995

LORAINE — George Reddin, former owner of Reddin Drug on the east side of the Snyder square, died Friday, Dec. 22, in a Midland hospital. He was 78.

Graveside service for Mr. Reddin is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Loraine Cemetery with Don Mitchell, minister of the Westside Church of Christ in Midland, officiating.

Born in Palo Pinto County, he married Ola Lee on Jan. 11, 1947 in Abilene. She preceded him in death.

He also worked for Southwestern Drug Co., retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a sister, Fay Stratton of Muleshoe; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Julian Montez

1941-1995

ROTAN — Mass is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church for Julian Montez, 54. Burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Rosary for Mr. Montez will be held at 7:30 tonight in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Montez, the brother of John Montez of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 24, in the Fisher County County Hospital after suffering a heart attack at work.

Born in Gregory, Mr. Montez moved to Rotan as a child. He married Rebecca Vasquez in Rotan and was employed by National Gypsum. He was a member of the United Paperworkers International and the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Montez of Rotan; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Montez of Rotan; three daughters, Jeanna Ortega and Susan Montez, both of Sweetwater, and Martha Montez of Monterey, Calif.; four sons, Robert Montez, Julian Montez and Adam Montez, all of Rotan, and Daniel Montez of Lamesa; three sisters, Lupe Silvas and Aurora Montez, both of Rotan, and Rosario Thiel of Sheboygan, Wis.; three other brothers, Jessie Montez and George Montez, both of Rotan, and Ricky Montez of Aspermont; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Murray

1906-1995

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Ora Lee Murray, 89, who died Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

A resident of Snyder since 1989, Mrs. Murray had formerly lived in Plainview and was a floor supervisor for Furr's Cafeteria.

Mrs. Murray was born May 5, 1906 in Fannin County, and she was preceded in death by a son, James Davis, in 1929; and by three brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include a son, Bill Murray of Snyder; and a sister, Faye Chenault of Plainview; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Sanders

1922-1995

ABILENE — Ermagene Burris Sanders, a native of Hermleigh, died Sunday, Dec. 24, in Abilene.

A resident of Salem, N.M., service for Mrs. Sanders is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Hatch, N.M. Burial will follow in the Hatch Cemetery.

A resident of Salem since 1943, she married Darcil Albert Sanders in 1940 in Socorro, N.M. She was a charter member of the Salem Baptist Church and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hatch. She was a Sunday school and vacation bible school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Darcil Sanders of Salem; four daughters, Lora Lynn Christensen and Nora Beth Sanders, both of Abilene, Myrna Saxton Engstrom of Terrebonne, Ore., and Martha Louise Blea of Las Cruces, N.M.; four sons, Roy Dean Sanders of Tempe, Ariz., Nathan Sanders of Las Cruces, Darrell Sanders and Travis Sanders, both of Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Delvis Burris of Morton, Johnny Burris of Belton, S.C. and Garvin Burris of Saginaw; two sisters, Ethelyn Vernon of Lockney and Sue Daniels of Floydada; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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buildings and homes. Random fires raged. Electricity, gas and water lines were knocked out. Food was at a premium. Nearly a year later, they're still frying to put Kobe back together again.

6. CONTRACT WITH AMERICA. In this pre-election year, with the arrival of Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House, the battle lines were drawn early. Who knew they would end up leaving 260,000 federal employees temporarily out of work?

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, they took on President Clinton on every front. Gingrich & Co. waged war with the White House and their Democratic counterparts in Congress over everything and anything. The end result: a partial government shutdown while haggling continued over the federal budget.

7. JAPANESE SUBWAY GASSED. Japan had its own problems with local terrorists. Aum Shinri Kyo, a Japanese cult, was accused of spreading deadly nerve gas through the Tokyo subway system on March 20. A dozen people were killed; more than 5,500 others were left gasping for air.

Authorities arrested cult leader Shoko Asahara, charging the cult planted the gas as part of its plan to prepare for a coming world war.

8. AMERICAN HERO. In an era short on heroes and role models, Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady proved to be both — and a best-selling author, too.

O'Grady's F-16 was shot down over Bosnia on June 2, and he narrowly escaped Serb forces after fleeing his crippled plane. For the next six days, he survived on insects and grass, washed down with rainwater. Finally, the Marines swooped in and brought O'Grady home. His book on the ordeal, "Return With Honor," sold more than 200,000 copies.

His all-American image was solidified in a conversation with President Clinton. "The United States is the greatest country in the world," he said. "God bless America."

9. KILLER HEAT. For scores of elderly Chicagoans this summer, their homes became their coffins. A mid-July heat wave, with temperatures topping out at 106 degrees, caused more than 700 deaths — a higher death toll than in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Most of the victims were elderly people who lived alone. The sad story was even sadder for some — 41 bodies were never claimed by relatives, and Chicago officials buried them in simple plywood caskets in a single mass grave.

10. SUSAN SMITH SPARED. The first decision was simple: Susan Smith had, by her own admission, strapped her two little boys in their car seats and rolled them down a boat ramp to their deaths in a South Carolina lake. A jury convicted her of murder on July 22.

The second decision was more vexing: Should she receive the death penalty? A poll indicated most Americans agreed that the murders of 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex were enough to cost their mother her life. But the jury disagreed; Susan Smith instead received life in prison.

What's Up?

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The fifth tape, "Speeding Up The Return of Jesus," will be shown at 7 tonight.

Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Jan. 4. Included will be the 1994-95 School Report Card from the Texas Education Agency for the campus the student attends.

The School Report Card is a report required by the Texas Legislature to be sent to the parent of every child enrolled in public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance, expenditures and student-teacher ratios.

Retirement reception set

A retirement reception for Martin Brooks, a 45-year employee of West Texas State Bank, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the bank.

Pick 3

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

7-5-5

(seven, five, five)

Holiday weekend sees five arrests

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driving while intoxicated.

Four people were arrested around 1:30 a.m. Sunday in the area of 25th Street and Avenue W on alcohol-related charges.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old male for driving while intoxicated while three passengers in his vehicle were arrested for public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 35-year-old female, a 22-year-old male and a 21-year-old male.

In other activity, a complaint for assault/family violence was submitted at 8:55 p.m. Saturday.

The fire department responded to a dumpster fire at 10:17 p.m. Saturday behind a residence in the 3900 block of Eastridge. Damage was limited to the dumpster.

At 11 p.m. Sunday, an offense report for an overdose was submitted. Snyder EMS transported a 31-year-old female to Cogdell Hospital where she was admitted. Her condition was listed as stable this morning.

A transformer on fire on the Lamesa Highway was reported to the fire department at 11:26 p.m. Sunday. Damage was limited to the transformer and electrical pole.

At 1:19 a.m. Monday, a person in the 2400 block of 29th St. reported that dogs may have been poisoned.

DPS officers investigated a one-vehicle accident that occured at 4:34 p.m. Sunday. Involved was a 1993 Ford driven by Ronna Cadenhead, 27, 1716 West Ave. B, Muleshoe. She was taken to Cogdell Hospital by private vehicle where she was treated and released. The accident happened on FM 1606 between Ira and Dunn.

An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted at 8:57 p.m. Monday from 2803 Ave. X. Evonne Mills reported that a television set was missing from her residence.

At 11:12 p.m. Sunday, Christie Rollins notified deputies that someone had written a check for $50 on her account without her permission.

At 6 a.m. today, Bobby Ratliff notified officers that a pickup had had its lights broken and a water can stolen from it. An offense report for criminal mischief and Class B theft was submitted.

Over the long weekend, 15 motorists were assisted after locking their keys in their vehicles.

City officers also investigated several accidents over the past few days including a one-vehicle accident that occurred at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the 1600 block of 23rd St. Involved were a 1985 Chevrolet pickup driven by Steven Kitchen, 241 N. Highway 84 and a water faucet and concrete curbing belonging to Bill Deavers of 1609 23rd St.

At 4:02 p.m. Thursday, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 5000 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Mozell Roggenstein, Rt. 2, Box 248 and a 1986 Mercury driven by Selena Sutton, Rt. 2, Box 14[illegible].

At 5:56 p.m. Friday, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 4600 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1990 Plymouth driven by Veronica Sanchez of 3111 Ave. M and a 1981 Datusun pickup driven by Marcial Corona, 121 Grasion Road, Water Valley. Sanchez was taken to Cogdell Hopsital by Snyder EMS where she was treated and released.

On Christmas Eve, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 3700 block of Highland Drive. Involved were a 1992 Isusu pickup driven by Sarah Fisher of 3601 Kenville and a 1985 Dodge driven by Mark King of 3401 Ave. N.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Lila Blakey, 4106 Eastridge; Belinda Benitez, 1214 CR 137; Billie Martin, 2312 40th; Ylia Pavlovsky, Gail; Domingo Trejo, 308 34th; Tollie Faver, P.O. Box 1177; Mary Machen, 4000 Jacksboro; Jason Burney, 201 35th; Mary Gray, El Paso; Thomas Hale, 3711 Ave. U.

DISMISSALS: H.L. Thompson, Belinda Benitez, Melvin Smith, Melissa Alexander, Cinia Cabrera and baby, Billie Martin, Gladys McGee, Evelyn Thomas, Ylia Pavlovsky, Tollie Faver.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-15, Long-term Care-38, CCU-1).

Pope recovering

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A day after being too ill to finish his Christmas greetings, Pope John Paul II was feeling well enough today to address crowds from his residence overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the pope's fever and nausea had "almost completely disappeared."

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