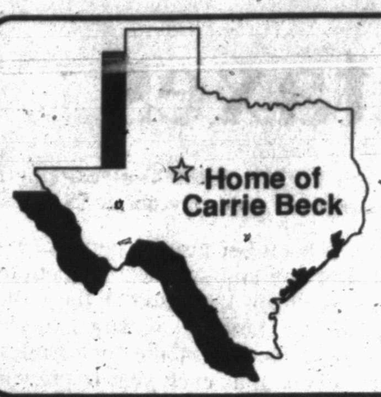
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Happy New Year!

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—How many calls does the school's Homework Hotline receive?

A—Homework Hotline has grown steadily since it began in 1987-88. That year, it received 706 calls. Last school year, 1992-93, there were 1,444 calls. So far this year there have been 752 calls, including a record 277 in November, SISD administrators said. The hotline, 573-1987, can be called Monday through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Questions are answered by certified classroom teachers.

In Brief

Toddler safe

DALLAS (AP) — A 2-year-old girl reported kidnapped Friday evening was found safe within a few hours, police said.

Police said a woman reported she was riding with another woman about 5 p.m. when the driver asked to borrow money from her.

The woman said when she refused, the driver got upset, elbowed her, grabbed money from her bra, kicked her out of the vehicle and drove off.

The woman said her three sons and a daughter were in the back seat. She said the driver stopped around the corner and let the three boys out of the car, but immediately free the d.

Lotto warrant

AUSTIN (AP) — Arrests warrants have been issued in Tarrant County for an Illinois man on two felony charges stemming from illegal sales of Texas Lottery tickets, game officials said.

Charged with two third-degree felonies was Phillip Gillespie, 51, of Monticello, Ill. He is president of the U.S. Lottery Group, a division of Monticello Communications, Inc.

"We will investigate and pursue prosecution of any individual or business that unlawfully sells Texas Lottery tickets in Texas or out of state," said Nora Linares, acting executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

Local

VFW 8231

VFW Post 8231 and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

Grand jury

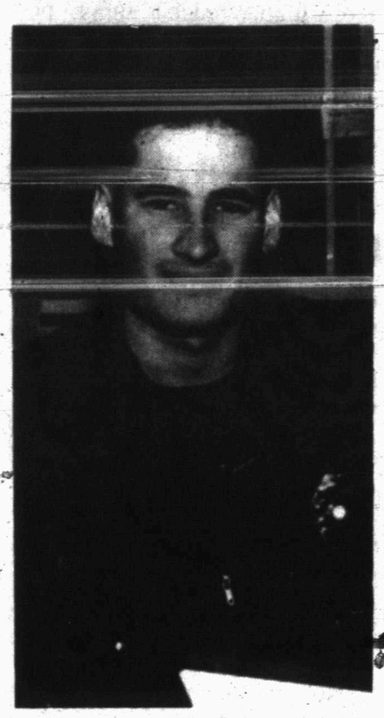
The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court and will consider eight felony cases.

Weather

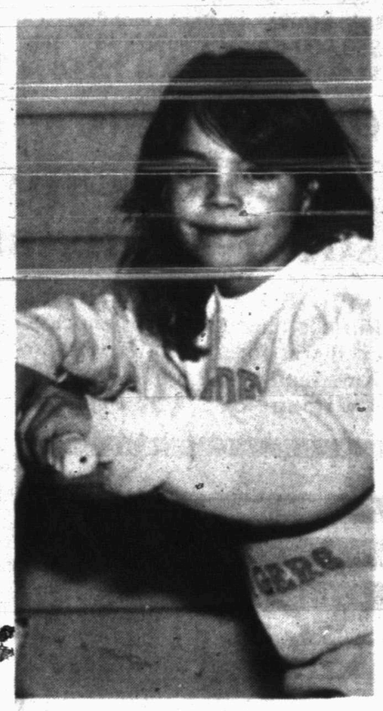
Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 65 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 38 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Low 30-35. Southwest to west wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 55-60. Northwest to north wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

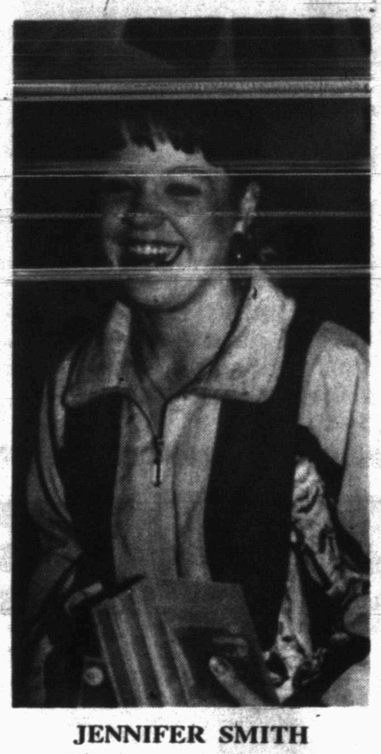
Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:52. Sunrise Sunday, 7:42. Sunset Sunday, 5:53. Sunrise Monday, 7:43. In 1993, there were 358 days with sunshine in Snyder.



SGT. PATRICK COGGINS



BONITA ANN BLACKWELL



JENNIFER SMITH



GEORGE MOORE



RUBY DEAVERS

Time for New Year's resolutions is here

Lose weight, quit smoking, no more credit cards top the list

By JOANN NUNLEY
Lifestyles Editor

From losing weight to kicking the smoking habit, it's that time of year when most everyone at least thinks about making some New Year's resolutions.

Kids pledge to work harder on their studies, spouses promise to pay more attention to their mates, and almost everybody plans to take up jogging, walking or some sort of exercise.

Typical is the affect of overspending at Christmas time.

"My resolution is to pay off my credit cards, then cut them up in little pieces," said Jim Sheehan, Snyder postal employee.

Police Sgt. Patrick Coggins has also pledged to get rid of his credit cards.

Carl Burleson, respiratory therapist at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, has a familiar resolution. "Lose weight and get back into my (size) 34s," he said.

Eight-year-old Bonita Ann Blackwell, a third grader, has a list: "Make better grades, do more exciting things, mind my parents and be more positive in words and actions."

"I want to exercise more and eat better and stay in a healthy condition," said 19-year-old Jennifer Smith, a Western Texas College student and an employee at The Movie Stop. "Oh, yeah," she added, "and make better grades."

Roe Baker, customer service technician for Southwestern Bell Telephone, has resolved to "treat everybody the way I want to be treated."

LVNs at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Susan Hickman and Tracy Velasquez, want to quit smoking and get in better physical condition, while LVN student nurse La Keta Cockran has vowed to reward herself with less food — not more — after a long study session.

George "Chongo" Moore, 14-year house service man at the Plaza Restaurant wants to take in more sporting events and enjoy and talk to people more.

Due to IGA promotions, C.R. Perez has been made site manager of the Snyder store. He has resolved to take care of all customers and wants to lose weight.

Seventeen-year-old Freddie Hernandez, employee at Don's Value King, has pledged "not to be short tempered this year."

Some have specific goals, that don't apply to everyone.

"My resolution is to compete in the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association finals," said part-time bull-rider and full-time Snyder Lumber Co. employee Endgate Adkins.

Gale Titus, owner of the lumber store, and employee Dixie McClellan, have pledged to "smoke no more in 1994," and will try to kick the habit.

For some, it's breaking a habit of a different kind.

"I resolve to stop telling bad jokes," said Ruby Deavers, Snyder Healthmart employee. "I've made that one before, but couldn't keep it. When I hear one, I just have to tell someone!"

25 bingo petitions circulate

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other groups are circulating some 25 petitions in an effort to get bingo placed on the ballot this May, a spokesman said Friday.

"I'm not sure how many signatures we have because we have so many petitions out, but at this point in the game, we feel real good about it," said John Fair, VFW junior vice commander.

Fair said VFW and American Legion members will be circulating petitions at New Year's dances this weekend.

"We don't feel like we're going to have any trouble getting enough signatures. I've only talked to two or three people myself who weren't happy to sign it," he said.

The group needs 464 signatures from registered voters in Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 by Feb. 2 to get bingo placed on the May 7 ballot. The precinct encompasses all of Scurry County except the Hermleigh area. The signatures needed represent 10 percent of persons in that precinct voting in the last governor's election.

Fair said the petitions will be picked up around Jan. 10 or 12.

He said a number of individuals are circulating the petitions. They are located at several businesses as well, although he declined to name the businesses because, he said, he has not asked them if he can publicize their names.

"Anyone who wants to sign a petition and hasn't seen one should call myself or Sandra (Chambers) and we'll get one to them," said Fair.

Those phone numbers are 573-2194 and 573-0156.

If bingo is placed on the May ballot, it will be the second bingo election here. The proposal was defeated 782 votes to 411 in a city-wide election held on April 3, 1982.

Goodwin joins race for judge's position

Bobby Goodwin, who served four years as Scurry County judge, announced Saturday that he would be a Democratic candidate for the post.

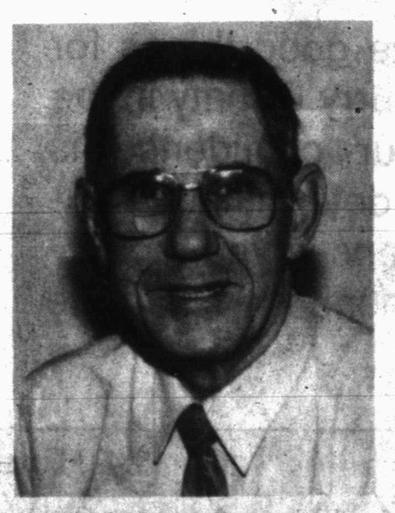
Goodwin, 55, becomes the first Democrat to announce for county judge, subject to the March 5 primary.

Two Republicans, incumbent Bob Doolittle and chamber manager Ricky Fritz, are seeking the GOP nomination for county judge. Doolittle unseated Goodwin by 12 votes in the 1990 general election.

"I have received wide-spread encouragement to run as a Democrat," Goodwin said. "After careful consideration, I believe I have the vision, maturity and desire to once again serve the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County."

"I will plan to run a positive campaign, placing my qualifica-

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BOBBY GOODWIN

Unemployment dips to 5.2%

Scurry County's unemployment rate for November was down slightly, according to statistics released from the Texas Employment Commission.

The county had an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent, compared to 5.5 percent for October, a TEC spokesperson said. According to statistics, the county had a labor force of 12,030, of which 11,405 were employed. The remaining 625 people unemployed but seeking work made up 5.2 percent.

The statistics continue to map and up-and-down trend for the county in 1993. County unemployment at the first of the year was 7.1 percent, rising to 7.4 in February. The rate fell to 5.8 in March and to 5.3 in April before rising to 5.4 in May and 6.6 in June. The rate was 5.8 in July, 4.9 in September and 5.5 in October.

Unemployment for the City of Snyder also dipped slightly in November, according to the TEC. Unemployment was 5.6 percent, based on a labor force of 8,079, of which 7,626 were employed.

The city's unemployment rate for October was 5.9 percent.

Unemployment rates for four area counties for November were:

—Fisher: 7.2 percent, based on a labor force of 2,747, of which

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Commissioners set lst meeting

Scurry County commissioners will meet in their first session of the new year at 10 a.m. Monday.

Agenda items include setting county holidays for 1994 and setting the date for regular sessions of the commissioner's court each month.

Commissioners will also be asked to consider partial support of the salary of a Childrens' Protective Services specialist.

Also on the agenda is the approval of the resignation of Constable Bobby Goodwin who announced Saturday that he will be a candidate for county judge.

The court is also expected to approve advertisement for bids for fuel and oil, for seal coating gravel and for seal coating asphalt.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An opportunist is a man who never casts his bread upon the waters until he is sure the tide is coming in."

All families have sibling rivalry, but the SR index indicator rose during the holiday at the home of city manager John Gayle.

Son Chris Gayle, a freshman at Western Texas College, thought a neat stocking stuffer would be some lottery tickets for family members.

When the family gathered to exchange gifts, it was a natural inclination to want to "scratch." Paige Gayle, a high school cheerleader, scratched off her first ticket and celebrated over winning $1.

She still had four to go. She scratched the second ticket, and she really got pepped up. Paige was a $5 winner with three more tickets to go.

Other family members were scratching for nothing, so all the attention was turning to the excited sister. The third ticket would make a cheerleader do a double cartwheel.

Paige was the winner of $500. Reports are that she was even willing to give big brother a hug, but Chris was more interested in a "finder's fee."

It's gonna' be hard to convince either of those siblings that it's better to give than to receive.

Incidently, the last two tickets were duds.

It seems some people have all the luck. The AP wire ran a story about the man in Ohio who had claimed a $3 million jackpot in 1987 and retired to Boca Raton, Fla.

Joseph Patrick Crowley, 66, recently was also the sole winner of a $20 million jackpot in the Florida Lotto drawing.

One of our coffee drinking friends may be right. He says, "I'm a winner every week. Every time I don't buy one of those blasted things, I earn a dollar."

Who's filed?

County Judge
R—Bob Doolittle (I)
R—Ricky Fritz
D—Bobby Goodwin

Commissioner, Pct. 2
R—Roy Idom (I)
D—Wayland Huddleston

Commissioner, Pct. 4
R—Charles Henderson
D—Jerry Ganaway (I)
D—Forrest Wemken

County Clerk
D—Frances Billingsley (I)

District Clerk
R—Polly Wadleigh Echols
D—Elois Pruitt (I)

Peace Justice, Pct. 1
D—Wanda Rushing (I)
D—Charlie Reynolds

County Treasurer
R—Janet Merritt
D—Charlie Bell (I)

Peace Justice, Pct. 2
none

Some retirees face increase in taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — High wage earners and better-off retirees are about to be hit with a new tax increase. But most workers with steady incomes could actually pay less in 1994 than they did this year.

Millions of low-income families are getting an expanded tax break that rewards them for staying off welfare. And taxpayers will pick up a smaller share of the tab for businesses' fabled "three-martini lunches."

These are among several tax changes that take effect on Jan. 1, most growing out of a plan that President Clinton and fellow Democrats pushed through Congress last August in an effort to cut the federal deficit by $500 billion over five years.

Other changes, which "index" elements of the tax system to prevent inflation from raising taxes, occur automatically each year under an earlier law. It is these changes that will reduce next year's tax burden for workers who earn the same as they did in 1993.

The well-to-do will pay the biggest share of the tax increase, but they will not be stung so badly as this year, when Congress raised their tax rates retroactively to cover all 1993 income.

About 1.2 million people whose wages or self-employment earnings exceed $135,000 will pay $6 billion a year more to finance Medicare hospital insurance. The old law applied the 1.45 percent tax (2.9 percent for self-employed) only to the first $135,000 earned in a year. The new law taxes all wages and earnings from self-employment.

Another major tax increase — about $5 billion a year — will be paid by the 5.5 million Social Security beneficiaries with the highest incomes. This will affect only retirees and disabled people who already pay some tax on a share of their benefits.

Starting Jan. 1, up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the recipient's total income, including half the benefits, exceeds $34,000 for a single person or $44,000 for a couple.

Singles with total incomes between $25,000 and $34,000 and couples in the $32,000-to-$44,000 range will continue to be taxed on up to 50 percent of their Social Security.

The American Association of Retired Persons calculates, for example, that a single retiree who is paid $12,000 by Social Security next year and has other income totaling $30,000 will pay an extra $196 in tax. A couple with $20,000 Social Security and $40,000 other income would pay $400.

Most of the huge middle class need not worry about a federal income tax increase this year. The new law's only bite for most was a 4.3-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase, which went into effect Oct. 1 and has been partially offset by falling oil prices.

In fact, the Coopers & Lybrand accounting firm calculates that a typical family in the $50,000-a-year range will pay $143 less income tax in 1994 than in 1993. A $30,000-a-year single person could pay about $85 less.

That is because the personal exemption and standard deductions have been increased slightly and the tax brackets widened to tax more income at the lower rates. This is done each year to prevent taxpayers from being squeezed into a higher bracket simply because they received a cost-of-living raise to offset inflation.

Olympic runner...

Wedding caps romance that survived distance and war

PHOENIX (AP) — Mirsada Buric left her country's genocidal civil war for a new life with an American who fell in love with a TV image of the determined Olympic runner training through the siege of Sarajevo.

On New Year's Eve, Buric made her new beginning official, marrying hospital worker Eric Adam after a courtship that overcame the language barrier and the chaos that engulfs her homeland.

"I thought, 'It's New Year and everything is new, kind of symbolic,'" said Buric, 23, who has learned English since joining Adam at his home in Prescott in March. "Start new life and everything."

Now the couple is working to offer a new beginning to children wounded in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. And they hope 1994 will bring their first success — they've just won permission to bring an 11-year-old boy deafened by a grenade to the United States for surgery.

The couple's story began in July 1992 when Adam, an audio-visual specialist at the veterans' hospital in Prescott, was drawn by a picture of the young Bosnian Muslim runner training in the bullet-pocked streets of Sarajevo.

After learning her name from a newspaper story, Adam, 35, got a telephone call through to a teammate of Buric, then at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Their friendship grew through translated letters and phone calls until Adam joined a refugee relief effort and finally got to the former Yugoslavia, where the couple met on Jan. 10.

She arrived in the United States March 15 on a student visa, has learned enough English to attend junior college and hopes eventually to earn a journalism degree.

Adam describes how love grew from the admiration he felt for the gutsy runner he saw on TV, the woman who finished 31st of 33 in the 3,000-meter Olympic race after training under enemy guns.

"She's an incredibly strong woman," he said before the wedding. "I just love her a lot."

Buric and her family spent 13 days in a Serbian concentration camp, and her family remains in Sarajevo, hungry, cold and uncertain if they'll survive the war.

The couple fumes at the lack of international efforts to stop the fighting in Buric's homeland.

"I think ordinary people want to help, but they do not have enough power," Buric said.

Buric continues to train and would love to represent her country in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, but much is uncertain because of the war.

Adam would like to see that as well.

Music plays no part in the usual religious services of Islam.

DATE BOOK

Jan. 1, 1994

Today is NEW YEAR'S DAY. It is the first day of 1994 and the 12th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, the U.S. immigration station at Ellis Island opened.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lorenzo di Medici (1449-1492), Florentine ruler-arts patron; Paul Revere (1735-1818), American patriot; Betsy Ross (1752-1836), American patriot; E.M. Forster (1879-1970), writer; J. Edgar Hoover (1895-1972), FBI director; J.D. Salinger (1919-), writer, is 75; Milt Jackson (1923-), musician, is 71; Frank Langella (1940-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1902, Michigan clobbered Stanford, 49-0, in the first Rose Bowl.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every man naturally persuades himself that he can keep his resolutions, nor is he convinced of his imbecility but by length of time and frequency of experiment." — Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1739, Capt. Jean Bouvet discovered the most isolated point of land on earth — Bouvet Island, where a summer day seldom exceeds 36 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 28) and last quarter (Jan. 4).

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Jan. 2, 1994

Today is the second day of 1994 and the 13th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1974, states became required to limit highway speeds to a maximum of 55 mph.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Bacon (1647-1676), American colonial leader; James Wolfe (1727-1759), British general; Isaac Asimov (1920-1992), writer; Roger Miller (1936-1992), singer-songwriter; James Bakker (1940-), former TV evangelist, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, the University of Nevada - Las Vegas defeated Utah, 142-140, in triple overtime, the highest-scoring college-basketball game ever.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Things do change. The only question is that, since things are deteriorating so quickly, will society and man's habits change quickly enough?" — Isaac As...

WEATHER: On this day in ...er lightning struck two men ...re hunting near Tom, Okla.; one of them was killed.

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Pick 3

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

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(two, eight, one)

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We've got that hometown spirit and we're passing it around!

Welcome 94

Best Wishes For A

HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR

We anticipate good things for Snyder and Scurry County in the New Year. Our confidence is based on the determination exhibited by citizens in years past.

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We extend our good cheer and gratitude as we start the New Year.

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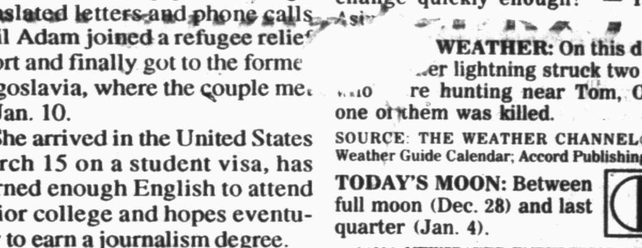
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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New Year Brings New Resolve To Make All Our Lives Better

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincon said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those things I cannot correct.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" and if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy New Years.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy new year!

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans' hospitals and nursing homes.

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DEAR ABBY: With three married children and 10 grandchildren, we have 16 birthdays and three anniversaries to remember every year. Each one is recognized with a check and an original poem from Grandma and Grandpa. Thank-you calls or notes are rare.

This year we decided to do something about it. The following poem now goes with each gift:

NEW RULE
Every time you celebrate
We send a gift, sometimes it's late.
Before you put it in your bank,
You should remember whom to thank.
The gifts are modest, but they count;
It is the thought, not the amount.
There's only one who is too small
To write a note or make a call.
If we don't hear that magic word,
Giving gifts will be absurd.
Get on the ball, don't be a dunce,
We'll only send this message once!

The first response was from our granddaughter in Minneapolis:

I'm writing now to say thanks
For the addition to my bank(s);
As well as for the thoughts you sent,
It was definitely time well spent.
At school this year I'm doing well,
And getting used to the early bell.
Biology, Russian, Algebra, Trig,
The rooms are small, but the school is big.
I wrote my note just like I oughter,
Thanks again, from your granddaughter.

Love, Jane

SUBMITTED BY ARNOLD GORDON, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ARNOLD GORDON:
Your granddaughter is pretty cool,
It's plain to see that she's no fool.
She'd have to be an awful dunce
To need reminding more than once.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I have seen, from time to time, articles in your column about plastic surgery for women.

I am a 20-year-old male who has overly developed breasts. I have missed out on a lot of activities such as swimming and tennis because I am embarrassed about the way I look without a jacket covering me. Can males have surgery to reduce the size of their breasts? If so, it would open up a whole new world for me.

INSECURE AND OVERDEVELOPED

DEAR INSECURE: Cosmetic surgeons have been performing this type of surgery for many years. Don't be embarrassed to ask your physician to recommend a surgeon. Good luck.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I just had to share this. I was in a restaurant one morning, and a group of seniors were having their morning coffee. One lady said, "I was driving along and the car behind me was tailgating me. I got so mad I wanted to give the driver the finger, but I forgot which finger!"

LORETTA YALOWITZ, LAKEWOOD, CALIF.

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Republicans charge Miller investigation politically motivated

AUSTIN (AP) — The Travis County district attorney's office Friday described as ridiculous the accusations made by Republicans that an investigation into Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Chuck Miller was politically motivated.

Miller recently switched from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party and now faces allegations that he used state employees and equipment for personal and political purposes, officials said.

He has denied wrongdoing. After Miller announced he would not seek re-election, Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said allegations about the judge did not surface until he became a Republican.

"The people of Texas need to wake up and realize something is rotten in Austin when a judge who switched parties earlier this year suddenly becomes the target of yet another politically motivated investigation by the Travis County district attorney's office," he said.

Travis County Assistant District Attorney Claire Dawson-Brown said the GOP charge "is just a cheap shot."

"We opened an investigation prior to him switching parties -- at least a month or so before he made that announcement," she said.

"This is just ridiculous for them to make this kind of accusation. Mr. Miller's attorneys know that that file was open," before he became a Republican, she said.

Ms. Dawson-Brown said the probe of the allegations is continuing.

Miller, a member of the state's highest criminal appeals court since 1983, switched parties in September.

In a letter to Meyer, Miller, 49, cited personal and political reasons for his decision not to seek re-election.

"In the last two years, I have endured a failed marriage and seriously injured my leg. Losing that family relationship was tremendously difficult. The physical injury to my leg still bothers me and probably will for a long time to come," he said.

Miller added, "After becoming a Republican, I noticed that allegations, innuendos and rumors became rampant about my life. It is fair to say nothing was said about me while I remained a Democrat. The conclusion is that my change for philosophical reasons is a far greater threat to the Democratic Party than I ever imagined."

Texas Republican Party executive director Karen Hughes responded to Ms. Dawson-Brown's comment, saying, "Chuck Miller has told me and my understanding from him is that he had no knowledge of this investigation until several months after he switched parties."

A woman in Miller's office Thursday said the judge would not return telephone calls until next week.

In other political developments:

— Judge Oliver Kitzman of Brookshire filed to run in the Republican Party primary for a Texas Supreme Court seat, but said if the incumbent, Democratic Justice Raul Gonzalez, wins the Democratic Party nomination, he will drop out.

Kitzman said he will be the Republican nominee only if Gonzalez's opponent, attorney Rene Haas of Corpus Christi wins the Democratic nomination.

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Texans looking for boost in business

by The Associated Press

Saturday brings a moment many in Texas business have been anticipating for years — implementation of the tariff-lowering North American Free Trade Agreement.

While Jan. 1 brings some immediate changes, the benefits will best be seen over time. And Texas cities are jockeying to reap those long-term rewards.

"This is going to be a new and very important area to the Texas economy in the '90s," said Texas A&M University economist James Christian.

"This is not going to happen overnight. NAFTA's benefits may trickle at first before they cascade. But I think you're going to see these developments occur almost in an upward sloping straight line throughout the balance of the 1990s."

The trade agreement eliminates tariffs and other barriers to the movement of goods, services and investment among the United States, Canada and Mexico. As of Saturday, about half of all American exports to Mexico will enter duty-free. Tariffs on the remaining goods will be eliminated over 15 years.

Some economists have suggested exports will be the key to a thriving Texas economy of the future. Texas' $18 billion in annual exports to Mexico is about 45 percent of the U.S. total, around $40 billion.

Initially, the spotlight may be on increased activity in the Rio Grande Valley. But Dallas, San Antonio and Houston also plan to take key roles.

David Dean, a Dallas attorney and chairman of NAFTA initiatives for the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, said the Dallas-Fort Worth area is well-positioned geographically and has good infrastructure, including air, rail and road access. Dallas also is working to establish the International Dispute Resolution Center.

The Port of Houston wants to increase already strong Mexican shipping. The Greater Houston Partnership is helping sponsor a NAFTA expo in Houston in February.

And San Antonio intends to build on its location and centuries-old ties with Mexico. "We're positioning San Antonio as NAFTA City, U.S.A.," Tom Frost, chairman of the San Antonio-based bank holding company Cullen-Frost Bankers Inc., told The Dallas Morning News.

Christian and John Hockenyos, a principal at Texas Perspectives Inc., an economic consulting and publishing firm in Austin, said they believe the benefits will be felt all all along the I-35 corridor, from Dallas-Fort Worth south through Laredo and down to Monterrey, Mexico.

At least 180,000 manufacturing jobs will be created in Texas as a result of increased trade with Mexico over the next 10 years, Hockenyos said. Firms also will get new opportunities to export professional services, he said.

Hockenyos said the import of cheaper goods also could lower prices for U.S. and Texas consumers.

"We think Texas is a big, big winner," he said.

From trucking to waste disposal, Texas companies are entering the Mexican market.

Dallas-based Southland Corp., which owns the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, and Plano's J.C. Penney already are building stores in Mexico.

Paletas Manhattan bought the exclusive rights to sell Blue Bell ice cream in Mexico three years ago.

Midlothian-based Chaparral Steel Co. in December entered a joint sales agreement with Altos Hornos de Mexico, located in Monclova, Mexico, for marketing steel beams. And Fort Worth-based independent regional Lone Star Airlines said it will start its first international service this spring with flights to Chihuahua City, Mexico.

Yet concerns linger about potential border problems, including increased drugs, illegal immigration and environmental degredation.

The Border Patrol is adding 600 new agents for a total of 4,600. Steel walls and radar fences also are going up from California to Texas.

Texans who don't like the pact may express themselves at the polls in 1994, said Roger Henson, NAFTA issues coordinator for United We Stand America-Texas. The grassroots group was formed by Dallas billionaire Ross Perot, who led the failed crusade against the trade pact.

"There is still a tremendously strong mood of opposition, both in labor and in the working-class people out there," Henson said. "I think the issue is far from dead."

On-site investigation underway

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents began Friday to remove debris as they searched for clues as to the cause of a fire that destroyed four buildings in Hugo's business district Tuesday night.

A team of 20 federal agents was brought in at the request of the state fire marshal's office and took over the investigation because of the size of the fire.

Damage from Tuesday's fire and one earlier in the week that destroyed the old Booker T. Washington school gymnasium has been estimated at more than $2 million.

The investigation begun Friday focused on the second fire.

Mark Logan, ATF assistant special agent in charge, said early findings haven't determined a cause for the blaze.

"We will take the building apart, brick by brick, and remove fallen debris," he said. "Then we will carefully check all evidence before cleaning the building floor and inspecting everything we find."

Logan, who is from San Francisco, said he expected the on-site investigation to continue for about three days.

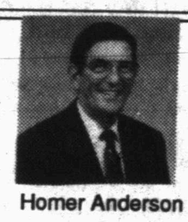
"We will remain in town until a cause is determined," he said. "Even after the cause has been established, we will continue our investigation."

Logan said the agency will first explore the possibility that the fire was caused by accident.

"We want to eliminate accidental causes before going to an arsonist-type situation," he said. "We need to gradually narrow down."

Agents sent to Hugo from throughout the western United States included an ATF chemist from San Francisco and an ATF explosives expert.

Logan said agents will interview witnesses and examine pictures of fire sites taken before and during the fire to try to determine the origin of the blaze.



Homer Anderson

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In the New Testament we noticed last weekend, God pictures the church in many ways to show its nature and importance. We saw it pictured as a family, as the body of Christ and as a bride. The church is also described...
4) As a kingdom. The church is in subjection to Christ, who is the King of His kingdom. When we were forgiven God "translated us into the kingdom of His beloved Son" **(Colossians 1:13).**
5) As a flock. The church is dependent upon the love and care of the Shepherd **(John 10:1-11).**
6) As a house. The church is not a building made of brick, stone or wood. It is a spiritual house. Peter wrote, "Ye also as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" **(1 Peter 2:5).**
7) As a vineyard. With this familiar figure, Jesus illustrated the work to be done in service to God **(Matthew 20:1-16; 21:28-41).** (To be continued next weekend.)

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High school junior wants to be treasurer

HOUSTON (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead directs 250 employees, appropriates an $11 million annual budget and wields control over an average $16 billion in taxpayer cash and securities.

Meet Mike Wolfe, a stout 17-year-old with a hairstyle reminiscent of his political icon, Ronald Reagan. He's in the 11th grade and he wants to be your next state treasurer.

He's not kidding.

"Just talking to people over the phone, they say 'Wait a minute. You're running for state treasurer? For the State of Texas?' and they start laughing," Wolfe said. "After I talk to people, they usually take me seriously."

It helps when they find out that Wolfe really is an official candidate for one of the highest statewide offices and has paid $3,000 to enter the Republican party primary in March.

He's one of at least three GOP candidates vying for the $79,000-a-year job. The others are Teresa Doggett, head of an international consulting firm, and David Hartman, chairman of an Austin bank.

Wolfe doesn't pretend his experience compares. He is band president and student council parliamentarian at Northwest Academy, a private Houston school, and he started a business selling celebrity autographs a few months ago. The proceeds helped pay his filing fee.

Wolfe's most prided attribute is staunch conservatism. He idolizes Reagan and has met with the former president.

"His ideas about low taxes and items like that and a firm belief in God, in conservatism, are what inspired me," he said. "Growing up in the Reagan years, that would make any kid want to be a conservative, I'd hope."

As for his platform, Wolfe is against Whitehead's proposal to abolish the office and transfer its duties to the state comptroller. He, however, would reduce the Treasury staff drastically to save money.

Also, he'd like to see more proceeds from the Texas Lottery go toward education, and he would oppose any attempt to institute a state income tax.

"I'm not going to make any promises, but that's definitely one thing I wouldn't want to do," he said, hedging like a veteran officeholder.

Karen Hughes, executive director of the state Republican Party, said the GOP always embraces participation from young people and would support him if he prevails in the primary.

Ms. Doggett also welcomed Wolfe's candidacy and said she would agree to debate the teenager if he desired.

"It's a bit ambitious, but I think his heart's in the right place," Ms. Doggett said. "I think in about 10 or 15 years he'd be a good candidate."

Wolfe scoffs at suggestions that age has anything to do with it.

"I'm not trying to compare myself to anybody, but Mozart composed his first symphony at age 5. King David was called by God to be king at 17," he says. "The main thing is to get a conservative in that office, no matter who it is."

If Wolfe is elected next November — he turns 18 next Oct. 11 — he would hire a tutor to help him finish high school. Then he'd attend college at night during the remainder of his four-year term.

It would be tough, but life has rarely been easy for Wolfe. He had brain surgery when he was 7, and he breathes through a tube in his neck because of a congenital breathing disorder. His health now is considered stable.

Wolfe expects to launch his quest in earnest over the next few weeks, with campaign stops in all major Texas cities before the primary election. He and his father, a Houston attorney and certified public accountant, plan to spend up to $10,000 in the effort.

In the event he doesn't win, Wolfe plans to forego politics until after college and some professional experience. And then?

"I probably would like to be at least a senator," he says.

Vet says Texas A&M's mascot in good health

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — It was a long six dog days for Texas A&M's new mascot, Reveille VI.

She was barely into her new job as designated school icon when she was spirited away last weekend by a group of about 30 calling themselves "The Rustlers" and claiming to be University of Texas students.

By Friday night, Reveille VI was safe and sound back home and showed the typical curiosity of a 4-month-old puppy as she checked out her surroundings at the Texas A&M Small Animal Clinic.

"I think she's all right, she's fine," Dr. Charles L. Hall, a member of the A&M Veterinary School faculty and veterinarian for the last three Reveilles, said Friday.

"She seems a little agitated, a little nervous," he said, attributing the pup's stress to her ordeal.

The doctor gave the pup a clean bill of health and pronounced the 24-pound mascot fit to attend Saturday's Cotton Bowl activities.

"Nothing is bothering her, except the fleas," Hall said, as officials prepared to give the mascot a bath and a dip.

Suburbs continue to toughen public smoking regulations

DALLAS (AP) — California took the lead in cracking down on public smoking, with Los Angeles and Sacramento banning it in restaurants, and San Jose and San Francisco considering similar measures.

In Arlington, the City Council is scheduled to take a final vote on its anti-smoking ordinance Tuesday. The new law, to take effect Feb. 1, would ban most cigarette vending machines and require restaurants to become "smoke-free" unless the smoking areas had a separate ventilation system.

Cities will continue in 1994 to limit the places where citizens can light up, predicted Gil Flores, a tobacco specialist with the Texas Department of Health's regional office in Arlington.

"They're starting to see other cities are willing to take the risk," he said of some Dallas-Fort Worth suburbs. "Arlington has proven you can be successful, and that's what some of these cities need as the last little push."

City councils in Plano and Carrollton, both of which began writing updated smoking rules before Arlington's action, are considering new restrictions on smoking in virtually every indoor place that's accessible to the public. That means restaurants, stores, offices and hotel lobbies, among other locations.

"Government is not saying that people cannot smoke," said Jeran Akers, a Plano City Council member. "Government is saying we don't want you to do it here. It hurts children and innocent people."

Many Dallas-Fort Worth area cities adopted smoking regulations in the mid-1980s that require large restaurants to offer non-smoking sections and prohibit people from lighting up while waiting in lines.

Some business owners, especially restaurant and bar operators, fear that tougher smoking laws, or an outright ban, will drive smoking customers into more tolerant cities.

"I can tell you we wouldn't have invested in the city of Plano if we'd known this would be hanging over our heads," said Bob Zablonski, co-owner of Jack Astor's, a Plano bar and grill that opened in December.

But other restaurant managers said they'd welcome a smoking ban.

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Foreign stock markets are attractive today because they are competitively priced. U.S. stock markets are selling at an average of about 15 times earnings and world markets at about 17 times earnings.

The demise of communism has also made overseas investing more favorable. Opportunities in areas such as commerce, shipping and travel are growing throughout the world.

What about investing in the U.S. economy? Templeton views the national debt as a problem, because debt spawns inflation, and inflation causes cash to lose its value. Cash has lost purchasing power due to inflation in each of the past 37 years. Therefore, Templeton recommends purchasing equities instead of owning only cash.

Templeton also advises not to count on a continuation of the stock market's performance of the 1980's, when returns averaged approximately 18 percent. Expect the stock market to perform more closely to its 60-year average, with returns of 9.5 percent to 10 percent.

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A brief review of food allergies

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

Food allergies can be terrifying to those people who have them. Within minutes of eating the food in question, patients may experience hives, difficulty breathing, wheezing, and faintness that can progress to cardiovascular collapse and death. Other symptoms of acute food allergy include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, a sense of impending doom, itching or swelling of the lips, constriction of the throat, and palpitations.

Food allergies are diagnosed by allergists, using skin and blood tests. Avoidance is the cornerstone of therapy. Yet, this may be difficult because so many processed foods contain small quantities of allergens. For example, people who are allergic to milk must avoid more than milk, butter and cheese. They must also stay away from foods that contain artificial butter flavor, buttermilk, casein, dry milk solids, lactalbumin, lactose, rennet casein, sour cream solids, whey, and yogurt. Such compounds are commonly added to processed foods. Consequently, patients with food allergies must assiduously read labels.

Here are some other common terms for food allergens that I have adapted from an article in the May 1993 issue of Emergency Medicine.

People sensitive to eggs must avoid albumin, egg whites, eggnog, mayonnaise, ovalbumin, ovomucoid, and Simplesse.

People allergic to milk protein should not eat food made with caramel color or flavoring, high-protein flour or margarine.

Those allergic to wheat must avoid gelatinized starch, modified food starch and vegetable gum.

People sensitive to peanuts should not consume peanut oil, mixed nuts, peanut butter, plain M&Ms, Raisinets, or Nu-Nuts flavored nuts.

Those sensitive to other nuts must avoid almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, chestnuts, filberts, hazelnuts, hickory nuts, macadamia nuts, marzipan, almond paste, Nu-Nuts, cashew butter, nut oil, nut paste, and wintergreen.

Patients allergic to soy should disdain miso, soy flour, soy protein, soy sauce, textured vegetable protein, tofu, vegetable broth, vegetable gum, and vegetable starch.

Because people with food allergies may be especially sensitive to small amounts of allergens in cooked or processed food, such patients can sometimes be unpleasantly surprised at developing symptoms when eating out in restaurants or private homes.

For this reason, allergists usually recommend that such patients carry pre-loaded epinepherine pens with them. With these devices, patients can inject themselves with a medication to neutralize acute food allergies, at the earliest sign of symptoms. In addition, people with food allergies should wear Medic-alert bracelets, which provide a permanent — and sometimes life saving — record of the allergies.

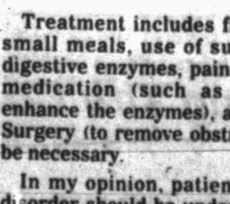
Obviously, labels should be checked each time a food is eaten, because ingredients may change. At restaurants, patients should make inquiries directly to the chef, not to service personnel.

No one knows why some food allergy reactions are fleeting, while others may progress to serious medical emergencies. Thus, one must always assume the worst scenario and avoid the food in question.

For more information about living with food allergies, contact your local allergist or write to the Food Allergy Network, 4744 Holly Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030-5647; telephone (703) 691-3179.

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PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Drug therapy helps relieve palsy

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column you discussed progressive supranuclear palsy. You may not be aware that there is a new drug therapy being used that is far more successful than Sinemet. The drug is called Eldepryl, and it's making a world of difference in my father. You may want to pass this information on to your readers.

DEAR READER: Thank you for the tip. This affliction is a progressive neurological disorder affecting the eyes. Eldepryl is a prescription drug used to treat Parkinson's disease. Although the Physicians' Desk Reference indicates the medicine is prescribed only for this purpose, I am always interested in learning about drugs' alternative uses.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband suffers from chronic pancreatitis. He's on enzymes to aid digestion and we wonder if this will continue for years? All the literature we've read indicates the prognosis is not good.

DEAR READER: Chronic pancreatitis, a low-grade inflammation of a digestive gland that also makes insulin, does carry a poor prognosis, as you indicated. The condition, which is a common consequence of alcoholism or blockage of the pancreatic ducts, causes abdominal pain, poor digestion and diabetes.

Chronic pancreatitis is diagnosed by CT scan (X-rays) and by blood tests.

Treatment includes frequent and small meals, use of supplemental digestive enzymes, pain medication, medication (such as Zantac, to enhance the enzymes), and vitamins. Surgery (to remove obstruction) may be necessary.

In my opinion, patients with this disorder should be under the care of gastroenterologists.

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Sharp to seek 2nd term

VICTORIA (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp has said he will seek another term, but it will be his last if he's elected.

Sharp, 43, was elected as state comptroller in 1990 with 63 percent of the vote, which is the biggest statewide election victory in an opposed race in Texas history.

"I cannot imagine a scenario where I would run again," Sharp said Friday.

The Democrat from Placedo said he believes politicians become stale and lose their effectiveness after more than eight years in one office.

"I've seen too many people who started out good and then became part of the problem rather than part of the solution," he said.

"As long as I feel like I'm an outsider trying to effect change in government, I'll stay. But if I ever get to the point where I feel like I'm an insider in government, I think its time to get out," he said in an interview with The Victoria Advocate.

He was elected to the Texas House in 1978, the Texas Senate in 1982 and the Texas Railroad Commission in 1986.

Sharp, who is unopposed, said his goal for the next four years would be to continue shaking up government and making it more efficient.

"What I'm interested in is making government more responsive to the people who pay for the system, rather than making it more responsive to itself," he said.

Sharp declined to elaborate on his future political plans after he steps down as comptroller. He focused instead on what he plans to do if voters return him to office for a second term.

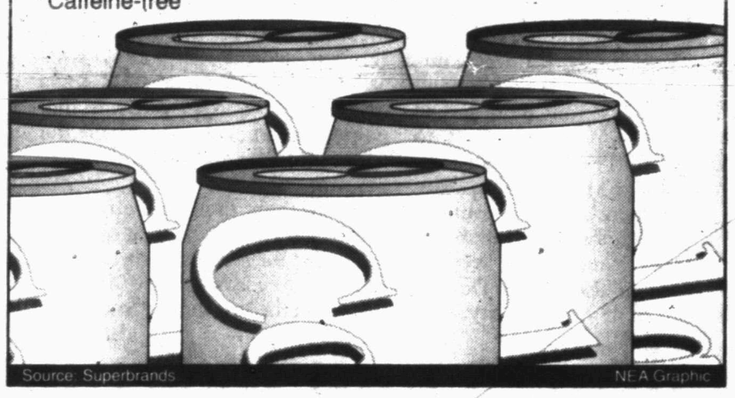
"What I want to do in the next four years is work on a plan to downsize the comptroller's office even more using electronics," Sharp said. "I think that by this time in the next term, you're going to see the comptroller's office more efficient and smaller than it is right now."

Liquid assets?

Top 10 soft drinks by sales, 1992

Brand	Company	Total sales (millions)
Coca-Cola Classic	Coca-Cola Co.	$1,585.0
Pepsi-Cola	Pepsi-Cola Co.	$1,327.3
Diet Coke	Coca-Cola Co.	$734.3
Diet Pepsi	Pepsi-Cola Co.	$509.5
Dr. Pepper	Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Co.	$433.8
Mountain Dew	Pepsi-Cola Co.	$351.1
Sprite	Coca-Cola Co.	$316.5
7 Up	Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Co.	$237.9
Diet Coke*	Coca-Cola Co.	$209.4
Diet Pepsi*	Pepsi-Cola Co.	$110.8

*Caffeine-free



Source: Superbrands NEA Graphic

Coke Classic was the top-selling soft drink in 1992, quenching thirsts worldwide and racking up over $1,585 million in total sales. Pepsi was a close second.

As Puerto Rico's murder rate rises, 1 death highlights issue

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Residents on this Caribbean island still hear the echo of a shot fired Dec. 26, when 4-year-old Eddie Ahmed Padilla killed his 2-year-old brother with a .25 caliber pistol.

The boys had been left in their mother's car while she bought groceries.

Eddie found the unregistered gun in the glove comparument. He told police he thought it was "a Christmas gift from Dad."

The death of Raul Omar Padilla has led to wide discussion of Gov. Pedro Rossello's fight against crime. Some say it targets mostly poor people while placing important issues, like gun control, on the back burner.

Others applaud the governor for bringing order to chaotic neighborhoods, but urge tougher measures.

Rossello, inaugurated two years ago, promised to curtail crime by concentrating on stopping the battle for control of choice drug-selling sites in public housing projects.

He called out the National Guard in June — the first time U.S. military units were pressed into crime-fighting with police.

Since then, hundreds of guardsmen and police have taken over 29 public housing projects in raids complete with helicopters and armored personnel carriers. They detained 148 residents on drug or weapons charges.

Some call the almost weekly operations elitist because the targets — Puerto Rico's 332 housing projects — are home to 332,000, less than 10 percent of the island's population of 3.8 million. Yet many poor people caught in the crossfire between drug dealers say they feel safer.

The island's 1993 murder rate as of Dec. 30 was a record 946, surpassing 1992's record 864 and double the 1989 rate. Police say 65 percent of all 1993 murders were drug-related.

Seventeen of every 100,000 Puerto Ricans are murder victims, compared to 9.4 per 100,000 on the U.S. mainland, according to the FBI.

The thrust of Puerto Rico's crackdown on crime will continue to be housing project takeovers, Police Superintendent Pedro Toledo said.

A group of housing project residents have sued the police and National Guard, claiming the raids discriminate against them.

But the island's Justice Department has refused to review the plan. Civil rights attorney Judith Berkan said the department is guilty of an "alarming, dangerous, and anti-democratic" attitude.

Lester Santiago of the Puerto Rican Civil Rights Institute said officers conducted searches without warrants and made illegal seizures, something he says is unthinkable in wealthier areas.

Some critics say the government should send police and guardsmen into affluent zones to stop the flow of drugs there. Neighborhoods have fenced in whole city blocks and placed guard shacks at the entrances.

In an effort to win public support, government and police officials have been debating gun control and other anti-crime proposals, including capital punishment, military-type camps for young offenders, house arrests, and no guarantee of bail for repeat offenders.

Toledo says gun control should be a priority.

He blames the high murder rate on the increasing availability of powerful weapons.

Castro's granddaughter allowed to leave

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — A granddaughter of Fidel Castro was reunited Friday with her mother, who defected from Cuba last week and then pleaded that the girl be allowed to join her in the United States.

"I'm going to meet a lot of new people. I have to learn the language. And I want to study a lot, something I could not do in Cuba," Alina-Maria Salgado-Fernandez, 16, said during a news conference Friday night in this west Georgia city.

The girl and her mother, Alina Fernandez Revuelta, then toasted the new year with champagne. Joining them was Elena Amos, the wealthy Cuban-American who helped Fernandez sneak out of Cuba.

Alina-Maria left Havana on Friday morning for Miami. There she was whisked aboard a jet to Atlanta, where she met her mother in private. Then the two came to this west Georgia city, where Fernandez has been staying with Mrs. Amos.

Reminded by reporters that there are many Cuban-Americans who want to be reunited with Cuban relatives, Alina-Maria said through an interpreter: "My mother and I feel for everyone who doesn't have their mother. I can't explain why they let me go and don't let others go."

Fernandez, an outspoken critic of her father's regime, said she now can speak more freely about it.

"From now on I will say what I want to say," she said.

In Cuba, Fernandez was under virtual house arrest and under constant surveillance.

In contrast to her mother's clandestine departure from Cuba, when she was disguised in a wig and used a fake passport, the daughter left the country with the approval of the government.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson met with Castro earlier this week and said the Cuban leader told him he would not object to the girl leaving if her father approved. The father granted permission Tuesday.

Thomas Fischer, Immigration and Naturalization Service regional director, said Fernandez and her daughter will be allowed to remain in the United States until they make a decision on permanent residence.

Fernandez's mother, Natalia "Nati" Revuelta, had a very public relationship with Castro in the mid-1950s and early 1960s.

Couple involved in custody dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — Artist Jeffrey Koons and Ilona "Cicciolina" Staller are locked in a trans-Atlantic tussle over custody of their 13-month-old son.

Koons defied an Italian court order last week when he flew to Rome and took his son from what he called "a notorious pornography compound."

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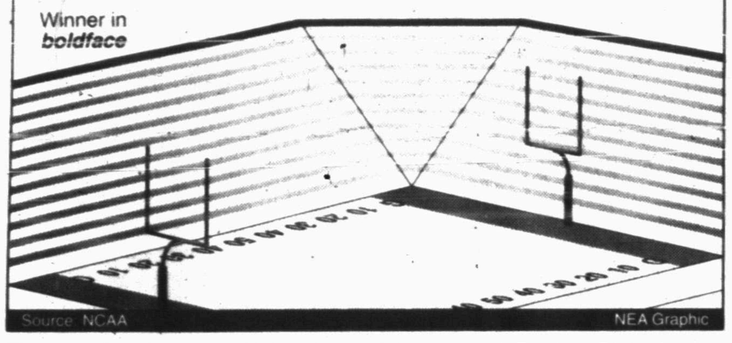
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Bowl spills

Previous bowl matchups between the Associated Press' No. 1 and No. 2 Division I college football teams

Year	No. 1	No. 2	Score	Bowl
1993	Miami	**Alabama**	34-14	Sugar
1988	Oklahoma	**Miami**	20-14	Orange
1987	Miami	**Penn St.**	14-10	Fiesta
1983	Georgia	**Penn St.**	27-23	Sugar
1979	Penn St.	**Alabama**	14-7	Sugar
1972	**Nebraska**	Alabama	38-6	Orange
1969	**Ohio St.**	Southern Cal	27-16	Rose
1964	**Texas**	Navy	28-6	Cotton
1963	**Southern Cal**	Wisconsin	42-37	Rose

Winner in **boldface**



Source: NCAA — NEA Graphic

The meeting between Nebraska and top-ranked Florida State in the Orange Bowl marks the 10th time that the Associated Press' No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams have met in a bowl game. Interestingly, the team rated No. 2 before kickoff has won the last five such meetings. Wisconsin is playing in its first Rose Bowl since 1963, which coincidentally was the first-ever 1-2 bowl matchup.

Division crowns up for grabs

by The Associated Press

With the safety net of clinched NFL playoff berths already in place for all four teams, Green Bay, Detroit, Dallas and the New York Giants still play crucial games against each other Sunday.

At stake is is opportunity to stay at home, no small advantage for a team that wants to travel later to the Super Bowl.

The Giants and Cowboys are 11-4 and go head-to-head for the NFC East title and home field throughout the playoffs. The winner of the game in East Rutherford, N.J., also gets a bonus of a bye in next weekend's first round of playoffs.

The Packers and Lions are 9-6, and play in Detroit for the NFC Central championship. The prize is a home game the following week, probably in a rematch against Sunday's loser.

The final week of the regular season got under way Friday with the Minnesota Vikings taking a 14-9 win in Washington after a federal judge ruled that the Redskins could not be suspended for refusing to pay union dues.

In the AFC, Houston, Buffalo and Kansas City have clinched division championships and Denver has one wild card wrapped up.

Buffalo can clinch home field throughout the playoffs with a victory at Indianapolis. That would make Houston's late game against the New York Jets meaningless for the Oilers, but not the Jets.

Houston, the hottest team in the league with 10 straight victories, tying the club record set 32 years ago, is assured of a day off next week. If Buffalo stumbles against the Colts, the Oilers could gain the home field throughout the playoffs by beating the Jets.

New York, meanwhile, remains in the playoff hunt, despite losing three of the last four games. The most direct way for the Jets to make it would be to win on Sunday and have Miami lose at New England. There's another route requiring a victory by Pittsburgh against Cleveland and a loss by the Los Angeles Raiders at Denver.

Seattle is at Kansas City, Chicago at the Los Angeles Rams and Phoenix at Atlanta in Sunday's other games.

The Green Bay-Detroit and Dallas-New York Giants showdowns mark the first time since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 that two division crowns have been decided with head-to-head showdowns on the final weekend of the regular season. Past performances would seem to favor the Packers and Cowboys.

Green Bay has won three straight against the Lions, including a 26-17 victory in their first meeting this season when Edgar Bennett scored two touchdowns and Chris Jacke made field goals of 27, 52, 20 and 34 yards. In that game, the Packers outgained the Lions 404-205 and allowed just 89 passing yards.

Since then, though, Detroit has settled on Erik Kramer at quarterback and he has responded, passing for 700 yards and seven touchdowns in the last three games for a quarterback rating of 118.8. Detroit hopes to supplement Kramer's passing with the running of 1,000-yard rusher Barry Sanders, who is expected back for his first action since injuring a knee against Chicago on Thanksgiving Day.

Dallas punished the Giants 31-9 in their first meeting, a third straight victory for the Cowboys over New York. Emmitt Smith rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns in that game, and his 153 yards last week against Washington made him the lague rushing leader with 1,318 despite missing the first two games because of a holdout. He is trying to join Steve Van Buren, Jim Brown and Earl Campbell as the only players to win three straight rushing titles.

The Giants have the top rushing offense in the NFL, averaging 138.7 yards, and Rodney Hampton needs 37 yards to reach 1,000 for the third straight year.

Alamo Bowl...

California slams Iowa, 37-3

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Iowa coach Hayden Fry said all week his team didn't have much of a chance against California in the inaugural Alamo Bowl.

He was right.

Dave Barr capped time-consuming drives with three touchdown passes and Jerrott Willard had three sacks and scored on a 61-yard interception return as California routed Iowa 37-3 on Friday night.

"Cal just dominated the game to the extent that we could just never get anything going on offense," said Fry, whose team was held to 20 yards rushing on 21 attempts. "And on defense we couldn't get the ball away from them."

Cal had the ball for 43 minutes, 16 seconds as Barr repeatedly picked Iowa apart on third down, scrambling and exposing seams in the Hawkeyes' zone defense with precision passes.

"We were pretty much able to do what we wanted to do. I didn't expect that," said the junior, who completed 21 of 28 pass attempts for 266 yards.

"There are quarterbacks in the Big Ten that are real fast and scramble, but I don't think I've played against one that can scramble and throw that well," Iowa linebacker Matt Hilliard said.

California (9-4) won its third bowl game in four years. Iowa (6-6) barely managed to get into a bowl after finishing eighth in the Big Ten without beating a team with a winning record.

The Golden Bears scored on four of their first five possessions, including field goals by Doug Brien of 37, 20 and 30 yards, and led 23-0 at the half.

The Bears scored on last play of the first half when Regan Upshaw pressured Paul Burmeister into throwing a weak pass that was picked off by Willard, who lumbered 61 yards for the score.

Willard, a junior who spent much of the evening in Iowa's backfield and collected six tackles, enjoyed being on the scoring end for a change.

"I'm usually the one that has to chase the others down," said Willard, the leading tackler in the Pac-10 the last two years and a Butkus Award semifinalist. "Hopefully, this will be the tip of the iceberg for us as a team heading into next season."

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Friday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson 14, Kentucky 13
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Alabama 24, North Carolina 10
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
California 37, Iowa 3
Saturday, Jan. 1
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan (7-4) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-1-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Miami (9-2) vs. Arizona (9-2), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Boston College (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
UCLA (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-1-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. (9-1) vs. South Carolina State (8-3), 4:30 p.m.
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-2) vs. West Virginia (11-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

'Bama strolls to 24-10 victory over Tarheels

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Alabama coach Gene Stallings insisted that his team would be ready to play in the Gator Bowl. He assured everyone that his players were over the disappointment of not defending their national championship.

He was right.

Brian Burgdorf threw for two touchdowns and ran 33 yards for another score as 18th-ranked Crimson Tide overpowered 12th-ranked North Carolina 24-10 on Friday night.

It was the kind of game that Stallings loves: methodical on offense, stingy on defense. And this time there was no quarterback controversy for the Tide. Burgdorf got the start in place of injured Jay Barker and took every snap until victory was assured for Alabama (9-3-1).

Starting for only the fourth time in his career, Burgdorf was 15-of-23 for 166 yards. He threw an 8-yard touchdown to Tarrant Lynch which broke a 10-10 tie early in the third period, then added a 10-yarder to Chad Key with 6:34 remaining that sealed the win over North Carolina (10-3).

Burgdorf also ran 33 yards on a quarterback draw for Alabama's first touchdown and claimed the MVP award.

On Friday night, Burgdorf came out only after Alabama had built a two-touchdown lead in the final minutes. And then it was for freshman Freddie Kitchens, not Palmer, who may have been playing his last college game as he ponders whether to skip his final year and enter the NFL draft.

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Vikings nab last playoff slot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dennis Green is now 2-0 in taking the Minnesota Vikings to the NFL playoffs, this time on the arm of an aging quarterback better known for putting the Bears there during the '80s.

Jim McMahon threw for one touchdown and set up another Friday as the Vikings beat the Washington Redskins, 14-9, to clinch the final NFC playoff berth and end Philadelphia and New Orleans' chances for post-season play.

"I missed some open guys ... but I really felt like we made the big plays when we had to," said McMahon, who took Chicago to the Super Bowl championship in 1985 and to the playoffs again in 1987 and 1988. "Now it's a one-game season and anything can happen."

The Vikings (9-7), who fell to Washington 24-7 in the first round of the playoffs a year ago, will likely face the loser of Sunday's Cowboys-Giants game in the playoffs next week.

"Jim is a guy who can get the job done," Green said, picking up his 20th win in two years as a head coach. "We've had to battle all year long and it came down to this game. Winning the past three games prepared us and we're ready to go."

For the Redskins, the defeat was fitting finish to a 4-12 season, their worst in three decades.

Their offense failed to score a touchdown for the third straight week and had to rely again on Chip Lohmiller's foot. But at about the same rate he's been missing field goals all year, Lohmiller hit only three of five attempts.

The only real question left is whether rookie head coach Richie Petitbon will be given a second chance. After a six-game losing streak, owner Jack Kent Cooke said he wanted to see some improvement.

"I have no idea," Petitbon said when asked his fate after the game.

The Redskins, however, lost three of their last five games, including a 38-3 shellacking by archrival Dallas last week, their most one-sided defeat in eight years.

McMahon found Anthony Carter open in the end zone with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter for what proved to be the winning TD after putting the Vikings into scoring position four plays earlier with a 30-yard pass to Cris Carter at the Redskins 1.

An earlier 24-yard pass from McMahon to Chris Carter at the Redskins' 1 set up the Vikings' only other score. Two plays and a penalty later, Scottie Graham plunged a yard for the score early in the second quarter.

But Graham, who had been averaging 98 yards a game, was held to only 37 yards on 20 carries Friday by Washington's eight-man front. McMahon made up for it, completing 19 of 32 attempts for 225 yards.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	11	4	0	.733	299	232
Miami	9	6	0	.600	322	318
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	270	223
Indianapolis	4	11	0	.267	179	348
New England	4	11	0	.267	205	259
Central						
x-Houston	11	4	0	.733	344	238
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	292	272
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	295	291
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	174	299
West						
x-Kansas City	10	5	0	.667	294	267
y-Denver	9	6	0	.600	343	251
LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	273	296
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	290	273
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	256	280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	360	216
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	275	189
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	256	281
Phoenix	6	9	0	.400	299	259
Washington	4	11	0	.267	221	331
Central						
y-Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	320	252
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	268	272
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	263	281
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	228	210
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	220	344
West						
x-San Francisco	10	5	0	.667	439	258
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	297	330
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	306	358
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	201	361

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Game
Houston 10, San Francisco 7
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 21, Atlanta 17
Detroit 20, Chicago 14
New England 38, Indianapolis 0
Green Bay 28, Los Angeles Raiders 0
Philadelphia 37, New Orleans 26
Buffalo 16, New York Jets 14
Seattle 16, Pittsburgh 6
Cleveland 42, Los Angeles Rams 14
Phoenix 17, New York Giants 6
Tampa Bay 17, Denver 10
Dallas 38, Washington 3
Minnesota 30, Kansas City 10
Monday's Game
San Diego 45, Miami 20
Friday's Game
Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 2
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Denver at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 3
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Late TD lifts Clemson over Kentucky, 14-13

ATLANTA (AP) — Patrick Sapp's second-chance 21-yard touchdown pass to Terry Smith and Nelson Welch's extra point with 20 seconds remaining gave No. 24 Clemson a 14-13 victory over Kentucky in the Peach Bowl Friday night, making Tommy West a winner in his coaching debut with the Tigers.

Sapp's pass had been intercepted three plays earlier by Marty Moore, who fumbled on the return, with Brent LeJeune claiming it for Clemson (9-3) on the Kentucky 21.

After two incompletions, Sapp scrambled to the right side and found Smith alone in the end zone, giving the Tigers touchdowns on their first and last possessions of the game.

Clemson's defense twice had stopped Kentucky at the Tiger 1 and the Wildcats (6-6) also squandered good field position twice in the second half before striking for 10 fourth-quarter points. Kentucky took a 13-7 lead on a 5-yard pass from Pookie Jones to Mark Chatmon and a 26-yard field goal by Nicky Nickels.

West became Clemson's coach on Nov. 29 after Ken Hatfield resigned, claiming a lack of support from the school.

Clemson's surge to victory started with 3:50 remaining when, on the first play, Sapp tossed a swing pass to the right to Emory Smith, who raced 58 yards to the Kentucky 25.

It put the Tigers in position to win, although Kentucky appeared to have nailed it down when Moore came racing upfield with his interception. The ball came free on the tackle, however, and Clemson had another chance.

Hokies blast Hoosiers in Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Virginia Tech safety Antonio Banks recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass and returned a partially blocked field goal 80 yards for a touchdown as the 22nd-ranked Hokies beat No. 21 Indiana 45-20 Friday in the Independence Bowl.

Banks was voted top defensive player in a game that featured defense. Virginia Tech (9-3) forced four turnovers, setting up one touchdown and scoring two on its own — both in the last 23 seconds of the first half.

Indiana (8-4) trailed only 14-13 before the Hokies defense broke open the game on two freakish plays.

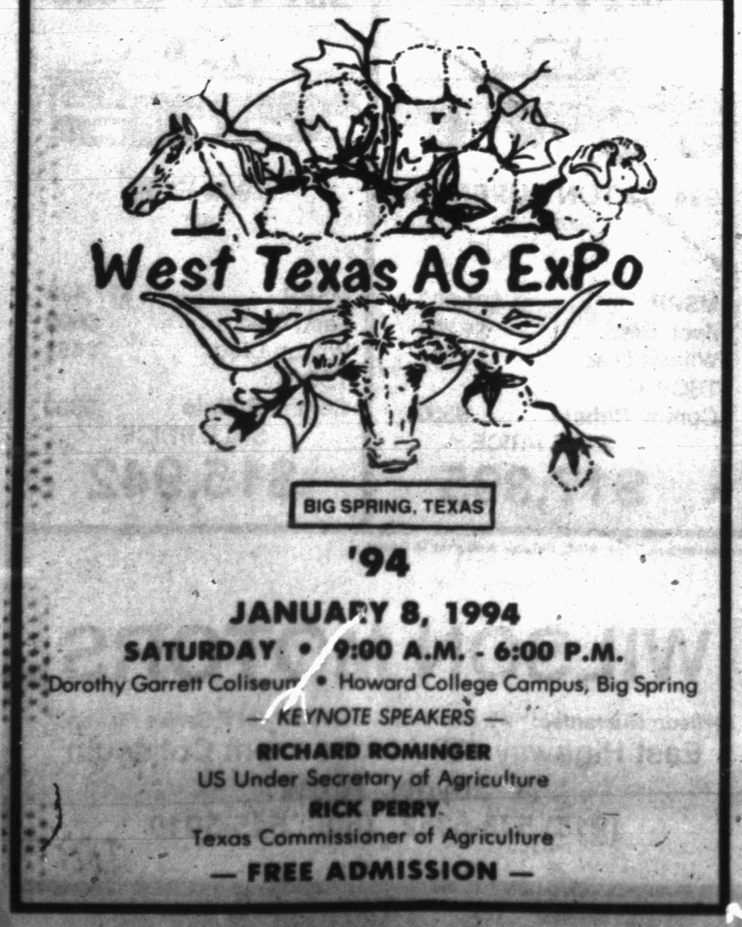
On the first, John Paci took the snap at the Tech 49 and soon the entire defensive line joined him in the backfield.

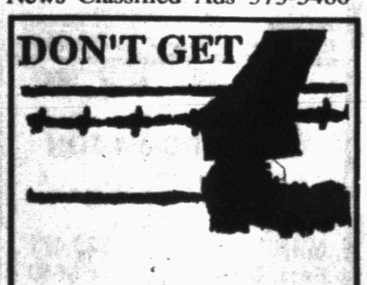
DeWayne Knight broke through first but slipped. George DelRicco grabbed Paci but couldn't bring him down. Knight jumped on the two of them as Paci tried to throw, and the ball came loose.

Next into the fray was J.C. Price, who tried to sweep the ball up, but wound up hitting it towards the Indiana goal line. The ball bounced right into Lawrence Lewis' hands as he trailed the play; he caught it in stride and scored to make it 21-13 with 23 seconds left in the half.

When the Hoosiers got the ball back, Paci completed a 9-yard pass to Eddie Baety, who did not get out of bounds. The clock ran out, but the official ruled that Indiana had called timeout with one second left.

After calling the Hokies back from the locker room, Bill Manolopoulos came on to try a 51-yard field goal. The kick, partially blocked by Jeff Holland, was caught by Antonio Banks at the 20 yard-line and he ran it all the way back for a touchdown to make it 28-13 at halftime.





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Jayton tournament...

Guthrie nudges Lady Tigers

JAYTON — A first quarter that saw Snyder pick up just three points came back to haunt the Lady Tigers in a 29-28 loss to Guthrie in the semifinals of the Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament Friday.

Snyder didn't make a single bucket in the opening stanza, hitting three of six free throws for its only points, and falling behind 8-3.

"We started out ice cold," said SHS coach Steve Qualls. "Not making a field goal in the first quarter really hurt us. Besides that, we were only 6-of-18 from the free throw line for the night.

"When you're in a tight game, those things hurt."

In spite of the loss, Qualls feels like the SHS girls are steadily improving.

"We did a much better job playing our offense," he said. "We just missed too many easy opportunities."

Snyder was led by Annie Ragland, who scored 12 points, Meriah Worthen, who finished with eight, and Marissa Barrera, who canned five.

The Lady Tigers, now 5-10, will battle Klondike for third place at 4 p.m. Saturday.

In other tourney games Friday, Spur topped Paducah, 52-39, Aspermont posted a 30-23 win over Rotan, and host Jayton drilled Klondike, 73-37.

Saturday's games started at 10 a.m. with the Paducah-Rotan seventh-place game, and continued with the Spur-Aspermont tilt for fifth at 1 p.m.

Jayton and Guthrie will square off at 7 p.m. for the event championship.

Snyder	3	9	7	9	-28
Guthrie	8	8	6	7	-29

Leading scorers: Snyder — Ragland 12, Worthen 8, Barrera 5; Williams 3; Guthrie Burkett 9; Record: Snyder 5-10.

Jayton Holiday Tournament

Girls

Thursday's games

Guthrie 32, Spur 27
Snyder 54, Paducah 33
Klondike 40, Rotan 35
Jayton 63, Aspermont 19

Friday's games

Spur 52, Paducah 39
Aspermont 30, Rotan 23
Guthrie 29, Snyder 28
Jayton 73, Klondike 37

Saturday's games

Seventh place — Paducah vs. Rotan, 10 a.m.
Fifth place — Spur vs. Aspermont, 1 p.m.
Third place — Snyder vs. Klondike, 4 p.m.
Championship — Jayton vs. Guthrie, 7 p.m.

'94 sports resolutions listed

An AP Sports Analysis
By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Some sporting New Year's resolutions from The Freeman File led by the $50 million man, Troy Aikman, his ownself. ...

"My resolution is one that all the momas want to hear," Aikman said. "I'm going to quit chewing (tobacco)."

If Aikman quits chewing, which I don't think he will, I'll give up cigars.

Some resolutions I'd like to see for 1994:

GOLF

— A four-hour rule at all golf clubs for an 18-hole round. Any foursome playing slower than that should be evicted from the course.

Maybe golf could become fun to play again at resort and municipal courses.

— To turn off the television the next time golf analyst Ken Venturi yells "hit it" to a golfer who has come up short on a putt. It implies cowardice and you certainly aren't one if you misread the speed of a green.

— To spend most of my golfing hours working on chipping and putting. That's where 80 percent of the game is played says Harvey Penick and most golfers only spend 20 percent of their time working on it.

— To limit personal spending to only $100 in the Augusta National Golf Club shop at the Masters this year.

FOOTBALL

— To keep writing columns on how backward some college and university officials are about a much-needed college football playoff.

— To give Leon Lett a chance to explain what he was thinking that frozen turkey day in which he made one of the most memorable blunders in NFL history.

— To see more high school football games, which are many times more exciting than the professional game.

— To quit thinking the Southwest Conference is going to eventually make a comeback from its down period until it actually does.

— To never again pay $38 for professional football tickets. My presents to relatives at Christmas next year will be radios, which will be cheaper.

BASKETBALL

— To try harder to understand Dallas Mavericks coach Quinn Buckner.

— To quit listening to SWC coaches brag about the conference being on the rebound until some significant victories are produced.

— To lobby for Texas Tech women's coach Marsha Sharp to become the first woman coaching a men's team in the SWC.

Lady Cards topped in consolation tilt

HAMLIN — Seymour took a 29-19 halftime lead over Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals, and rolled to a 56-43 win in the consolation game at the Hamlin Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday.

In other girls' games on the final day of play, Brownfield took third place with a 57-21 win over Munday, and Eastland rapped the host Lady Pipers, 48-39, for the tourney crown.

Hermleigh, 8-6, was led by Connie Payne and Brandi Bates, each with 10 points. Sheri Sandefur added eight and Michelle Roemisch put in seven.

Amanda Peters poured in a game-high 29 for Seymour.

In the boys' division of the tournament on Friday, Roby outlasted Hamlin 78-71 for the championship, Eastland hammered Munday, 78-34, for third, and Seymour took consolation honors with a convincing 80-47 win over Trent.

Hermleigh's boys, 2-10, were ousted with a 60-37 loss to Trent in Thursday's consolation semifinals.

Hermleigh will open District 21-A competition Friday at Blackwell.

Hamlin Invitational

Girls

Wednesday's games

Munday 28, Trent 26 (OT)
Brownfield 58, Roby 41
Eastland 40, Seymour 38
Hamlin 47, Hermleigh 29

Thursday's games

Seymour 59, Roby 48
Hermleigh 27, Trent 24
Eastland 44, Brownfield 35
Hamlin 44, Munday 23

Friday's games

Seymour 56, Hermleigh 43
Brownfield 57, Munday 21
Eastland 48, Hamlin 39

Boys

Wednesday's games

Munday 76, Trent 43
Roby 73, Hamlin JV 27
Eastland 51, Seymour 45
Hamlin 77, Hermleigh 40

Thursday's games

Seymour 80, Hamlin JV 39
Trent 60, Hermleigh 37
Roby 79, Eastland 67
Hamlin 76, Munday 47

Friday's games

Seymour 80, Trent 47
Eastland 78, Munday 34
Roby 78, Hamlin 71

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	7	.720	—
Orlando	16	12	.571	3½
Miami	12	13	.480	6
Boston	12	17	.414	8
New Jersey	11	16	.407	8
Philadelphia	10	17	.370	9
Washington	8	20	.286	11½

Central Division

Atlanta	19	7	.731	—
Chicago	18	9	.667	1½
Charlotte	16	12	.571	4
Cleveland	12	15	.444	7½
Indiana	10	16	.385	9
Detroit	8	19	.296	11½
Milwaukee	8	20	.286	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	24	4	.857	—
Utah	20	8	.714	4
San Antonio	18	11	.621	6½
Denver	14	13	.519	9½
Minnesota	8	20	.286	16
Dallas	2	24	.077	21

Pacific Division

Seattle	22	3	.880	—
Phoenix	21	5	.808	1½
Portland	17	11	.607	6½
Golden State	14	13	.519	9
LA Clippers	11	16	.407	12
LA Lakers	9	19	.321	14½
Sacramento	8	19	.296	15

Thursday's Games

New York 102, Washington 84
Orlando 108, Miami 100
Charlotte 115, Chicago 95
Sacramento 97, Detroit 91
San Antonio 107, Indiana 82
Milwaukee 105, Cleveland 103
Houston 110, Minnesota 104
Denver 101, Golden State 96
Phoenix 119, Philadelphia 107
Boston 119, LA Clippers 111

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Games

Charlotte at New York, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.
LA Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Men's cage results

Final standings

Team	W	L
Snyder National Bank	12	2
Landes Furniture	10	4
Big Country Chevrolet	10	4
Bib & Tucker	8	6
Golden Corral	7	7
Nathalie's	6	8
Patterson Drilling	2	12
Jaramillo's	1	13

College hoops

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EAST

Fairfield 83, Wis.-Milwaukee 65
Providence 88, South Carolina 69

SOUTH

Ala.-Birmingham 78, South Florida 41
Cincinnati 85, Austin Peay 75

MIDWEST

Minnesota 73, James Madison 68
Nebraska 70, N. Iowa 63
Southern Cal 67, Mo.-Kansas City 66

SOUTHWEST

Stephen F. Austin 77, Cameron 74

FAR WEST

New Mexico St. 97, Morgan St. 56
Oregon St. 82, Portland 78

TOURNAMENTS

Great Northern Classic
Championship
Wis.-Green Bay 60, East Carolina 43
Third Place
E. Michigan 77, E. Washington 73

Bowling News

JACK AND JILL
12-29-93

Team	W	L
ESP	40	24
Better-N-Nothing	40	24
AJ Silkscreens	37	27
Wes Tex Drilling	36½	27½
Red Man	36	28
Misfits	35½	28½
Pizza Inn	34½	29½
Great Western Club	34	30
K&M Pumping	33	31
Ezell-Key Grain	33	31
Snyder Paint & Body	31	33
Nolan Electric	26	38
Farmers Helper	26	38
The Mechanic Shop	24	40
WWII	23	41
Payne Trucking	22½	41½

High Series: Jenny Rainwater 596; Jack Beall 575. High game: Dorothy Mathews 225; Jack Beall 208. High handicap series: Jenny Rainwater 686; Roger Pavlik 649. High handicap game: Dorothy Mathews 256; Jack Beall 232.

Converted splits: Vicky Renshaw 3-10, 3-10; Bernie Sealy 3-10; Bonnie Allred 3-10; Mary Batchelor 4-5; Sandra Clawson 5-7; Tom Seabourn 3-10, 3-10.

Most pins over average: Cindy Aikin 67; Tim McCright 42; Most pins over series: Jenny Rainwater 110; Roger Pavlik 76.

200-500: Jenny Rainwater 214, 596; Jack Beall 208, 575; Dorothy Mathews 225, 560; Linda Head 216, 550; Roger Pavlik 547; Jimmy Fletcher 534; Cindy Aikin 208, 531; Charlie Teague 528; John Nichols 517; Bob Sealy 516; Chad Fox 512; David Lee 202, 510; Morris Allred 506; Bernie Sealy 501.

WISHBALL
12-30-93

Team	W	L
The Shack	127½	68½
Barq's Root Beer	110	86
Poor Boys	99½	96½
Fox Trot	98½	97½
Energy Electric	95½	100½
CAM Wireline	92½	103½
High Rollers	83½	112½
Super Stars	77	119

High Series: David Lyle 602. High game: Steve James 210. High handicap series: Chad Fox 666. High handicap game: Roger Pavlik 225.

200-500: Marcus Carroll 200; Steve James 210; Chad Fox 540; Lynn Smith 201, 552; Bo Lowrance 507; Rick Mammolite 511; Don

ROLL N HOPE
12-29-93

Team	W	L
IGA	40	24
Strike Force	38	26
CNB	38	26
Louise's	35	29
E.D. Walton	32	32
American Legion	28	36
B&B	27	37
Great Western Club	18	46

Splits converted: Lynn Maldonado 3-10; Norma Shaw 2-7; Vicky Renshaw 3-6-7; Geneva Finley 4-5-7; Dorris Martin 3-10.

200-500: Wanda Johnson 246, 558; Karen McAnelly 208, 518; Tracy Beone 211, 525; Bonnie McDorman 526; Sherry Comer 500.

Sports Shorts

WTC boosters to meet Monday

Western Texas College athletic boosters will meet Monday at noon for a Dutch-treat lunch at Golden Corral.

Anyone interested in sports at WTC is invited to attend.

Golf club holds membership drive

Western Texas College Golf Club is holding a membership drive until Jan. 31.

Individual annual memberships, including the course improvement fee, is $331.25, a savings of over $110 over the present monthly rate. Family memberships are available for $509.86.

In addition, new members will pay a one-time initial fee of $50. Present monthly members may change to annual membership with no additional fee.

Current annual members may call the pro shop at 573-9291 before Jan. 31 to find out about their super savings package.

Dallas playoff tickets go on sale

IRVING (AP) — Tickets for the Cowboys' first playoff game will go on sale Tuesday, regardless of whether Dallas beats the New York Giants on Sunday.

The Cowboys will begin their Super Bowl defense the weekend of Jan. 15-16 if they beat the Giants, giving them the NFC East title and the best record in the conference.

A loss makes Dallas a wild-card team and hosts of a first-round game the weekend of Jan. 8-9.

The team did not say how many tickets would be available, but it said there will be a 10-ticket maximum order per person. The majority of seats will cost $40.00.

Fishing report

GRANBURY: Water stained, 51 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on spinner baits; striper are fair at the warm water outlet on live bait; white bass are good in the river channels on sliver spoons; crappie are fair in 20 feet of water on minnows over brush; catfish are good in 30-45 feet of water on cheesebait.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 41 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are slow due to lack of fishermen; white bass are good on minnows and slabs in 42-50 feet of water; crappie are fair to 11/2 pounds in 45 feet of water on minnows and slabs; walleye are fair to 17 inches in 45-50 feet of water in the trees on minnows and slabs.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are slow to fair to 61/2 pounds on worms; crappie are very good in the creeks in 12-15 feet of water on minnows; catfish are slow.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 47 degrees, 10 feet low; black bass are slow; white bass are fair on slabs in 60 feet of water on the humps; crappie are fair to good on slabs in 60 feet of water; catfish are slow to fair on slabs at the same depth; trout are good on minnows and Power baits; walleye are fair and improving to 10 pounds on large minnows and Rapala baits.

OAK CREEK: All fishing slow due to lack of fishermen.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear, 48 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair with a few keepers on slabs and jigging spoons in 40-50 feet of water; smallmouth are slow; white bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 45-49 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are poor to fair to 5 pounds off the rocky points on brown-orange jigs and 1/2 ounce Little Cleo Spoons; striper are good to excellent to 10 pounds in 18-30 feet of water under the birds on tri-colored jigging slabs, white Road Runners with chartreuse salt and pepper trailers; white bass are fair to very good with some limits on same baits in the same depths; crappie are slow to fair on minnows.

SDN sports week

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Basketball

WTC Lady Dusters host WTC Classic at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder Lady Tigers at San Angelo Lake View. JV game at 6 p.m. Varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Tigers at Lubbock High. J.V. game at 6 p.m. Varsity game at 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Basketball

WTC Lady Dusters host WTC Classic at Scurry County Coliseum.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Basketball

Snyder seventh grade boys at Andrews. B game at 5:45 p.m. A game at 7 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade boys at Andrews. B game at 5:45 p.m. A game at 7 p.m.

Snyder seventh grade girls host Lamesa. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade girls host Lamesa. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.

Friday, Jan. 7

Basketball

Snyder Lady Tigers host Lamesa. J.V. game at 6:30 p.m. Varsity game at 8 p.m.

Snyder Tigers at Seminole. J.V. game at 6 p.m. Varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder freshmen boys at Big Spring Tournament.

Hermleigh at Blackwell. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Ira hosts Highland. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.

Snyder seventh grade girls B team at Lubbock Tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 8

Basketball

Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.

Snyder seventh grade girls B team at Lubbock Tournament.

View from the press box

By Phil Riddle

Anyone who has been to a Snyder basketball game this season has noticed the new look in the SHS gym.

Fresh paint has been applied to the walls and home bleachers, including a trim stripe each of black and gold all the way around, a newly refinished floor and a new high-tech scoreboard on the wall.

According to most at Snyder High, much of the credit for the improvements goes to first-year girls' basketball coach Steve Qualls.

"Well, I've done some of it," he said modestly. "But so has coach (Patty) Grimmett. We also got some help from the sheriff's department, who sent some of their prisoners over this summer to help us paint. And some of it was done by the district's maintenance department."

The new scoreboard, along with a sign designating the SHS gym as the Home of the Runnin' Lady Tigers, was donated by the Coca-Cola Company at the new coach's request and, according to Qualls, a second scoreboard for the opposite wall is on the way.

"You have to take pride in where you play," said Qualls, explaining his work on the gym. "And you have to have pride in your school."

This year, for the first time in several seasons, both the Tigers and coach Qualls' Lady Tigers are playing their home games on campus, instead of at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We want to build some excitement in the program," Qualls said. "We want this place to have a kind of hometown atmosphere that makes everyone want to come out to the games.

"The kids know when the crowd is behind them and that makes a lot of difference in the way they play, especially when they're at home."

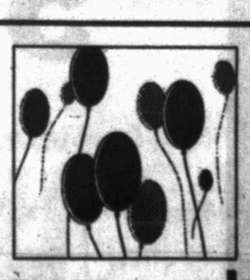
Both teams seem to enjoy playing at SHS.

The Lady Tigers are 2-2 in their first four games at home, beating Sweetwater and Class 5A Lubbock High.

The Snyder boys carry a 4-1 record in games played on their new home floor, including wins over Big Spring, San Angelo Central, Sweetwater and San Angelo Lake View.

The Tigers' lone loss was a 58-55 defeat at the hands of Andrews, which proved that the home floor will help in lots of ways, but it can't shoot free throws.

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Insurers set for businesses under new health regulations

DALLAS (AP) — Most of the largest health insurance companies and health maintenance organizations are geared up to provide insurance coverage to small businesses under a new Texas law that went into effect Saturday.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Prudential, Aetna, Travelers and Principal are among the companies that have told state officials they will offer policies under the new law, said Lee Jones, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance.

In all, 52 insurers and HMO's have signed on, Jones said.

"That is a very good number. There is a tremendous amount of market share represented on the list. It shows these companies don't want to turn their backs on this market," Jones said.

There had been a fear that insurance companies might boycott the program because of unhappiness over some of the regulations that State Insurance Commissioner Robert Hunter and the State Insurance Board adopted in December.

The Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act is aimed at providing health care benefits for the estimated two million small business employees in Texas that have had no coverage.

Employees with three to 50 employees may buy health coverage through licensed agents, directly from insurance companies or HMOS, or through purchasing cooperatives formed by two or more companies.

Employers will choose from three basic plans ranging from basic hospital coverage to a comprehensive plan that includes preventive care, doctor visits and hospital stays.

Hunter calls it a "health insurance milestone" for employees of small businesses. Under the law, businesses have not been required to purchase health insurance.

Hunter said the state wants to make health insurance to the millions who lack coverage.

Deece Eckstein, a member of the state insurance board, said the basic plan that will be available to small businesses "will be significantly less costly" than what is now available.

Small employers must pay at least three-fourths of the cost of the premium for each employee.

Health insurance policies that were in effect before Sept. 1 will not be affected by the new rules under a grandfather clause approved by the commissioner and insurance board.

The three standardized benefit packages that will be offered under the law are:

— Standard Benefit Plan, which covers most needed health services.

— In-Hospital Benefit Plan, which covers hospitalization and up to 90 days of follow-up care but no preventive or primary care benefits unless purchased extra as policy riders.

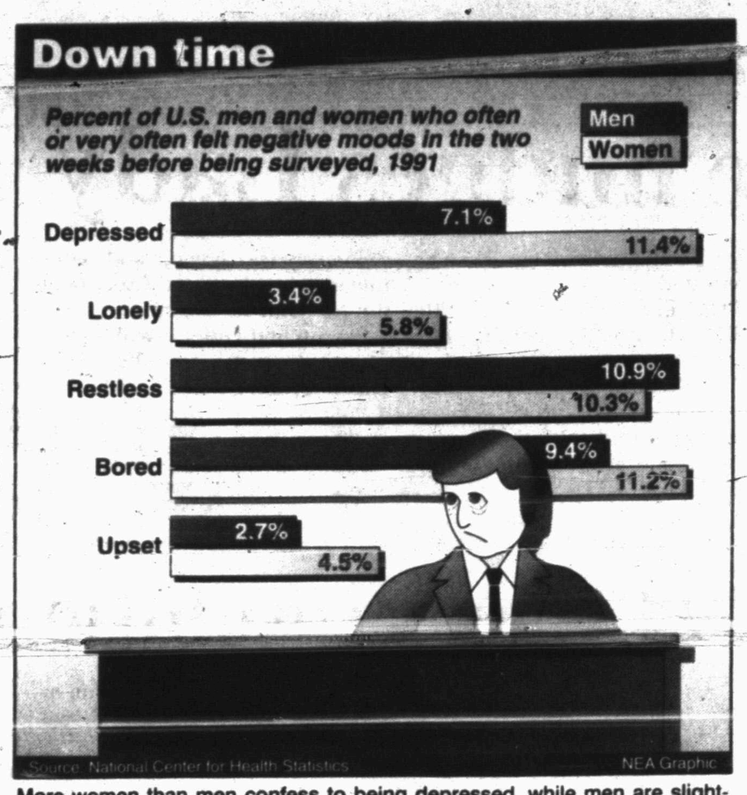
— Preventive and Primary Care Benefit Plan, which covers doctor visits, preventive care (such as vaccinations and mammograms) and routine medical care but only five days a year of hospitalization.

HMOs may offer two of the standardized plans — the Preventive and Primary Care and the Standard Benefit Plan) in addition to their other benefit packages.

The three standard plans will make it easier to compare prices and also give businesses lower-cost alternatives to policies already on the market, Hunter said.

The board backed away from requiring all health policies sold to include coverage for certain abortions, such as those to save the life of the mother, in cases of rape, or where the fetus was not viable.

Anti-abortion groups had wanted to prohibit any health plans from paying for abortions.



More women than men confess to being depressed, while men are slightly more likely to say that they feel restless.

1993 finale said crammed with evidence of stronger economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Like a time-warp detour back to the roaring Reagan years, the last week of 1993 brought a batch of prosperous economic news as well as hints of financial skulduggery.

Housing sales surged. Consumer and business optimism brightened. The stock market ended the year on a down note but still in record territory. The number of new layoff victims dropped. Americans seeking work felt more confident.

President Clinton, sounding in some ways like his Republican predecessors, hailed the statistics as evidence that his administration's economic policies are working. He said the rebound in home sales in particular showed "the American people are taking control of their economic destiny."

It was hard to dispute the renaissance in housing, which had been one of the most stubbornly lagging industries over the past few years. The Commerce Department said sales of new homes rose 11.3 percent in November to the highest level since April 1986.

Likewise it was clear that consumer attitudes toward spending and borrowing were growing more confident. The evidence included a surge in the Conference Board's monthly index of consumer sentiment in December.

Small businesses, morose and fearing higher taxes, regulation and health care costs under Clinton, also showed signs of feeling better. The national consulting-accounting firm Grant Thornton said the mood among small manufacturers has become strikingly upbeat just in the last three months.

The prospect of rising prosperity helped the stock market finish 1993 in a powerful position. Despite a late Friday barrage of selling of big-name stocks, the broader market's strength wasn't hurt, and small stocks in particular had a record year of growth.

The weak labor market, which came to symbolize the economy's fragility for much of 1993, showed more signs of rebounding. The Labor Department said weekly applications for unemployment benefits hit a five-year low in late December.

The news of the week also contained another 1980s theme: financial scandal. Most notable was a widening federal probe into Prudential Securities Inc. over its sale of risky limited partnerships to unsuspecting investors.

A number of high-ranking Prudential executives were said to be under scrutiny and advised to hire criminal lawyers, although no charges have yet been filed. Prudential's general counsel of more than 10 years, Loren Schechter, resigned because of what the brokerage called unfavorable publicity that had compromised his effectiveness.

Holiday liquor sales up

HOUSTON (AP) — Employees at Richard's Liquors and Fine Wines in Houston rang in the New Year Friday to the sound of registers peeling as the retailer cashed in on partyers' enthusiasm.

Customers came into the liquor store to pick up last-minute libations to help usher in the New Year.

Liquor stores ring up a quarter or more of annual sales on New Year's Eve, which typically is the fifth- or sixth-highest volume day of the year in the liquor store business, said John Rydman, Spec's Liquor Stores president.

New Year's Eve holds a special place in the heart of liquor store owners. On Dec. 31, there's really no need for a fast sales pitch, said Bob Roy said, vice president for Richard's Liquors & Fine Wines.

"It's an entirely different type of business on New Year's Eve," he said.

Many customers are those once-a-year shoppers.

"They're just buying the bottles for New Year's Eve," Roy said.

Judy Walsh stopped in at Richard's Friday to pick up a bottle of brandy. She planned to fix Brandy Alexanders for herself and her husband. She is not a frequent liquor store customer.

"I like beer more than liquor, so I buy it at the grocery," she said.

And this year, sales have been "slower than expected overall," said Patrick Patel, manager of Patrick's World of Fine Wines & Spirits.

Champagne is still the choice for New Year's. But some of the most popular sellers have been lower-priced brandies, including Cook's, Paul Cheneau and Segura Viudas, Rydman said.

Following the New Year's Eve crush, the crowds begin to dwindle.

"It's like everybody went to church," Roy said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 2, 1994

Basically you have always been a rather ambitious individual, yet in the year ahead you are likely to set even larger goals for yourself than you have previously. Fortunately, what you'll hope to do will be within the realm of possibility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Beneficial developments are probable today with just about anyone with whom you'll be involved. However, you could be more fortunate with someone born under the signs of Scorpios or Capricorn. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something you've been wanting to change but have been unable to do so might be brought about by someone else today in a way that's beyond your personal abilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Sometimes you have too many irons in the fire for your own good, but today could be an exception. The more you have going for you, the better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are bold and enterprising today, it means you could be capable of doing something rather dramatic to achieve an extremely difficult objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A situation today that associates haven't quite figured out could be very clear to you. Instead of having just one way to åresolve it, you might think of several.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions are trending in a favorable manner for you today, even a situation that threatened real problems if mismanaged. It should now be well under control.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert for situations today where you could function as the middle person and do something profitable for yourself and whoever you might represent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Matters pertaining to your personal finances or prestige continue to look lucky for you again today. Don't let anything benefic slip past you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you mustn't be bashful about asserting yourself if someone with whom you're involved lacks your qualifications and experience as a leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Hunches you get today pertaining to the outcome of events could be quite accurate, especially if they are of a positive nature. Others might think they're too good to be true, but they aren't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your optimism and enthusiasm are easily aroused today and this can be an enormous asset. It may enable you to sell or promote something others can't get off the ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't despair if you haven't been able to come up with new ways to enhance your earnings lately. From this point forward ideas you conceive could be very profitable.

Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 3, 1994

In the year ahead situations may develop that will enable you to acquire or gain something you've been truly wanting. You could have the wherewithal and necessary outside help to achieve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Success in your endeavors is indicated today, but not only for yourself but also for persons with whom you're involved. You'll be motivated to the do the greatest good for the largest number. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163 Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Timing is of extreme importance today and fortunately this could be your strongest suit, especially in career matters. Do as your instincts direct.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today is the day to start looking ahead a bit, because you should now be able to blend your present efforts very comfortably with your future hopes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) How you conduct yourself in front of others today could have a bearing on something that is pending careerwise. Your grades should be quite high.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Without minimizing or ignoring your logical assessments today, you will still be able to take into consideration the feelings of others. Decisions you make will have broad appeal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be an extremely productive and rewarding day for you if you devote your time and effort to the types of assignments you enjoy performing. Be choosy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The artistry you employ today, whether working on something creative or dealing with people, could be quite impressive. Your endeavors should win favorable reviews in both areas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your ability to deal with subordinants and make them feel equal could win you some extra points today. They're apt to put forth more effort and do extras for you they normally wouldn't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your ego might get a big boost today when you discover the nice things associates are saying about you, even from individuals with whom you didn't think you had a high rating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This could be a red letter day for you financially if you handle your involvements properly. Your chances for enlarging that which is already good are excellent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The cycle you're presently in puts a very strong emphasis on your leadership qualities. The influence is positive which the results should reflect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Desired merchandise you acquire today are apt to be things you'll treasure for a long time to come. You have an eye for elegance as well as practicality.

Probe opened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Veterans Affairs said Friday it is opening an investigation to learn whether patients at VA hospitals in the 1940s and '50s were used improperly in nuclear medicine research projects.

The probe, announced by Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown, follows decisions by the departments of Defense and Energy to review files to learn the scope of such experimentation.

"We plan to leave no stone unturned in our review of this research," Brown said in a statement, adding that the investigation will examine the circumstances surrounding nuclear medicine research at VA facilities.

"If we find that veterans were subjected to improper research, that would be morally and ethically unacceptable to me," Brown said.

Baby Bells grow up, expand horizons

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Ma Bell gave birth to seven babies 10 years ago on New Year's Day, they were merely phone companies distinguished only by the regions they served.

Today, the independent regional Bell companies are cable TV owners, cellular service providers, international data transmission companies and more. And what happens to them in 1994 could revolutionize the way Americans communicate, shop and are entertained into the next century.

What was once the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is now NYNEX, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Ameritech, Southwestern Bell Corp., US West and Pacific Telesis and a giant long-distance company called AT&T.

The idea behind the federal court agreement negotiated between the Justice Department and AT&T was to separate the competitive side of the business from the monopoly.

AT&T got long-distance and manufacturing where competition existed. The Baby Bells were given chunks of the country where they are the sole providers of local phone connections. The Bells were prevented from making telephone equipment or originating information that moves on wires they controlled.

Congress further impeded Bell expansion with a 1984 law that prohibited the companies from owning cable television operations in their phone service regions.

But as the years have passed, the Bells have pushed hard in the courts and Congress for removal of those restrictions and, in the meantime, have invested in other companies and expanded into other countries.

As a result of their business dealings, they've changed from "Siamese septuplets" to distinctly different corporations competing head to head for cellular services, international contracts and more.

Their distinct corporate identities are illustrated partly by the way they've approached the video industry.

Bell Atlantic, considered by financial analysts to be the best run of the seven, proved its dealmaking skills recently by gobbling up Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable TV company. Combined revenues would total more than $16 billion a year and give the company access to 22 million customers, about twice that of any other Bell.

The $26 billion, TCI deal last October put glitz on the phone company and helped the public visualize how interactive television one day might become an integral part of their lives.

The Bell Atlantic-TCI partnership was not the only venture by a Baby Bell into cable:

—Southwestern Bell earlier this month formed a $4.9 billion partnership with Cox Cable Communications. In February, Southwestern Bell agreed to buy two Hauser Cable systems in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. for $650 million.

—U.S. West negotiated a $2.5 billion agreement in May for a 25.5 percent share of Time Warner Entertainment.

—BellSouth contributed $1.5 billion to QVC's effort to buy Paramount Communications and bought a 22.5 percent share of Prime Management, a cable company in Las Vegas, Houston and Chicago.

—NYNEX invested $1.2 billion in Viacom Inc.'s effort to buy Paramount.

Ameritech and Pacific Telesis haven't pursued cable properties as aggressively.

Pacific Telesis which serves California is trying to protect itself from competition with a $16 billion, 20-year plan to upgrade its entire network with high-capacity fiber optic wiring. This system would accommodate the most advanced video or computer transmissions.

Ameritech also is concentrating on its regional market with a $1 billion upgrade project over the next two years.

The Bells' interest in cable, the expanded popularity of wireless telephones, plans by cable TV companies to enter phone service, and government interest in developing "electronic highways" makes certain the face of America's telephone industry will continue to undergo dramatic change.

Soon after Congress reconvenes, it will take up legislation that lawmakers feel will achieve much of the additional freedom the Bells say they need to compete.

One House bill, sponsored by Reps. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, and John Dingell, D-Mich., would phase out restrictions on long-distance and manufacturing over a period of years. It also would allow the Bells to create information for transmission on their wires, allowing them to greater freedom in the information service business.

Another House bill, pushed by Reps. Edward Markey, D-Mass. and Jack Fields, R-Texas, would allow the Bells to provide cable programming in their service areas and expand opportunities for other companies to compete with the Bells for local phone service.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and John Danforth, R-Mo.

British memo released called Dallas police 'inefficient'

LONDON (AP) — Reporting to his government on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, Britain's ambassador to the United States spoke of the "appalling inefficiency" of the Dallas police force.

Sir David Ormsby-Gore's confidential, six-page report was among government papers opened to the public Saturday under Britain's rule of releasing many secret documents after 30 years.

Other papers reflected anxiety about dealing with new President Lyndon Johnson, thought to be less pro-British than Kennedy.

Ormsby-Gore described the shooting of Kennedy on Nov. 22 and of the suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, on Nov. 24.

"While both crimes still seem inexplicable, the appalling inefficiency of the Dallas Police at every stage is obvious. It is both the subject of public outcry and a civic investigation.

"These events naturally had a shattering effect on all Texans ... since they pride themselves on their openness, warmheartedness, courtesy and friendliness ... They feel ashamed and this sense of guilt is deepened since Mr. Johnson, who must now take over the reins of office, is himself a Texan."

Ormsby-Gore wrote regarding the situation in Dallas immediately after the assassination: "For once the local press and other news media behaved with some dignity and restraint. Lack of knowledge immediately gave rise to rumors of every description and of the wildest kind. ... Dallas was on the verge of a city-wide witch hunt. News media, however, refused to entertain these alarmist rumors and contributed usefully toward calming an indignant population."

The dispatch was among a score of files concerning the assassination. Most related to messages of condolence and arrangements for attending the funeral.

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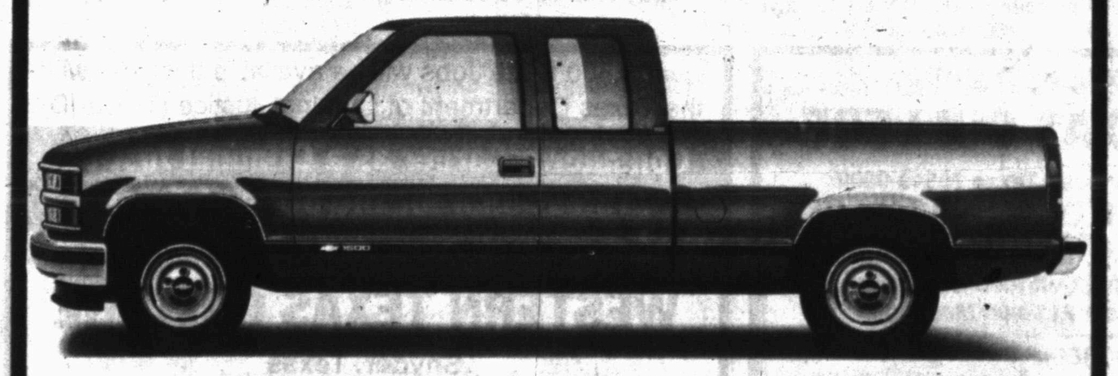
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1001 Ave. E, 4-2-3, $49,500.
3602 44th, 3-2-2, $55T.
C-City Lake, 3-2-2, $70's.
3301 Houston, 3-2-2, $59T.
4111 Eastridge, 3-2-2, $34,500.
Westridge, 4-3½, CP.
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, plus shop.
4500 Galveston, 3-2-2, $89,500.
3808 Galveston, 3-2, $40T.
2202 43rd, 3-2, 48,500.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-2.
3205 Ave. A, 4-2-CP, $25T.
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4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, shop.66T
3007 El Paso, 3-2, pl/pl.hs.89.5T
1800 37th, lrg. 3 bd., 3 bth, lrg. den, w/guest house. 85T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-1, w/w. 39T
Cedar Creek, 3-2-2, 2 lv/a.85T
2201 43rd, 3-1, ch/a. 42.5T
2200 40th, 3-1, ch/a. 30T
Colonial Hill, 3-2, red. to64.5T
Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.110T
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE
The City of Snyder will be accepting bids for the purchase of a new fire truck. Bids will be opened at the City Hall in the accounting department on January 14, 1994 at 11:00 a.m. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Patricia Warren
Purchasing Agent

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. « 2001 et. seq. (1993), the Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing on February 3, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. « 2001 et. seq. (1993). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Fortson Oil Company for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code «3.37 (Railroad Commission Stateside Rule 37) to drill Well No. 1R, Bills-Popnoe Lease, 80 Acres, Section 157, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey A-70, Wildcat Field, Scurry County, being 2.9 miles north from Snyder, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:
204' from east line and 550' from south line of lease.
204' from east line 2071' from north line of survey.

This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 7500 feet.

If a Continuation is necessary, this hearing will proceed at the Williams B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

Pursuant to said hearing, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

Any Request For Postponement of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

To Appear In Support of or in Opposition to this Proceeding, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Legal Division, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

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nicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

All Exhibits Filed as a part of the record in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceeding before the commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

This Hearing Requires Notice by Publication.
Applicant:
Fortson Oil Company
301 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Attn: Mr. Richard Drew

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., 2497, Midland, Tx. 79702, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta/Clear Fork, Mattie Minor Lease, Wells No. 3, 5R, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 15. The proposed injection wells are located 2.2 miles West of Ira, Texas, in the Sharon Ridge (Clearfork) Field in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2200' to 3400'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-445-1373).

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-445-1373).



First in 22 years...

New Year's events include concert by Barbra Streisand

by The Associated Press

Barbra Streisand stretched her vocal chords in Las Vegas, Howard Stern grossed 'em out in New Jersey and some revelers tried sobriety in the New Year while others got wild in Times Square.

"I did it! I did it! I did it!," Streisand told the audience after the 21/2 hour New Year's Eve show that was her first paid concert in 22 years. "Thanks to you, I think I even enjoyed myself."

The sellout crowd that forked over up to $1,000 per ticket to hear Streisand, 51, overcome her legendary stage fright gave a standing ovation as she opened with "Everything's As If We Never Said Goodbye."

"I'm a little nervous. Forgive me," she said after the opening number Friday night.

A long list of celebrities were among 13,105 ticket holders at the new MGM Grand megaresort. A second concert was planned for tonight. The two shows were expected to earn Streisand millions.

A different kind of crowd gathered in Newark, N.J., for raunchmeister Howard Stern's New Year's Eve pageant, in which some 40 women showed off their "outrageous" talents in a competition for a $50,000 prize.

Stern, who has locked horns with censors, moralists and the federal government over his vulgar radio show, delivered on his promise of offensive television featuring "truly moronic stuff."

The pay-per-view show also featured a re-enactment of the Bobbitt saga. The Virginia couple gained notoriety when Lorena Bobbitt cut off her husband's penis and threw it in a field, saying he had sexually assaulted her. John Wayne Bobbitt was a pageant judge, and Stern interviewed the doctor who reattached Bobbitt's penis.

In Times Square, a quarter of a million revelers fastened their eyes on the 200-pound ball that dropped 77 feet into the new year.

Non-traditionalists and those who hate to stay up late were lured to the Ben-Ash Deli, whose owners lowered "the world's largest matzo ball" from a cherry picker at 6 p.m. — midnight in Tel Aviv — into a vat of chicken soup.

"It's a matzo ball! Oh my God, it's a matzo ball!" said Randi Patrick of Boston. "Only in New York."

A few blocks away, several people were taken hostage Friday evening after a botched clothing store robbery. One hostage and one would-be robber were injured, neither seriously.

In Shreveport, La., 60 couples said their wedding vows in unison on a bridge under red, orange, magenta and hot pink neon lights.

A 300-pound "baby" dropped down the spire of a brewery in New Orleans, where the party started at noon in the frolicking French Quarter.

The push was on again for booze-free New Year's celebrations across the nation with First Night festivities, supplemented by the usual free bus and cab ride offers for those who did drink.

First Night in New York City included ballroom dancing in the huge central room of Grand Central Terminal, usually filled with harried commuters. Providence, R.I.'s dry celebration featured nearly 200 entertainment events.

The offer of a free casket and burial to any drunken driver killed in a car crash during the holiday is in its 19th year in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

No one has ever used the service sponsored by the Little Chapel funeral home.

"We're trying to get across the message 'Don't drink and drive,'" said manager Jim Holmes. "It's a blunt message, but it's there."

Serb gunmen usher in new year with scores of shells

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb gunners ushered in 1994 by pummeling Sarajevo with scores of shells, including one just after midnight that scored a direct hit on the PX at U.N. headquarters.

Soprano Barbara Hendricks sang in a New Year's concert at the radio-TV studio that offered a select few Sarajevans a respite from nearly 21 months of danger and death. But the grim realities of war in Bosnia didn't change.

U.N. spokesman Maj. Manuel Cabezas reported 93 shells hitting Sarajevo overnight. U.N. relief convoys were suspended for two days New Year's Eve because of the danger of encountering drunken soldiers at rural checkpoints.

On Friday, at least five people were killed and dozens more were wounded by sporadic shelling. Cabezas said a mortar hit the U.N. headquarters at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, scoring a direct hit on the post exchange store and slightly damaging an adjacent briefing room. The PX was closed at the time and there were no injuries.

Little activity was reported around the rest of Bosnia, except in the southwestern town of Mostar, divided between Croats and Muslims. U.N. observers counted 56 shells landing on the eastern, Muslim side of the Neretva River.

In a bleak year-end report Friday, a U.N. aid official blamed the three warring sides for leaving people cold and hungry this winter.

"There is no reason for any person to be hungry or cold in Bosnia this winter," said Tony Land, a representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "It is completely political and military."

Land said there was enough food and fuel for millions of needy people in Bosnia, but the problem was getting it to them.

Bosnian Serbs, Croats, and the Muslim-led government have made no effort to separate humanitarian concerns from military ones during the 21-month civil war, despite pledges not to impede aid convoys.

The war, which began when the Serb minority revolted against Bosnia's secession from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, has killed about 200,000 people.

Searchers digging for missing boy

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — Flood lights blazed across the snow early Saturday as searchers dug for a 7-year-old boy caught by a high-country avalanche that killed four people and injured two others.

"On the probe line, shoulder to shoulder with long poles, they're probing in front of the left foot first, then the right, then in the middle and stepping forward to repeat the process," said Kim Potter, Flathead County's disaster and emergency services director.

Portable generators powered search lights as an estimated 100 people worked into New Year's Day trying to find the last of seven people whose snowmobile outing turned into disaster Friday afternoon. The searchers used dogs and metal detectors as well.

Three of the dead were from Lethbridge, in Alberta, Canada. The fourth was from near Kalispell, officials said.

Both of the injured, including the missing boy's father, are also from the Lethbridge area. He remained at the scene, looking for his son.

The other injured person, whose ribs were broken when she was partially buried in snow, was hospitalized in Kalispell, Sheriff Jim Dupont said.

No names were released.

Fourteen snowmobilers had teamed up Thursday to go to Strawberry Lake, about 15 miles east of Kalispell. One group led the way through fresh, powdery snow, then pulled off while the others broke trail, Jim Pierce, one of the riders, said.

Pierce said he saw the avalanche overtake the group that had pulled aside. The flow of snow stopped before reaching Pierce's party.

He called for help on a cellular telephone, then the group began searching for their companions. He and another rider rode back to the trailhead to guide other searchers to the slide.

The loose snow was 6 inches to 12 feet deep in the avalanche area, Dupont said.

A foot or more of new snow had fallen in the previous 24 hours, leaving what normally would have been ideal conditions for snowmobilers.

The avalanche was one of the deadliest ever in Montana. In 1969, five people died in an avalanche in Glacier National Park, north of where Friday's accident occurred.

Goodwin

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tions and desire to serve before the people. I will run for the office of county judge and not against someone or something."

Goodwin said he is proud of his four-year record as county judge. "While facing some extreme difficulities, the court acted in a decisive manner. During my term, I believe you will find a turnaround in both the operations and fiscal condition of Cogdell Hospital. Also a careful investigation will reveal that the county budgeting process was streamlined leading to increased accountability."

"Just like four years ago, I pledge to provide the commissioners court with the leadership to operate in an open, efficient and professional manner," Goodwin added.

Goodwin currently is an agricultural seed salesman for Snyder Farm and Ranch Supply. In 1992, Goodwin was elected to the part-time post of constable. On Friday, Goodwin said he submitted his resignation as constable to the commissioners court.

Goodwin, a 1974 graduate of Western Texas College with a degree in mid-management, received his law enforcement certification in 1969 and his advance certification in 1972.

Goodwin has a long history of public service, including law enforcement. "My background in law enforcement and my education enables me to effectively serve as judge in the county criminal and civil court."

A native of Santa Anna in Coleman County, Goodwin joined the Coleman police force in 1959. Goodwin came to Snyder in 1966 as a city policeman, and he was named chief of police in 1970.

In 1974, Goodwin was elected to a four-year term as justice of the peace. From 1978 to 1984, Goodwin was self-employed in the construction business and then served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Keith Collier.

Goodwin and his wife, Sue, are members of the 37th Street Church of Christ. Goodwin is a former member of the Snyder Lions Club and Sue is employed by the museum on the WTC campus.

The Goodwins have three married children. All are graduates of Snyder High School. Jay lives in New Deal, Jon in Arlington and Jennifer lives in Lubbock.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Vernie Barr, Coahoma; Curtis Corbell, 220 25th; Lacey Edwards, 2708 37th; Roy Giddens, 2106 Merrill; Iva Woodson, 600 24th.

DISMISSALS: Miranda Benitez, Juan Benitez, Howard Gabol, Lovie Gatewood, Addie Gray, Doris Nixon, Willie Page.

Census: 62 (Med.-20, Long-Term Care-38, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-1).

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Obituaries

Alva Leta Jones

1905-1993

Services were set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Alva Leta Jones, 88, a lifetime Snyder resident. The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, was to officiate with burial to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Miss Jones died at 7:55 p.m. Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Miss Jones was born on Oct. 24, 1905, in Scurry County. She worked for many years in her brother's meat packing plant in Snyder. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include a brother, E.L. "Skeet" Jones of Snyder; and a sister, Ruth Jones of Snyder.

Lacey Edwards

1935-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Lacey Wayne Edwards, 58, who died at 8:40 a.m. Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A former resident of Austin, Mr. Edwards had lived in Snyder since July, 1992 and was a salesman for Rainbow and Buttercrust Bakeries.

Born in Lafayette, Tex., Mr. Edwards married Peggy Jo Roberts on Nov. 8, 1958 in Big Spring. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Jo of Snyder; a daughter, Debbie Word of Snyder; two sons, Paul Edwards of Midland and Jerry Edwards of Austin; his mother, Lillian Fowler of Gilmer; four sisters, Martha Mathews of Batesville, Ark., Paula Knotts of Arlington, Va., Anita of Colorado and Sue Eaton of Arlington; three brothers, Bill Edwards of Burnet, Leon Edwards of Lubbock and Roy Donald Edwards of North Carolina.

Beau Norris

1973-1993

JAYTON — Services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Jayton School Auditorium for Beau Norris, 20, who died Thursday at his parents' home.

Norris, an apparent homicide victim, was a 1992 graduate of Jayton High School and was attending Western Texas College in Snyder on a drama scholarship.

Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Gerald Aalbers of Hart, with burial to follow in the Jayton Cemetery.

Born in Hamlin, Mr. Norris had lived in Jayton most of his life. He was also a member of the South Plains chapter of the Southwest Football Officiating Association.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Sheila Norris of Jayton and Donna and Michael Berry of Los Lunas, N.M.; three brothers, Mickey Norris of Snyder and Roy Chisum and Ray Chisum, both of Jayton; his grandparents, Don and Joy Whitaker of Anson, Vertie Norris of Spur, Bonnie and Howard Goswick of Jayton and Mrs. Howard Lane of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Jayton High School drama and arts department.

Leroy Hix

1932-1993

ODESSA — Services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Eisenhower Church of Christ for Leroy Hix, 61, who died Thursday in an Odessa hospital. Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Monday at the Willow Cemetery in Haskell.

He was the brother of Louise Thompson of Snyder.

Born in Haskell County, Mr. Hix had lived in Odessa since 1957. He was a maintenance employee for the Ector County Independent School District, and he was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Hix of Odessa; four sons, Larry Hix of Southlake, Terry Hix of College Station, Gary Hix of Canyon and Jerry Hix of Odessa; his father, Coyt Hix of Haskell; another sister, Letha Newton of Haskell; and 10 grandchildren.

Ruby Durham

1906-1993

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Services were held at 3 p.m. Friday in Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Albuquerque for Ruby L. Durham, 87, who died at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Survivors include two sons, Willard Jones Jr. of Snyder and Dan Durham of Albuquerque; and five grandchildren, Mike Jones, Mitch Jones and Wenona Evans, all of Snyder, Marla Carpenter of Midland and Jerry Jones of Lubbock.

Jobless

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198 were unemployed.

—Kent: 2.6 percent, based on a labor force of 604, of which 16 were unemployed.

—Mitchell: 6.0 percent, based on a labor force of 3,722, of which 222 were unemployed.

—Nolan: 7.7 percent, based on a labor force of 7,909, of which 609 were unemployed.

Police note nine arrests

Snyder police arrested nine people Friday evening and early Saturday morning.

Officers were called to a disturbance in the 2400 block of Sunset at 7:20 p.m. Friday where they arrested a 36-year-old man for family violence/Class C assault.

At 7:25 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 1900 block of Coleman for no liability insurance and no Texas driver's license.

Police were called to a disturbance at 11:23 p.m. at the Plaza Truck Stop where they arrested a 37-year-old man for public intoxication.

About 20 minutes later, at 11:44 p.m. Friday, police arrested a 38-year-old man at Allsup's for public intoxication.

At 1:55 a.m. Saturday, in the 2900 block of Avenue D, police arrested an 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy for public intoxication. The juvenile was later released to his parents.

Police arrested a 34-year-old woman at 2:23 a.m. Saturday in the 4100 block of Avenue U for public intoxication.

At 2:41 a.m., police arrested a 42-year-old man in the 3200 block of Avenue A for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Police also arrested a 19-year-old man at 3:53 a.m. in the 3200 block of College Avenue for public intoxication.

Ben Essery contacted sheriff's deputies at 8:29 a.m. Friday to report that someone had taken some property from his pickup. A report for Class A theft was filed.

At 9:20 a.m. Friday, Polly Gideon notified police that someone had taken some plastic chairs from her porch at Golden Terrace Apartments. A report for Class B theft was filed.

O'Neal Bloom contacted police at 9:26 a.m. Friday to report that someone had damaged some lights in front of 2018 37th St. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

Melanie Gray contacted police at 12:31 p.m. Friday in reference to a subject entering her residence without her consent. A report for criminal trespass was filed.

Police also responded to a disturbance at 1:12 a.m. Saturday in the 2200 block of Merrill. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

Clinton relaxes at end of year

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — There was frost on the ground but warmth in the First Golfer's heart when President Clinton hit the links on Friday.

Over 18 holes at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, Clinton dispensed mulligans — or free shots — liberally to members of his foursome.

"Everyone gets a mulligan — especially me," he declared as they pulled up to the first tee. The offer was immediately put to the test by all three of his golfing partners — Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh, his wife, Susan Bayh, and former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown.

Clinton himself took two shots off the first tee. But when the second drive was worse than the first, he played the former.

Russians toast end to crummy year

MOSCOW (AP) — Goodbye to 1993 and good riddance to what was, for most Russians, a thoroughly rotten year.

It was a year that left Russians numb with shock and disappointment, a year in which the birth rate sank and the death rate rose, a year of poverty and crime, a year in which almost nothing seemed to go right.

When the Pravda newspaper asked Russians what color they associated with 1993, 42 percent in the year-end poll said gray and 21 percent said black.

Two years have passed since the euphoria of the Soviet collapse. Things are a mess and it looks like they'll stay that way for a long time. Russians now say it may take generations to rebuild — too late for the elderly, not soon enough for today's children.

Some people have carved out a new and promising life amid the confusion. They started businesses or new careers, traveled abroad, saw opportunities where others found only gloom and doom.

But they are a minority.

When the Mnenie polling firm asked Muscovites how their lives had changed in 1993, only one out of three said things were better.

It was a year in which a handful of rich got conspicuously richer. With 900 percent inflation, everyone else seemed to get poorer by the minute.

Prices weren't the only thing that skidded out of control. So did violence.

"Russia weeps bloody tears and prays for an end to the disgrace of lawlessness," one Russian Orthodox leader, the Metropolitan Gedeon, said.

It was a year of fear and suspicion, a year of murder, kidnapping, theft, extortion, gangland shootings, bombings — and a year of political strife that erupted into open warfare.

The Russia of 1993 was a far — and agonized — cry from the good old, bad old days, the days of state-imposed order and predictability.

Many Russians took refuge in nostalgia, many cast their votes for a firm hand. A man some call a Russian Hitler, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, was the top vote-getter in the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections, the Communists didn't do badly, either.

It was also a year that saw Russia's post-Soviet romance with the West turn sour.

The spectacle of capitalism in its crudest form — sleazy products, price-gouging, swindles and scams — sickened many.

So did the West's unquestioning support for President Boris Yeltsin after he summarily disbanded parliament, then attacked the building with tanks and troops after hard-liners rioted in the streets.

The president's October shootout with his political foes stunned Russians. For many, it was a turning point. Fragile hopes for democracy withered. Russians now speak openly of their fears of all-out civil war.

As 1993 sputtered to an end, Yeltsin and his reformers looked on the bright side.

The president praised voters for approving a new constitution. Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov said the ruble was stronger and inflation was lower.

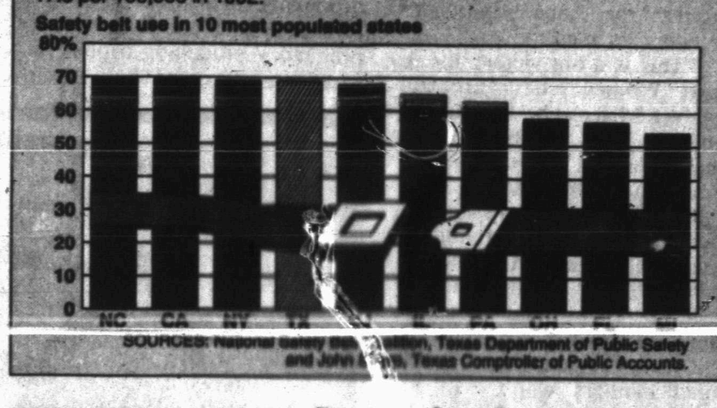
Mikhail Gorbachev, who resigned two years ago as president of the Soviet Union, was less charitable. He called 1993 a year of "mutual shock therapy."

"At first the government shocked the people with its economic program," he told the Rabochaya Tribuna newspaper. "Then the people shocked the government in the elections."

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Leaders hope shooting spree won't derail April 27 election

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Shocked by a shooting spree that killed four and wounded five, black and white leaders on Friday called for the nation to make sure violence won't prevent the end of apartheid.

Two militant black groups claimed responsibility for the Thursday night attack in which black gunmen opened fire at a pub popular with university students in a liberal, mostly white section of Cape Town.

The attack heightened fears that violence, which already has claimed thousands of lives in recent years, will intensify as groups opposed to political reforms try to disrupt the nation's first multiracial election on April 27.

It darkened the hopes raised by Nelson Mandela and President F. W. de Klerk, who flew to Oslo just weeks ago to receive the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end South Africa's longstanding racial conflict.

"I'm just very deeply shocked, really shattered, because somehow one was thinking that this kind of carnage was a thing of the past," said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who won the 1984 Nobel prize for his peace efforts.

De Klerk called the attack "barbaric" and urged South Africans to "stand united" in condemning such violence.

Mandela's African National Congress, the nation's leading black group and the expected winner of the April vote, said such "acts of naked terrorism" only helped those trying to block free and fair elections.

It also said the political violence that kills people in black townships every day should get the same attention as the Thursday attack, in which most of the dead and wounded were white.

There were 20 to 50 people in the Heidelberg bar and restaurant when several attackers wearing civilian clothes burst in, witnesses and police said. A rifle grenade shot in first failed to explode, and the gunmen then opened fire with automatic weapons.

"All hell broke loose," said Steve Hamilton, who had stopped there to buy cigarettes. Immediately after the attack it was "dead quiet" in the bar, he said. "Then everybody started going mad."

The attack killed three women and a man, and injured five people, police said.

Police offered a $60,000 reward for help in capturing the gunmen. They said the identities of the attackers remained unknown.

The South African Press Association received telephone calls from men claiming responsibility for the attack on behalf of the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA) and the Azanian National Liberation Army (AZANLA).

Both groups say blacks should rule South Africa without whites.

AZANLA claimed responsibility this week for three minor bomb blasts in Port Elizabeth, on the south coast.

APLA, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, is blamed for a series of attacks on whites and policemen in the past year, and the Thursday attack was similar to some of its previous ones.

But police said the gunmen used R-4 automatic rifles, the standard issue of the South African military. That fueled speculation the attackers may have been hired by white extremists seeking to destabilize the nation prior to the election.

Police found the getaway car abandoned in the Guguletu black township, a PAC stronghold where militant black youths murdered white American scholar Amy Biehl in a racial attack in August.

Hostages taken in botched NYC store robbery freed

NEW YORK (AP) — Several people were taken hostage in a clothing store Friday evening after a botched robbery, and one customer was wounded before all hostages went free, police said.

Four people were arrested in the two-hour incident, which unfolded only a few blocks from the Times Square New Year's Eve throngs. Among the guns that police seized was a 9 mm machine gun.

It began when four men walked into the City Lite clothing store and announced a robbery, said Mario Selvaggi, the police department's chief of patrol. The store manager happened to be on the telephone and told his caller to summon police, he said.

Officers caught one suspect trying to flee, and the others barricaded themselves inside the store and exchanged shots with police. One of the hostages, a customer, was hit in the back and a suspect was wounded in the leg, but the wounds were not serious, Selvaggi said.

The police department's negotiating team persuaded the men to surrender about two hours after the incident began, he said.

Police arrested four and were interviewing two others who were inside the store to see if the might have been involved, he added.

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Tammy Wynette said improving

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music queen Tammy Wynette, "the heroine of heartbreak," was said to be improving Friday but was still in critical condition with an infection of the bile duct.

"Doctors are quite impressed with Ms. Wynette's improvement, but caution that she is not out of the woods yet," said her spokeswoman, Evelyn Shriver. Wynette, 51, best known for her hits "Stand by Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E," spent her fourth day at Baptist Hospital, where she was in the intensive care section.

She was voted the Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year from 1968 through 1970. Only Reba McEntire has won the honor more times — four.

Doctors said the bile duct infection was apparently caused by scarring from previous surgery. In May 1992, Wynette underwent 14 hours of abdominal surgery to relieve a recurring inflammation of the bile duct.

Hospital spokeswoman Aileen Katcher said no new surgery was contemplated.

It was the latest in a series of personal misfortunes for the singer.

Wynette has been hospitalized dozens of times for various ailments. In the late 1970s she acknowledged being dependent on pain-killing drugs.

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Doctor: right to bear children untouchable

NEW YORK (AP) — The Italian doctor who helped a 59-year-old woman become the oldest on record to give birth says there is nothing wrong with giving older women the same reproductive freedom as men.

"This is a big victory for women. Women are discriminated against. Men can be 100 and have children. This is why the entire male world is against me," Dr. Severino Antinori said.

Menopause has long stood between older women and childbearing. But Antinori has erased that natural barrier by implanting women who are no longer menstruating with donated, fertilized eggs.

Critics contend that middle-aged mothers won't live long enough to rear the children they bear, and that they are too old for the emotional and physical strains of pregnancy.

But Antinori said the ability of middle-aged men to look after their children isn't questioned to the same extent.

He said the right of any woman to have children transcends ethical debates.

"It's an individual freedom that no one can touch," he said in an interview Thursday in New York City, where he was spending the New Year's holiday with his wife and daughters.

The debate over engineering births expanded Friday with reports out of Italy that a black mother gave birth after being impregnated with an egg from a white woman. The egg was fertilized with sperm from the black woman's white husband. Critics said the birth was a first step toward people choosing specific characteristics for their children.

Dr. Cesare Aragona told the Rome daily La Repubblica that the 37-year-old mother, who already had a child, was rendered infertile by a tumorous growth. She and her husband wanted another child, and since they were able to select the donor of the eggs, they chose a white women for "practicality," the newspaper quoted him.

After the 59-year-old British woman gave birth to twins on Christmas Day, British Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley said the treatment would not be allowed in Britain for post-menopausal women. Others in the British medical community have also come out against the technique.

The British public, too, appears disapproving. Surveys by Britain's two largest tabloids, the Daily Mirror and The Sun, found a majority against the treatment. Neither paper gave the number of people they surveyed.

Among Antinori's supporters is Dr. Robert Edwards, a professor at Cambridge University who designed the technique leading to the birth of the first test-tube baby in 1978.

In a piece published in 1993 in the British medical publication "Human Reproduction," Edwards notes that women who no longer are menstruating do not appear to have greater physical risks in pregnancy than women who conceive naturally. And he wrote that using eggs from younger women helps avoid risks to the fetus common with older mothers.

Antinori first used the technique to help a post-menopausal woman have a child in 1988. The birth attracted media coverage in Italy but little notice elsewhere, he said.

Since then, he said, he has helped 47 women who were not producing their own eggs give birth to healthy children, with one pregnancy producing triplets and several resulting in twins. He currently has 15 or 16 older patients who are pregnant.

Antinori hesitates to set an absolute age at which a woman should no longer bear children, although he does have conditions before he'll accept patients.

His patients must have a life expectancy of at least 20 more years, based on their age and family history. They must be non-smokers and pass psychological and physical tests. He has turned away at least 500 women who haven't met those standards.

Given the limit he has set for life expectancy, he says it is unlikely he would treat a woman past her mid-60s.

The British mother, whose name has not been released, is currently the olest on record to give birth.

But another of Antinori's patients, 62-year-old Rosanna Della Corte of Rome, is three months pregnant. Della Corte and her husband sought to have another child after their 17-year-old son was killed in a motorcycle accident.

A 64-year-old woman in Perth, Australia, was the oldest of Antinori's patients to become pregnant, but she had a miscarriage at two months several months ago, he said.

Yeltsin asks Russians to help keep the peace

MOSCOW (AP) — In a somber New Year's Eve address, President Boris Yeltsin appealed to his countrymen for help in keeping the peace in what could be another tumultuous year in Russia.

"Keeping peace in Russia is my main task as president. But I know, it will be unbelievably difficult without your support," said Yeltsin in an address televised just before midnight Friday.

In the past year, Russia has been beset by chronic inflation, falling production, the rise of extreme nationalism and a Communist comeback. In October, Yeltsin used tanks to overcome opponents who defied his order to disband parliament.

"In this difficult year, civil war almost burned our homes and stepped over the threshold of our fatherland. I hope politicians and citizens of our country will learn a lesson from these bitter experiences," Yeltsin said.

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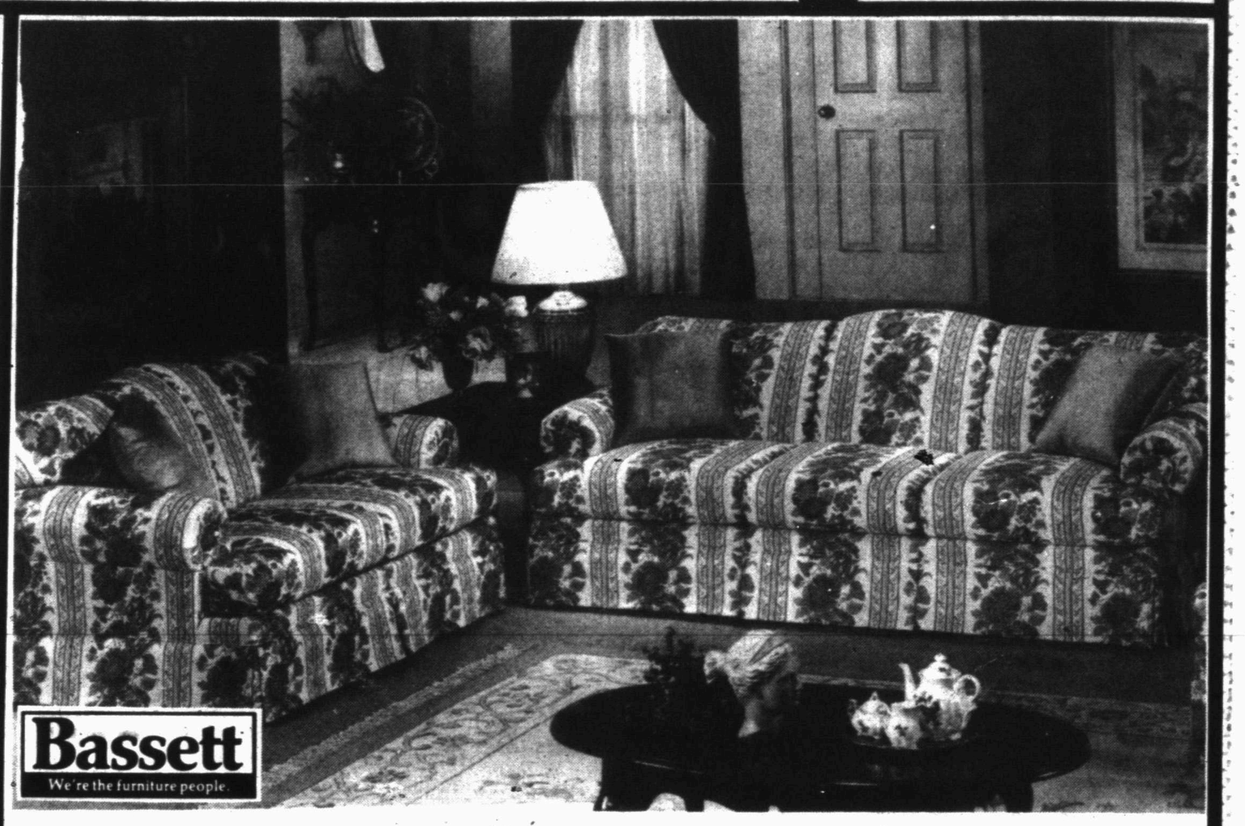
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

For Mike and Jeannie Tomlinson, the home birth of their son, Jacob, is an experience they will always remember and cherish.

After nine months of preparation and anticipation, Jeannie gave birth to their second child at home on June 25, 1993. Brenda Beck of Blackwell, a midwife, supervised the delivery.

Jeannie had begun having contractions two to three weeks before the "Big Day," but when they started occurring a few minutes apart, Mike called the midwife who immediately left for Snyder, a 1½ -hour drive.

He had been at work at Everybody's Thriftway, the grocery story the couple bought about a year and nine months ago. By the time he arrived home, the contractions had progressed from four minutes apart to 1½ minutes.

Mike called Brenda again, just to make sure she had already started for Snyder.

When Brenda arrived she checked Jeannie and then told her to walk as much as she could to help facilitate labor. She walked for what "seemed like a long time," squatting after each contraction because that "helps the baby's head to drop," Jeannie explained.

Five hours after Mike had called Brenda, Baby Jacob entered the world.

Jeannie said she didn't do "any screaming" and did not need any pain pills. Mike was present during his son's birth. Jeannie's mother, Kathy Cox who lives in Hamlin, videotaped the home birth.

Very soon after Jacob's birth, Jeannie's mother-in law, Mrs. Ronnie (Diane) Tomlinson of Snyder, brought the couple's daughter, Jayme, 2½ , in to see her new baby brother. She affectionately kissed him.

That was the beginning of a wonderful relationship, Jeannie said, adding, "The two get along great now."

Now, some six months after the birth, Jeannie is still estactic over the experience. Within 30 minutes after Jacob was born, mother and son took a bath together. Afterwards, she sat and rocked, but did not go back to bed until bedtime.

Jeannie had several reasons for preferring home birth. The natural setting allowed her to relax more, she said. There were no restrictions on who could attend the delivery or "hospital noise to keep me awake." And Jacob was also not exposed to infectious germs. She said she liked having her son born at home rather than having to being him home from a hospital.

Though Jeannie always had home birth "in her head" after reading articles and watching television specials, she did not opt for that method when pregnant with Jayme, her first child. Since her mother had had problems giving birth, Jeannie said she "did not know what to expect."

Jayme was born in a hospital in Raton, N.M. while the couple was living in Colorado.

Now that she has experienced home birth, Jeannie said she will always prefer that method.

While uneasy in the beginning, Jeannie said both her mother and mother-in-law are as enthusiastic about home birth now as she is.

Deciding on home birth was the easy part; finding a midwife was not. Since no one knew of any locally, Jeannie said she kept calling Texas towns until someone in Austin gave her the name of Brenda Beck, who had delivered 3,024 babies before Jacob.

After driving to Blackwell and meeting her, the Tomlinsons said they had no doubt that she was the midwife they wanted.

Early in her pregnancy, Jeannie went for pre-natal checkups every three weeks and later every two weeks. Brenda drew blood samples which she took to a hospital to be analyzed.

"Brenda explained everything to me. Why each test was necessary, what the potential problems might be and what we would do to correct them," Jeannie said.

From the beginning, Jayme was included in preparations for the new baby. She accompanied her mother for each pre-natal checkup and upon arrival always received the first examination from Brenda.

Brenda also drove to Snyder twice for Jeannie's checkups because she wanted to be sure she knew how to find their home. Ironically, before Jacob was born they moved from Eastridge to 36th Street.

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AND BABY MAKES FOUR — Mike and Jeannie Tomlinson opted for home birth for son, Jacob, who was born last June. They have a daughter, Jayme, 2½ , who was born in a hospital in New Mexico. The Tomlinsons recently said they prefer the intimacy and naturalness of home birth over the traditional hospital setting. Home birth costs less too, but they both emphasized that that was not the deciding factor for them. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Even though everything went so smoothly that Jeannie had an even easier time with her second child, she said Brenda encouraged them to devise a "back up plan" just in case.

To that end, the Tomlinsons had registered with the local hospital and ambulance service, making sure that the latter knew where they were located.

Brenda had given the Snyder couple a lot of material to read on home birth. They also had to sign and notarize papers authorizing her to serve as midwife.

Jeannie said she now knows of three other home births and will always choose that method if she is given the choice.

In La Maze classes, Jeannie said she was encouraged to "hang a personal picture on the wall" to make her feel at home, but with home birth she said, "I was already at home."

Third generation grocers, Mike and Jeannie moved to Snyder in April of 1991 after they purchased Everybody's.

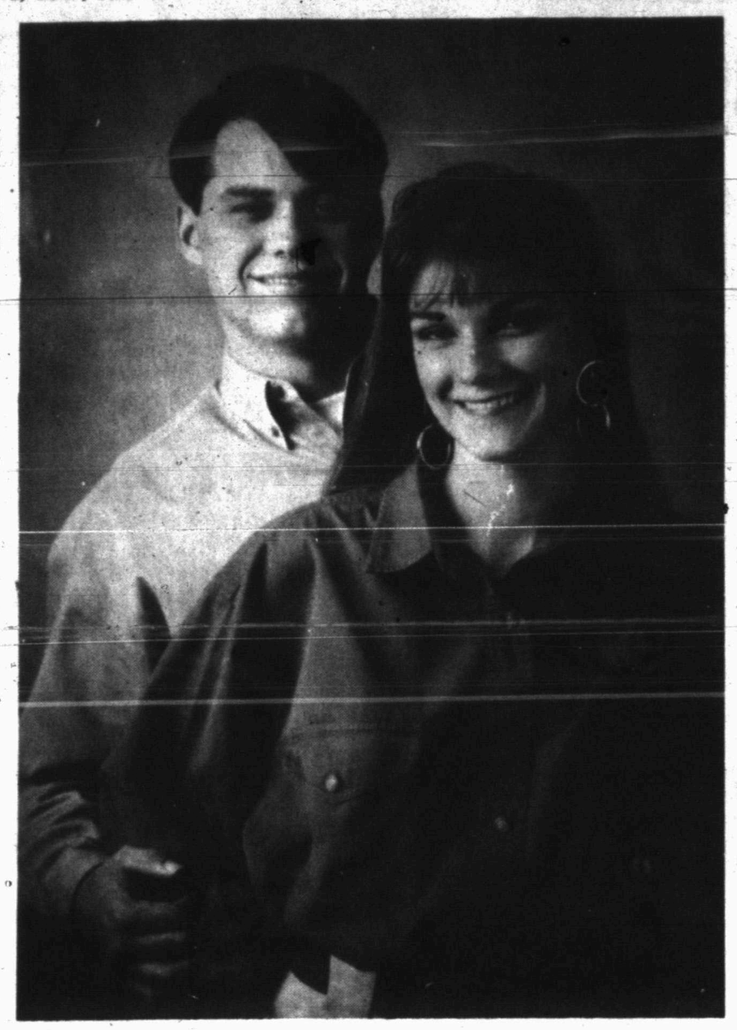
Mike is a native of Stamford but grew up in Roby, attending school there through the sixth grade.

Jeannie was born in Winfred, Ill. Both sets of parents moved to Hamlin about the same time.

After they married, the Tomlinsons lived in Colorado for a time, but decided to move back to Texas to be near grandparents and to give Jeannie the chance to be a stay-at-home mom.

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PORTWOOD, BELL PLAN VOWS — Roger and Lonetta Portwood of Mineral Wells announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Diane, to Kerry Paul Bell. The future groom is the son of Jerry W. and Letha Bell, formerly of Snyder. He is the grandson of Joe W. and Muriel Vincent and the great-grandson of Connie Vincent, all of Snyder. Bell will graduate from the University of North Texas in May and Miss Portwood attends Tarrant County Junior College and works for a law firm in Dallas. They plan to marry on Jan. 15 in the Saginaw Baptist Church in Saginaw. (Contributed Photo)

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Couple exchange vows

ABILENE — Melissa Faye Elam and Paul Edward Bruns, both of Abilene, were married in a 3 p.m. ceremony on Nov. 6, 1993, in the Crescent Heights Baptist Church. Pastor of the church, Michael Chancelor, officiated the double-ring vows.

Parents of the bride are Joyce Elam of Snyder and Jerry Lee Elam of New Braunfels. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward William Bruns Jr. of Milton, Wis.

A pair of 16-taper candelabras, a unity candle along with another candelabrum, and flowers of lavender, pink and white decorated the altar.

Candelighters were Mitch Jones of Snyder and Kyle Pruitt of Arlington. They also served as ushers.

Recordings of "I Don't Want to Live Without You" were included in the wedding music and "I Found My Treasure In You" was played during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Henry Elam. She was attired in a full length, white gown from Jan-Ann Collection. The neckline was adorned with lace and pearls. The dress bodice bedecked with sequins and pearls was complemented by puff sleeves and a straight skirt with a bouffant train. She wore a halo style headpiece, attached to a short veil in the back.

The bride's cousin, Carla Guy of Plano, was matron of honor and Donna Rodriguez and Kim Ramirez, both of Abilene, were bridesmaids. They carried bouquets of lavender, pink and white flowers.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL EDWARD BRUNS
(Contributed Photo)

Ashley Martinez, daughter of the bride, was flower girl. Ring bearer was Kyle Henry of Abilene, nephew of the bride.

Best man Henry Bennett and groomsmen, J.R. Rodriguez and Don Kinney, all of Abilene, wore grey tuxedos with pink bow ties and cummerbunds.

A reception was held in the church hall which featured the bride's table covered with white satin, decorated with bells and white flowers. The white three tiered, heart-shaped wedding cake was decorated in pink.

The groom's table held a chocolate cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruns are at home in Abilene.

The bride is a 1989 Snyder High School graduate and has been employed by Kmart in Abilene since 1990. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Milton High School in Milton, Wis., and is employed by Wyatt Electrical Services in Abilene.

Water purified

GRAND CANARY, Canary Islands (AP) — Depletion of fresh water is the price islands pay for being popular resorts.

To increase supply, some islands are using desalinization to tap the waters around them.

Grand Canary is located in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of North Africa. While it enjoys abundant rainfall, tourism — the island's life blood — can severely tax the available fresh water supply.

When water demand began to outstrip supply several years ago, the local utility reponsible for distributing water ordered the installation of a desalinization plant to purify brackish surface and ground water.

Orginal secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — William B. Wilson, born in Blantyre, Scotland, in 1862, was the first secretary of labor of the United States.

Wilson arrived in the U.S. in 1870. He was named labor secretary in 1913 by President Woodrow Wilson and held the post until 1921. Before his appointment, commerce and labor had been combined in one government department.

During World War I, Wilson was a member of the Council of National Defense. He died in 1934.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	NORTH ♠ K 10 6 ♥ A K J 4 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ K 7	
WEST ♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ - - - ♦ J 8 3 ♣ A 10 9 8 6 3		EAST ♠ 8 5 4 ♥ Q 9 8 6 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ Q 2
	SOUTH ♠ A Q 3 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ J 5 4	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥
Dbl.	2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

that South held the jack. If South had the ace as well, it didn't matter which card Lebel played. But if West had led from the A-10-9, it made a big difference. Lebel didn't put up the queen at trick one — he played the two!

If able to see through the backs of the cards, South would have played low also. This would have locked West's club suit out of the game. Declarer would have lost only four tricks: one heart, one diamond and two clubs. However, South was human. He won the first trick and lost a diamond trick to East. Now Lebel returned the club queen. West overtook with the ace and cashed four more club tricks: two down.

Finally, note that if declarer plays dummy's club king at trick one, East must unblock the queen!

It was a brilliant defense. But it satisfied the age-old axiom that if an opponent must get a trick in a suit you are trying to establish, you should make him win it as quickly as possible.

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Getting off to a flying start

First of all, I wish all my readers a very happy new year, and much success both at and away from the bridge table during 1994.

Let's start the year with a wonderful defense from the 1986 World Championships, held in Miami.

North's one-club opening was strong and artificial. South's double of East's debatable overcall showed 7-9 points. And North's ill-advised three-club rebid (pass is preferable) asked South to bid three no-trump with something in clubs.

West led the club 10 and dummy played the seven. Sitting East was one of France's best players, Michel Lebel. He knew from the club-10 lead

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
SUNDAY
No games due to holiday

TUESDAY
Three tables were directed by Jane Hinton at the Snyder Country Club.

1. TIE: Charlie Blakey, Dora Blakey — Gwen Sealy, Don Sealy.
2. LaVerne Hood, Jane Hinton.
3. Robbie Floyd, Pat Floyd.

A Half Century of Miracles





Have you ever noticed that life seems to be in a constant state of change? It's almost as if God meant for us to be in an unending state of flux. That's why it seems that a long lasting marriage is a small miracle of life.

Think about this - living, loving, growing and sharing all that life brings, with the same person for half a century - then wishing for one more day to be with them!

Could it be, that in this world of instant gratification we have sacrificed the very thing that makes love work - time?

I have come to believe that true love means facing all of life's hardships together, learning to take the bad with the good, and more than that, learning to overcome all, without losing sight of the reason you started a life together. Yes, I do believe that fifty years of marriage means fifty years of wonder and miracles! I envy you and your love for each other. In this world of quick solutions, you have taken the time to love one another and help each other along life's path.

Therefore, on this day of celebration, of old endings and new beginnings, we salute you and wish you all the best of miracles yet to come. Happy fiftieth anniversary, Tom and Evelyn Burton, from your children and friends. Thank you for showing us the way!

Tom and Evelyn Burton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 1, 1994 at an open house given in their honor, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Mary Burton of Snyder. Also hosting the event were their daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Tom Sears of Brownwood and Cindy and Don Beck of San Angelo, Texas.

The Burtons were married January 1, 1944 in Dallas, Texas. She is the former Evelyn Rushing of Rotan, Texas and he is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. They have lived in Snyder, Texas for the past 38 years.

Revival of the ribs: corduroy comes back

When it comes to fashion, it seems everything old is new again.

Short haircuts and tweezed eyebrows are all the rage among models. Bell bottoms, ruffled blouses, vests and frock coats are once more being paraded down runways. Clogs and "granny" boots are the footwear of the moment.

Not surprisingly, this blast from the past has affected textiles as well. The re-introduction of styles last seen during the "swinging" 60s and early '70s has brought about the revival of one of the era's most popular cotton fabrics: corduroy.

After years of neglect, this uniquely ribbed material is back — attracting the attention of designers and manufacturers who are using it for everything from jeans to outerwear.

Though once considered hip, corduroy lost its curring-edge image during the status-conscious 1980s and gradually fell from favor. No longer perceived as exciting enough for sophisticated womenswear, it was relegated instead to the childrenswear market.

But with age comes wisdom, and cotton corduroy has grown up a good deal in the last decade. Thanks to advances in textile production, the formerly rigid, heavy fabric has been rendered softer and more drapable.

"Today's corduroy is not the bulky, stiff stuff and remember," says Lydia Caffery, fashion director for Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company of U.S. cotton growers. "It's rich and luxurious — the perfect complement to romantic, retro-inspired dressing."

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Twentieth Century Club; MAWC; hostess, Mrs. Weldon Key; 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; program, "New Beginnings;" hostesses, Laurance Gladson, Flora Gladson; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M, 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Gaylan Mason, 2211 41st.; 10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program, Tom Martin, landscape architect for City of Abilene; hostesses, Mable Covey, Lanette Patterson; 9:30 a.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4-and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library has a collection of reference books covering a wide variety of subjects. These books are for library use only, but the library has a Xerox machine which costs 15¢ per page for copies. Some subjects included are vocational guidance, politics and government, college information, literature, health and medical manuals and natural science. New books are added to this collection throughout the year.

BOOK FEATURE

"The Great Wreath Book," by Theresa Capuana.

Each design included in "The Great Wreath Book" is a one-of-a-kind. Detailed instructions and helpful tips will guide you as you create your own beautiful wreaths — with that personal touch that only you can provide. The wreath bases can be assembled using inexpensive store-bought items or materials readily available in the home. You can replicate the wreaths as shown, or alter them to suit any whim or occasion. You'll also find ideas on protecting, cleaning, storing and shipping your own personal creations.

NON-FICTION

"Getting Straight A's," by Gordon Green.

"A Woman's View," by Jeanine Basinger.

"Automotive Upholstery Handbook," by Don Taylor.

NEW FICTION

"Dance a Little Longer," by Jane Roberts Wood.

"Sweet William," by John Hawkes.

LIBRARY HOURS

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The library staff reminds everyone to please return books to the library, they do not take fines on overdue books.

Hitler's place

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany (AP) — This Bavarian resort town, 10 miles south of Salzburg, is best known as the mountain retreat of Adolf Hitler.

The Berghof, Hitler's massive Alpine chalet, was on a mountain towering over the town. It was the scene of his meetings with British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and other political leaders before World War II.

Hitler also relaxed there with his friend Eva Braun, later his wife.

On April 25, 1945, Royal Air Force Lancaster bombers pounded the Berghof and nearby SS barracks, and the following month Berchtesgaden was captured by Allied troops.

Call me Curly

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The findings of researchers here may help to explain why the hair of children experiencing puberty sometimes turns from straight to curly.

The kind of hair you have, whether straight or curly, thick or thin, depends on your hair follicles. The curvier the follicle, the curlier the hair.

At puberty, hormone changes may trigger the follicle to lengthen and curve. The result is curly hair.

Double-ring ceremony unites McNiel, Beall

Brandy Shastelle McNiel became the bride of Jack Dale Beall in a double-ring ceremony in the home of the groom's grandmother, Dorothy Lavender of 3614 40th, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1994, at 3 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Robin Gaddis of Snyder and Don and Neva Phillips of Andrews. The groom is the son of Deborah and Bruce Beall of Snyder.

Jerald Garner, minister of music at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated.

Music included the traditional wedding march and the couple chose "I Cross My Heart," by George Strait, to play before they were pronounced man and wife.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Don Phillips. The couple stood before a fireplace with the mantle featuring lighted candles. A white wedding candle, inscribed with a scripture, was flanked by two tapered candles which were separated by green ivy. The hearth was accented with floral arrangements of white and teal carnations, teal roses, teal and white rosebuds, black flower, and teal and white baby's breath. A family Bible and a white satin ring pillow, accented with tiny beads, lace, teal and black ribbons, were also displayed.

The bride wore a white satin floor length gown with a chapel length train. Beads and sequins accented the front bodice and around the back neckline. It featured off-the-shoulder straps and puffed sleeves, with a bow accenting the back above the train. She wore a knee length veil with the headpiece made of beads, lace and floral design, trimmed with floral lace. She wore white satin heels with lace cover.

The bride carried a bouquet of white and teal carnations, white roses, greenery and tiny black rosebuds, with tiny beads and sequins entwined throughout the bouquet. Cascading from the bouquet were white lace ribbons, teal picot ribbons and tiny pearl strands of sequined flowers.

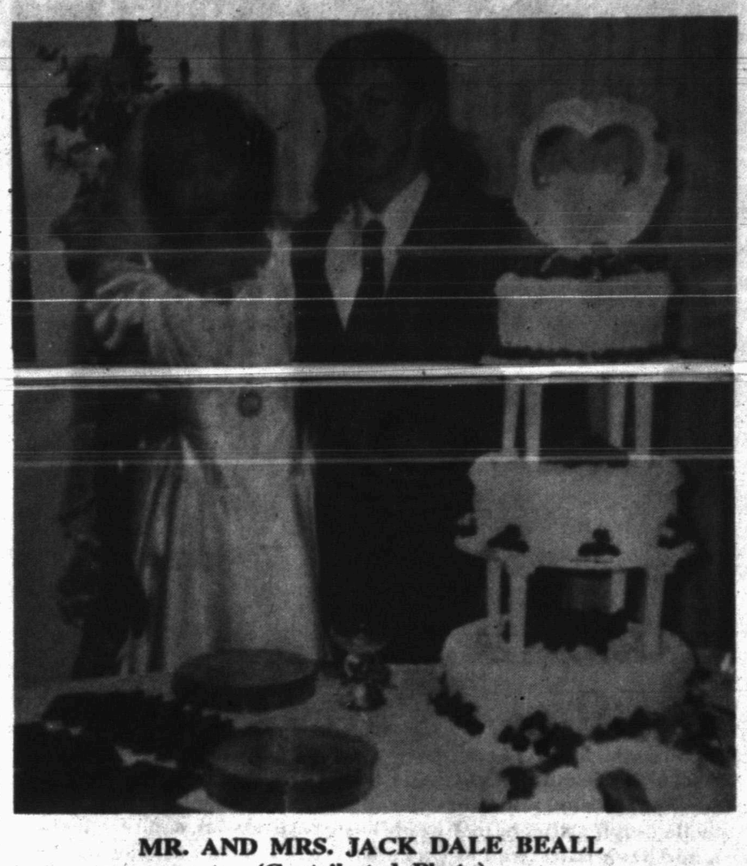
Traditionally, the bride's dress was new; her garter was made of white lace, blue ribbon, teal and white roses and decorated with two gold wedding bands; something borrowed was a diamond, heart necklace and earrings from the groom's grandmother; something old was a pin from the bride's late great-grandmother, Mrs. Laura Standard. For luck, the bride carried pennies minted in the year of the couple's births and the couple's daughter's births.

The groom wore black pants, a white dress shirt and a black tie, completed with a boutonniere made of teal rosebuds and black flowers.

Jennifer Allen served as maid of honor. She wore a satin teal floor length gown. Her faced was framed by a sweetheart neckline. The bodice featured pearls across the back. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, teal roses, tiny black flowers interspersed with white and teal ribbons.

Buddy Addams was best man and the bride's brother, Jerry Phillips, was honor best man. They wore boutonnieres of teal rose buds and black flowers.

Tara Beall, sister of the groom, and Robin Herriage, cousin of the groom registered guests in the wedding book at a table covered with a white table cloth, holding a teal plume pen. Rice bags of white tulle, tied with teal ribbon, were placed on the table along side a white floral arrangement.



MR. AND MRS. JACK DALE BEALL
(Contributed Photo)

A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride's three tiered cake, with buttercream frosting, was separated by Grecian columns with pearl trimmed scalloped edging of corelli lace covering the top of each tier edge, bordered with teal, black and white roses and drop flowers. Each tier featured teal, white and black roses along with assorted flowers in the couple's chosen colors.

The cake top displayed a crystal base holding a pair of satin wedding bells decorated with tulle and satin ribbons, centering a lace trimmed heart defined with petite white flowers and pearls. Melissa Beall, sister of the groom, and Marcell Herriage, cousin of the groom, served at the bride's table.

The groom's cake was a chocolate horseshoe cake with white buttercream frosting with an arrangement of matching flowers, featuring the couple's names and wedding date. Serving were Brandie and Crystal Beall, cousins of the groom. The couple custom designed their cake which was made by a friend, Mrs. Valorie Boyce of Snyder.

Corsages for the mothers and grandmothers were made of white carnations with teal rosebuds, tulle and beaded baby's breath.

Special guests included the couple's daughter, Chelsey Marie Beall, Don and Marcy Phillips, the bride's grandparents, Georgia Phillips, the bride's great-grandmother, Melissa and Tara Beall, the groom's sisters; Terri, Bobby, Marcell, Robin and Clay Herriage, the groom's aunt and uncle; Brent, Kathy, Brandy and Crystal Beall; the groom's aunt and uncle, and numerous friends.

The couple will reside in Snyder where Beall is employed at E.D. Walton Construction.

Trees aplenty

SEATTLE (AP) — The continental United States is home to one of the widest varieties of tree species in the world, with nearly 750 different species native to this country.

These include imported trees, such as the black mulberry and the Scotch pine, which have become naturalized to some extent after reproducing in the wild.

Author Mark Twain died in 1910.



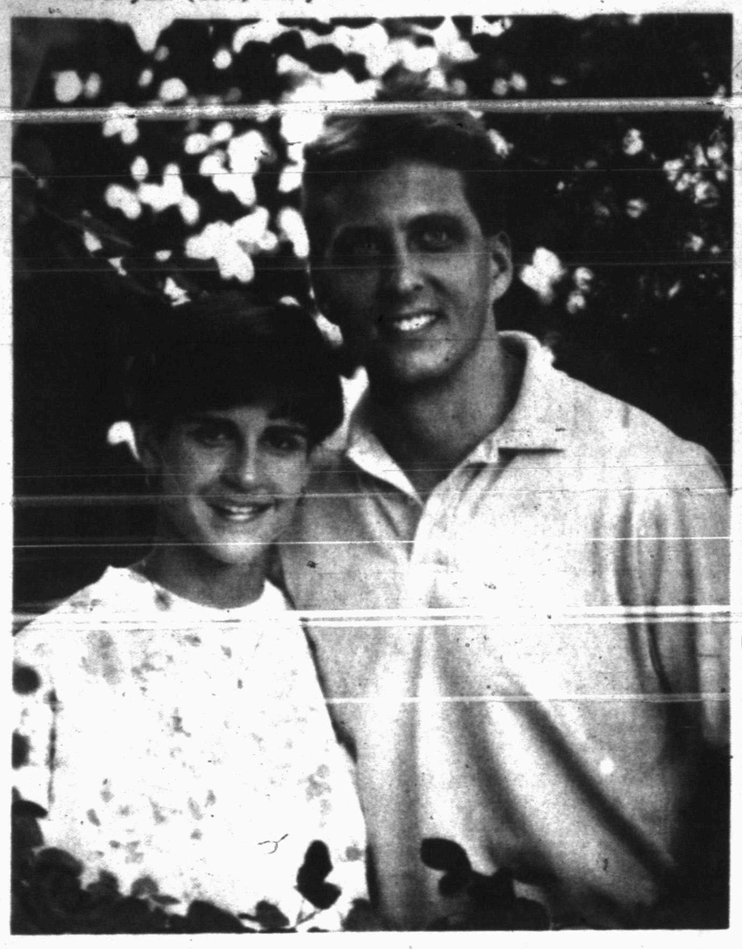
Bride & Groom Registry

Shelly Dawn Bolton, Bride of Scott Bolton
Treva Pemberton, Bride-Elect of Bradley Gambrell
Jamie Roberts, Bride-Elect of Jason West
Susan K. Johnson, Bride-Elect of Philip Midwood
Jennifer Allen, Bride-Elect of Charles Northcutt
Angela Good, Bride-Elect of Isrrael Hinojos
Amy Shoults, Bride-Elect of Tracy Odom

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Donald and Diane Osborn of Berthoud, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Leigh Osborn, to Joseph Foster Kurtzweil, son of Terrence J. and Jean Kurtzweil of LaValle, Wis. Plans are set for a 1 p.m., Feb. 12 ceremony in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Berthoud. The future bride is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School and earned the bachelor of business administration degree from Angelo State University. She is program administrator for Codar Technology, Inc., in Berthoud. The prospective groom received the bachelor of science-business administration degree from University of Wisconsin. He is employed as buyer/planner for HI-Tech Manufacturing, Inc. The couple will live in Longmont, Colo. (Contributed Photo)



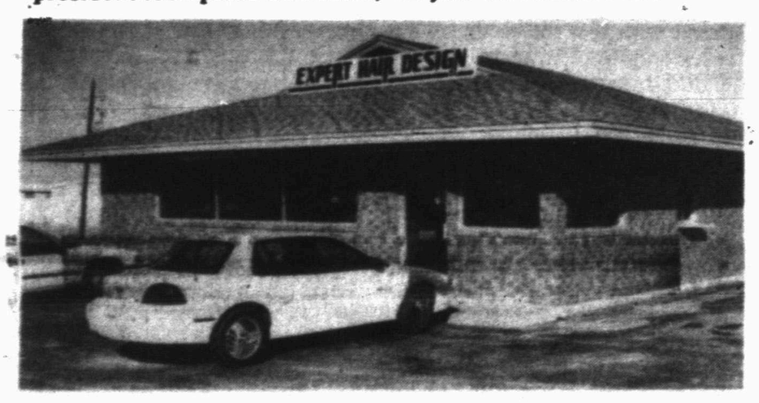
JANUARY WEDDING SET — Darrel and Ruby Johnson of Snyder and Bob and Coleen Midwood of Grand Prairie announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Susan Kathleen Johnson and Philip Andrew Midwood. A wedding ceremony has been set for 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the First Baptist Church in Ira. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



MARRIAGE PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Roland Key of Gail and Mr. and Mrs. Bub Eldredge of McAdoo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Brice and Karin. The couple will exchange vows on March 12 in Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Cleveland, first White House wedding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first White House wedding of a president took place on June 2, 1886, when President Grover S. Cleveland married his ward, 22-year-old Frances Folsom.



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The staff of Expert Hair Design wanted to do something for all of their customers. With the economy looking bad and not looking up anytime soon they found a way to help families. Since they personally can't make all of our utilities go down or lower the cost of living or groceries, they decided to change the one thing they can control. For the entire year of 1994, when a customer pays for three haircuts, the fourth one is free. There are no restrictions on how many come in at one time. The haircuts can also be spaced out over a period of time as well.

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Gina Pierce and her staff thanks you for a great year.

For New Year...

Eat peas for luck

By The Associated Press

In the South, Hoppin' John, a dish of black-eyed peas and seasonings cooked with rice is traditionally served on New Year's Day. It's supposed to bring good luck throughout the year.

Hoppin' John is perfect for an open house buffet, especially when you share the special meaning of the dish with guests. This version becomes a main dish with the addition of andouille, a spicy smoked pork sausage often used in Cajun cookery.

Because it's fully cooked, the andouille is conveniently stirred into the peas and rice at the end of the cooking just to heat through. A few strips of red pepper added with the sausage lend festive color. Best of all, the entire dish can be assembled and cooked in under an hour.

"Official" Southern accompaniments to Hoppin' John are cooked greens and corn bread, but a marinated vegetable salad and a basket of bread will work as well. For dessert, pecan pie is a must!

ANDOUILLE SAUSAGE WITH HOPPIN' JOHN

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
13/4 cups water
3/4 teaspoon salt
16-ounce package frozen black-eyed peas
1/2 cup rice
1 bay leaf
3/4 pound fully-cooked andouille sausage
1/2 cup thin sliced red bell pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion and garlic; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring occasionally. Add water and salt; bring to a boil.

Stir in black-eyed peas, rice and bay leaf; return to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until peas and rice are tender. Meanwhile, cut andouille sausage into 1/2-inch rounds. Add sausage and red pepper to peas. Continue simmering, covered, 6 to 7 minutes, or until sausage is heated through and red pepper is crisp-tender. Remove bay leaf; stir in cilantro. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Cook's Tip: Eight ounces (about 11/2 cups) dried black-eyed peas may be substituted for frozen black-eyed peas. Soak peas in cold water overnight before cooking; drain soaking liquid. Follow procedure as above using Dutch oven; increase water to 33/4 cups and salt to 1 teaspoon. Cook black-eyed peas 1 hour before adding rice and bay leaf; follow remaining procedure as above.

Recipe from: Meat Board Test Kitchens.

Hermleigh School Menu

Call 573-NEWS Ext. 297

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Out For Holiday

TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

FRIDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

LUNCH

TUESDAY
Corn Dogs
Pork & Beans
Tater Tots
Pink Applesauce
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Plum Crisp
Milk

THURSDAY
Hamburger Patties w/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Lemon Pudding
Milk

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Chocolate Cake
Milk

Bridal gowns, accessories

By BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

The old-fashioned wedding dress has reached coffee-table status, with two lavish books glorifying the bridal gown published in 1993: Larry Goldman's "Dressing The Bride" (Crown) and Maria McBride-Mellinger's "The Wedding Dress" (Random House).

Both cover essentially the same ground — where and how to shop for THE dress, how to make sure it's fitted properly, and how to enhance the effect with headgear, flowers and other accessories. Both also offer a quick romp through bridal dress history.

According to Goldman, 1840 was a pivotal year for the white wedding dress. That year Queen Victoria of England, wearing a white dress instead of the traditional silver dress of British royalty, wed Prince Albert.

"Marrying in a white dress instantly became an English bridal tradition," writes Goldman.

It took most American brides about five more decades to follow this royal example. For much of the 19th century, most American women were married in their best dress, no matter what its color. But by the turn of the century, the white dress had migrated across the Atlantic, and American women began to select a special white dress.

Why Queen Victoria elected to be married in white is not explained by Goldman. However, he says that for at least 150 years in most western cultures, white and its close relation, ivory, have symbolized purity and youth. Other colors, especially pastels, were reserved for older women and those women remarrying.

Today, of course, white or any color is a matter of choice. The bride — and the groom if he so wishes — can be married in sky-blue, pink or any other color.

The tie between weddings in white dresses doesn't exist in every culture. In China, the Caucasus and Armenia, the bride wears red, says Goldman. In India, both bride and groom wear yellow brocade.

While Goldman's book focuses more on detailed information about necklines, back treatments, sleeves and so on, McBride-Mellinger's book zeros in on the details of big-name wedding fashion history.

She writes that French couturier Coco Chanel introduced the short bridal dress in 1920. The slim white dress came to just below the knee and was meant to be worn with a long train. The rule became: the shorter the dress, the longer the veil.

The Depression of 1929 had brides making do with their best dresses, as they had in the 19th century. However, when Princess Marina of Greece married England's Duke of Kent in 1934, her outfit was pictured in magazines around the world. This stimulated public demand for slim wedding dress sheaths with a court train and diamond-like tiaras.

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Vote to reduce fed budget largely symbolic

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early in the congressional new year, they'll be ringing in a campaign issue by voting on a constitutional amendment meant to balance the federal budget.

It won't.

To really balance the budget, Congress, the government, and Americans who usually rally to preserve their benefits when threatened, would all have to change habits that will be even more difficult to amend than the Constitution.

Nonetheless, the balanced budget amendment has political allure that may prove hard to resist. It's the kind of a vote many a campaigner would like on the record heading into the 1994 congressional elections — symbolic but useful.

"Saying it will not make it happen, even if it is the Constitution that says it," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd. "This is an empty exercise in voodoo budget balancing ... a feel good amendment."

But advocates argue that without a constitutional mandate, Congress never will get budgets balanced. "It is going to mean that we are forced to make some tough decisions," said Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, Democratic sponsor of the amendment.

That's backwards, say opponents who argue that the tough decisions ought to be made first, to control the spending and raise the revenues it will take to put budgets in the black.

The amendment would require Congress to "enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation," leaving for later the question of how to end the deficit spending that has been chronic since 1969.

Under the amendment, three-fifths majorities in both the Senate and the House would have to vote for any spending that exceeded revenue estimates. It also would require those margins to increase the limit on the national debt, a pressure point because as matters stand, the government has to be able to keep borrowing or default.

The debate has been going on for years on an issue that was a favorite of conservatives even before Ronald Reagan pushed it while deficits spiraled.

The arguments don't change. Perspectives do. Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, for example, sponsored a balanced budget amendment when he was a Texas senator. Now, in line with administration policy, he opposes it.

President Clinton discounted political advice when he told congressional leaders Nov. 5 that he wants the amendment rejected. "It would promote political gridlock and would endanger our economic recovery," the president said.

"... We came up with a better idea," Bentsen said, meaning the five-year deficit reduction plan in Clinton's budget. "If we didn't have this $500 billion deficit reduction, I'd be right back there supporting it again," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But, he added, the Clinton plan is as far as the government can go without jeopardizing economic growth.

A balanced budget amendment would require much more, much faster. The deficit in the 1999 budget, the first that could be covered were the amendment adopted, is projected at $223 billion.

It would take two-thirds majorities in the Senate and the House to approve the amendment. Past votes on the question have come close, reflecting the political appeal of balanced budgets although as Byrd points out, the polls that indicate 70 percent to 80 percent support for the amendment do not deal with the cuts and taxes needed to really enforce it.

The Senate came within one vote of approval in 1986; the House within seven in 1990, nine in 1992, after a Democratic lobbying campaign so intense that a dozen sponsors voted no.

Were Congress to approve the amendment, it would go to the states, and if three-quarters voted to ratify, it would become part of the Constitution.

Simon has said supporters are within two votes of the 67 it would take for Senate approval, despite the opposition of Democratic leaders and elders like Byrd, chairman of the appropriations committee.

It will come up first in the Senate, probably in February.

In the House, Democratic leaders who oppose the amendment have promised to put it to a vote should it win Senate approval.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Apologies are current rage in matters of foreign affairs

By Hilary Appleman
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's sorry now? Just about everybody everywhere these days.

After years of silence, Japan, Russia, South Africa and the United States all apologized in 1993.

"Once it starts, every group with a grievance wants an apology," says Donald McHenry, a former ambassador to the United Nations and professor of diplomacy at Georgetown University.

— Japan made its first official apologies this year for World War II, after decades of resistance.

— Russia apologized for Soviet abuse of Japanese prisoners.

— South Africa's government apologized for apartheid.

— And the United States told Hawaii it was sorry for overthrowing Queen Liliuokalani a century ago.

So what's an apology worth, especially one that comes years after the fact and is made to improve relations or gain some other political advantage?

Etiquette expert Judith Martin, author of the Miss Manners column and an expert on when to say you're sorry, says, "You wouldn't think it would be worth anything, either privately or in an international context. This is a very practical, bottom-line world.

"But the fact is, it makes an enormous difference."

Apologies validate the suffering of people who have been wronged, Martin says. "Satisfaction of the soul is a very deep human craving," she explains.

Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's recent apologies for Japan's forcing tens of thousands of women to serve as prostitutes for its soldiers, and for the brutal occupation of its Asian

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QUILT WINNER — Johnnie Molinare won this Texas Star Quilt, given away during the center's Christmas dinner. It was pieced and donated by Mae Brush, who is not pictured, and quilted by the women who quilt at the center. (Contributed Photo)

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Jack and Betty Elam, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Jimmie Kubena, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Nancy Lopez, 1993 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Paul Landa, 1993 Pontiac van from Howard Gray Motors.

Electric Submersible Pump, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Billy Ray Browning, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marion C. Becerra, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Donna Bennett, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Jackie Leatherwood, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Teresa Gaskins, 1994 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Michael and Petra Comacho, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Ronnie Weber, 1994 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Chevrolet.

Harold Althof Farms, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Floyd Oliver, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

David C. Wickline, 1994 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Donald Dewayne Murdock, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Vollie Shipp, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

David E. and Christy E. Hudnall, 1994 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Mrs. Luther Coffman, 1994 Cadillac from Howard Gray Motors.

Marriage License

Orlando Ponce and Lisa Faye Johnston, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Estefana Rendon vs. Jennifer Nitsch, order of dismissal with prejudice.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Nova Green, order of dismissal.

Elkco Wireline Service Inc. vs. Buck Barry, dba Polo Drilling and dba Redbuck Inc., order of dismissal.

Bradly Coy Roberts, individually and the guardianship and estate of Bradley Coy Roberts vs. Arthur Salinas Casias, Tex-Mex Meter Service and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, agreed order granting non-suit and dismissal regarding State of Texas and judgment for plaintiff against Arthur Salinas Casias and Tex-Mex Meter Service Inc.

State of Texas vs. 1984 Pontiac Fierro and 2 sets of scales, forfeiture judgment.

State of Texas vs., 1990 Chevrolet pickup and $312 in U.S. currency, forfeiture judgment.

Warranty Deeds

Aracelia Collazo to Myron Fenton, the north portion of the East 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Mandry Addition.

Ed Kerley, et ux, with wife Janeene Kerley acting individually and as attorney-in-fact for Gordon Smith, to Dannie G. Pierce, et ux, a 0.516 tract out of Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Lynn Fenton, et ux, to Bob Pollard, Alan Pollard and Todd Pollard, the north part of Section 89, Block 2, H&TC survey and the north part of Fractional Section 39, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Nelson Edwin Eckert, Shelia Eckert and Nelda Juanita Eckert to Garry Don Eckert, tract one being all the northwest one-quarter of Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey, save and except 2.757 acres deeded to state for road; and tract two being a one-acre tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Wilma Dooley Wardlow, independent executrix of the estate of E.V. Dooley, to Wilma Dooley Wardlow, a 200 x 189-foot tract out of a 38-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Hank V. Earnest to Luis Alaniz Jr., all the west 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 23 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Willie Earline Bills to Darrel K. Bills, et ux, a 10-acre tract in the west part of Section 52, Block 3, H&GN survey.

A.W. Scrivner to Shirley Anne Miller, Royce Welch Scrivner, Karmen Ruth Hall and Clifford Jay Hall, an undivided one-third interest in all of Section 434, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Senior Center to be closed on Monday

The Senior Center will be closed all day Monday in observance of the New Year. It will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday with an 8 ball tournament, a feature of the day.

Hoss Clayton and his band will be performing in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Friday's Sing-Along will also be held in the dining room starting at 11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will be rehearsing there at 10 a.m. Friday and men and women who would like to join the group are invited to attend the rehearsal. The choir will resume performances on Jan. 21 with a visit to Snyder Nursing Center.

A Tri-Chem textile painting class will meet in the center at 9 a.m. Thursday. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month and Senior Citizens interested in more information about textile painting are invited to contact Pamela Fenton, activities director.

The Senior Center serves a meal at noon Monday through Friday, offering senior citizens the opportunity to enjoy a nutritious lunch and visit with others. For senior citizens who are unable to leave their homes and unable to prepare their own meal, the center has a home delivered meal program.

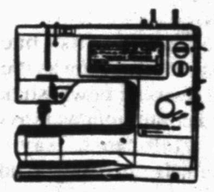
Volunteers are needed to drive the delivery van and to carry the meals from the van to the homes. These volunteers do not have to be senior citizens. Anyone interested in giving volunteer time to the project is invited to contact Norma Laywell at the center at 2603 Avenue M. They may also call her at 573-4035.

Center raffle winners listed

The Scurry County Senior Center hosted two raffles in 1993 — one for a rifle donated by Stanley Noah, and the other for a Texas Star Quilt, donated by Mae Brush who pieced it. It was quilted by the women who quilt at the center.

Johnnie Molinare won the quilt which was given away during the center's Christmas dinner. She said she purchased the ticket during the fair.

Raymond May, who won the rifle in a July Fourth drawing, redonated it to the center to be auctioned at the center's 1994 May Day fund-raiser.

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A good year for Serious Worriers

Joseph Spear

My choice for Seer of the Century is Edward Cornish, president of the World Future Society. More than three years ago, he made this prediction. "The 1990s will likely be the most worry-filled decade that mankind has ever experienced."

Is that spooky, or what? I mean, it's downright metaphysical. So far, the 1990s have been excruciatingly fretful and there's no sign of a letup either, what with the millennium approaching and the prospect of cataclysmic cosmic events in the offing. If you are a Serious Worrier in the 1990s, friend, you are swimming in deep water.

All this comes to mind, of course, because Serious Worriers are about to go boldly into the second half of the worrying season. The cycle began the Tuesday after Labor Day (the Second New Year's). We've just had our catch-your-breath pause between Christmas and New Year's, and now we're worrying about what we're going to worry about until Memorial Day, when our long but well-deserved summer respite begins.

The last three years have brought us some especially taxing things to brood about. I speak not of such mundane sources of anxiety as war, economic downturns, the ozone layer, asbestos, pestilence or North Korea's nuclear arsenal.

Any Normal Person can work up a sweat about routine worries like that. I am talking about esoteric material, stuff that only Serious Worriers can get in a stew about. Witness:

—In 1990, we were told that cremation is polluting the air with vaporized mercury from fillings. Two years later, we were told of the dangers of chewing, because every little bite releases a small amount of mercury mist from your fillings and you breathe it in. Mercury poisoning abuses the brain, you know.

—Does God frown on sex? Time magazine took a look at this perplexity in 1992, but was unable to determine what God thinks. Time somehow forgot to ask the Rev. Pat Robertson.

—Is the world more evil now? Time tackled this one in 1991. "Is there more evil now, or less evil, than there was five years ago, or five centuries?" the magazine's intrepid probers asked. Once again, a definitive answer somehow eluded them.

It is completely fitting that the worrisome '90s would produce solutions that are every bit as dreadful as the problems. The best way to avoid sexual disease and pregnancy, we are told, is to remain celibate. Then comes a University of Chicago shrink to warn us that celibacy can bring on bouts of "irritability, insomnia, somatization or clinical depression."

Buy cars with air bags, we are told, they can save our lives. Then comes the Institute for Highway Safety to caution us that "drivers who sit close to the steering wheel can be hurt or killed by the force of air bags inflating in a crash."

Will things ever get better? Not in the '90s. Consider just a few items that have come to light in recent months:

Commuter airplanes are five times more likely to be involved in fatal accidents than larger aircraft... Chloroform is a carcinogen and it is formed when chlorine mixes with air and that means showering in chlorinated water can kill you... If your parents were divorced, you could be a depressed adult.

The Nabisco company can't produce Snackwell's fat-free Devil's Food Cookie Cakes fast enough to meet consumer demand... School phobia can bring on anxiety attacks in some students... A 5-foot 10-inch man who wants to reduce the risk of heart attack should keep his weight under 157 pounds... Lost and stolen books cost American libraries $50 million a year.

Let me sum up the current decade for you with two headlines. The first, from the Baltimore Sun of Aug. 19, 1993, captions a story about heart disease: NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF ADULTS AT RISK BECAUSE OF INACTIVITY. The second one is from the Washington Times three months later: STUDY LINKS RISK OF HEART DISEASE TO HARD WORK.

That's the 1990s for you. A Serious Worrier's smorgasbord.



Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Each year, when it comes time to write my New Year column, I put a lot of thought into making it special, giving you thoughts that might ring on in your mind, like the joyful tidings of a clear, cold bell chime.

I've written about New Year's resolutions, after-holiday bill-paying angst, sugar-frosted mornings of snapping ice-days, cozy warm family nights. I've tried to lift your spirits from the depths of winter's chill and leave you with a wink and a smile.

But I think there is nothing I could have ever written to ring in the New Year which could have the simple power and clarity of Sarajevo's babies.

You see, there is a baby boom, it seems, in war-torn Sarajevo.

According to the January 3 issue of "Newsweek," births are up in that city two and a half times from what it was in just February of this dying year.

Understand, this lovely place, which once hosted the Winter Olympics, now starves and shivers beneath relentless bombardment from enemies — and worse — from the indifference of friends. For two years now the city has endured almost unspeakable horrors as its incredibily courageous people (who have been preyented from getting out of their home-trap by the very ones who want them destroyed) have suffered round-the-clock shelling, starvation and deprivation and heatless cold so severe that last winter, every tree in the city was cut down for firewood. Its citizens live without water without fuel or electricity or peace of any kind — simply to leave their pitiful shelters to scurry out for buckets of water has left hundred shot dead by cold-eyed snipers lurking in the hills above.

Children at play in abandoned schools have been mutilated and killed by the shelling that just never stops.

And the world sits back, watches this bloody scene as it unfolds on the evening news, shakes its head, and contemplates movies about the Holocaust, saying, "Never again. It must never happen again."

Make no mistake about it ... there can be great evil in the simple act of indifference.

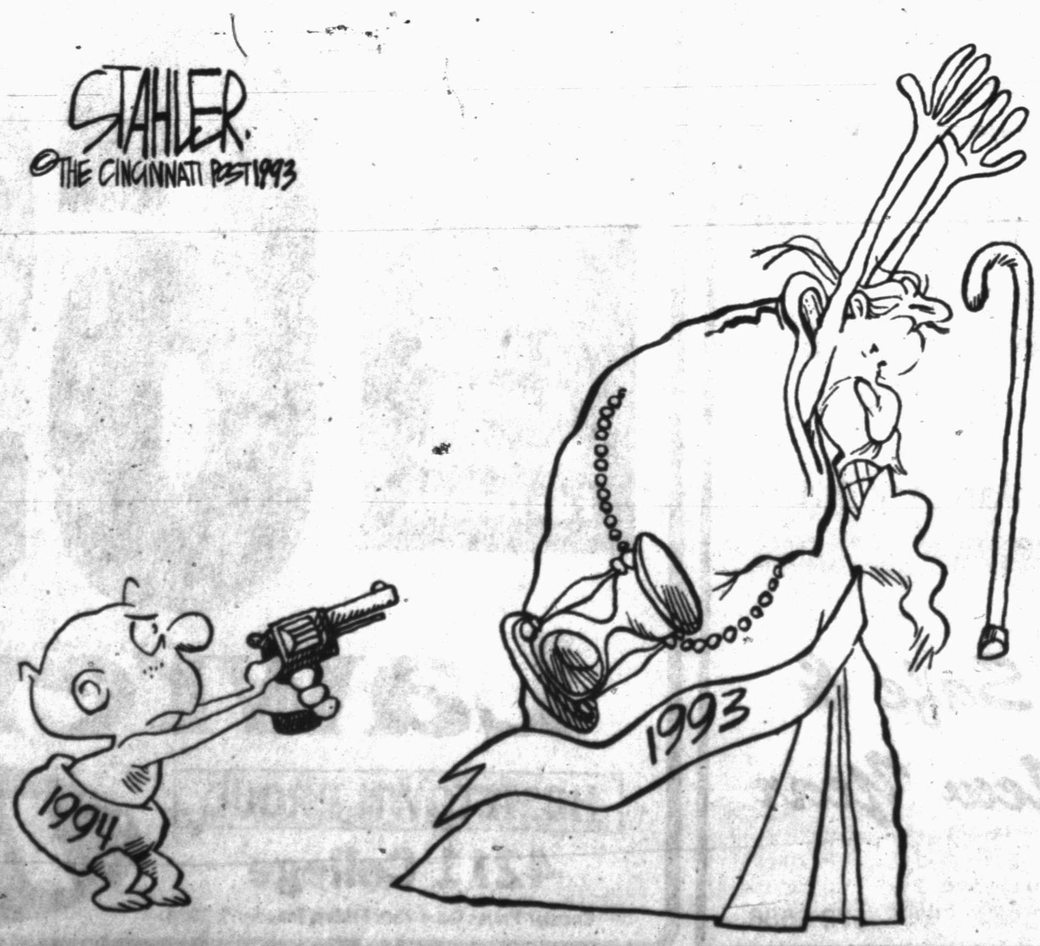
On the surface, it seems insane to those of us in our safe, warm houses that anyone would choose to bring a child into such an environment. After all, so many will never survive to adulthood. And what kind of life awaits them if they do?

If their brave parents (those who survive) have anything to say about it; a good one. Because the very act of bringing life into a world which is steeped in death is an act of great hope. "We want Sarajevo to stay alive," says one young mother who has already lost one little boy to the war ... "With each child, we are fighting back with our love of life."

And so the indomitable mothers — who have to crawl through stinking sewers in the throes of labor if they want to get to any hospital care at all; and the valiant fathers — who sometimes learn their baby's sex only by prenatal sonogram before going out to be killed fighting for their families — keep hoping. Each new birth is a celebration of life; of love and courage, of faith and strength of will, of defiance and the simple majesty of the human spirit.

It rings in the new year with great lusty cries, and it reminds us of just exactly what it means to be human.

And, God be praised, it gives us all hope.



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Letters

Thanks

Dear Editor:

On Dec. 23 I was a customer in the beauty shop in Hermleigh when a customer my operator was working on passed out.

I called 911 while the operator held the lady to keep her from falling to the floor, it seemed forever before EMT got down here but actually they got here fast considering the miles.

They immediately started working on the lady. I'm not sure of their names they were a young woman and a man, they really worked hard to save the woman's life, they also called down two firemen who also worked very hard on her.

Sorry to say the woman didn't make it but these people worked with all they had in them to help her.

I want to tell them thank you so very much for being so good at their job and trying so hard.

These people get very little praise for their work and I wanted to say thanks.

In August EMT was called for me when I was having a heart attack, they were very good at their job.

People of Scurry County we're lucky to have such good ambulance service and volunteer firemen also.

Thank you
Patsy Crumly
Hermleigh, TX

Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

Rebecca Brown
Irving, Texas
or maybe Tahaiti

Dear Ms. Brown,

Let me introduce myself. I am Bill.

As you may know, I came to your house in Irving, but they said you were out. I returned two days later, but they said you were still out. I came back again, and they said you would be out indefinitely. And they suggested that if I came back, they would call the police.

So I telephoned you several times. First they said you weren't in. Then they said you wouldn't be in indefinitely. And then I began getting a recording saying that the number was no good anymore.

So now I am writing you. Please excuse the envelope. I know that writing IRS: YOU ARE BEING AUDITED on the outside may seem a little rash, but I was afraid you would throw the letter away without reading it.

Ms. Brown — may I call you Rebecca? — I'm not just another crackpot. I'm sure you'll understand as you read the rest of this letter. It is an extremely important letter. It will change your life.

Actually, I am writing to reveal a family secret that has been buried for many years. As I said, I had tried to contact you in person because the message I have is of a personal nature, but that has been impossible. So here goes:

I am the brother you never thought you had.

Yes, it's true. You are my sister.

So Sis, what's up?

Now wait a minute. I know this comes as a shock. You may think you weren't adopted. That's the way I felt at first. But think about it real hard. Isn't there just a twinge of doubt way back in your mind somewhere? Maybe THAT explains the slight crook to your nose.

You may think that I am writing you because you won $38.6 million in the Texas lottery this year. Be assured that nothing could be further from the truth.

My sole purpose in contacting you is to complete the void in my life that has been missing ever since I found out about you. That I found out your were my sister, I mean. My wife and I live comfortably, and have all we need.

Oh, well, there are little things, sure. Nobody's life is perfect. My wife — you're really going to like her, Sis, — is a little ill.

Well, that's maybe understating it a little bit. She's... Oh, what's the use. I can't lie to my own sister. I've got to be honest with you, Becky — she has to have brain surgery.

It was a freak accident. She had been raising money door-to-door for AIDS victims and had returned home to our small, one-room, upstairs apartment. As usual, she began baking bread for the homeless on our small wood stove.

Well, a girl scout knocked on the door to deliver cookies, and in her haste to answer it, my wife slipped and fell. She hit her head on a stack of aluminum cans we were collecting for a cancer research drive..

It's probably my fault. I had moved the cans to cover a hole in the wall that was allowing a draft of bitterly cold air to come in. You see, the cookstove is our only source of heat.

The doctor said that my wife will survive, if she gets surgery soon enough. As you can imagine, my wife's spirits are low — but not for herself, Sis. No, she's upset that she can no longer go out and help the needy. There are so many who need our help, she says.

But I know that she will be so happy when I tell her I have found my long lost sister. Oh Becky, Becky, sweet Becky, how I have missed you all these years.

I must go now, my wife is asking for another blanket — I'll give her mine. Besides, the candle is down to a nub and it is getting hard to see.

Oh sister of mine, I'll be writing again soon. I am so, so thankful I found you. I know you are overjoyed, too.

Love, good wishes, and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

Signed,
Your brother, Bill.
By the way, how much money do you get after taxes?

Automated food stamp program considered

AUSTIN (AP) — A pilot project that would replace the state's paper-based food stamp and welfare program with an automated teller system has gotten critical support from the head of the House banking committee.

U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, head of the powerful House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, has asked the Federal Reserve to delay a regulation that could cripple the development of an automated welfare system.

Officials in 18 states, including Texas, say they need at least a three-year delay of what is known as "Regulation E" to get their electronic welfare systems up and running.

The statute would make states liable for fraud should the automated teller card of a welfare recipient be stolen.

Without the delay, the cost of converting to an electronic system would be "cost prohibitive," according to Texas Comptroller John Sharp, who estimates that Texas could lose $55 million annually if the regulation goes into effect.

Sharp said the losses would nearly double the $35 million annual cost of the automated program.

The National Performance Review audit recently conducted by Vice President Al Gore, with assistance from Sharp, has recommended the use of automated tellers for welfare programs as a way to save money.

"Without a three-year delay in the extension of Regulation E to this program, I am afraid this worthwhile pilot program might never become a reality," Gonzalez, a Democrat from San Antonio, said in a release Wednesday.

Gonzalez supported the Regulation E delay in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Bob Moore, a spokesman for the Federal Reserve, said Thursday he would have no immediate comment on Gonzalez's letter because the agency had just received it.

A pilot program that allows recipients to collect Aid to Families With Dependent Children and food stamp benefits from an Automated Teller Machine is already running in Maryland.

Sharp says it's a way to end fraud in the welfare system.

"If it works, we are going to completely eliminate fraud in the system," Sharp said.

"Right now we chop down trees to print jillions of food stamps. We will eliminate the stamps and their distribution and save millions of dollars on their delivery through the U.S. Postal Service," Sharp said.

"Food stamps are the number one thing stolen from the Postal Service, so we will eliminate that theft."

In fiscal year 1993, Texas had 745,156 people receiving AFDC and 2.7 million receiving food stamps, according to the comptroller's office.

The state and federal government combined to pay $534 million in AFDC payments and distributed about $2 billion in food stamps, the office reported.

Sharp acknowledges the automated welfare system faces an uphill climb due to federal regulations that cap the costs of bringing the program on line.

"While there is no doubt that EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) is cost effective in the long term and even in the short term, the problem is in the immediate short term," Sharp said in a letter to Gonzalez dated Dec. 28.

But Sharp said by finding a single vendor to install and operate the system, the state can "achieve an acceptable contract within our available budget."

Earlier this year, bids for the Texas pilot project were rejected because they were four times higher than expected.

AMC plans N. Dallas movie plan

DALLAS (AP) — AMC Theaters is planning to build a $90 million movie mall in North Dallas that would be among the first the theater company plans to develop in several cities.

Officials at Kansas City, Mo.-based AMC confirmed plans to build a hybrid movie theater-shopping center, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday.

The "entertainment center" would be anchored by a 24-screen movie complex near the Galleria shopping mall in North Dallas.

The prototype is a three-story, 400,000-square-foot enclosed mall with specialty stores and restaurants anchored by a 24-screen theater on the top level. The project goes beyond recently announced 24-screen theater complexes in Dallas, Florida and California, company officials said.

Singer Michael Jackson sighted in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — After weeks of seclusion following allegations of child molestation, Michael Jackson showed up in public to watch a pirate show with casino owner Steve Wynn, onetime junk bond king Michael Milken and a cadre of security guards.

Wearing a red leather jacket and a cap, with the trademark lock of hair sweeping his forehead, Jackson watched the Treasure Island resort show Thursday evening. Some in the audience applauded when they recognized him.

The hotel and casino is owned by Wynn. Jackson was reportedly staying at The Mirage, adjacent to Treasure Island.

It was the first time Jackson appeared in public in person since he called off his "Dangerous" tour Nov. 11 to receive treatment for what he called an addiction to painkillers.

Milken, who went to federal prison for securities fraud, is a longtime friend of Wynn's.

In Los Angeles on Thursday, an attorney for a 13-year-old boy who says the singer molested him said Jackson refused to answer questions in the case.

Attorney Larry Feldman said the singer would give only his name and birth date in response to written questions. In a Superior Court motion, Feldman asked the court to force Jackson to answer questions.

The motion will be considered at a Jan. 14 hearing. Trial is set for March 21.

No criminal charges have been filed against Jackson, 35.

Jackson's lawyers said that, because of the ongoing criminal investigation, forcing him to answer questions would violate his rights.

Business Mirror

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The Mutual Investment Club of Detroit was founded early in 1940 when friends joined to invest around $10 a month in stocks. Fifty years later the club was worth $1,801,255.92.

That achievement was accomplished with a total investment of $227,887, but that's just part of the story. Members also withdrew $1,069,004 to buy homes, begin businesses, finance educations, travel widely and retire successfully.

There's a point to this story:

Forecasts and resolutions, which proliferate at this time of year, often are made of whispy dreams and vaporous wishes about the future. Observations wisely extracted from experience are far more reliable.

The message for contrary investors, therefore, is to learn the lessons of the past and let the resolutioners, forecasters and dreamers take their chances on the future. Resolutions don't last. History's lessons do.

So, clear your mind of clutter and consider some of the lessons:

1. Investing in stocks is not quite the complex challenge it is made out to be. It is not trading. It is not buying and selling within a few weeks on the basis of tips or guesswork, with accompanying brokerage and tax costs.

Investing is long term, as opposed to trading, which is short term. It does not require high-cost advice, inside information or complicated formulas. Using basic concepts and information available to all, you can outperform many so-called professionals.

"Stop listening to the professionals!" says Peter Lynch, who during the 1980s headed the Magellan Fund, which compiled one of the best long-term records of any mutual fund in history.

In his book, "One Up On Wall Street," Lynch says: "Twenty years in this business convinces me that any normal person using the customary 3 percent of the brain can pick stocks just as well, if not better, than the average Wall Street expert."

2. It is very difficult for an ordinary investor to invest short-term and win consistently over a period of years. What occasional winnings result from such activity — and admittedly, some winnings can be huge — are often lost on subsequent trades, taxes and commissions. The record is clear on this.

Nevertheless, the investment community and the media tend to emphasize short-term movements and seek to explain them. The ever-changing market is a news (and commission) creator, stressing change by the minute, hour and day.

3. Short-term fluctuations in the economy are almost impossible to forecast with any degree of reliability. Equally unlikely is the chance that you will be able to foresee how the market will interpret unforeseen fluctuations.

4. There are statistically proven methods for investing.

Perhaps the most basic is to invest in the American economy through well-chosen stocks that reflect its economic growth, and allowing these stocks to compound. The U.S. economy grows, if not every year then over time.

The National Association of Investment Corp., an umbrella organization for investment clubs, stresses a remarkably simple philosophy: Invest regularly, reinvest earnings, invest in growth companies and diversify.

Gerald Peritt, a former mathematics professor and now publisher of "Investment Horizons," a statistically oriented newsletter about stocks, suggests studying small-capitalization and emerging growth stocks.

He and other stock market historians point out that over the past half-century or so the smallest 10 percent of stocks have outperformed the largest 10 percent. No — it's not the other way around. Small beat big.

Never forget the power of compounding, says John Wright, who manages billions of dollars. Invest for the long term and reinvest dividends, he says, and allow compounding to build up an ever-increasing portfolio value.

5. Have a plan — and stick to it until it is proven wrong. Almost every experienced, successful investor will tell you this. An investor without a plan grounded in common sense and knowledge is at the mercy of the market.

And: You find this knowledge in the past, not in expectations about the future.

Apologies made

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neighbors, came only after years of official silence.

It was the first time Japan had fully acknowledged its wartime role even to its own people.

"I was deeply impressed by the prime minister's frank attitude, which past Japanese prime ministers have not had," South Korean President Kim Young-sam said. "We must open a new era."

It was important for the victims that Japan finally took moral responsibility for its brutality, says Charles Doran, professor of international relations at Johns Hopkins University's School for Advanced International Studies.

"If people have been wronged," he says, "at the very least they want to have this recorded as a fact."

But apologies are rarely made to make people feel better, at least in the hard-boiled, Realpolitik world of foreign policy.

Apologizing makes sense only when a past incident gets in the way of current relations, some analysts say. Every "sorry" has an ulterior motive.

Japan wants to improve its political and economic relations with the rest of Asia. Russia is looking for full acceptance into the international community. South Africa hopes to minimize the backlash when its black majority takes power.

And the federal government's apology to Hawaii?

"Personally, I'm looking at this as a new beginning for the Hawaiian spirit," says Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, who sponsored the bill.

Perhaps because Japan and the United States already have robust economic and political relations, they have never apologized to each other for Pearl Harbor or Hiroshima, though both countries have made noises of regret.

Tokyo's relations with its Asian neighbors, on the other hand, have been plagued by fears of Japanese expansionism and bitterness over past brutality.

Apologizing carries tremendous cultural weight in Japan, says John Curtis Perry, a Japan specialist at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy at Tufts University.

In the end, though, actions speak louder than apologies. Regrets over apartheid would be meaningless without the dismantling of South Africa's racist system, and Japan's apologies will mean less to its neighbors than its military and economic policies.

Report: smoking helps burn body fat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Smokers stay thin because their addiction helps dislodge stored body fat, a new study has found.

Even if they eat less than usual, people trying to quit smoking can gain an average of eight to 10 pounds, said Marc K. Hellerstein, a University of California at Berkeley professor and lead author of the study.

But researchers warned that smoking should not be used as a diet aid.

"Smoking, from a health point of view, is much more risky than weighing those extra few pounds," Hellerstein said.

The study published Thursday was the first to show that smoking stimulates a process called lipolysis, which frees lipids, or fats, from cells and spills them into the bloodstream.

Previous studies have shown that smoking increases a person's metabolism, the process that turns the calories in food into energy.

Cholesterol levels increase after a person smokes a cigarette and the ratio between so-called good and bad cholesterols tips toward the kind associated with heart disease.

"It's one reason why smokers, over time, would have heart disease and arteriosclerosis: their cholesterol is worse," Hellerstein said.

Stan Glantz, a University of California at San Francisco researcher, said he hasn't read the study, published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, but was familiar with the findings.

"It's pretty consistent with other things I've read," Glantz said. "The excess risks you incur by smoking are just much, much, much bigger than by any weight gain you might suffer," he said.

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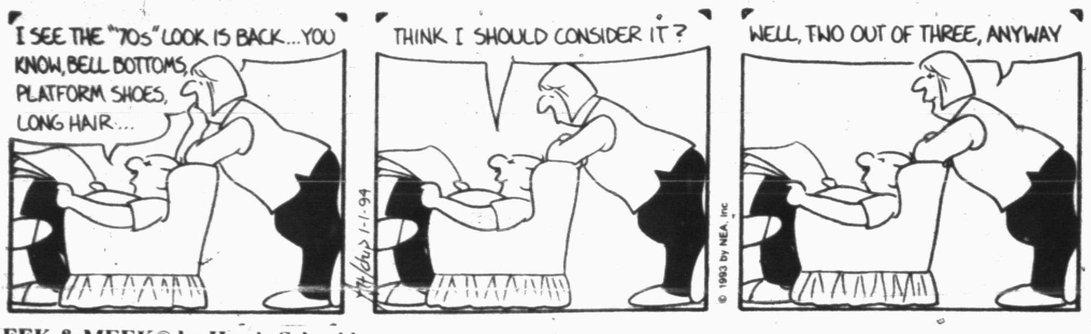
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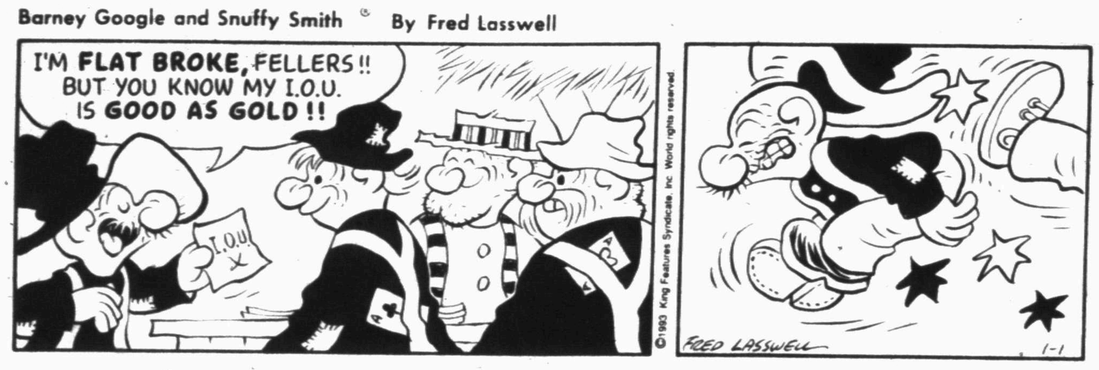
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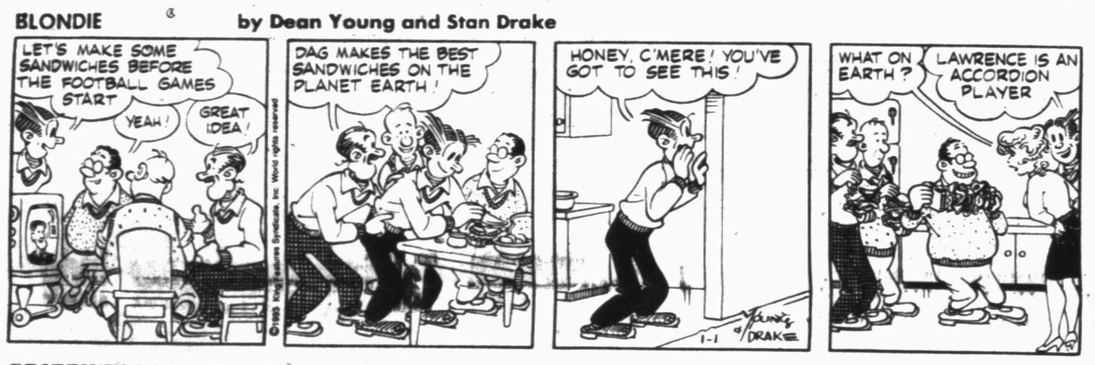
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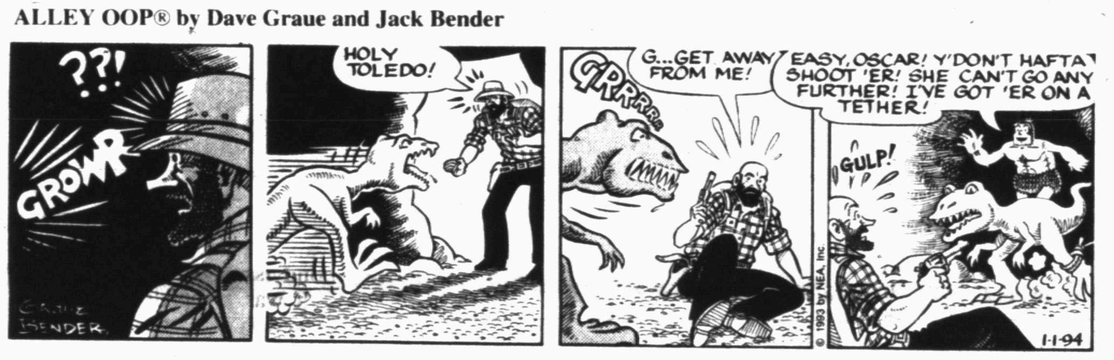
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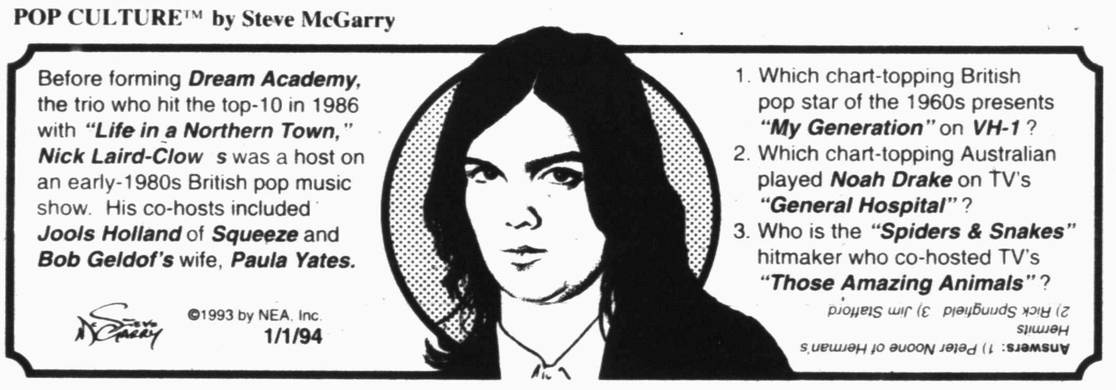
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13 Revelers' cry
14 Exclamation
15 Baseball's — Rose
16 Recruit
18 Son of Abraham
20 Spanish lady
21 South of Mich.
22 Couple
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27 Of no value
31 South of Neb.
32 College org.
33 In addition
34 Freshwater fish
35 Scorch
36 Philosopher
— Marx
37 Necessary
39 Bandleader — Shaw
40 Defense dept.
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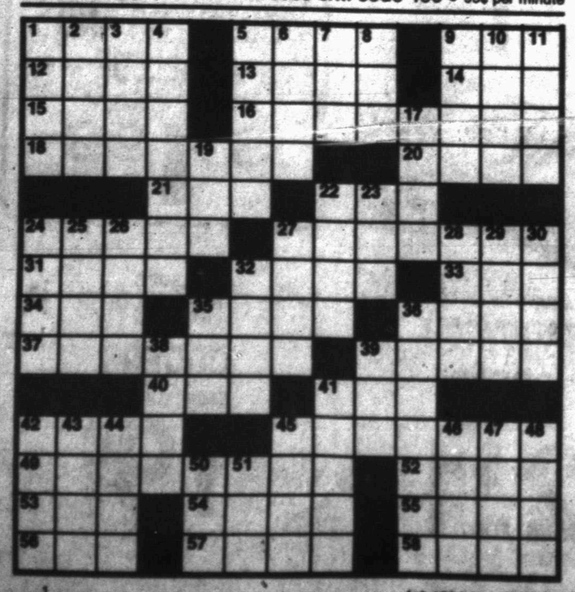
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7 Actor — Chaney
8 Even (poet.)
9 Food take-out words
10 Asian chief
11 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
17 Adored one
19 Actress — Sothern
22 Emperor (var.)
23 Not dry
24 Related
25 Put on board
26 Arrow poison
27 Russian river
28 Coup d' —
29 Spore cases
30 Only
32 Long-lasting quarrel
35 Calif. airline destination
36 Linda Evans role
38 1944 invasion date
39 Astronauts' "all right"
41 Tendency
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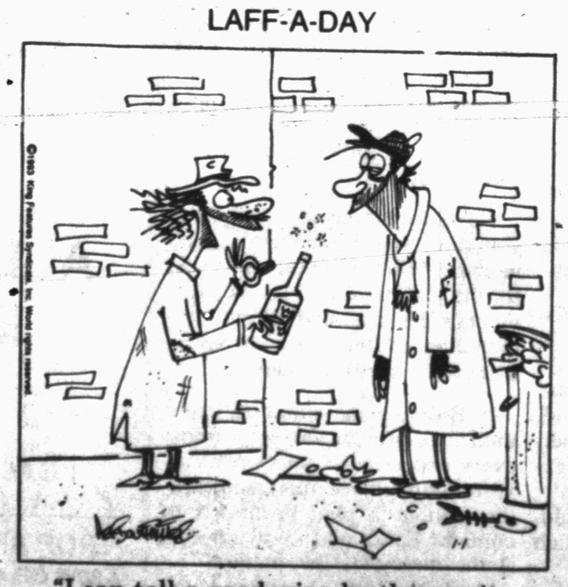


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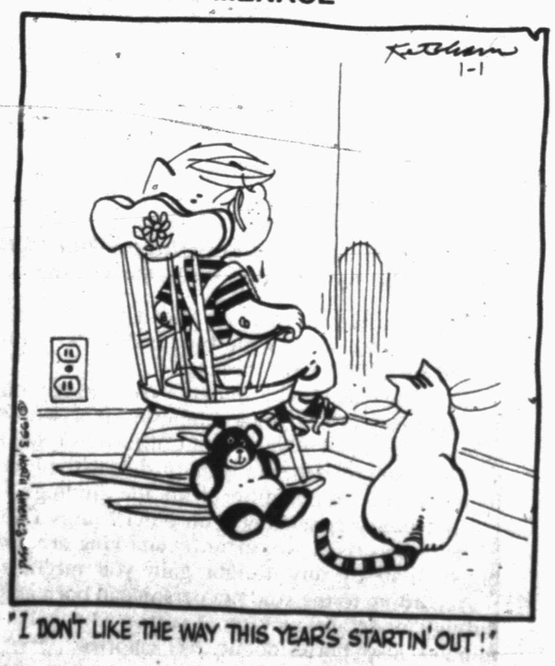
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Town mourns passing of grocery story

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When recent widower Clem Etlinger left to attend an out-of-state school for five weeks, he signed five checks with the amount blank at Baenziger's Model Market in Seguin to cover his three older teen-age children's shopping expenses while he was away.

Owner Harold Baenziger, son of store founder Otto, handed the checks back, saying he'd run a tab until his longtime customer came home.

"To me, that was a mighty good thing to do," the longtime Seguin resident said.

Estella Casas, born about the same time the Baenzigers opened their mom-and-pop grocery June 1934, smiled as she recalled getting a free bag of candy that awaited every child who stopped by.

"We called it 'pilon,'" — Spanish for an unexpected gift, said Casas, now 60.

One of 52-year-old Harlan Acker's fondest childhood memories was stealing grapes from the cooler at Baenziger's while his mother shopped. His ritual rarely went unnoticed and he'd "boogaloo out of there" one step ahead of a broom-wielding Baenziger.

Now, the store that served Seguin for nearly six decades spinning countless memories is nothing but a memory.

Expanding competition most notably a Wal-Mart Supercenter under construction and a chain grocery store and the company forced Baenziger's to close its doors at 510 E. Court forever at 6 p.m. Thursday.

"It's like losing part of your family," said Acker, a furniture salesman. "At Baenziger's, you found friendship, camaraderie and love that you can't find (at modern, upscale businesses) where you're just another account."

The difference between the two is apparent the second you walk through the door, he said.

"It's always a warm greeting at Baenziger's and everybody knows your name," Acker said. "When they say 'have a nice day' at (supermarket chains), they don't mean it. It's something they're told to tell you."

Baenziger's got its start when the late Otto Baenziger, a local farmer who sold vegetables house to house, decided to open a business at 114 N. River St. in downtown Seguin. In 1954, the expanding business moved to the Court location.

Over the years, the family endeavor has employed four generations.

Harold Baenziger said he, his brother and four sisters worked in the store bearing their father's name. Then Harold's sons, David and Roger, became a part of the business. Their two sisters also worked there, as did Roger's three children, now grown.

"It was always a family affair," said Harold Baenziger, 82, who still came to the store everyday to help his sons run it.

Baenziger has seen a lot of changes in more than half a century, in prices and in how the money is handled.

In the early days, bacon was 15 cents a pound and eggs were 11 cents a dozen, he recalled. A 50-pound sack of flour cost 75 cents.

A 1938 newspaper advertisement that included a helpful list of fruit cake ingredients and the words "we deliver" listed the following prices: Star Brick chili, lb., 23 cents; bran flakes, large pkg., 10 cents; Oxydol, 5 cents; lettuce, firm head, 5 cents; catsup, sm. bottle, 10 cents; and three rolls of bathroom tissue, 11 cents.

At first the cash register was a cigar box and the adding machine was a piece of paper and a pencil. Then came the adding machines and finally the cash registers. Scanners were installed several years ago, but never used because they never seemed to work right.

Otherwise, little had changed.

Customers could almost shop with their eyes closed because they've been coming here so long," Roger Baenziger, 54, said of the 12,000-square-foot store.

One of those regulars, Clifton "Coon" Haas, 75, stopped by Baenziger's on Wednesday for the last time to offer his condolences to longtime friend Harold and his sons.

"I really hated to see it close," said the retired Acme Brick Co. employee, a thrice-a-week customer for as long as he can remember. "It's like the old homestead. To big business, you're just another guy who can't find a clerk."

Evidence of the store's impact on the community was everywhere, from the saddened customers to the row of Christmas cards taped to a shelf behind a long counter.

One card bore a neatly penned note from Dianne Gannaway, who thanked the Baenzigers for helping her family through hard times while her husband, Dick, worked in the produce department many years ago.

"I guess no one expected our son, Rick, to live when he had cancer all over his little body," she wrote. "But everytime we went into Baenziger's, everyone had to hug him. Those times stay with you."

Today, Rick Gannaway has an overhead door business. One of his first customers was the Baenziger store.

David Baenziger said that at 6 p.m., without any fanfare, the longtime business located five blocks from downtown made its last sale.

Said the 45-year-old businessman: "Then we locked the doors, put paneling on the windows, cried and started to look for jobs."

Places in the News

NORTH KOREA

Western analysts are struggling to try to piece together progressively more bizarre events within North Korea, one of the most closed countries in the world.

The biggest confrontation between North Korea and the West is on the subject of nuclear weapons. Not only has North Korea not signed the world-wide nuclear non-proliferation pact, but it refuses to allow foreign inspectors access to its nuclear facilities to determine if weapons-grade plutonium is being produced.

For now, the West is taking a carrot and stick approach on the subject of nuclear inspection. The United Nations is threatening draconian economic sanctions while the United States, Japan and several other major nations are promising to provide various positive incentives if North Korea agrees to comply.

In recent days there has been an unexpected and totally unexplained shakeup at the highest levels of the government. Two top ministers have been suddenly dismissed, including Kim Dal Hyong, the economics minister and a close cousin and supporter of President Kim Il Sung, who has ruled the country since it was founded in 1947.

It has long been expected that Kim Jung Il, the president's 51-year-old son, would succeed his aging father. Some Western analysts believed the dismissal of Kim Dal Hyong might represent a move by the younger generation allied with Kim Jung to begin taking power and signal the end for Kim Il Sung.

But suddenly, after a 17-year public absence, President Kim's 71-year-old brother, Kim Yong Ju, has been appointed to a key position on the small, select politburo that rules the country. The only interpretation that can be given is that it was a slap in the face of Kim Jung and an indication that he might be falling out of his father's favor and might not be in line to rule on his father's death or retirement.

In recent months, North Korea has been giving out glowing reports about the state of its economy. But reports from inside the country paint a much different picture and most Western observers believe the economy is in chaos and that there are major shortages of food, medicine and other staples.



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Schools celebrate centennial anniversary

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Morrill Poor wanted to make sure his children had an education, but he first had to build a school.

With wood from his barn, Poor and family members built a one-room schoolhouse in south Bexar County in 1894. Soon, others wanting a better life flocked to the school in what evolved into the Harlandale School District.

Harlandale will mark its 100th birthday this year with concerts, banquets and other events.

Aside from the Spanish missionaries, the first formal classes were held in 1888 in the granary at the San Jose Mission.

"It was a dark place that was not really suitable for teaching school," said Linda Holt, a former secretary and unofficial historian of the school district.

One year later, classes were moved to a house on the plaza of the mission.

The first paid teacher was Vicenta Rodriguez Edmunds, who earned $66.50 for the 1891 spring term, Holt said.

The district had books, a teacher and a handful of students, but no regular classroom. So, in 1894, Poor built the first schoolhouse at what is now the corner of Greenwood Street and East Sayers Avenue, across from where the present Morrill Elementary School stands.

Bexar County had only $78 to build a school, so the Poors, using materials from their barn, had a school raising.

"She would hold the boards while he drove the nails," Holt said.

The benches and desks also came from boards found in the Poor's barn. Makeshift blackboards were built by painting the walls of the school black and erasers were made from old pieces of carpet.

The teacher's chair, stove and table also came from the Poor's residence.

The one-room schoolhouse opened in 1894 to 11 students for a six-month term. It was called the Morrill Chapel School because it also was used for church services on Sunday afternoons.

"Miss Annie Work was the first teacher in the school," Holt said. Work earned $25 a month and taught classes for four years.

"The boys were responsible for all janitorial work and Mrs. Poor hauled a barrel of water each week from her (home) to the school in her carriage," Holt said.

In 1898, Ernestine Edmunds, 16-year-old daughter of Vicenta Edmunds, took over as teacher.

For 10 years the young teacher rode her horse, Gunpowder, to school each morning — reportedly never missing a day, Holt said.

In 1905, Harlandale residents petitioned Bexar County commissioners to pass the first property tax for local schools. The effort was successful, and Harlandale residents were assessed their first school tax: 10 cents per $100 valuation.

Eight years later, they passed their first bond issue — a $21,000 package to fund the construction of a 21/2-story brick schoolhouse. Only one person voted against the bond issue, Holt said.

It was completed in 1914 and served as an elementary and high school until 1927.

The school taught 10 grades.

"Students who wanted to complete their 11th grade and get a high school diploma had to go to Brackenridge or the old main high school in San Antonio," Holt said.

In 1924, the district officially was named the Harlandale Independent School District.

By the time W. Dain Higdon graduated from Harlandale High School in 1933, the education system in some ways resembled what school children experience today, but there were limitations.

"Harlandale did not have a whole lot of surplus courses," he said. "They were very weak on science. There was no chemistry or physics and no biology taught, but you could get general science."

In addition to the basic academic courses, the school offered typing and wood shop.

Schools started first day after Labor Day and ended 175 days later. The school day consisted of six classes, he said.

Harlandale educators did not have to cope with some of the more complex social problems facing schools today, Holt said.

"Back then ... kiddos that didn't want to learn were not coerced into going to school. If you wanted to learn and were willing to abide by the rules, you were allowed to attend," he said.

Higdon said he walked to San Jose Elementary School (now Carroll Bell Elementary School) in the 1920s, but he remembers other students who rode a buggy or horse to class.

"They would unhitch the (carriage) and tie the horse to a rail outside the school, and the horse would wait there until they were finished," he said.

Higdon said he was also responsible for sweeping the classes after school and for ensuring each classroom's stove was stocked with coal for the next day.

Other events marking the centennial celebration next year include historical dress-up days and history essay writings for students and a ceremony to pay tribute to past educators.

Brooks plays Santa

OWASSO, Okla. (AP) — Garth Brooks got to play Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

When Brooks came across Doug and Patty Brown lugging a load of groceries and their 15-month-old daughter, he gave them a lift home — and more.

On the way home, the Browns told the kind stranger that their car had broken down and they couldn't afford to get it fixed.

About an hour later, Brooks turned up again and handed over the keys to a 1986 Caprice Classic.

Thinking he looked familiar, Patty Brown said, she asked the donor if he wasn't Garth Brooks. "Santa" smiled and said he was just a big fan.

"He didn't do it for praise or glory," said Pat Mahl, Brooks' mother-in-law.

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3	Clothing	3.42	3.19	3.64
4	Audio/video	3.27	3.56	2.98
5	Books	3.17	3.03	3.31
6	Photographs	2.99	2.71	3.28
7	Home accessories	2.98	2.75	3.20
8	Jewelry	2.94	2.46	3.41
9	Flowers or plants	2.77	2.17	3.37
10	Kitchen gadgets and appliances	2.73	2.50	2.96
11	Sports equipment	2.69	3.30	2.08
12	Fragrance	2.66	2.34	2.97
13	Tools	2.61	3.35	1.87
14	Magazine subscriptions	2.29	2.42	2.15
15	Food or candy	2.28	2.21	2.34
16	Games	2.25	2.37	2.14

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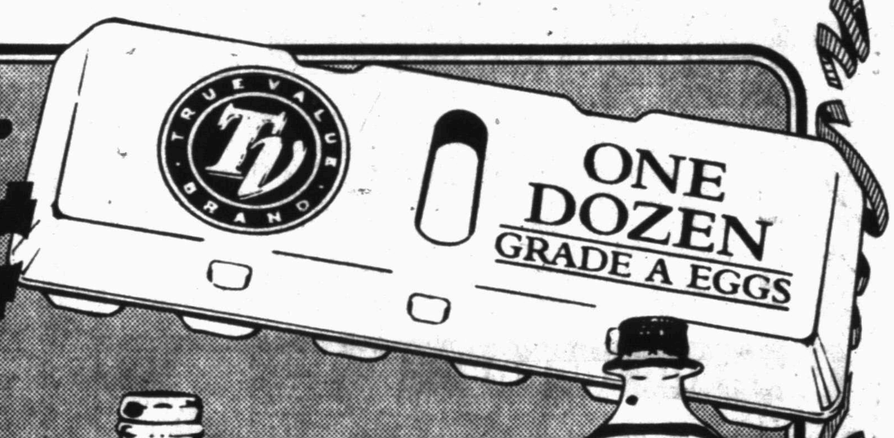
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