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WEDNESDAY
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U.S. Army employee killed in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A U.S. Army employee was killed and three other American civilians wounded today when their vehicle struck an anti-tank mine near Bardera, the next destination of the Marines' mercy mission.

The death was the first of an American since Marines came ashore in Mogadishu on Dec. 9 as the vanguard of a U.S.-led multinational force to safeguard the delivery of food to Somalia's starving.

The four, three of them State Department security officials, were in the area on a reconnaissance mission, Marine spokesman Col. Fred Peck said in Mogadishu. He said the Army employee was killed instantly.

He said a second mine was found in the area but did not know if the mines were newly laid.

"They were traveling in an area where it was assumed all known mines were marked," Peck said.

The four had traveled from Baidoa, about 120 miles north, along the same route 1,000 Marines and French paratroopers planned to take Thursday.

U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley was to fly to Bardera later today to talk to clan elders and community leaders in advance of the Marines' arrival. In fact, the helicopter that was initially to have taken him to Bardera was used to evacuate the wounded, Peck said.

He said today's incident would not affect U.S. plans to move into Bardera.

Peck noted that it was well known that the road from Baidoa to Bardera was mined, as is the road to Hoddur, where Marines are headed on Christmas.

On Tuesday, Peck said no opposition was expected in either Bardera or Hoddur, which is about 90 miles north of Baidoa.

Both towns are important distribution points for aid in a country where famine has taken up to 350,000 lives and threatens 2 million more.

The Marines planned to leave Baidoa at first light Thursday and seize Bardera's airport before sundown. Two companies of French paratroopers and one company of Marines were to then take Hoddur.

Oakley had not planned to meet today with the local warlord in Bardera, a former aide to ousted dictator Mohamed Siad Barre. The U.S. special envoy also visited Mogadishu, Beli Dogle and Baidoa before coalition forces moved into those towns, meeting with warlords.

Gen. Mohamed Said Hirsi, known as Gen. Morgan, controls Bardera.

He was among the most ruthless commanders in Siad Barre's army.

Morgan planned and executed

(see SOMALIA, page 8)

'TIS THE SEASON — This log home west of Snyder, owned by Alan and Sandy Pollard, is one of many Scurry County homes decorated in the spirit of Friday's Christmas holiday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ask Us

Q—What is the telephone number to call the President of the United States and give your opinion on something?

A—Call (202) 456-7639 and your message will be recorded.

In Brief

Barge canal

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a preliminary report on a proposed $500 million barge canal in East Texas that says the project is too expensive and would possibly harm the environment.

Critics had said they feared the project would destroy the primitive cypress swamp at Caddo Lake.

Local

Rotary Club

Snyder Rotary Club will not meet Thursday due to the Christmas holidays. The club will meet the following Thursday, on New Year's Eve.

Service

Hermleigh United Methodist Church is having a special Christmas Eve communion service beginning at 7 Thursday evening.

The public is invited.

No paper

The Snyder Daily News will not publish on Christmas Day. The annual Christmas greeting edition will be delivered Thursday morning. Regular publication will resume with the weekend edition.

Cheerleaders

Snyder High School varsity cheerleaders, bound for national competition in Dallas on Dec. 28-29, will make a public performance at 1 p.m. Saturday in the high school gym.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 65 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy and colder. Low in the mid 20s. East wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, patchy morning low cloudiness, otherwise partly cloudy. High in the mid 40s. Wind southeast 5-15 mph. Christmas weekend forecast, no precipitation expected. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:46. Sunrise Thursday, 7:40. Of 357 days in 1992, the sun has shone 333 days in Snyder.

County, other offices will close for holidays

Scurry County residents planning on taking care of last-minute business before Christmas don't have much time left.

All local financial institutions have announced they will be closing early Thursday, and will remain closed on Friday, Christmas day.

Snyder Savings & Loan, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Snyder National Bank will close at noon Thursday. AmWest Savings will close at 2 p.m.

All county buildings, including the courthouse, health unit, extension office, senior center and library, will close at the regular time this afternoon and reopen Monday.

All three public school district offices and the administrative offices at Western Texas College have already closed for the holidays. Scurry County Museum, on the college campus, is also closed and will not reopen until Jan. 4.

City Hall will close at noon Thursday and reopen Monday.

The local U.S. Postal Office will be closed Friday and will not deliver mail. Normal postal operations will occur Thursday and Saturday.

Police recover 17 firearms; identify 3 burglary suspects

Snyder police cleared two burglary cases this week, including one in which 17 firearms have been recovered.

No arrests have been made but officers have identified three suspects and the cases will be forwarded to the district attorney, said Police Sgt. Jerry Parker.

Police have identified two juvenile boys, ages 14 and 16, and an 18-year-old man as participants in the burglary of Friendly Flea Market. The burglary was reported by Ferris Bell on Dec. 10.

Police have recovered some jewelry and pocket knives taken from the business. Not all items have been recovered.

The 14-year-old and 18-year-old have also been identified as suspects in the burglary of Sparkle City Pawn, reported by Bill Early on Dec. 20. Among the items recovered by police were 16 handguns, one shotgun and various boxes of ammunition. Other items are still unaccounted for, police said.

In other police investigations Tuesday, George Alvarado contacted the department at 3:13 p.m. to report an undetermined amount of money taken at Golden Corral. A report for Class A theft has been filed.

At 12:08 p.m., employees of Allsup's contacted police in reference to a man stealing items and leaving the store. A report for Class C theft was filed.

A woman came to the police department at 1:41 p.m. Tuesday to complain that she had been assaulted by a man and another woman. Two Class C assault charges were filed.

FRESHMAN LEADERS — Officers for the Snyder High School freshman class for 1992-93 are president Clay Fuqua, right, and vice-president Jeff Levens. (SDN Staff Photo)

TU Electric notes 2 area promotions

Promotions for two TU Electric employees have resulted in the exchange of a Snyder and Sweetwater resident.

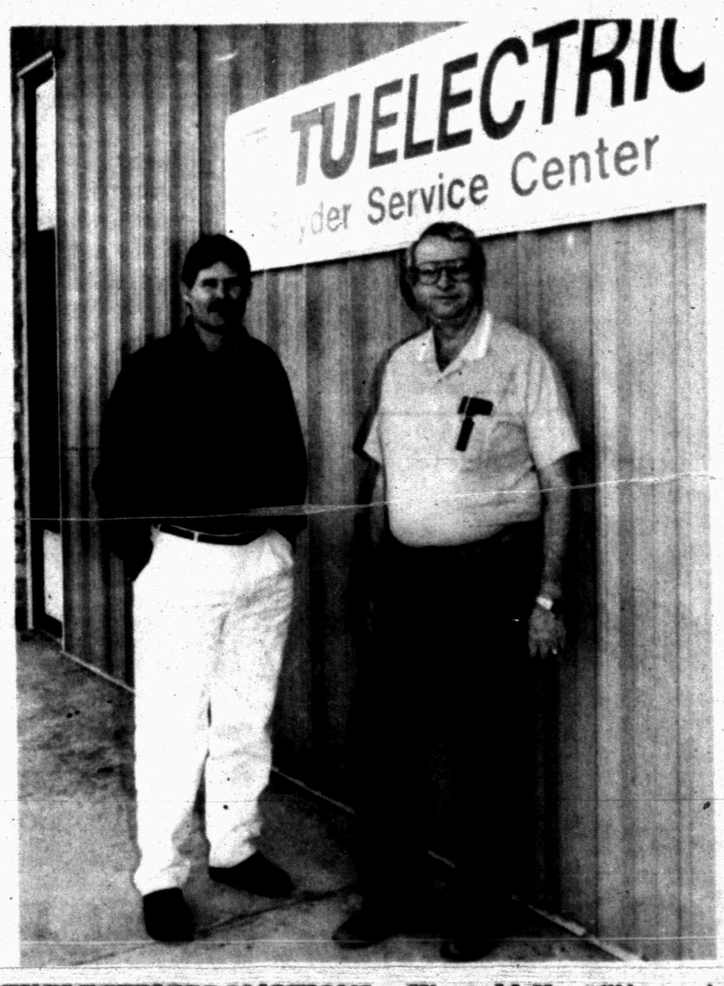
Frank Beights and Wayne McKee, both TU Electric veterans, are the latest in the transition as the company continues its reorganization that began in November.

Beights, a 33-year employee, has been promoted to the Sweetwater office, which includes the Snyder area, as district superintendent. Born in Roscoe and reared in Loraine, he began his tenure with the company in Sweetwater. He and his wife, Faye, moved to Snyder in 1968.

Coming from Sweetwater, Wayne McKee will assume the duties of foreman for Snyder Service Center, located at 2301 Ave. R. He and his wife, Lisa, are in the process of moving to Snyder.

Another native West Texan, McKee was born in Odessa and graduated from high school in Colorado City, where his father was superintendent of schools. He has also resided in Monahans.

McKee has been with TU Electric for 12 years.



TU ELECTRIC PROMOTIONS — Wayne McKee will be moving from Sweetwater soon and has assumed the duties of foreman at Snyder Service Center. Frank Beights, right, has been promoted to district superintendent in Sweetwater. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "To make each day count, you shouldn't count each day."

Once again, the Happy Hill Farm Academy and Home is benefiting from a book subtitled "How to Cook a Pig...Skin." It is the all new Dallas Cowboys Wives' Cookbook, Edition II.

As the popularity and success of the new generation Dallas Cowboys grow, so does fan interest. If you're a fan that likes to know what goes on behind the scene, then the new cookbook is for you.

The inside information of the players, coaches and their wives gets down to the nitty gritty — what they like to eat.

The current cookbook features favorite recipies from all over the country. All of the pictures are different from the 1991 edition.

Some of the unusual recipes include John Gesek's Bruno, Ray Horton's Northwest baked salmon, Michael Irvin's spicy oven-fried catfish, Mark Tuinei's seared peppered ahi, and Mark Stepnoski's mom's potato salad.

QB Troy Aikman's black buck trail drive style is unusual. Emmitt Smith's mother has submitted a recipe for shrimp creole.

Behind the cookbook is something that coincides with the spirit of the holiday season — giving. All of the funds from the sale of the Cowboys Wives Cookbook goes to Happy Hill Home scholarship fund.

Happy Hill is located on a 500-acre working farm campus near Granbury. Living there are children from five to 18 years of age, and is in its 18th year of service as a residential treatment center.

The holiday season does bring folks closer together. We heard about a guy whose wife bought him a copy of "The White Trash Cookbook."

"You want me to learn how to cook?"

"No," replied the testy wife. "I want you to learn how to read."

Missing dog story has different twist

AUSTIN (AP) — Look on almost any telephone pole in the city or in the classified ads and you'll find a sad story about a missing pet. But this one is different.

Rosie, a Pekingese, has been missing since last week when she wandered off while taking a walk.

The missing dog is causing serious problems for Sue Alexander, 41, who has epilepsy and doesn't work.

Life is rough enough for Mrs. Alexander and her two children, 11-year-old Timothy and seven-year-old Samantha. They are basically homeless and staying with friends since the camper they live in was hit recently by a car.

But life is tougher since Rosie disappeared.

"It was Thursday of last week," Mrs. Alexander said. "My son was walking her. He's 11 and you know 11-year-olds. He got a little distracted, and Rosie just followed her nose somewhere."

Mrs. Alexander says Rosie, while not trained for it, tries to alert others when Mrs. Alexander is having a seizure. The dog, whom she describes as normally very calm, will jump at the legs of others who may be in another room.

"She will alert them that I am going to have a seizure," Mrs. Alexander said. "There has to be some kind of empathy. If there's no one else around when I have a seizure, she stays around and licks my face until I come out of it, which is important because sometimes you stop breathing when you convulse. It's important to have stimulation."

Rosie is certified by one epileptic foundation in Ohio, where Mrs. Alexander lived before moving to Austin, as an "alert dog," she said.

Mrs. Alexander and her children have put up for reward $100 in Christmas money her parents gave them.

For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

SOMBRERO FOR SANTA — Ira Spanish students in grades 4th, 5th and 7th last week presented the musical, "A Sombrero For Santa." Students pictured include, from left, Chris Luna as Santa; Korby Calley, Justin Green, Katie Howard, Rylan Riggins, Jerry Jamison, and Drew Wall, all elves; and Paula Nettles as Mrs. Claus. Lillie Sullivan is the instructor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
First Presbyterian Church
28th St. and Ave. R

Thursday, December 24
11:00 p.m.
Fellowship & Refreshments, 10:00 p.m.

Holiday Service Schedule

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Snyder
St. John's Catholic Church, Hermleigh

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 1992

Youth Liturgy - St Elizabeth	5:30 p.m.
St. John's, Hermleigh	7:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth	Midnight Mass 12:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, St. Elizabeth	10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	Dec. 31 - 6:00 p.m.
St. John's	Jan. 1 - 8:30 a.m.
St Elizabeth	Jan. 1 - 10:30 a.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Grandma's Christmas Wish Is for Precious Gift of Time

DEAR READERS: A faithful reader for more than 30 years — who requested anonymity — wrote the following:

DEAR ABBY: For Christmas, I don't want another crystal bud vase. I have four under my kitchen sink, and nobody brings me flowers anyway. I don't want a sausage and cheese tray — too much cholesterol for this old lady. I don't want another music box to find a place for. I have too many now. I don't want a silk nightgown, perfumed soap, a fancy bed jacket, dusting powder or a bird feeder.

What do I want? Ask me! I'm not shy. I have told you already what I really want for Christmas, but I never got it. Maybe this time I will.

I want you to give me a few hours. Take me and my cumbersome wheelchair to the mall; I'd love to see the lights and hear the music. I would also like to be driven around town so I can see the Christmas decorations — then maybe stop for a hot cocoa.

I would like a book of postage stamps, a writing tablet with lines and some plain envelopes. I would also appreciate a decent ballpoint pen that works, and some telephone coupons so I can make a few long-distance calls to people I will probably never see again.

I would really appreciate a visit from you and other family members — especially my grandchildren who call and say, "Hi, Grandma. How are you? I love you. Gotta go. See you later. Bye!"

I would like someone to offer to pay my heating bill for one month. (With five sons, six daughters and 42 grandchildren, that shouldn't be so hard to do.) And I sure wish someone would come over here and test my smoke alarm.

I really do love all of you; otherwise, why would I feel free to tell you what is on my mind?

GRANDMA

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Is it OK to keep an engagement ring after the engagement has been broken?

My boyfriend wants the ring back, and I feel that it was a gift that is mine to keep. I need an answer fast because he is fuming.

DISENGAGED

DEAR DISENGAGED: An engagement is more than a "gift" — it signifies that a proposal of marriage has been accepted.

If there has been a change of heart — or mind — the ring should be returned. With few exceptions, if the engagement has been broken by the woman, she willingly returns the ring.

If the gentleman breaks the engagement, he may be so relieved — or guilt-ridden — he may offer to let the woman keep the ring as a consolation prize. (If it's under a half-carat.)

In most cases of a "disengagement," the woman willingly surrenders the engagement ring — and the gentleman happily accepts it.

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DEAR READERS: For folks who prefer brevity; more short poems:

Me?
Whee!
and . . .
Hired
Tired
Fired!
and . . .
Candy's dandy,
But liquor's quicker.

The first two are by Ogden Nash; the last one is Dorothy Parker's.

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Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays are all worth keeping. To order the collection, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Man admits he's wanted in Texas also

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A man arrested in Glendive has admitted that he is wanted in Texas on rape charges.

John Edwin Wallis, 49, appeared at a hearing Monday before U.S. Magistrate Richard Anderson.

Wallis admitted he is the person named in a federal fugitive warrant and waived his right to a hearing.

Anderson ordered that Wallis be sent to Texas as soon as possible to answer both federal and state charges there.

Local FBI Agent John Munis said law officers arrested Wallis on Friday at a Glendive motel after checking out the license plates on a car.

Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 23, 1992

In the year ahead you might be endowed with more drive and tenacity than you previously experienced. In situations where you were once content to be a follower you will now strive to be a leader.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Ventures or endeavors you undertake now could have promising, long range effects. Plan tomorrow with great care. What you envision is reachable. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) New life can now inspire an enterprise that looked like a lost cause. You believed in it previously and soon you may believe in it again.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Contacts you make now can do a great deal to advance your personal interests. It looks like you'll become involved with a new crowd who are doers rather than dullards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You've entered into a promising cycle that will last for the next few weeks; you can advance your status in life if you apply yourself. Set realistic objectives and pursue them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Beginning today, experiences you gain could help broaden your outlook and perspective. A happier and wiser you may result from your new slant on life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might be invited to join an endeavor at this time with someone you know and trust. The foundation already has been established, but you can still make effective contributions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Partnerships which you enter in this cycle could be beneficial for both you and your allies. There is strength, as well as opportunity, in these unions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are indications you might be given a larger range of responsibility where your work or career is concerned. Perform to the best of your ability, because rewards will be proportionate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Happy changes could now be available to you regarding your social life and popularity. Present relationships may also become more meaningful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Influences that affect your home and family life could undergo constructive changes in this time frame. Harmony will replace discord.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Listen carefully to ideas or proposals brought to you by others, because they might provide you with constructive elements that you can incorporate into your immediate plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your chart indicates a marked improvement in your financial trends. Be alert, because profitable new channels or situations might open up for you over the coming weeks.

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Governor: no decision yet on Bentsen's seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says she hopes to reach a decision soon on who she will appoint to the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Lloyd Bentsen.

"I'd like to do it this week. I'd like to get it done ... It's occupying a tremendous amount of time," Richards said after talking with more candidates Tuesday.

One candidate, Attorney General Dan Morales, has taken himself out of the running and another Republican has joined the fray.

Morales told the governor during a Tuesday afternoon meeting that he is not interested in the job, according to Morales spokesman Ron Dusek.

"He said that he is running for attorney general and he is not a candidate for the Senate," Dusek said.

The governor said she was moving "very quickly" but denied having a short list of finalists.

"I really encourage you not to think that some decision is made, because it isn't," she said.

Richards again ruled out appointing herself: "I have no interest in making this race."

Some news reports suggested that U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews of Houston was high on Richards' list.

Asked about him, she described Andrews, 48, as "personable ... attractive. I think he has a constituency."

But then she immediately mentioned several more names: U.S. Reps. John Bryant and Martin Frost, both of Dallas, U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger and Morales.

Bryant also met with Richards Tuesday. He said he didn't believe Richards had made up her mind, adding, "I'm not aware that I'm on a list or not on a list."

Frost and Krueger met with the governor on Monday. She also has talked with former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and his son Paul, 32, a Houston businessman.

With Bentsen becoming U.S. Treasury secretary, the Democratic governor will appoint an interim replacement to serve until a special election, probably in May. The winner will complete Bentsen's term, which runs through 1994.

Meanwhile, another Republican tossed his hat into the ring.

U.S. Rep. Jack Fields of Humble filed a statement of candidacy Tuesday, saying that expressions of support from friends and family have convinced him that he can win the race.

"Serving in the Senate will provide me with a larger forum in which to work for a better economic future for the state of Texas and all its citizens," Fields said.

Fields, 40, has served in Congress since 1981. He joins U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, as the second announced candidate in the race.

Barton of Ennis, declared his special election candidacy last week. Another Republican, state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, says her decision will be made soon.

While not saying who she might appoint, Richards indicated that it could be a congressman. She said experience in a statewide election wasn't essential.

Andrews raised money for Richards' 1990 gubernatorial bid and has a sizeable support base in Houston that could boost his chances in a multi-candidate special election.

However, some Democrats noted, Andrews also was named as writing overdrafts on the U.S. House bank. That issue was raised by his Republican opponent in last month's elections, but Andrews was re-elected with 56 percent of the vote.

Bremond woman claims prize

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials say a 63-year-old woman from Bremond has claimed the only jackpot lotto ticket from Saturday's drawing. It was worth nearly $3.5 million.

Christine Kubiak Patke said she heard the winning numbers broadcast on the radio Saturday night as she drove back from Waco where she spent an unsuccessful evening playing bingo.

After picking up her first installment of $181,841 from her lottery prize, Ms. Patke said that she plans to put a new roof on her house and help out her family.

Ms. Patke is a homemaker and part-time secretary. She lives on a 50-acre farm near Bremond where she raises about 20 head of cattle, lottery officials said Tuesday. Bremond is about 50 miles southeast of Waco.

Meanwhile, officials said that lottery sales are near the $1 billion mark as revenue from the games race 70 percent ahead of projections.

State Comptroller John Sharp credited the brisk pace of playing to "our fantastic start, continued strong support from the people of our state and a great retailer network."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 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 573-9924. (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 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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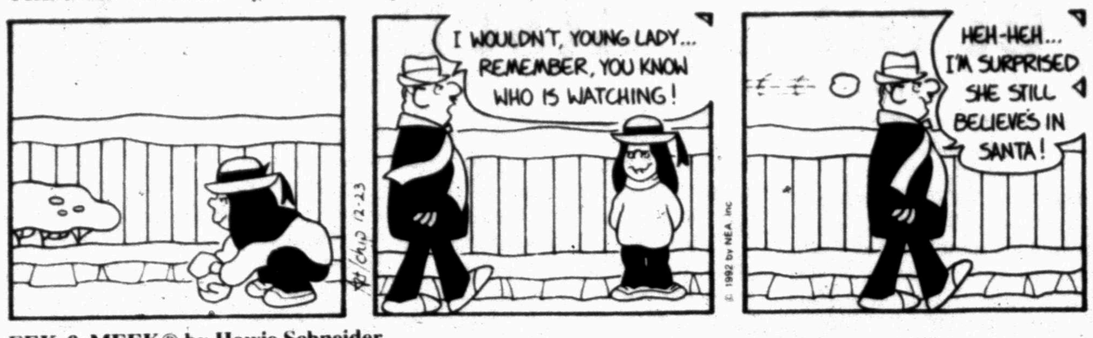

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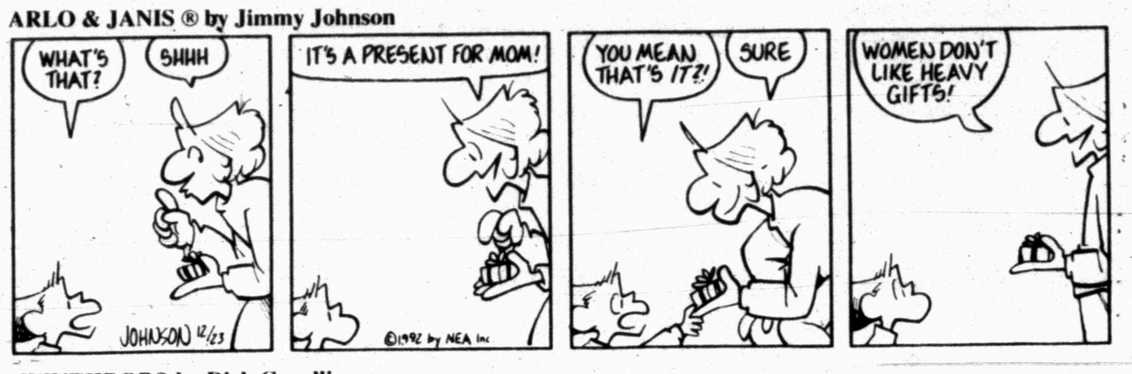

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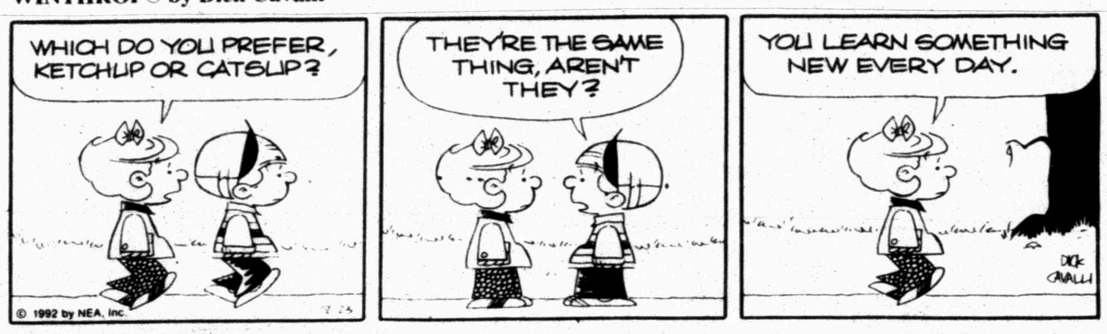

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It was on ***Cary Grant's*** recommendation that ***RKO Pictures*** bought the rights to a script called ***"The Greatest Gift."*** The property was shelved, until director ***Frank Capra*** bought the rights for $10,000 in 1945, renamed the story ***"It's A Wonderful Life"***—and made one of the best-loved movies in cinema history. ***Capra's*** first choice for leading man ***George Bailey*** was always ***Jimmy Stewart*** – but at one point he considered ***W.C. Fields*** for the role of ***Uncle Billy***!

Who played: a) ***Mary Bailey*** b) ***Uncle Billy*** c) ***Bert the Cop*** d) ***Old Man Potter*** e) ***Clarence the Angel***

Yesterday's answers: *a) The Four Seasons b) The Beach Boys c) Band Aid d) Chuck Berry e) John and Yoko/Plastic Ono Band*

Look for the answers in tomorrow's Pop Culture!

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ACROSS

1 Help
4 Biblical king
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13 Allot
15 Between MA and CT
16 Diner
18 — lily
19 Rowing implement
21 Decays
22 Silver symbol
23 Spiny fin
26 Sea mammal
29 Left
31 Vast ages
33 Chemical suffix
34 Of stars
37 Become fond of (2 wds.)
39 A continent (abbr.)
40 British school
42 Employed
43 Opposite of post
45 — Nights
48 Bible section (abbr.)
50 And others (2 wds.)
51 Large bird
54 Golly!
56 Self-sufficient person
58 Preposition
59 Each
61 Scared
63 Boredom
64 Mil. officer
65 Workers' assn.

DOWN

1 Highest (pref.)
2 Pelvic bones
3 Princess —
4 Scarlett —
5 Mount (2 wds.)
6 Range of hearing
7 Indian money (abbr.)
8 Greek peak
9 San —, Calif.
10 Future bird
12 This: Fr.
14 Opposite of yes
17 Feminine suffix
20 — and rave
24 Wax
25 Collection of facts
27 Memorization
28 Lump of earth
29 Strain for breath
30 Gravel ridges
32 North Atlantic bird
35 One — — time
36 Legendary siren
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41 Western defense org.
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47 — — my heart in San Francisco
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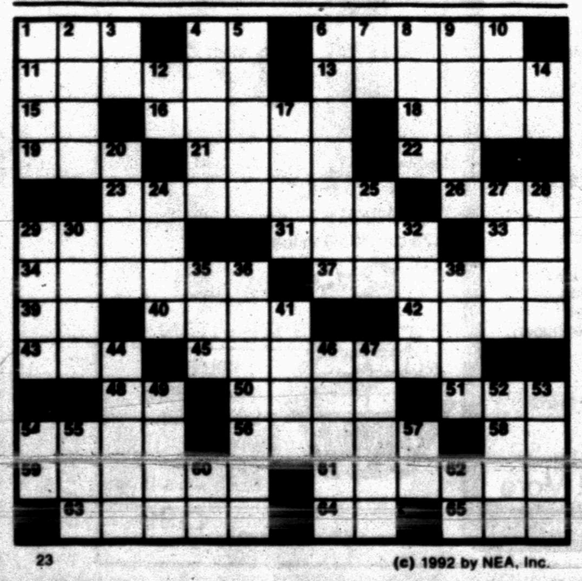

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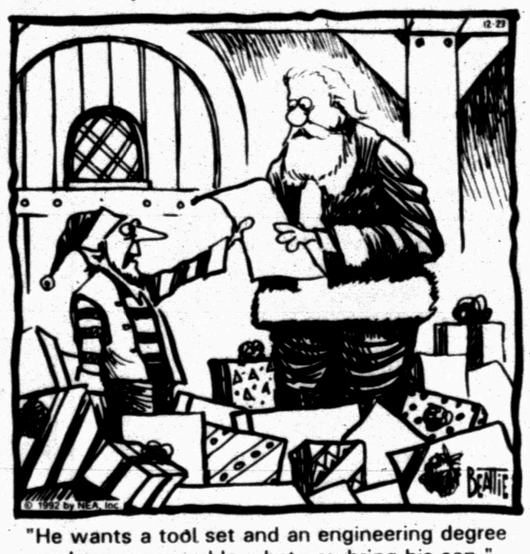

"He wants a tool set and an engineering degree so he can assemble what you bring his son."

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"JUST REMEMBER, NOBODY IS PERFECT."

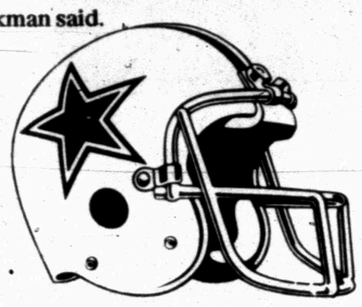
Cowboys celebrate winning East title

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Cowboys don't drink champagne.

But the Dallas Cowboys did celebrate their first outright NFC Eastern Division championship in 11 years on Tuesday with some back-slapping and T-shirt modeling.

"Champagne isn't coach (Jimmy) Johnson's style," said quarterback Troy Aikman who hit 18 of 21 passes and three touchdowns in the Cowboys 41-17 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

"We did get some T-shirts," Aikman said.



Fans stormed the ticket windows at Texas Stadium to snap up the remaining 10,000 ducats at $31 each for the Cowboys second round NFC playoff game on either Jan. 9 or Jan. 10.

Dallas will play the Minnesota Vikings if the Central Division champions win their wild-card game.

Should Minnesota lose, Dallas would play the winner of the other wild-card matchup.

The Cowboys will be shooting for a club-record 13th victory when they host the Chicago Bears at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Texas Stadium.

"This is something we've been working for since I've been here," Aikman said. "I hope in the years ahead we grow accustomed to it."

The Cowboys tied the New York Giants for the NFC East title in 1985 and won the right to advance to the playoffs on a tiebreaker.

"This was the goal we set in training camp," Johnson said. "Now we have other goals."

Owner Jerry Jones, who bought the team four years ago then made an unpopular move by summarily firing Tom Landry, said "We've grown as a club to this point. We had hoped to win the division again. This is going to be very special having that first playoff game in Texas Stadium."

Under Johnson, the Cowboys defeated Chicago on the road last year in a wild-card game then lost the next week to the Detroit Lions.

The Cowboys haven't played in a Super Bowl since 1979.

Johnson said the division title in "the toughest division in football" is another vindication for the budding dynasty which he and Jones have put together.

"Everybody figured we were in over our heads when we took over," Johnson said. "Maybe now they can see we know what we're doing."

Certainly Aikman knew what he was doing.

"Not enough can be said about No. 8," Jones said. "Aikman is having the type of year that can win championships."

Aikman said after the game "I didn't realize that I had that high of a completion percentage. Everything was working. I didn't get knocked down all night and could throw on time. The receivers did a great job of getting open against a tough pressure defense. ."

Running back Emmitt Smith scored two touchdowns to reach a club-record 20 total. He is also only five yards behind Pittsburgh's Barry Foster for the NFL running title.

Smith had 174 yards against the Falcons and was taken out of the game in the fourth period.

"I have no earthly idea why I was taken out," Smith said "but I'm not going to argue with the decision. I did feel strong. Right now the NFC East title and the Super Bowl are the most important things."

Maui Invitational semifinals...

Blue Devils blast LSU, 96-67

by The Associated Press

Talk about the rich getting richer. Duke has a bench, too.

There's been talk that the Blue Devils' depth isn't what it's been over the last couple of seasons, and that the bench could be an Achilles' heel if coach Mike Krzyzewski has to turn to it.

It didn't look that way Tuesday night, when the Blue Devils (6-0) cruised into the championship game of the Maui Invitational with a 96-67 victory over previously unbeaten Louisiana State. Duke will play Brigham Young, which beat Memphis State 73-67 in overtime in the other semifinal game, in tonight's title game.

"I didn't know how our bench would be coming into this year," Krzyzewski said. "We have three players who have played so much college basketball, but we had six we just didn't know about."

Duke's reserves provided a big lift when it was really needed. With temperatures outside the Lahaina Civic Center in the 80s and a standing room-only crowd of better than 3,000 heating things up inside, a dose of relief was helpful.

Duke, seeking its 19th straight win, led 24-13 just over 8 minutes into the game and Bobby Hurley, the point guard who has played in three straight NCAA title games, needed a rest. Enter freshman Chris Collins, who had four points in the next 2:47.

Swingman Grant Hill had eight points in the opening 7 minutes. When he had to sit, Marty Clark came on to force a quick turnover and score on a drive with 8:05 left to make it 30-17.

In other top-25 games, it was No. 3 Kentucky 65, Miami of Ohio 49; No. 5 North Carolina 84, Ohio State 64; No. 8. Iowa 90, Southern Illinois 70; No. 9 Oklahoma 105, Chaminade 88; No. 12 UCLA 80, Cal State-Northridge 73; No. 13 Syracuse 102, LeMoyne 71; Providence 81. No. 14 Arizona 66; No. 15 Purdue 48, SW Missouri State 45; No. 16 Georgia Tech 81, Tennessee-Chattanooga 74; No. 18 Florida State 95, Arkansas-Little Rock 64; No. 21 California 81, Wake Forest 65 and No. 22 Connecticut 90, Fairfield 66.

Duke shot 62 percent in the first half (18 for 29) and led 51-33, as the three stars — Hurley, Grant Hill and Thomas Hill — went a combined 12-for-16.

Thomas Hill finished with 25 points, while Hurley had 15, Grant Hill 14, Clark 13 and Collins 10 as Duke ended LSU's 12-game winning streak in Hawaii.

No. 3 Kentucky 65, Miami, Ohio 49

Jamal Mashburn scored 11 of his 26 points during a 29-13 run as Kentucky overcame a seven-point first-half deficit.

No. 5 North Carolina 84, Ohio St. 64

Eric Montross was 8 for 8 from the field and scored 20 points, and the Tar Heels (7-0) hit 10 of their first 11 shots in the second half to pull away.

No. 8 Iowa 90, S. Illinois 70

Val Barnes had a season-high 23 points and Chris Street added 20 for the Hawkeyes.

No. 9 Oklahoma 105, Chaminade 88

The Sooners used a 23-3 second-half surge to beat Division II Chaminade. Bryan Sallier had 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Sooners.

No. 12 UCLA 80, CS Northridge 73

Ed O'Bannon's dunk with 3:35 remaining snapped a tie and put the Bruins ahead. The visiting Matadors tied the game 67-67 on a 3-point shot by James Morris with 3:44 to go. O'Bannon's dunk nine seconds later triggered a 13-6 game-ending spurt.

No. 13 Syracuse 102, LeMoyne 71

Lawrence Moten had 16 points and 12 rebounds in 20 minutes for the Orangemen.

The Dolphins stayed close for five minutes before Syracuse put together runs of 19-3 and 17-2 en route to a 51-27 halftime lead.

Providence 81, No. 14 Arizona 66

Trent Forbes scored 27 points, including seven 3-pointers, and the Friars held off a second-half rally to beat the visiting Wildcats.

No. 15 Purdue 48, SW Missouri St. 45

Cuonzo Martin scored 20 points as the Boilermakers outlasted Southwest Missouri. Purdue didn't take the lead for good until Martin hit a turnaround jumper for a 32-31 edge with 10 minutes remaining.

No. 16 Georgia Tech 81, Tennessee-Chattanooga 74

James Forrest had 21 points and 17 rebounds as the Yellow Jackets rallied.

Forrest hit 8 of 15 shots and went 5 of 5 from the free throw line.

No. 18 Florida St. 95, Ark.-Little Rock 64

Doug Edwards had 16 points for the Seminoles. Florida State allowed the Trojans to get no closer than 15 points in the second half.

No. 21 California 81, Wake Forest 65

Lamond Murray scored 22 points and the Bears, sparked by the defensive wizardry of freshman guard Jason Kidd, beat Wake Forest. Cal wasn't headed after Kidd's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave the Bears a 33-30 halftime lead.

No. 22 Connecticut 90, Fairfield 66

Scott Burrell scored 19 points, Donny Marshall had a career-high 17 and Connecticut's press overwhelmed Fairfield.

Phoenix, Seattle pace NBA Pacific Division

by The Associated Press

The balance of power appears to be shifting in the NBA's Pacific Division this season.

Phoenix and Seattle, finishing third and fourth last spring, are in first and second place following victories Tuesday night over Golden State and Portland, the second and first-place teams last season.

The Suns, who have the best record in the NBA at 17-4, won their 10th consecutive game as Charles Barkley had 35 points, 16 rebounds and the game-winning tip-in with 18 seconds left in a 106-104 victory over the Warriors.

The SuperSonics also were impressive in their fourth straight win, 107-96 at Portland. Derrick McKey scored 26 points for Seattle, which played without leading scorer and rebounder Shawn Kemp because of a sprained knee.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 106, New Jersey 104; Orlando 101, Utah 98; Charlotte 130, Atlanta 114; Detroit 98, Houston 84; San Antonio 113, Denver 108; Sacramento 102, Milwaukee 99 in overtime; and the Los Angeles Clippers 108, Dallas 94.

Seattle built a 95-75 lead with 7:33 left by starting the fourth period with a 13-4 run, but the Blazers responded with a 21-4 spurt.

Cliff Robinson led all scorers with 28 points for the Trail Blazers, including 12 in the fourth period. His 3-pointer made it 99-96 with 1:17 remaining.

But the Sonics scored the final eight points of the game to hand the Blazers their third home loss in 13 outings. The outcome also broke a tie between the two teams for second place in the Pacific Division.

Spurs 113, Nuggets 108

John Lucas' NBA coaching debut was a success thanks to David Robinson's 21 points, 18 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

Lucas was hired Friday night to replace Jerry Tarkanian, who was fired 20 games into the season.

Dale Ellis and Sean Elliott scored 23 points each for the Spurs.

Clippers 108, Mavericks 94

Mark Jackson had 21 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and Ron Harper scored 25 points as Los Angeles kept Dallas winless in nine games on the road this season.

Derek Harper and Terry Davis scored 20 points each for the Mavericks.

Pistons 98, Rockets 84

Joe Dumars scored 23 points and Isiah Thomas 22 as hot Detroit cooled off Houston.

Detroit led 42-34 at halftime before rookie Robert Horry scored 12 of his 20 points in the third quarter, helping the Rockets get as close as 60-58.

Dennis Rodman, who had 18 rebounds, guarded Horry in the fourth quarter, and Detroit regained the momentum.

Kings 102, Bucks 99, OT

Sacramento snapped a 10-game road losing streak and handed Milwaukee its 11th straight loss.

Lionel Simmons scored seven of his 23 points in overtime for the Kings.

Eric Murdock had a career-high 30 points and a career-high 15 rebounds for the Bucks.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST
Connecticut 90, Fairfield 66
Providence 81, Arizona 66
Rutgers 91, Hofstra 64
Syracuse 102, LeMoyne 71
Villanova 89, Vermont 44

SOUTH
Alabama St. 107, Clark Atlanta 70
Florida St. 95, Ark.-Little Rock 64
Georgia 69, Miami 67
Georgia Tech 81, Tn.-Chattanooga 74
James Madison 70, Oregon St. 56
Kentucky 65, Miami, Ohio 49
Tennessee Tech 102, Southern Miss. 98
Va. Commonwealth 83, Murray St. 77
Virginia 86, Alabama 83
Virginia Tech 91, N.C.-Asheville 71
William & Mary 102, Shenandoah 74

MIDWEST
Iowa St. 111, Texas Southern 74
Loyola, Ill. 85, Carthage 61
North Carolina 84, Ohio St. 64
Purdue 48, SW Missouri St. 45
Tennessee 77, Dayton 61

SOUTHWEST
Houston 84, Arkansas St. 82
Lamar 90, San Diego St. 65
Oklahoma St. 65, Texas Christian 47
Texas 83, Stephen F.Austin 70
Texas A&M 57, Florida 54

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 93, NE Illinois 84
California 81, Wake Forest 65
Colorado St. 78, East Carolina 66
Montana 72, Rocky Mountain 56
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Nicholls St. 94, South Florida 84

UCF Classic
Championship
Grambling St. 94, Northeastern 83
Third Place
McNeese St. 77, Cent. Florida 73

NFL reaches labor agreement

New league contract includes unrestricted free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — After five years, the NFL has apparently reached the brink of labor peace, a peace that will include the league's first unrestricted free agency.

After 12 hours of meetings Monday and Tuesday, the players and owners announced they had reached agreement in principle on the first agreement since the 24-day strike in 1987 that threw almost all labor matters into the courts or before federal agencies.

Neither side would give details, but it is believed the agreement is very close to the "framework" agreed upon two weeks ago, which would bring free agency for the first time, impose a salary cap and cut the draft from 12 rounds to seven.

"We've had two full days of discussion totaling 12 hours," the statement said. "We made progress on the remaining issues and have reached a tentative settlement agreement in principle. We will attempt to finalize on it Monday."

Details from the meetings of the last two days were sparse, indicating two things:

— That there was indeed progress close to a settlement — when things are close, the rhetoric stops.

— Participants indicated that the agreement was still a bit shaky and that the league negotiators must still do a selling job through Christmas and over the final weekend of the regular season.

"We're trying to get from here to next Monday," one participant said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"It's got to be a fair deal or we'll have to take our chances in court," said Cleveland owner Art Modell, one of the owners who prefers negotiated settlement to court action. He said there were still some points unresolved.

The agreement follows a period in which the league's labor relations were shifted from collective bargaining to court.

Last September, a jury in Minneapolis handed down a verdict throwing out Plan B, the league's limited free agency plan. Judge David Doty, who presided at that trial, subsequently let nine unsigned veterans become free agents this season, including All-Pro tight end Keith Jackson, who left Philadelphia and signed with Miami.

Doty, who must approve this settlement, also had a behind-the-scenes role in the talks, urging the two sides to reach agreement on their own. He told both sides that neither might like any settlement he imposed.

Last week, the owners met in Dallas to consider the plan put forth in the agreement between commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Jim Quinn, lawyer for the players in the Minnesota suit and chief negotiator for them in the contract talks.

But Tagliabue could get only three members of the seven-member negotiating committee to agree on the settlement and after a long session involving all 28 teams went back to work with Quinn.

One source familiar with the framework agreed upon two weeks ago said that he had spoken Monday night with negotiators, who told him the tentative agreement didn't differ much.

That would mean free agency for players with five years' experience and a salary cap kicking in when player costs reach 67 percent of gross revenue. It would include a seven-round draft with $2 million per team allocated for draft choices — less than some high first-rounders get now.

It also would allow teams to designate a "franchise player" who would be protected through the life of his contract. Teams would also be able to protect two players this year, one next year and none thereafter.

In general, that would allow most teams to keep stars.

Moon's status upgraded for Sunday

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon likely will be listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the Buffalo Bills, a team spokesman has said.

Oilers spokesman Bob Schranz said it was still undecided Tuesday whether Moon would play this weekend in Houston's regular-season finale.

However, Moon will return to practice and an X-ray indicated his injury was "looking better," Schranz said.

Moon broke his upper left arm Nov. 15 against Minnesota and has missed five straight games.

Celebrity quail hunt is planned

A benefit celebrity quail hunt has been scheduled Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8-9, to benefit the baseball program at Abilene Christian University.

Among the baseball celebrities scheduled to appear are Hall of Fame pitcher Ferguson Jenkins from the Texas Rangers, Ranger catcher Geno Petralli, and former Ranger pitchers Jeff Russell and Bobby Witt from the Oakland A's and Danny Darwin from the Boston Red Sox.

Rick Rhodes, mayor of Sweetwater, is coordinating the hunt for native West Texas quail on leases near Sweetwater. The guided hunt is limited to the first 30 hunters at a donation of $1,000 each. Rhodes said plans call for three paid hunters to hunt with a celebrity in groups of four during the weekend.

Also scheduled to appear are former Ranger manager Toby Harrah, Cleveland Indian manager Mike Hargrove and Los Angeles Raider punter Jeff Gossett.

The tentative plan for the hunt includes sporting clay competition Friday afternoon at Red Bluff Hunting Camp and the guided hunt with bird dogs Saturday morning and afternoon.

Chuck wagon meals will be available for paid hunters and an awards ceremony is slated following the hunt at Brooks Ranch.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	16	7	.696	—
Orlando	12	9	.571	3
New Jersey	13	12	.520	4
Boston	11	13	.458	5½
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	8½
Washington	7	17	.292	9½
Miami	6	16	.273	9½
Central Division				
Chicago	16	7	.696	—
Cleveland	14	11	.560	3
Detroit	12	10	.545	3½
Charlotte	13	11	.542	3½
Indiana	13	11	.542	3½
Atlanta	11	13	.458	5½
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	14	8	.636	—
Houston	13	8	.619	½
San Antonio	11	11	.500	3
Denver	7	15	.318	7
Minnesota	5	15	.250	8
Dallas	2	18	.100	11
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	17	4	.810	—
Seattle	16	7	.696	2
Portland	15	8	.652	3
LA Lakers	14	8	.636	3½
LA Clippers	14	10	.583	4½
Golden State	11	13	.458	7½
Sacramento	7	16	.304	11

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Wednesday's Games
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
San Antonio at LA Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 9 p.m.

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Dry weather likely through end of month

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The wet weather hampering field work should dry up by Christmas and remain dry for much of the state through the end of December, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

An upper-air disturbance will trigger showers over much of the eastern half of Texas Wednesday, but a cold front will change that by early Thursday, said Dr. Mickey Flynn, meteorologist at the Southwest Agricultural Weather Service in College Station.

"We'll have an arctic cold front barreling through the state late Wednesday that should reach the Rio Grande Valley by early Thursday," Flynn said. "Temperatures will be cold throughout the state, and there possibly could be a light freeze in some areas of the Valley, maybe on Christmas day, although there doesn't seem to be a very strong threat to the area."

There is a chance of some freezing precipitation over a large portion of Central and North Texas early Thursday, he said. Temperatures should drop into the teens in the High Plains and Rolling Plains and into the 20s over much of North, East and Central Texas, including the Hill Country.

"These things are hard to forecast, so it's hard to tell exactly what the extent will be," he said.

"Beyond that, Christmas day should be cold and dry, with some moderating of temperatures over the weekend."

The six-to-10 day forecast calls for normal temperatures over most of the state for the bulk of next week, he said. No forecast for the first week of January will be available until next week, he said.

The wet weather has been a hindrance to many producers this month, he said.

"We're almost in last year's El Nino pattern without having El Nino," he said, referring to the periodic Pacific Ocean currents that bring heavy rainfall to much of the West and Southwest. "It's wet, and farmers still can't do anything in many areas."

However, he added, it's not nearly as bad as the record floods of December 1991.

"There aren't many prospects for great improvement, but hopefully we won't have any floods like we did last year," he said.

Recent moisture has brought both blessings and problems for producers throughout the state. While Panhandle and South Plains wheat fields and pastures were helped by the moisture, unharvested cotton crops in the northern half of the state are still left in the fields.

"The moisture is good for the wheat crop, and soil moisture is now adequate after the snow early last week," said Paul Gross of Amarillo, district Extension director in the Panhandle. Gross said the area received between 4 and 9 inches last week and said snowdrifts were still in the melting stage early this week.

Wheat crops in the Rolling Plains, however, were somewhat hampered by wet conditions, said Stan Bevers, Extension economist in Vernon. While early wheat is doing well and providing some grazing for cattle, late dry-sown wheat is just beginning to emerge and stands are spotty, he said.

"Overall, the situation is rated as fair," he said.

Bevers said cotton producers kept harvests suspended last week because of the wet weather, meaning up to half the area's crop is still in the fields.

"That's extremely disappointing because we know the cotton already harvested has provided above-average yields and grades, but this may no longer be the case," he said.

Livestock are in generally good condition throughout the state, although normal supplemental feeding is taking place and ranchers are urged to take standard precautions against cold and wet weather, several district directors report.

Ranges, pastures and forage vary throughout the state from fair to good.

"The November rainfall triggered winter grasses and forbs, but the cold weather has slowed growth," said Jode Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde.

"Vegetable farmers are very concerned with the heavy rains, high humidity and heavy overcast skies, because they remember when similar weather last December caused them to lose most of the spinach and a substantial amount of cabbage ready for harvest in December and January. Disease problems to onions were also significant."

Still, he said, last week's rainfall and the clear forecast for Christmas are good news overall for Southwest Texas, especially because they help spring planting prospects.

"The year is ending on a high note," Pena said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture is adequate. Heavy snowfall melting; moisture helps wheat crop. Farming halted by wet conditions. Some cotton still unharvested. Cattle feeding active; cold, wet conditions cause some cattle stress.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture is mostly adequate. More snow, ice bring field activities to standstill. Cotton 90 percent harvested. Supplemental feeding required. Moisture expected to benefit wheat and pastures.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Wet weather halts most field work. Open, warm weather needed for wheat; planting still incomplete. Some oat planting. Forage short. Pastures, ranges, cattle fair. Cotton only 50 percent harvested.

NORTH CENTRAL: Soil moisture is surplus to adequate. Rains stop most field activity. Much winter feeding of beef cattle. Wheat planting, cotton harvest active. Wheat excellent to fair. Ranges, pastures good to poor. Some good greens crops.

NORTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture is surplus. Heavy rains bring surplus soil moisture. Wheat fully emerged, good condition. Cattle, winter pastures good condition. Pecan yields generally unfavorable. Good greens crop.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture is very short to adequate. Cattle fair to good; supplemental feeding increases with inclement weather. Snow, rain delay final cotton harvests. Weather makes unharvested pecans inedible.

WEST CENTRAL: Soil moisture is short to surplus. Wheat responding well to recent rains. Winter grasses, forbs growing more slowly. Livestock good; producers feeding on regular basis. Wet conditions hamper pecan harvest.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture is surplus to adequate. Pasture grasses short; cattle losing weight. Pecan yields remain fair to poor. Cole crop, leafy green vegetable harvests continue. Aphid infestations high in mustard greens and turnips.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Ranges, livestock good; supplemental feeding continues.

OUTSTANDING BANDSMEN — LaTrish Lee, eighth grader, and Traci Eicke, seventh grader, (from left) were named November bandsmen of the month for Snyder Junior High. (SDN Staff Photo)

BANDSMEN OF THE MONTH — Snyder Junior High's bandsmen for the month of December are eighth grader; Jay Holley and seventh grader Windy Wood. (SDN Staff Photo)

Air fares to go up on Christmas Eve

NEW YORK — (AP) — Major airlines are raising fares on Christmas Eve even as the government tries to make price increases a riskier venture.

The Justice Department, which sued eight major airlines Monday over their pricing policies, wants to install a system that would make airlines more likely to lose business if they raise prices and competitors don't follow.

The fare hikes, announced Tuesday, appear part of an effort to get in as many increases as possible before the government makes it more difficult, said Tom Parsons, editor of Best Fares magazine, which tracks ticket prices.

Starting Thursday night, one-way, unrestricted tickets will rise by $10 to $80. The increase affects tickets most often purchased by business travelers and others who buy at the last minute.

The Justice Department focused on a computer system that allows travel agents and passengers to get advance word of price changes. The problem is, the government says, other airlines also learn about the changes and can coordinate their fare increases. That's price-fixing, the government says.

Currently, airlines announcing fare increases in advance usually cancel the hikes before they take effect if other airlines fail to go along. But without that advance word, airlines that increase fares could be left dangling.

Simultaneously with the Justice Department's price-fixing lawsuit, United and USAir, without admitting wrongdoing, offered on Monday to settle the lawsuit by no longer announcing fare increases in advance via computer. The settlement is subject to approval by a judge. Northwest plans to go along with the settlement.

The other airlines named in the suit, American, Delta, Continental, TWA and Alaska Airlines, have not announced any plans to change their pricing practices.

Airlines have frequently had to delay or modify fare increases when competitors refused to go along.

Airlines say that their huge losses recently show they aren't fixing prices and that if they can't give advance notice of fare increases, consumers will suffer.

"No other industry is prevented from announcing sales or price increases, and travel consumers should not be prohibited from receiving similar information regarding airline fares," said Robert W. Coggin, Delta's senior vice president of marketing.

Mass schedule

The following Christmas holiday services will be observed at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder and St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh.

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24) services will be as follows:

—St. Elizabeth, youth liturgy, 5:30 p.m.

—St. John's, 7:30 p.m.

—St. Elizabeth, Midnight Mass, 12 p.m.

The Christmas Day Mass (Friday, Dec. 25) will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth.

The New Year's schedule is as follows:

—St. Elizabeth, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.

—St. John's, Jan. 1, 8:30 a.m.

—St. Elizabeth, Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Four arrested in crime gang

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have arrested four suspects they believe burglarized dozens of homes after cutting wires to diffuse security and lighting systems.

Police made the arrests after uncovering an East Dallas home filled with looted goods worth tens of thousands of dollars.

Neighbors tipped police when they observed cars coming and going, and furniture and other large items being moved in and taken out, said Sgt. Norman Gates.

Police arrested two suspects, whose names were not released, after watching them drive away from the East Dallas home in a truck containing stolen computers, a grandfather clock and a television.

Police then used tear gas to flush out a third suspect hiding in the attic of the home. The third suspect was also unidentified.

A fourth person, believed to be related to one of the other suspects, was arrested Tuesday night.

Police said it took two trucks just to haul away the numerous televisions, computers, VCRs, and other stolen property.

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Family stunned by relative's shotgun death

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Relatives of a man shot to death in front of his home say they can't figure out why anybody would want to kill him.

Kenny Rose had achieved all his dreams. He had his own business, a loving family and a host of neighbors and friends who respected him. But in a matter of seconds, that was all shattered by a murderer's bullet.

On Sunday night Rose, owner of an auto glass shop in east Fort Worth, died on the floor of his southwest Arlington home after a bullet punctured his chest.

Police investigating the homicide Tuesday said they had no leads.

"He never harmed anyone," said Rose's sister-in-law, Stephanie Armstrong. "He was a family man. Everything he did was strictly for and with his family."

The couple and their daughters, La Kenya 10, and La Kendra, 8, were sitting at their dining room table when a vehicle pulled into the drive.

Kenny Rose stepped outside to see who it was. Seconds later, La Tanya Rose, saw her husband stumble inside and collapse in the hallway.

Dorothy Rose, 53, said her son carried a gun outside, but it was not loaded.

The family caught a glimpse of a truck backing out of the drive.

"He said, 'I've been shot,' and fell," his mother, Dorothy Rose, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "La Tanya was calling 911 and his oldest girl was holding him in her arms."

La Kenya Rose tried to stop the bleeding by applying pressure to her father's chest. He died moments later.

Arlington police Sgt. Dixie Stout said police have interviewed neighbors, but no witnesses have been found.

Yet police say Rose may have known his killer.

"It seems like someone was after him or someone in that residence," said police spokesman Dee Anderson.

About 15 minutes after the shooting, a caller telephoned the Roses' home and spoke to La Tanya Rose, mentioning her husband by name, according to Mrs. Rose's mother, Lora Johnson.

Police declined to talk about the telephone call.

Friends said Rose was a devout Christian who went out of his way to help others.

Three years ago, Rose took over the auto glass business his family has owned since 1973. The telephone at the shop rang continuously Monday and several teary-eyed customers dropped by to confirm reports of his death.

John Gray, 25, said Rose hired him to work in the shop after his business failed.

"When I lost my business about a year ago, he said come on down here and work," Gray said. "He helped me out when he didn't have to, but he was just that kind of guy."

George H. Glasker Jr., minister as Mitchell Boulevard Church of Christ in Fort Worth, said Kenny Rose was a dedicated minister.

"Kenny was a fine, gentle man and a great gospel preacher," Glasker said.

Police said there appears to be no connection between Rose's killing and that of Hubert C. Hall, who was fatally shot Monday in his home, less than a mile from Rose's residence. The two men also owned businesses within blocks of each other in east Fort Worth. Both died of a single gunshot.

Detective Jim Ford said the similarities in the shootings appear to be coincidental.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	635/8	631/4	631/4	-1/2
Albtsn	527/8	521/4	525/8	+1/8
AlliedSignal	613/4	603/4	615/8	+11/8
ALLTEL Cp	495/8	491/8	495/8	+1/2
AmStores	451/8	447/8	45	-1/8
Amer T&T	511/4	503/8	511/4	+7/8
Ameritech	737/8	723/4	733/4	+11/4
Amoco	511/8	501/2	511/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	277/8	271/2	271/2	-3/8
Arkla	81/2	81/4	81/4	-1/4
ArmcoInc	65/8	63/8	61/2	
AtlRichfld	1143/8	1133/4	1137/8	
BakerHugh	181/2	181/8	181/4	+1/8
BancTexas	17/8	13/4	17/8	+1/8
BellAtl	531/2	527/8	533/8	+3/8
BellSouth	533/4	527/8	533/4	+5/8
Beth Steel	16	153/4	157/8	-1/8
Borden	291/4	283/4	283/4	-3/8
Caterplr	543/4	541/4	545/8	+3/8
Centel	333/4	333/8	335/8	+1/8
CenSoWst s	293/4	291/8	293/4	+1/2
Chevron	69	683/4	69	-1/4
Chrysler	32	311/2	32	+1/4
Coastal	237/8	231/2	237/8	+3/8
CocaCola s	433/4	431/4	435/8	
ColgP	563/8	555/8	553/4	-7/8
ComlMetl	261/8	26	26	+1/4
CooperIn	471/8	47	471/8	-1/8
CyprusMn	293/8	29	293/8	+1/8
DallSemicn	133/8	133/8	133/8	+1/8
DeltaAirl	511/2	503/4	507/8	-1/2
DigitalEq	327/8	311/2	321/2	+13/8
Dillard s	491/2	481/8	493/8	+7/8
DowChem	591/8	583/4	587/8	+3/8
DresserInd	173/4	171/2	175/8	
DuPont	485/8	481/4	481/2	+1/8
EstKodak	41	403/4	407/8	+1/8
EljerInd	87/8	87/8	87/8	-1/8
Enserch	147/8	145/8	143/4	+1/8
Exxon	627/8	621/4	623/4	+3/8
FlowerInd	191/4	19	191/4	+1/8
FordMotor	42	413/8	417/8	+1/8
GTE Cp	345/8	341/8	345/8	+3/8
GnDynam	1051/8	1041/4	1045/8	+5/8
GenElct	871/4	865/8	87	
GnMill	721/2	717/8	72	
GenMotors	33	321/2	33	+1/2
GenMotrE s	335/8	331/4	331/4	-1/4
GaPacif	613/4	613/8	611/2	-1/4
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/8	-1/8
Goodrich	471/8	463/4	471/8	+3/8
Goodyear	671/8	661/8	671/8	+13/8
GtAtlPac	247/8	245/8	247/8	
Gulf StaUt	161/4	161/8	161/8	
Halliburtn	287/8	285/8	283/4	-1/8
Hanson	177/8	173/4	173/4	-1/4
HoustInd	463/8	461/4	461/4	-1/8
IBM	525/8	511/4	523/8	+5/8
IntlPaper	651/2	643/4	651/8	-5/8
JohnsnJns s	525/8	507/8	507/8	—21/4
K mart s	245/8	241/4	245/8	+3/8
Kroger	141/2	143/8	143/8	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	9-16	+1-16
Litton s	457/8	451/2	455/8	
vjLoneStar	21/2	21/2	21/2	
Lowes s	247/8	245/8	243/4	
Lubys	213/4	213/8	213/8	-1/2
Maxus	61/2	63/8	61/2	+1/8
MayDSt	687/8	681/2	685/8	-3/8
Medtronic	937/8	931/4	937/8	+1/4
Mobil	631/8	625/8	63	+1/4
Monsanto	565/8	563/8	561/2	+1/8
Motorola	1051/2	103	1051/4	+21/4
Motorla wi	521/2	513/4	521/2	+3/4
Nationsbk	521/2	52	521/8	-1/2
Navistar	23/8	21/4	21/4	-1/8
Nynex	88	873/8	877/8	+5/8
OryxEngy	191/4	183/4	191/8	-1/4
PacTelesis	47	463/8	47	+1/4
PanhECp	17	167/8	167/8	-1/8
PenneyJC	751/4	741/2	751/4	+3/4
Pennzoil	503/4	503/8	503/8	-3/8
PepBoys	231/8	227/8	23	-1/4
PhelpD s	461/2	46	461/2	-1/4
PhilipPet	251/4	251/8	251/8	+1/4
PilgrmPrd	61/4	61/8	61/4	
Polaroid s	32	311/2	317/8	+1/4
Praxair n	163/4	161/2	165/8	+1/8
Primerica	485/8	481/4	485/8	
ProctGamb s	551/4	543/8	551/4	+1/2
PubS NwMx	121/4	121/8	121/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	131/2	133/8	131/2	
SaraLee s	317/8	311/8	311/4	-1/8
SearsRoeb	443/4	441/4	443/8	-1/4
SherwinW	311/2	311/4	311/2	+1/8
SmthBck s	383/4	381/4	383/4	—1
SmthBc eqt s	34	331/2	335/8	—11/2
Southern Co	391/8	385/8	387/8	+1/8
SwAirl s	291/4	291/8	291/8	-1/4
SwstBell	733/4	731/4	735/8	+1/4
Sprint	255/8	253/8	255/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	33/4	35/8	35/8	-1/8
SunCo	28	277/8	28	
TNP Ent	19	187/8	19	+1/8
Tandy	303/4	301/2	301/2	
TemplInl	511/2	511/8	511/4	+3/8
Tenneco	393/8	381/4	391/4	+3/8
Texaco	595/8	591/8	595/8	+1/2
TexasInd	21	203/4	21	+1/4
TexasInst	461/8	455/8	453/4	-1/4
Tex Util	435/8	421/4	431/2	+3/8
Textron	417/8	411/4	417/8	+1/8
US West	395/8	391/8	395/8	+1/2
USX-Marathn	175/8	173/8	171/2	-1/8
USX-USS	321/2	32	321/8	-5/8
UnCarbde	167/8	161/2	163/4	-1/8
UnPac	591/4	587/8	59	-1/8
UnisTech	49	485/8	483/4	+1/2
Unocal	251/8	247/8	251/8	+1/8
WalMart	643/4	623/8	641/2	+11/4
WstnGasRs	25	24	247/8	+7/8
WestghEl	131/4	13	13	+1/8
WinnDixie	781/2	78	783/8	+3/8
Woolwth	311/4	30	303/4	-5/8
Xerox Cp	791/2	791/4	793/8	
ZenithE	61/8	6	61/8	

Clinton names new foreign policy team; domestic next

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — With his economic and foreign policy teams in place, President-elect Clinton is focusing on filling four remaining Cabinet seats, including the marquee post of attorney general.

Transition aides said Clinton planned to appoint the first woman to head the Justice Department. Mentioned most prominently was Washington attorney Brooksley Born, although at least two other women still were believed to be in the running Tuesday.

Clinton also must choose agriculture, interior and transportation secretaries. His staff said appointments were not expected today, although aides did not rule out a late change in plans. The president-elect said he still hoped to finish the Cabinet selection process by Christmas.

On Tuesday, Clinton announced his eight-member foreign policy team. Leading the group were lawyer-diplomat Warren Christopher and House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin, D-Wis., as secretary of state and defense, respectively.

Christopher, 67, is Clinton's transition director. An experienced diplomat who negotiated the release of 52 Americans held hostage in Iran, he was No. 2 at the State Department during the Carter administration.

Aspin, 54, is a defense expert who isn't afraid of bucking his Democratic colleagues on arms policy.

Most of Clinton's appointees cut their teeth during the Cold War, but they must now grapple with ethnic warfare in Yugoslavia, anarchy and starvation in Somalia, budding democracy in the former Soviet sphere.

"The world is no longer a simple place with clear choices," Clinton said. He spoke with difficulty, his voice hoarse from winter allergies.

The president-elect named his economic team last week. Of the remaining positions to be filled, Chicago banker William Daley appeared the near-certain pick for transportation, although Clinton still wants to find a job for former Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard, a close friend and strong campaign supporter.

Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt has been the favorite for the Interior Department, although Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., figured in the speculation again Tuesday. Sensitive to criticism that his Cabinet is not diverse enough, Clinton might choose Richardson, a Hispanic, over Babbitt, aides said.

If so, Babbitt could be named trade representative if he is passed over for interior secretary, aides said.

Rep. Mike Espy, D-Miss., still figured prominently for agriculture, although senior transition aides called this pick "fluid." New names surfaced this week, including Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., and Colorado Gov. Roy Romer.

Born, the possible choice for attorney general, is liberal-leaning and is a close friend of Hillary Clinton, with whom she served on the American Bar Association's women's committee. Other candidates to head the Justice Department apparently include Shirley Hufstedler, a liberal activist and former education secretary under President Carter, and Washington federal appeals court judge Patricia Wald.

At his news conference Tuesday, Clinton named Madeleine Albright, a veteran Democratic foreign policy adviser and lecturer, to serve as ambassador to the United Nations, a post the president-elect said he would elevate to Cabinet-level status. His choice for CIA director was James Woolsey, Carter's undersecretary of the Navy and President Bush's negotiator for a conventional forces treaty in Europe.

Rounding out the team were:

—Anthony Lake, a veteran foreign affairs specialist who once worked for Henry Kissinger and also served in the Carter State Department, as national security adviser.

—Retired Adm. William J. Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Presidents Reagan and Bush and a Clinton campaign adviser, to head the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which reviews proposed covert operations.

—Clifton R. Wharton Jr., a former university president and currently the chief executive of a New York company that controls some $100 billion in pension funds, to be Christopher's deputy at State.

—Samuel Berger, a top Clinton campaign and transition adviser, to be Lake's top deputy at the National Security Council.

Somalia

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the bombing raids that reduced the northern Somalia town of Hargeisa to rubble in the civil war that preceded the dictator's January 1991 downfall.

Even as Operation Restore Hope progressed, the argument over the mission's goals intensified.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who insists the U.S.-led force disarm roving gunmen and set up a police force before heading home, met in New York on Tuesday night with Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

No one commented on the meeting's outcome.

Eagleburger then sat in with a group of U.N. and U.S. officials to try to resolve differences that Boutros-Ghali has not hesitated to publicize, most recently in a weekend letter to the Security Council released on Monday.

President Bush wants to quickly wrap up three-week-old Operation Restore Hope and have U.N. peacekeepers replace the Americans.

Americans in Somalia say disarming is not feasible militarily, or desirable politically.

Critics of the U.S. plan argue that the looters who plagued relief efforts before the Marines landed — and are now lying low in areas foreign forces have reached — would quickly resume their pillaging.

Washington's hopes that a conventional U.N. peacekeeping force will swiftly replace the U.S. troops. Bush would like to pull out Americans next month.

Peck, the Marine spokesman, said Tuesday that the operation was about two weeks ahead of schedule, largely because it has met no opposition.

Obituaries

Ivan Zeck, co-founder of Y-Z Industries, dies at 91

1901-1992

Ivan V. Zeck, co-founder of an oilfield business that became Y-Z Industries, died at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. Officiating will be a grandson, Mark Zeck of Snyder.

Mr. Zeck, 91, was born in Robinson County, Tenn., and he married Callie Polm on Sept. 27, 1923 in Parkers Landing, Pa.

The oil boom brought Mr. Zeck to Snyder in 1949. He lived in Iowa Park and worked for Harlow-Samons, Inc. in Wichita Falls.

After moving to Snyder, Mr. Zeck and a partner, Red Young, leased the machine and engine shop business, and Mr. Zeck later bought out his partner. The firm changed its name to Y-Z Engineers and now is known as Y-Z Industries, operating world wide.

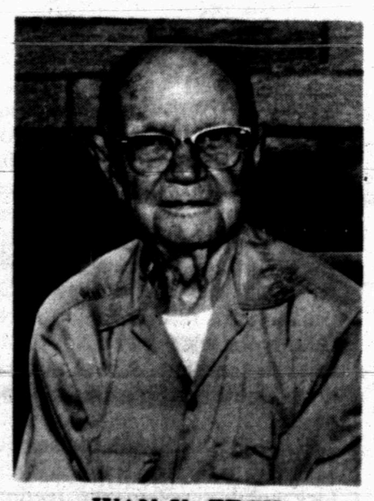
Mr. Zeck also worked for Mobil Oil for 12 years, and worked on the first electric cable tool for the company which was then known as Magnolia.

In a 1989 interview, Mr. Zeck said he "was always trying to invent something" and that it came naturally. He acquired several patents for oilfield-related products. At age 65, Mr. Zeck learned to fly an airplane.

A family business, Mr. Zeck was joined in the company by his son, Ted E. Zeck, and later by his grandsons, Paul and Mark Zeck.

Mr. Zeck lived in Waldron, Ark., for 12 years, returning to Snyder in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Callie Zeck of Snyder; a son, Ted E. Zeck of Snyder; two daughters, Bonnie Faye Hale of Waldron, Ark., and Sophie Michie of Snyder; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



IVAN V. ZECK

Robert McAfee

1920-1992

LUBBOCK — A memorial service is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Agape United Methodist Church for Robert H. "Mac" McAfee, 72, who died Tuesday in Methodist Hospital after a long illness.

Cremation was under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. McAfee was the stepfather of Patrick Roddy of Snyder.

Born in Liberty, Mo., Mr. McAfee moved to Lubbock in 1978. He married Martha Gay Roddy on March 18, 1978 in Seymour.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He worked for the Kemper Group and was a certified boiler and pressure vessel inspector.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bruce McAfee and Leslie McAfee, both of Los Angeles; three other step-children; Mark Roddy of Stuart, Fla., Debby Roddy of Lubbock and Casey Roddy of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Joseph Burleson, HC 72 Box 83; Estelle Lee, Snyder Nursing Center.

DISMISSALS: Kay Muhle and baby.

Census: 49 (Med.-14, Long-Term Care-34, CCU-1).

Births

Ryan Marlar announces the birth of his brother, Casey Tate, born on Dec. 19 in Irving Hospital. He weighed four pounds and nine ounces. Their parents are Scott and Rissa Marlar of Bedford.

Grandparents are Don and Shirley Head of Snyder and Don and Darlene Marlar of Abilene.

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Keeping Christmas in midst of war presents challenge

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Shrapnel, bullets and winter's chill had forced the Slokar family to mostly keep to their kitchen. The spirit of Christmas inspired them to venture back into the living room.

The first ornament they hung on their frail tree Tuesday was a small red apple, the gift of a teacher friend killed in Bosnia's war.

"Family life is the easy part," said Mary Angela Slokar, 44, who eight years ago moved her family from Houston to her husband's native Bosnia. "You have to not let other things bother you, like no water, no electricity."

Caritas, the Catholic relief organization, employs both Slokars.

The couple and their four children — Antony, 14; Mary Angela, 12; Chedomil Jr., 10; and Teresa, 9 — and Slokar's mother Mary have escaped injury.

But all the windows in their home have been shattered, shrapnel caved in one part of the roof and the outside is peppered with bullet holes.

The family has spent most of the worst part of the war in the kitchen, and it is around that room's wood-burning stove that much of Christmas is being celebrated.

The family could have evacuated when the war started in April, but chose to stay.

"It's a challenge. It was dangerous, and scary for the children .... But this is my city, I belong here," said Chedomil Slokar, 50, formerly a globe-trotting oil worker.

The Slokars have remained through a war that has claimed the lives of at least 17,000 people. Sarajevo, under siege by Serb gunners, has now been without water, electricity or telephones for nearly three weeks.

On Tuesday, the family spread out two huge boxes of ornaments in their living room. Their contents were more than the scraggly two-foot pine could hold, but with wood scarce in this city without heat, the small tree was the best they could do.

The apple-shaped ornament was a gift from the children's favorite homeroom teacher, a Serb who was killed in shelling of the city last May.

Mrs. Slokar and her husband — wearing winter parkas — watched as the children danced around the tree.

They sang "Amazing Grace," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," along with local Christmas tunes.

The Slokar children were the star singers of Sarajevo Christmas pageants in years past. There will be no pageant this year.

To make presents this year, everyone raided mom's sewing basket.

Young Mary Angela's projects included a stuffed camel for her father, a stuffed guitar for Antony and a stuffed snake for her younger brother. He, too, tried his hand at sewing, making both gifts and part of the family creche.

"The statue of Joseph won't stand up because we made his head heavier than his feet," said Mary Angela, trying to force it upright.

There'll be no traditional Christmas dinner of roast suckling pig and stuffed cabbage.

"This year we don't even know what cabbage looks like," Mrs. Slokar said.

A few traditions did survive the violence. Caritas imported 3,000 pounds of wheat seeds, whose green sprouts Bosnians look to as symbols of new life. The Slokar's planted theirs in margarine cups.

Judge reduces sentence for PTL founder Bakker

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A lawyer for Jim Bakker says the fallen television evangelist could be home by next Christmas after a judge cut 10 years off his prison sentence.

Bakker was sentenced to 45 years in prison after his 1989 fraud conviction for bilking followers out of more than $160 million. But U.S. District Judge Graham Mullen later reduced the term to 18 years after an appeals court threw out the original sentence.

Mullen decided Tuesday that "on further reflection the sentence seems unduly harsh." He cut it to eight years.

Bakker's attorneys last month requested the second reduction. They argued that Bakker was a model prisoner at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., and had expressed remorse in a letter read to the court.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is vertigo related to menopause?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can there be a connection between menopause and severe vertigo attacks? I've had two to four such attacks yearly for the last four years. They begin with severe dizziness, followed by eight to 12 hours of vomiting that require my staying in bed for several days to recuperate. Two relatives have suffered the same symptoms and have been treated with Compazine. Once menopause symptoms were gone, the attacks disappeared.

DEAR READER: I don't know whether vertigo and menopause are related in some women; it's an intriguing hypothesis.

The trouble is that vertigo is common and menopause is universal. Therefore, you'd expect the two conditions to co-exist in many instances.

Vertigo, with its attendant violent vomiting, is usually due to a disturbance in the inner ear, where the organs of balance lie. Most attacks of vertigo last only a few hours or days. Although Compazine, an anti-nausea drug, may help patients with vertigo, I've had more luck with the prescription drug Antivert.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently underwent surgery for bleeding ulcers. During the procedure, my spleen was injured and had to be removed. What will happen to me without a spleen?

DEAR READER: The normal spleen, a spongy organ in the upper left abdomen, acts as a filter to remove old, worn out blood cells and bacteria from the bloodstream. You won't miss your spleen; it's not a vital organ and the blood-cell filtering is not crucial to health.

On the other hand, loss of the spleen as a bacterial filter does put you at greater risk for certain infections, notably those spread through the bloodstream. Hence, your doctor will probably supply you with liberal quantities of antibiotics if you become ill with a bacterial infection, such as pneumonia or a strep throat.

Because the spleen is a relatively fragile organ, much like a very overripe melon, it is easily nicked or injured during abdominal surgery. Once this happens, it's easier and safer simply to remove the spleen, rather than attempt to repair it.

There are many healthy people walking around minus their spleens. You should have no untoward consequences.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL by The Joe Kubert School

Blind veteran ejected from cab on way home from appointment

HOUSTON (AP) — A 94-year-old blinded World War I veteran was kicked out of a Yellow Cab because he had urinated in his pants, the man and his housekeeper say.

Lydia Clark, housekeeper for J. Lee Bradford, said Tuesday that the cab driver knew about Bradford's accident before he allowed Bradford and Ms. Clark to get in the cab.

Ms. Clark said the driver at first seemed glad to have Bradford as a fare after the retired home builder left his doctor's office in the Scurlock Tower last Friday.

But that willingness may have been merely a charade, a valet of the nearby Marriott Hotel said, because Marriott and Scurlock Tower valets, who work side-by-side, will complain to cab companies when drivers treat riders poorly.

"The driver knew Mr. Bradford had wet his pants and let us in," said Ms. Clark. "But, after we had gone about half a block, he got angry and made us get out. He kept yelling he would have to have the seat cleaned."

Bradford then hobbled a half-block back to the Scurlock Tower and caught another cab, Ms. Clark said.

Bradford's blindness is probably a result of exposure to caustic German mustard gas during WWI, say his relatives.

Walking is now difficult for Bradford, who once dashed through the thick of battle carrying messages from commander to commander.

Men kick in door, kill man while searching for jewelry

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two men kicked in the door of a home, shot a man to death and terrorized his wife and two children, police say.

The bandits demanded to know where jewelry was hidden as the couple's terrified son huddled behind a chair, Detective Charlie Gilmore said.

Robert Rodriguez, 23, died of a gunshot wound to the face after, Eva Hickman, an investigator with the Bexar County medical examiner's office, said.

The incident began shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday when two men knocked on the door at the Rodriguez home, Gilmore said. Rodriguez talked with the men for a few minutes and then closed the door.

The victim's wife, who was not identified, was sitting in the living room while her 11-year-old son was watching television in a rear bedroom. A 13-year-old daughter was in the kitchen.

Suddenly, one of the men kicked in the door and fired several shots at Rodriguez, who stumbled into the rear bedroom before he died. The boy hid behind a chair and the teen-age girl ran through a side door.

One man held the wife at gunpoint, demanding to know where she kept jewelry hidden while the other searched the house for valuables. One of them went through the family's Christmas gifts, but Gilmore said he didn't know if anything was taken.

The men then fled.

Rapper arraigned

BOSTON (AP) — Rap singer Marky Mark was arraigned on charges of beating up a man at a park.

His trial was set for Jan. 26.

Mark, who real name is Mark Wahlberg, did not appear in court Tuesday.

The 20-year-old rapper is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in the attack Aug. 30 that left Mark Crehan, 20, with a broken jaw.

Derek McCall, Wahlberg's bodyguard, faces similar charges.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-23-92
♠ 9 8
♥ Q 7 6
♦ 3 2
♣ K 8 7 6 5 4

WEST
♠ A K Q 10
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ Q 7 6
♣ Q 2

EAST
♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ K J 3
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ 10 3

SOUTH
♠ J 7 6
♥ A 9 8
♦ A K 10 8
♣ A J 9

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dbl.	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Making known the unknown

By Phillip Alder

Normally, when you are the declarer, you try to keep your cards "hidden" from the defenders. You don't want them to be able to "read" your hand. But there are times when you want a defender to be aware that you hold a particular card.

On today's deal, South was Bobby Slavenburg, a Dutchman who won the World Open Pairs title in 1966. He was a very imaginative player.

It isn't clear why Slavenburg opened one club rather than one diamond. Over West's take-out double, North made a pre-emptive three-club raise. South's bid of three no-trump, though debatable, was predictable.

West led the spade king. When the dummy came down, Slavenburg immediately noticed the potential blockage in the club suit. It would run only if the queen was a singleton: an *a priori* probability of just over 12 percent. Slavenburg wondered if he could improve his odds, making the contract against a 2-2 club split: a 40 percent chance.

When West continued with the spade queen at trick two, Slavenburg dropped the jack. No longer having to worry that South held jack-fourth in spades, West greedily cashed his other two spade tricks. Slavenburg immediately discarded a club. When the clubs did divide 2-2, Slavenburg had his contract.

A nice play, but when South followed to the third spade, West should have scented a stratagem. If South wanted spades continued, it had to be better for the defense to lead another suit. If West had switched to a red suit at trick four, the contract would have been defeated.

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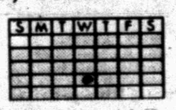

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, a massive earthquake devastated the city of Managua, Nicaragua.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Gregory (1911-), actor, is 81; Jose Greco (1918-), dancer, is 74; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 66; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player, is 57; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1928, golfer Horton Smith shot a 4-round tournament record of 245 in the Catalina Open. Smith shot rounds of 63, 58, 61, and 63.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Because if it didn't work out, I didn't want to blow the whole day." — Paul Hornung, on why his marriage ceremony was held before noon.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, holiday travel was paralyzed over northeast Kansas and adjacent parts of Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska as 5 to 15 inches of snow drifted to 10 feet.

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TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

TODAY'S BARB
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You'll never again say talk is cheap if you let a teen-age daughter have her own phone.

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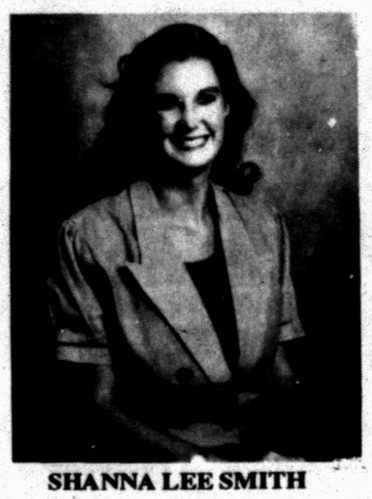

SHANNA LEE SMITH

Smith graduates

Shanna Lee Smith, daughter of Olton and Sandy Smith of Snyder, graduated from Angelo State University on Friday with a degree in teaching. She is also a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School.

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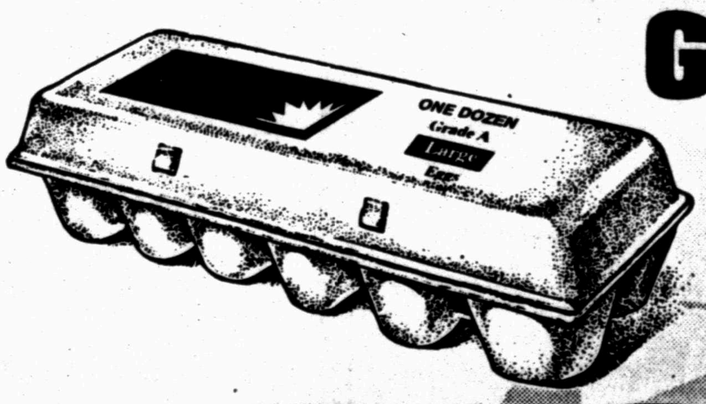

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