Valedictorian flap tops news in 2nd quarter of '95

Development continued to be the big news for Scurry County in the second quarter of 1995, but the economic front was shoved aside a time or two for some other interesting events.

Snyder gained national attention in May and July, when the parents of a local high school senior questioned the administration's method of selecting a valedictorian.

Jack and Barbra Jones believed their daughter should be named sole valedictorian. She wasn't, and the case went to court.

The flap centered on wording in the Snyder High School handbook, which stated that students should be ranked at the end of four years of high school. The Jones' daughter, Holly, had the highest rank of any four-year graduate, a 7.0614. However, another girl, Veana Clay, a three-year graduate, had an honors point average of 7.073.

School officials contended that the handbook was intended as a guide, not a contract, and that four years should be intrepreted as four years of course work, not four calendar years. Therefore, they determined that Miss Clay was actually the highest graduating student.

After some legal maneuverings, the case was moved to federal district court, where Judge Sam Cummings denied a temporary restraining order filed on behalf of Holly Jones, clearing the way for Miss Clay's name to be submitted to the state as the high ranking student from Snyder High School.

Salutatorian, by the way, was Ellen Strayhorn.

On April 11, the city moved to annex the new industrial park. It was another in a series of steps to bring industry to Snyder.

Pennzoil became the new majority owner of SACROC in mid April. Pennzoil, which had been unit operator since 1992, purchased interest from Oryx and exchanged interest with Mobil in order to hold 65.5 percent overall.

In May, Snyder got the go-ahead for Phase III of the Golden Terrace Village. The $1.28 million, 40-unit senior citizen housing project is currently under construction north of the medical center complex.

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Primary elections spark only slight candidate interest

Just a handful of days remain for any Scurry County resident planning to file for office in the Democratic or Republican Party primary elections.

Tuesday is the final day to file as a candidate for one of nine local offices up for election on March 12.

Six days before the deadline, two of the nine haven't generated a candidate and only one features a contested race.

The latest action in the upcoming elections took place last week, when former district attorney Ernie Armstrong, appointed as 132nd District Court judge earlier this year, filed on the Republican ticket to seek his first full term.

Like most other candidates who have filed, Armstrong is currently unopposed.

Only the office of sheriff has drawn much local notice in the filing period. Three men — all sheriff's deputies — have filed to seek the post that will be vacated by Keith Collier at the end of 1996. Collier announced in November that he will not pursue a ninth term.

Candidates for sheriff are Democrats Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne and Republican Kerry Fritz.

Three Democratic incumbents have filed for re-election. They are C.D. Gray Jr. for Precinct 3 commissioner, Ralph Trevey for Precinct 1 commissioner and Rona Sikes for tax collector.

Dana Cooley, appointed as district attorney earlier this year to replace Armstrong, has filed for her first full term. She is running on the Republican ticket. Also running unopposed currently is Michael W. Hartman for county attorney. Hartman is a Republican.

No one has filed for the Precinct 1 and 2 constable positions.

Who's running

A list of people who have filed or announced candidacy for local offices up for election in the March 12 primaries.

Sheriff
Democrat: Darren Jackson, Joe Cheyne
Republican: Kerry Fritz

Pct. 1 Commissioner
Democrat: Ralph Trevey (I)
Republican: None

Pct. 3 Commissioner
Democrat: C.D. Gray Jr. (I)
Republican: None

District Judge
Democrat: None
Republican: Ernie Armstrong

District Attorney
Democrat: None
Republican: Dana Cooley (I)

County Attorney
Democrat: None
Republican: Michael W. Hartman

Tax Assessor-Collector
Democrat: Rona Sikes (I)
Republican: None

Pct. 1 Constable
Democrat: None
Republican: None

Pct. 2 Constable
Democrat: None
Republican: None

NEW STATEHOOD LICENSE PLATES - Scurry County tax-assessor/collector Rona Sikes displays the new Texas Statehood license plates that will go on sale at her office on Friday. The replacement plates cost $5.30 and are available for passenger vehicles only. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commemorative plates available at SC Courthouse

A new license plate commemorating 150 years of Texas statehood will be available beginning Friday at the Scurry County tax office, said Rona Sikes, tax-assessor/collector.

"We only have a limited number, 700 to be exact, available for replacement tags for passenger vehicles," said Sikes.

She added that distribution is limited by the state to passenger cars and no commercial or farm vehicles can be issued the tags.

New vehicles which are being issued tags for the first time will automatically get the plates as will vehicles which are due for replacement plates.

"As long as they last, anyone with a passenger vehicle can get a set of these plates for only $5.30," said Sikes.

She added that this is only the third time the state had issued special commemorative plates.

"Special plates were issued for the HemisFair in 1968, for the Texas Sesquicentennial (celebrating independence from Mexico) and these celebrating 150 years of statehood," said Sikes.

The tax office will be closed Monday in observance of the New Years holiday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you want to forget all your troubles — wear tight shoes."

We challenge anybody to top the unusual gift that we ordered for ole what's-her-name.

At our house, the kitchen is filled with all sorts of cows, and this year we added to her bovine collection.

We ordered it after a news release came in the mail from a New Hampshire dairy operation. Stonyfield Farm, which markets all-natural yogurt and other dairy products, announced an Adopt-A-Cow" program for the holiday season.

In an effort to milk the holiday spirit, the firm had an Adopt-A-Cow hot-line. By calling 1-800-PRO-COWS, we found the price to be only $4.95 and could be charged to a credit card.

So we arranged for our significant udder to adopt one of the bovine beauties whose milk goes into the company's yogurt, egg nog and ice cream.

Luckily, they didn't send a live cow that needs feeding, but rather a kit containing an official certificate signed by the company president and an in-depth personal cow biography of your chosen adoptee. Also in the kit was a glossy cow photo, suitable for framing.

But that's not all. Twice each year, the adoption program participants will receive the company's Moosletter, which will include individual letters from each adopted cow, telling whether or not she has been feeling her oats.

Someone wanted to know why some livestock breeder hadn't come up with an adopt-a-bull program. The answer is simple, Washington has the market cornered on that commodity.

Budget shutdown...

Talks focus on process, not substance

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators are inching closer to new talks on resolving the federal budget impasse, but the prospect of serious progress seems to be at least a day away.

More than 280,000 federal workers remained off the job today, as did most of the people charged with getting the budget disagreement settled.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Capitol Hill and White House staff met today for lengthy discussions. He said they were preparing a report to leaders of both sides on where budget agreement exists, where the sides are close and where they are far apart.

President Clinton, meanwhile, was described as prepared to veto the defense authorization bill. McCurry said the White House objects to its call for the purchase of costly weapons systems the Pentagon does not want as well as its insistence on a Star Wars missile defense system.

McCurry said such a system would abrogate the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and deal a serious blow to arms control efforts.

With federal workers increasingly restive and morale plunging, McCurry said Clinton "is very anxious to break this impasse and get the services of government restored."

Clinton has been following the staff discussions closely and has been in "fairly regular contact" with Alice Rivlin, director of the Office of Management and Budget, McCurry said.

The president, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole were not expected to meet until Friday.

An administration official doubted enough progress could be made to get all federal employees back on the job by the opening of business next week.

Colonel's remarks 'disappointing'

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The American commander of NATO forces in northeastern Bosnia said he was "very disappointed" to read a report that a U.S. colonel accused Croatians of being racists who "kill people for the color of their skins."

The Wall Street Journal reported the comments Wednesday in a story describing the movement of U.S. troops into Serb territory in Bosnia.

While briefing troops before a planned reconnaissance of northern Bosnia, Army Col. Gregory Fontenot reportedly turned to two black soldiers in his brigade and said: "It'll be interesting to hear what you two see, because the Croatians are racist ... They kill people for the color of their skins."

The story was written from Orasje, a pocket of land in northern Bosnia held by Bosnian Croats but cut off from the rest of Bosnia by the Serb-held Posavina Corridor. Fontenot is to command U.S. combat troops in the corridor.

The Journal also quoted Fontenot as questioning whether a year would be enough to make a real difference in Bosnia and as saying:

"They think I don't trust them — and they're right," the Journal quoted him as saying of the local factions. "These are people who kill women and children and attack their neighbors. They're offended by me? Hell, I'm offended that I had to come here because of all their fighting."

When asked to comment on the report, Maj. Gen. William L. Nash, the American commander of NATO forces in northeastern Bosnia, told a press briefing in Tuzla on Wednesday:

"I'm very disappointed in what I heard and I'm looking into it."

Nash had no further comment today.

The New York Times quoted a senior Clinton administration official as saying that the reported statements "were very serious remarks of serious concern. Clearly if they are accurately reported, they represent bad judgment, extremely bad judgment."

The Journal story described how Fontenot, a highly regarded combat veteran who commands the 1st Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, was readying his troops for a possibly hostile environment. Fontenot's troops will eventually occupy the U.S. sector from the Sava River south to Tuzla.

ASK US

Q—When is the deadline to register to vote in the March primary elections?

A—The deadline for in-person application at the county clerk's office is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Applications by mail must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb. 12.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 51 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. reading Thursday, 24; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.22 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear early with low clouds after midnight. Low near 30. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon rain. High around 50. SE wind 10-15 mph.

Sunset: 5:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.

Of 361 days in 1995, the sun has shone 345 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Proverbs 14:29

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Camila determined to marry Charles

LONDON (AP) — Like his estranged wife Diana, the woman Prince Charles loves is reportedly refusing to go quietly.

Camilla Parker Bowles has indicated she's determined to marry the future king, said unnamed senior government sources cited by The Daily Express today.

The newspaper said the 48-year-old divorcee's reported resolve to marry Charles revived memories of the 1936 constitutional crisis, when King Edward VIII was driven to quit the throne to marry divorcee Wallis Simpson.

Charles, 47, said in a Dec. 21 statement that he had no intention of remarrying if he divorced Princess Diana. His estranged wife flew Wednesday to the Caribbean island of Barbuda after spending Christmas in London without her sons William, 13, and Harry, 11, who were with their father.

At the time, the British media interpreted Charles' statement to mean he would never take a second wife. But royal sources later said he had not ruled out marrying again in the future.

The Daily Express today quoted an unnamed friend of Mrs. Parker Bowles as saying: "She wants a clear commitment to marriage with some role in a consort capacity" when Charles becomes king upon the death of his 69-year-old mother Queen Elizabeth II. To be consort is to have an officially recognized position with a title.

Mrs. Parker Bowles expected to receive the title Her Royal Highness, it said.

The report by the tabloid's royalty correspondent Robert Jobson quoted friends as saying that Mrs. Parker Bowles believes only marriage to Charles can restore her tarnished reputation. The two first met and fell in love in 1972.

Britons avidly consume news of the royals and the stories are a mainstay of London's fiercely competitive tabloid press. Papers employ specialist news teams and maintain networks of secret contacts for inside information.

The tabloids accurately predicted the breakup of Charles' and Diana's 11-year-old marriage long before the separation was publicly announced in 1992.

In a television interview in June 1994, Charles acknowledged being unfaithful while he and Diana were still together, but only after their marriage broke down. Interviewer Jonathan Dimbleby identified the other woman as Mrs. Parker Bowles.

In a television interview Nov. 20, Diana blamed Mrs. Parker Bowles for the collapse of the marriage. Diana also acknowledged she had an affair with her former riding instructor James Hewitt.

The queen wrote to Diana and Charles this month urging them to divorce soon. Charles has agreed. Diana has not replied.

Mrs. Parker Bowles was divorced from her husband, Army Brig. Andrew Parker Bowles, in March. They have a son and a daughter.

The Daily Express said Mrs. Parker Bowles was infuriated by Charles' statement ruling out remarriage.

"It led to a hurried U-turn by palace officials, with them insisting the prince had not totally ruled out a future marriage," the paper reported.

Friends say she has hinted that like Diana, she is not prepared to be set aside quietly, it said.

The paper quoted an unnamed senior government source as saying: "There is genuine fear that if the Prince of Wales insists on marrying Mrs. Parker Bowles it could cause a crisis."

It said Buckingham Palace and government officials told Charles that making Mrs. Parker Bowles his wife would be unacceptable to the Church of England, the government and the people.

The hierarchy of the state church, which frowns on divorced people remarrying, greeted Charles' December statement that he had no intention of marrying a second time with relief.

Payne fund established

A fund has been established at Snyder National Bank to help defray medical expenses for Patricia (Trish) Payne, who remains hospitalized following an automobile accident earlier this month.

Building burglary earns probation

A two-year state jail term, probated for five years, was assessed Wednesday following a guilty plea entered in 132nd District Court.

Torrance Leandrew Bean, 19, of 808 31st St. pleaded guilty to an Oct. 13 charge of burglary of a building owned by Ken Minyard.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered a two-year term in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Bean was also directed to remain in the Scurry County jail until accepted into a court-approved substance abuse facility. The defendant was also ordered to pay $410 in restitution.

Son accused of shooting father

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — A teen-ager has been arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of his father Wednesday afternoon.

Lance Butterfield, 18, was taken into custody after William Butterfield, 45, was shot in the left forehead and upper right chest shortly after noon, North Richland Hills police said.

The youth was charged with murder and placed in the North Richland Hills jail. Capt. Mike Womack said arraignment would be Thursday morning.

Police went to the Butterfield residence after getting a call from Sandy Butterfield from a nearby convenience store, saying her father had been shot.

Officers met the girl at the store and accompanied her to the residence, where Kathy Butterfield said her husband had been shot and was inside, lying on the floor.

The victim was transported by CareFlight to Harris Methodist Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

CHURCH DONATION - Lawrence IGA recently gave a check to Colonial Hill Baptist Church which represented a large number of "cash saver coins" that customers had turned back to the store to be used on various community or church projects. Glenn McCathern accepts the check on behalf of the church from Jaime Lopez, site manager of the IGA on South College Ave. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Play it safe with genital warts

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you please discuss HPV (sexually transmitted warts) and their connection to cervical cancer? If one is infected, does the virus remain in the body indefinitely?

DEAR READER: Genital warts are caused by the human papilloma virus. Ordinarily, the virus is spread by intimate sexual contact and causes unattractive but painless warts on and in the genitals.

Unfortunately, HPV can also cause cervical cancer. Therefore, a woman with this condition must be aggressively treated with either surgery, cautery (burning), laser therapy, or medications, such as podophyllin. The success of the treatment can be monitored by Pap tests and virus cultures.

It's vitally important for the sexual partner(s) of such a woman to be examined and treated, too, because HPV infection can be recurrent and chronic if only she has therapy.

Moreover, genital warts may not be visible on the penis, even though HPV infection is present. Consequently, partners of an HPV-positive woman should be meticulously examined by a urologist, who can — with special testing — detect the slightest degree of infection.

Because HPV affects only the skin, it does not exist deep in the tissues and can, therefore, be eradicated by the methods I mentioned. But, I again emphasize, recurrence is the rule unless all infected partners are also treated.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a good reason why doctors no longer check the carotid arteries when doing a physical exam? I feel the check is important but my doctor doesn't.

DEAR READER: In my experience, most good doctors DO check the pulsations in the carotid arteries. This takes only a second or two. These arteries lie on either side of the trachea (wind pipe) in the neck and can easily be palpitated at the same time that the careful physician is feeling the thyroid gland, additional tissue that should be periodically examined.

Obviously, the issue here is frequency. If you are in your 20s and in good health, you do not need to have regular examinations of your carotid arteries. On the other hand, if you're above 50, you need to have your carotids checked whenever you undergo a routine exam.

In addition, the doctor will probably listen to the arteries with a stethoscope, because slight, age-related blockages in the carotids often produce a "whooshing" sound, called a "bruit." If a blockage is present, it should be monitored with other tests, such as a Doppler ultrasound. As you know, such blockages may contribute to strokes, so — depending on your age — the carotid examination is important and should be considered routine.

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Gail man elected to Foundation board

John R. (Rich) Anderson of Gail and Nancy Rodman Anguish of Midland were recently elected to three-year terms as members of the Permian Basin Area Foundation's board of governors.

Anderson is a life-long Permian Basin area resident with ranching operations in Texas and New Mexico.

His involvement in community, area and national interests include director and executive committee member of the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association and the National Cattlemen's Association, founding board member of St. Mary's Episcopal Day School in Big Spring, Borden County school board president, trustee of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., past president of the Ranching Heritage Association of Texas Tech University, and board memberships of Malone-Hogan Hospital and Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center in Big Spring.

His honors have included outstanding conservationist in Borden County and the Upper Colorado SWCD and the 1992 winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award from the national Cattlemen's Association.

The foundation recently announced its fall grants to four non-profit organization projects: $1,800 to Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center in Odessa, $1,800 to Midland Teen Court, $1,000 to Museum of the Southwest and $2,00 to Young Life, Midland.

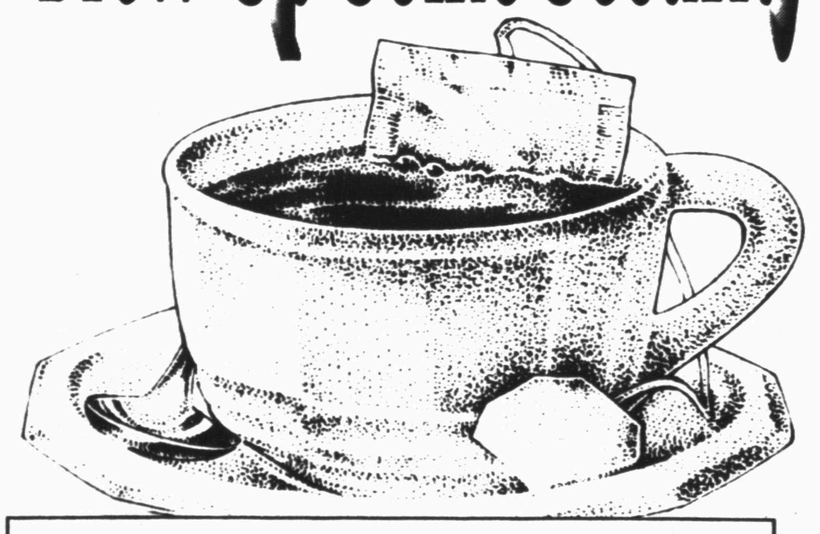
Johnny Appleseed

John Chapman, alias Johnny Appleseed, planted nurseries of apple seedings in clearings before pioneers arrived. He planted until he died on March 18, 1845, near Fort Wayne, Ind., where his grave is now the center of a small park. Many of his trees still stand, though many believe the last one toppled in a storm near Mansfield, Ohio, on June 2, 1959.

The expression "Queer as a three-dollar bill" may owe its origin to a denomination that actually once existed. In 1870, the United States minted a $3 gold piece, which today is the most valuable U.S. coin, as only one is known to exist.

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

Brew Up Some Security



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COSMORAMA PROGRAM — Pupils of Bethel Studio of Music presented the program for the December meeting of Cosmorama Study Club held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Also included was a Christmas story read by Mrs. Stanley Clark. From left are Chelsie Birk, Whitney Rogers, Mrs. Clark, Stormy Clark, Bailey Stoker, Justin Stoker, Jessica Sollis and Karomy Drum. (Contributed Photo)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE — Before Christmas, Snyder Junior High School students adopted a motto "U CAN make a difference," and they did. SJHS students and staff contributed 1,142 pounds of food to the Goodfellows with the winning class, eighth graders, receiving a cola party during homeroom and wearing caps to school. Pictured from left, representing the eighth grade are LaShunda Collins and Antone Cobb; and representing the seventh grade are Ryan Gibson and Kim Vath. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-26-95
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♥J 7
♦A
♣A K J 7 4 2

WEST
♠K 4
♥9 2
♦K Q 10 4
♣10 9 8 6 3

EAST
♠7 6 5 2
♥K 6 5
♦9 8 7 6 5 3
♣---

SOUTH
♠Q J 9
♥A Q 10 8 4 3
♦J 2
♣Q 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Bridge players slug it out

As you are probably aware, this is Boxing Day in some countries. It isn't the day on which people traditionally climbed into the ring to settle their differences. Instead, it refers to feudal times, when the lords of the manor gave gifts in boxes to their serfs.

Today's deal features a brilliant defense by Italian native and Florida resident Benito Garozzo. Yet his excellent play bore fruit only because it occurred during a pair event, where every trick is vital.

After winning the first trick with dummy's diamond ace, declarer was tempted to run the heart jack. But if it won, what then? A heart to the queen would be fatal if West suddenly produced the king and cashed the diamond queen.

Perhaps you would play a club to the queen for an immediate diamond ruff, but that isn't without its risks.

At the table, South led a low trump, planning to finesse his queen. If it lost, dummy's heart jack would take care of a diamond return. And after any switch, declarer could draw trumps and run the clubs. Also, if the heart finesse won, declarer would ruff the diamond jack and, hopefully, lose at most one trump trick.

Fine — until Garozzo played the heart *king* on dummy's seven. Taking this card at face value, South saw an overtrick in his future. After winning with the ace, he played a heart to dummy's jack and a club toward his hand. Disaster! Garozzo ruffed and led a diamond to his partner's queen for one down.

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PICTURE FUNDS — Snyder Day Care Center was the recipient of funds made by the Price Daniel Unit inmate photo sales. SDC director Shirley Fritz, right, accepts the $550 check from Debra Cheyne, Price Daniel Unit administrative secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m. For this week only, the meeting will be held Sunday night and will be followed by a New Year's Eve party.

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

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS — Carol Eiland and Elaine Byrd, front row from left, were initiated into the Zeta Lamda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at the recent December meeting held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. On the back row are Georgene Galloway, Beverly Robertson, Barbara Owen and DKG president Carolyn Limmer. (Contributed Photo)

DKG gains two new members during December

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma members met in December to initiate two new members, Carol Eiland and Elaine Byrd, in a ceremony highlighting DKG symbols, the red rose, the coat of arms, the DKG key, and their meanings.

Beverly Robertson, Georgene Galloway, Barbara Owen and Carolyn Limmer served on the installation committee.

Carla Allen presented the meditation, "Forgotten Wings."

Prior to the adjournment, the Delta Kappa Gamma song was led by Monette O'Day.

Diana vacations incognito

LONDON (AP) — With a lonely Christmas behind her and the prospect of tough divorce negotiations ahead, Princess Diana slipped incognito out of Britain on Wednesday for a Caribbean vacation.

Traveling under a false name, Diana boarded a flight for the island of Antigua, according to the news agency at London's Heathrow Airport. She traveled with an unidentified woman. Buckingham Palace refused to comment.

Air News said the 34-year-old princess was driven under police escort to Heathrow. Dressed in a sweater, T-shirt and jeans, she was led up a side staircase through the boarding area and was the last passenger on the plane.

A week before the holidays, Diana's mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II, urged Diana and Prince Charles to divorce.

Diana, separated from Charles for two years, refused this year for the first time to join the royal family for Christmas at Sandringham, the queen's estate.

Her sons, Prince William, 13, and Prince Harry, 11, are there with their father.

As we advance in life, we acquire a keener sense of time. Nothing else, indeed, seems of any consequence; and we become misers in this respect.

—William Hazlitt

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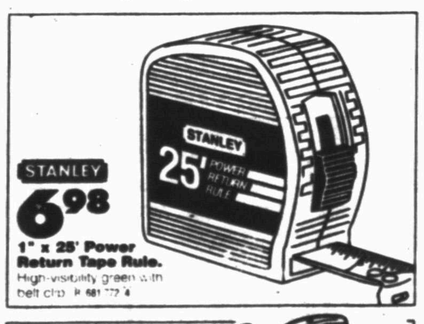
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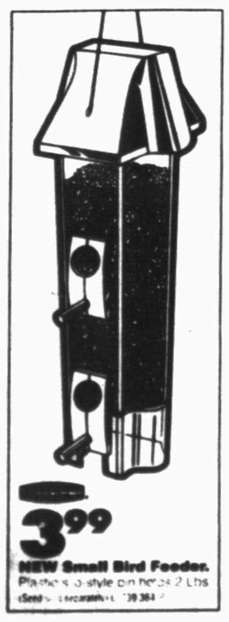
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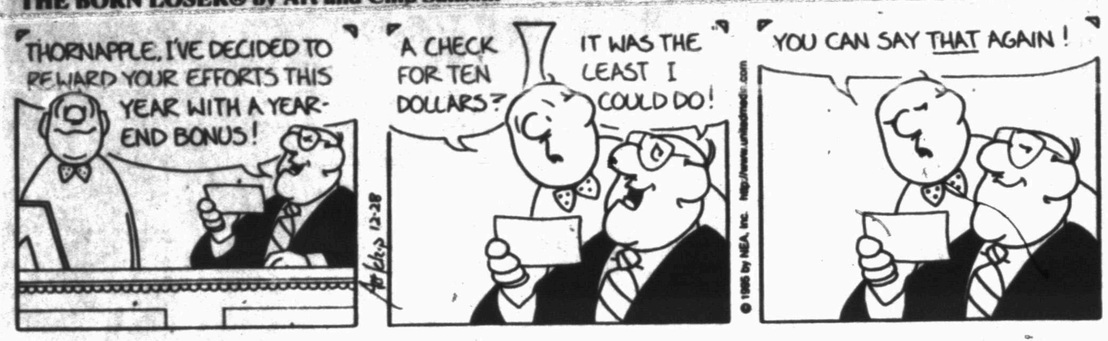

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1 Underground laborers' org.
4 — a la mode
7 Ref's kin
10 Exhaust
12 Tear
14 Cherry part
15 City in Oklahoma
16 Art deco illustrator
17 Workers' assn.
18 Plans
20 Idiotic
22 Atmosphere
24 Constant
26 City in Nevada
30 Dictionary compiler
31 Bernstein's nickname
32 — — loss
33 Hair
37 Scarce
39 Soothed
40 Cajole
43 Goodie for Fido
45 Mincing
49 Playwright — Betti
50 Film director Jacques —
52 Pita bread sandwich
53 — Grande
54 Fencing sword
55 Receive information
56 It precedes gee
57 Poetic contraction
58 Nautical rope

DOWN

1 Southwestern Indians
2 Pronoun
3 Legal document
4 Act as chairperson
5 Comparative suffix
6 Metaphysical beings
7 — — arms
8 Marathon unit
9 Turn the page (abbr.)
11 Draws out
13 Fender damage
19 Small piece of ground
21 — Lingus (airline)
23 Periwinkle
24 Coarse hair
25 Construction beam
27 Other
28 Require
29 Cricket positions
30 Child's card game
34 More crimson
35 Singer Fitzgerald
36 Vehicle for Santa
38 Domestic animal
41 Loathe
42 Storehouse
43 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
44 Housetop
46 Russian veto word
47 Walter's burden
48 Long ago
49 Yorkshire river
51 Golfer's gadget

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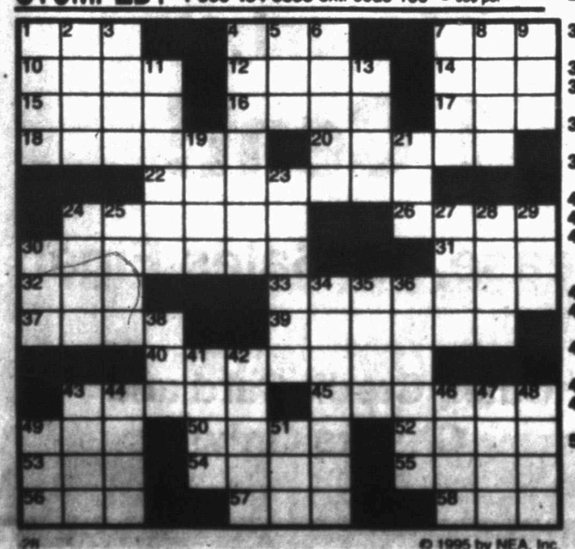

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers lose to undefeated Walker

KENNER, La—"The long bus ride took its toll on us," said Snyder High School Lady Tiger coach Steve Qualls when talking about the opening round game for the Lady Tigers in the Shake'n Bake on the Lake basketball tournament taking place outside of New Orleans.

The Lady Tigers drew O.P. Walker of New Orleans for its first opponent and were defeated, 53-29. Snyder was to play St. Bernard of New Orleans at 1:30 today. St. Bernard lost to Anacoco, 62-42. The winner of today's game will play at 11 a.m. Friday, the loser is eliminated from the 32-team tournament.

Erica Garvin was high point for Snyder with 12 points. "Erica and Darla (Blackwell) had a great game. Both combined for most of the points and rebounds (42)," said Qualls. "We had a poor shooting night and dumb turnovers kept us out of the game."

The Lady Tigers kept it close in the first quarter and trailed by only three, 12-9, but O.P. Walker outscored Snyder 14-6 in the second quarter to take a 26-15 halftime lead. Snyder continued to struggle in the third quarter being outscored, 19-8. The final period saw Walker score eight points to Snyder's six.

O.P. Walker remains undefeated at 19-0 while Snyder drops to 9-8.

O.P. WALKER 53, SNYDER 29

Snyder	9	6	8	6 — 53
O.P. Walker	12	14	19	8 — 53

Snyder: Miller 1 0-0 2, Kidd 1 0-0 2, Hess 2-0-0 4, Blackwell 3 0-0 6, Garvin 4 1-2 12, White 0 0-0 3, Totals 11 1-2 29.

O.P. Walker: Smith 2 1-4 5, D. Hodges 2 0-0 10, R. Hodges 7 0-0 14, Wells 6 0-0 12, Johnson 3 0-0 6, White 3 0-2 6, Totals 24 1-6 53.

3-Point goals: Snyder 2 (Garvin, White). O.P. Walker 2 (D. Hodges). Records: Snyder 9-8, O.P. Walker 19-0.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	22	6	.786	—
NewYork	19	7	.731	2
Miami	14	12	.538	7
Washington	13	13	.500	8
Boston	12	14	.462	9
NewJersey	10	15	.400	10½
Philadelphia	5	20	.200	15½
Central Division				
Chicago	23	3	.885	—
Indiana	14	11	.560	8½
Cleveland	13	12	.520	9½
Atlanta	13	13	.500	10
Detroit	13	14	.481	10½
Charlotte	13	15	.464	11
Milwaukee	10	16	.385	13
Toronto	9	20	.310	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Houston	20	8	.714	—
SanAntonio	17	8	.680	1½
Utah	18	9	.667	1½
Denver	12	15	.444	7½
Dallas	7	18	.280	11½
Minnesota	7	18	.280	11½
Vancouver	4	24	.143	16
Pacific Division				
Seattle	18	8	.692	—
Sacramento	16	9	.640	1½
L.A.Lakers	16	13	.552	3½
Phoenix	12	13	.480	5½
Portland	12	15	.444	6½
L.A.Clippers	11	17	.393	8
GoldenState	10	17	.370	8½

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 93, Milwaukee 87
Miami 96, New Jersey 93
Atlanta 94, L.A. Clippers 88
Detroit 100, Golden State 90
Indiana 103, Chicago 97
Houston 100, Vancouver 84
Denver 114, Dallas 102
Utah 114, Portland 104
L.A. Lakers 102, Boston 91
Sacramento 115, San Antonio 98

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers 116, Charlotte 107
Washington 115, Golden State 94
Milwaukee 99, Minnesota 93, OT
Phoenix 105, Philadelphia 90
Portland 135, Boston 109
Seattle 99, Denver 83

Thursday's Games
Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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Red River—packed powder 7-24 base 3 of 7 lifts 35% open
Sandia Peak—machine groomed snow 12 base 12% open 8:30a-4p
Santa Fe—machine groomed snow 20-25 base 2 trails 3 of 7 lifts 10% open am 9a-4p
Sipapu—machine groomed snow 1 trail 1 of 3 lifts am
Ski Apache—packed powder 28 base 10 trails 7 of 10 lifts am 8:45a-4p
Ski Rio—machine groomed snow 20-22 base 6 trails 4 of 6 lifts am 8:30a-4:30p
Snow Canyon—machine groomed snow am
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Arrowhead Mountain—packed powder 20 base 1 of 2 lifts
Aspen—packed powder 25-33 base 64 trails 8 of 8 lifts 72% open
Aspen Highlands—packed powder 25-32 base 39 trails 8 of 9 lifts 82% open
Beaver Creek—packed powder 25-41 base 10 of 11 lifts 9a-4p
Breckenridge—packed powder 38-48 base 122 trails 17 of 17 lifts 95% open
Buttermilk—packed powder 17-18 base 29 trails 7 of 7 lifts 57% open
Copper Mountain—packed powder 32-47 base 93 trails 19 of 20 lifts 98% open
Crested Butte—hard packed 21-31 base 10 of 13 lifts
Cuchara Valley—packed powder 33 base 9 of 9 lifts
Eldora Mountain—packed powder 33 base 9 of 9 lifts
Howelsen Ski Area—machine groomed snow 10 base 2 of 3 lifts
Keystone Resort—packed powder 45-46 base 88 trails 16 of 20 lifts 100% open
Loveland—packed powder 41 base 7 of 10 lifts 9a-4p
Monarch Resort—packed powder 35 base 4 of 4 lifts
Purgatory Resort—packed powder 23 base 6 of 9 lifts
Silver Creek—packed powder 17 base 4 of 5 lifts
Ski Cooper—packed powder 29 base 4 of 4 lifts
Ski Sunlight—packed powder 21 base 3 of 4 lifts
Snowmass—packed powder 23-37 base 52 trails 12 of 16 lifts 42% open
Steamboat—packed powder 33-42 base 94 trails 19 of 20 lifts 95% open
Telluride—packed powder 25-29 base 38 trails 10 of 10 lifts am 9a-4p
Vail—packed powder 32-44 base 23 of 25 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p
Winter Park Resort—packed powder 42-51 base 112 trails 20 of 20 lifts 89% open 8:30a-4p
Wolf Creek—packed powder 27-28 base 17 trails 6 of 6 lifts 9a-4p

Hanspard and Lethridge fly over Air Force in Copper Bowl

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Tech showed why the Wishbone offense — a run-based attack that doesn't work when a team has to catch up — went out of style years ago.

The Red Raiders bolted to an 18-point halftime lead against Air Force in the Copper Bowl, then put the game out of reach with another surge in the second half.

"It felt like for the first time this year we looked good for all 60 minutes," Zebbie Lethridge said Wednesday night after directing a no-huddle offense that caught the Falcons off-balance and powered Tech to a 55-41 win.

It takes players to get ahead of a team with Air Force's crunching ground game — 67 rushes for 431 yards. And the Red Raiders (9-3) had them.

Byron Hanspard set Copper Bowl rushing and scoring records with 260 yards and four touchdowns Wednesday night, and Lethridge had 330 yards in total offense after passing for 245 and one TD, while running for two.

"I knew it was going to be an offensive game," Lethbridge said. "We were going to have to put points on the board to keep up with them."

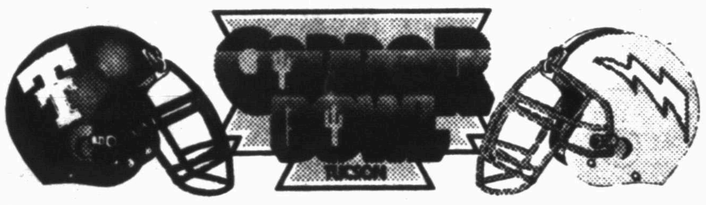
The Raiders never showed the no-huddle during the season.

"We came out with the intention of showing them something different. We knew they would be keying on me," said Hanspard, a sophomore who led the Southwest Conference in rushing in its last year of existence.

Air Force (8-5) took advantage of a series of mistakes by the Raiders to close to 31-28 in the first seven minutes of the third quarter.

But Hanspard got his third TD with 5:06 left in the period, then ran 63 yards to set up another Tech score and a 45-28 lead.

Air Force, No. 3 in the NCAA in rushing offense and No. 105 in passing offense, couldn't rally again.



"We had several points where we were about to turn the game around, but it seemed like we were playing catch-up the entire game," quarterback Beau Morgan said.

The teams shattered most of the offensive records in the 7-year-old bowl, which is sponsored by Weiser Lock.

Hanspard, who carried 24 times, scored on runs of 2, 11, 2 and 29 yards.

Lethridge threw a 38-yard scoring pass to Stacy Mitchell and scored on 1- and 3-yard runs. Tony Rogers kicked field goals of 24 and 31 yards for Tech.

Air Force cornerback Mickey Dalton figured in Air Force's rally by picking off a pass by Lethridge, who had set a SWC record with 211 consecutive throws without an interception, and returning it 32 yards. He said the quick pace of the no-huddle got too much credit.

"We just had poor execution," Dalton said. "We didn't tackle very well, and we had a lot of breakdowns on defense."

Air Force's Danta Johnson scored on 71- and 60-yard runs. Nakia Addison ran for scores of 2 and 7 yards. Jake Campbell ran for a 7-yard TD and Morgan scored on a 1-yard run.

Johnson was the first to break the previous Copper Bowl rushing record of 133 yards by Kansas State's J.J. Smith in 1993. Johnson had 145 of his 148 yards in four carries, but Hanspard, with 201 yards in the second half, passed him.

The Raiders opened a 28-7 lead by marching 80, 75, 74 and 80 yards to TDs on their first four possessions.

Lethridge had big plays in three of the four drives — a 42-yard run before his pass to Mitchell for the first score, a 46-yard pass to Donnie Hart to set up Hanspard's first TD, and a 25-yard run and 26-yard pass to Field Scovell before he produced the 21-point lead with his keeper.

But the biggest play of the third drive was a penalty after the Falcons had stopped Tech.

Air Force's Sam Ransom slid into Tech punter Brad Cade, incurring a 15-yard penalty that kept the drive going.

Johnson cut the lead to 28-13 with the longest run in Copper Bowl history. Campbell's TD early in the third quarter following Dalton's interception return to the Tech 20 tightened the score to 31-21, and Johnson's 60-yard gallop pulled the Falcons within three points.

Michigan ready for Alamo Bowl noise

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is well aware of Texas A&M's loyal fan following. He has a headache to prove it.

The No. 14 Wolverines (9-3) are approaching tonight's Alamo Bowl in the Alamodome as a home game for the 19th-ranked Aggies (8-3) and have practiced all week to the blaring sounds of hard-driving music.

"I've had a headache for a week," Carr said Wednesday. "Normally, we practice with crowd noise and you turn up the volume as high as it can go. This bowl preparation, we've used music.

"We've practiced for 10 days at a high degree of sound because we do anticipate it will be noisy."

Carr, who will be making his postseason debut, and Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum agree that establishing the run will be the key to the game.

Michigan will match its powerful offensive line, led by 6-foot-8, 299-pound tackle Jon Runyan, and slashing running back Tshimanga Biakabatuka against the swarming blitzes of Texas A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense.

"If you have any hope of beating them, you have to be able to run the ball," said Carr, who traveled to College Station five years ago to get defensive ideas from Slocum.

"They are so quick. If you get into a passing game, they will blitz their linebackers, attack protections and knock your quarterback down. It would make for a long night," Carr said.

The Aggies, meanwhile, likely will be without star running back Leeland McElroy (sprained left ankle). If so, Slocum will be forced to rely upon freshmen D'Andre Hardeman and Sirr Parker.

"I hate to say Leeland absolutely will not play, but I don't see any way he can play," Slocum said. "He hasn't run a single play in our workouts for two weeks and his ankle is still swollen."

Michigan's defense, which has some of the best last names in college football — Irons, Steele, Sword and Swett — has been racked by the flu.

Carr said as many as 15 players have missed some practice time because of nausea and high fever since arriving last weekend in San Antonio, including star middle linebacker Jarrett Irons and nose-tackle William Carr.

But the coach said everyone should be ready to play.

"I feel a lot better," said Irons, who missed practice Monday and Tuesday. "I'm ready for the game."

Michigan, whose 31-23 upset of then-No. 2 Ohio State sent Northwestern to the Rose Bowl, is averaging 402 yards and 26.5 points on offense while giving up 286 yards and 16.8 points.

The Aggies are averaging 376 yards and 27.7 points on offense while yielding just 257.7 yards and 13.5 points per game. A&M is No. 3 in the country in total defense and scoring defense.

Michigan is meeting A&M for the third time. The Wolverines won the two previous meetings in 1977 (41-3) and 1970 (14-10).

Under former coach Bo Schembechler, Michigan often bungled bowl games, going 5-12 from 1969 to 1989.

High school basketball player dies after head-on collision

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bexar County medical examiners continued working today to determine why a Southside High School basketball player died after colliding with another player during a game.

Cesar Ybarra, 15, was pronounced Wednesday night at Wilford Hall Medical Center less than an hour after collapsing late in the second quarter of a freshman game at South San High School. Medical examiners said this morning it likely would be late afternoon before they know the cause of his death.

Teammates, family and friends joined the coaching staff at the hospital in a vigil that lasted more than two hours before a trauma care physician told them Ybarra could not be revived.

"His whole team was (at the emergency room) when the attending physician made the announcement. (The doctor) seemed to be quite shaken up himself," Southside varsity basketball coach Mike Kelly told the San Antonio News-Express for a copyright story in today's edition.

"They checked him for external traumas. There were no skull fractures, no neck fractures, no external bleeding ... and no signs of any contusions," Kelly said. "It's really frustrating. You hope there would be a common cause and you'd think we could put a finger on it."

Kelly said the 5-foot-8, 150-pound Ybarra and another boy "were both going for a ball and collided. Their heads hit together. But they both got up and continued to play. About a minute later, the ball went out of bounds. The official handed (Ybarra) the ball. He was looking to inbound the ball, then fell."

The game was immediately stopped, first aid was rendered and the paramedics arrived within 15 minutes, he said.

Ybarra was dead on arrival at Wilford at 5:45 p.m., about 35 minutes after the collision, a hospital spokesman said.

Interim Superintendent Margaret McCaughtry said the school is contacting its counselors to meet with the players today to help them deal with the tragedy.

Kelly said the boys were scheduled for an 8 a.m. basketball practice today, but that time instead would be used to counsel the students.

NCAA TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final regular-season college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.Nebraska(50)	11-0-0	1,538	1
2.Florida(12)	12-0-0	1,500	2
3.Northwestern	10-1-0	1,413	3
4.OhioSt.	11-1-0	1,325	5
tie.Tennessee	10-1-0	1,325	4
6.NotreDame	9-2-0	1,203	6
7.Colorado	9-2-0	1,140	7
8.FloridaSt.	9-2-0	1,128	8
9.Texas	10-1-1	1,105	9
10.KansasSt.	9-2-0	963	10
11.Kansas	9-2-0	833	11
12.Oregon	9-2-0	809	12
13.VirginiaTech	9-2-0	801	13
14.Michigan	9-3-0	758	14
15.PennSt.	8-3-0	733	15
16.Auburn	8-3-0	637	17
17.SouthernCal	8-2-1	536	18
18.Virginia	8-4-0	420	19
19.TexasA&M	8-3-0	406	16
20.Washington	7-3-1	365	20
21.Alabama	8-3-0	319	21
22.Miami	8-3-0	289	22
23.Clemson	8-3-0	225	24
24.Arkansas	8-4-0	111	23
25.Toledo	10-0-1	86	25

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 57, UCLA 48, Texas Tech 25, Stanford 19, East Carolina 14, Colorado St. 11, Michigan St. 6, Nevada 2.

NFL PLAYOFFS

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NFL Playoffs
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Miami at Buffalo, 11:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Atlanta at Green Bay, 11:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Pairings TBD, 11:30 and 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Pairings TBD, 11:30 and 3 p.m.
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 13
Pairings TBD, 11:30 and 3 p.m.
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 3
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Wyche fired as Buccaneers coach

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A new coach is just part of the grand plan to make the Tampa Bay Buccaneers more competitive.

The perennial cellar-dwellers fired Sam Wyche after four losing seasons Wednesday, but finding the right replacement isn't the team's only priority this winter.

Owner Malcolm Glazer purchased the Bucs for a record $192 million last January and insists the franchise has to have a new stadium to have a better chance to be successful.

"We're trying to do the best we can to win football games. That's what we're in the business to do," general manager Rich McKay said after announcing that Wyche will not return for the final season of a five-year contract.

"We're in the business to win football games. The coaching situation clearly ties into winning ... and understand that the stadium issue ties directly into winning. Don't think it doesn't. With free agency, if you're not financially competitive, you're going to wake up and you're going to be wiped out."

Plans to build a new $168 million stadium in Tampa have stalled, and Glazer is exploring options for relocation while maintaining that his preference still is to get a deal here.

Among the cities that could land the Bucs as early as next season are Cleveland, Los Angeles and Orlando. The Glazers reportedly have also contacted Hartford, Conn., to find out what that city might have to offer.

McKay declined to answer specific questions about efforts to find a stadium deal, but stressed that Wyche's job won't be filled on the basis of fan opinion or a candidate's potential to sell tickets.

"You don't make this on emotional factors. You make it based on what's best for the football team. You make it on what gets this team to the next level," he said.

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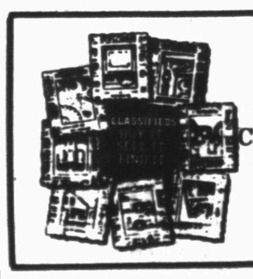

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The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Question: "My chick tucks its head between his legs and tumbles forward. What causes this?" Can this be cured? These questions are the same as last week but this time the answer comes from a technical source, Dr. Brain L. Speer, DVM.

Answer: Tumbling chicks are quite commonly encountered, and people will be told many different causes and therefore many different treatments. For the most part, these birds' problems are able to be resolved and they can be returned to normal condition.

The causes of this problem are likely multifactoral, or originating from several different causes. Because chicks can often return to normal status with time and rest alone, you should expect to hear numerous testimonials about different treatments that "cure" them. These individual testimonials may have some merit, but should still not be viewed as scientific or medical fact. I have listed the known or suspected causes for you.

A: Hypoxemis (inadequate ventilation or oxygen supply) at the hatching stage. These chicks will hatch and not be right at the very start. Usually, abnormalities are noted within the first 2-3 days of life. "Stargazing" is occasionally encountered concurrently with this problem, and some chicks may be blind. Treatment is fairly straight forward: correct the hatcher/incubator deficits, hatch quality will improve in approximately 2-4 weeks. If the chicks are going to improve, they will do so with time and rest on their own. Most are capable of eating on their own. Blind chicks tend to remain so permanently.

B. Prenatal Nutritional deficits (hen nutrition). These chicks also will tend to manifest a normal to sub-optimal hatch quality as well as medical problems in the hatched chicks. The nutritional deficits may include vitamins E, A and many from the B complex groups. Some of these chicks will respond to B vitamin injections or vitamin E/Selenium injections. If they are able to eat on their own, many will improve with time and allowing them to eat a good diet on their own. B complex vitamins have no real risk, as long as they are not injected into the ischiatic nerve of the leg, producing nerve related damage. This risk applies to all injections given to these birds. Vitamin E/Selenium may cause problems due to Selenium toxicosis and very high tissue levels have been documented in chicks treated with these injectable products. Vitamin E alone should not be problematic.

C. Bacterial disease and omphalitis (yolk sac disease). Some chicks will manifest depression and tumbling signs where there is yolk sac disease or severe bacterial disease noted. This is classically noted at 5-10 days of age. If yolk sac disease is present, the sac should be surgically removed. Previous articles have been published pertinent to yolk sac disease. In a case of bacterial septicemia (bacterial organisms in the circulating bloodstream), antibiotics are indicated and may be helpful, however, the existing causes should still be investigated. Speticemia occurs for a reason.

Perhaps more importantly, the tumbling symptom of a chick is a clear indicator that there most likely is a need to question adult breeder diet, incuabtor, hatcher and chick management systems, as this type of problem can likely be effectively managed away. Progressive management should allow for real reduction of the incidence of this problem on a flock bases.

The next meeting of the Rolling Plains Ratite Association will be Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., at Rudy's Restaurant. The program will be presented by long time emu raiser Al Jodion. He will update the progress of United Emu Co-op and answer questions. Everyone is welcome. For further information call Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

Farmers select endangered species fight top 1995 story

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Weather that ripped trees from the ground and drowned vegetables in California last winter was bad — but not rotten enough to win top honors as the most important farm story of 1995 in the nation's leading agricultural state.

In fact, it was elements of the federal Endangered Species Act that claimed the first and fourth spots in a survey of California Farm Bureau delegates conducted at a convention in Monterey this month.

For California farmers, the most important story involved efforts pending in Congress to overhaul the law to ease what they see as an unfair burden on them to protect wild plants and animals.

Federal charges that an immigrant farmer illegally plowed land inhabited by the Tipton kangaroo rat and other endangered species had outraged farmers so much that it was California's top farm story in 1994.

The government's decision last spring not to prosecute Taung Ming-Lin for the alleged violations finished fourth in the 1995 survey.

Meanwhile, the storms that tore through California in January and March, causing millions of dollars of farm damage, landed in second place — just two votes behind the proposed endangered species Act overhaul.

"It was difficult to find many commodities that were not affected by the weather to some degree," said Clark Biggs, the Farm Bureau's information director. "Weather can make or break a year for California agriculture."

The third most important farm story is certain to remain high on the list in 1996. It is the possible ban next March of methyl bromide, which is used to fumigate soil before planting and on some nuts after harvest.

California's legislature will be asked to extend the fumigant's use. But the federal Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to ban the chemical at the start of the 21st century because it damages the ozone layer.

Rounding out the top 10 stories to California farmers were concerns about chronic water shortages, the controversy over federal grazing reform, passage of a state law requiring water planning before major new developments are approved, passage of federal legislation reversing a U.S. Supreme Court decision known as the Adams Fruit case, reform of the state's pesticide registration process and full deliveries of water from state and federal projects.

FDA approves cancer light therapy program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patients who choke on cancerous throat tumors may soon get help from a new therapy approved by the government Wednesday that destroys tumor cells with simple light.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Photofrin to help clear the esophagus when patients' tumors grow so big that they cannot swallow.

The approval makes Photofrin the first of a new type of cancer treatment called photodynamic therapy, where patients get a drug to make their tumors light-sensitive. The light then kills cancer cells.

"The attractiveness of it is ... it only makes you sick where the light hits it," explained FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple, who said photodynamic therapy also is being tested against bladder, bronchial and other tumors.

The drawback: Patients remain vulnerable to very severe sunburns until the drug wears off, in about 30 days.

The American Cancer Society estimates that esophageal cancer struck 12,100 Americans in 1995 and killed 10,900 of them, slowly constricting their throats until they could not eat or even swallow their own saliva.

Standard therapy is to chip away at the tumor with a laser, Temple said. But patients whose tumors were too big for the laser to help have had nowhere to turn.

Photofrin, manufactured by Canada's QLT Phototherapeutics Inc., is a chemically modified version of a substance culled from pigs' blood called porfimer sodium.

Patients are injected with Photofrin. Several hours later, doctors thread fiber-optic cables into the esophagus and shine bright light onto the tumor.

Sniper victim dies; youth still remains in juvenile detention

EL PASO (AP) — A boy arrested in the Christmas Day shooting of a motorist on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock won't automatically be facing upgraded charges because the victim has died, authorities say.

Ricardo Soto, 13, is being held in a juvenile detention facility in Pecos on a charge of deadly conduct stemming from accusations that he wounded Alberto Tarango in the head with a .22-caliber rifle.

Tarango, 41, of Van Horn, died Wednesday afternoon at Thomason General Hospital in El Paso, said Chief Deputy Jerry Kresta of the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the shooting.

Authorities said Tarango's death did not immediately mean that the charge — which can range from being a misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, depending on the severity of the crime — would be upgraded.

"Not until we complete the investigation," said Hudspeth County Attorney Tom Chellis, adding that he could not predict how long the probe might run.

Chellis said the next step for the boy is a Jan. 3 hearing during which authorities will determine whether further detention is warranted. The boy becomes eligible for such a hearing on the 10th day of his incarceration.

The teen-ager was arrested Monday just a few hours after he allegedly shot Tarango's pickup truck and a tractor-trailer rig just outside Fort Hancock, a small rural community about 60 miles east of El Paso.

Tarango, who was driving home, was shot once in the back of the head. He was transported to Thomason, where his condition steadily deteriorated. No one else was injured.

Authorities say they are not completely certain what could have motivated Ricardo, who has been described as reserved and well-mannered.

Ricardo's sister, Erika, 15, said she believes the shooting was accidental.

But investigators have been lending some credence to remarks by Ricardo's 9-year-old brother, David Soto, who told authorities that Ricardo had been trying to waylay a truck that he believed was loaded with toys.

David told The Associated Press that Ricardo said he wanted to "shoot a trailer and get Nintendos out of it."

Ricardo was taken into custody at his home, about three miles from the shooting site. He was not armed, but Sheriff Arcadio Ramirez said the boy was carrying a .22-caliber bullet.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 480 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 21, sale. Cows were steady, yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were fair.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 31 to 38.50; Canner and low cutters 25 to 30; Slaughter bulls 40.50 to 46.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 62 to 70; 400 to 500, 58.50 to 65; 500 to 600, 55 to 60; 600 to 700, 55 to 61; 700 to 800, 54.50 to 61.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 52.50 to 58.50; 400 to 500, 50 to 55; 500 to 600, 48.50 to 53.50; 600 to 700, 48.50 to 53.50; 700 to 800, 45 to 53.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 50 to 55.50; 700 to 800, 45 to 52.50.

Cow and calf pairs: good 450 to 600 grade 350 to 450

Springers: 325 to 475 baby calves 65 to 140; doodlers 75 to 140.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 481 head of cattle for the Wed., Dec. 20, sale. All classes of cattle were steady. Pairs and bred cows were steady. Packer cows and bulls 2 to 3 cwt higher. Pairs and bred cows were steady to lower. No sale Dec. 27.

STEERS
300-400: 64-68
400-500: 60-65
500-600: 55-61
600-700: 52-60

HEIFERS
300-400: 52-61
400-500: 50-57
500-600: 48-55
600-700: 48-54

BRED COWS
Good: 400-480
Older and plainer: 300-400

PAIRS
Good: 500-575
Older and plainer: 400-500

PACKER COWS
Good: 31-37
Low yielding: 22-30.

PACKER BULLS
Good: 45-50
Low yielding: 40-45.

AWOL soldier sought for bank robbery

SHELDON, Wis. (AP) — A man reported to be absent without leave from the U.S. Army in Killeen, Texas, was being sought Wednesday in the armed robbery of a Rusk County bank.

The robber displayed a sawed-off shotgun and stole an undisclosed amount of money from the Dairyland State Bank about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rusk County Sheriff Dean Meyer said Wednesday.

The man involved in the robbery was suspected of being the person seen waving a shotgun and making demands at a home along Wisconsin 64 just outside Gilman, Taylor County authorities said.

An arrest warrant was issued by the Rusk County court commissioner for Eric A. Newman, 19, who was reportedly listed as AWOL from Fort Hood. The warrant said he was wanted for armed robbery.

Meyer said witnesses saw a suspect leaving the scene of the Sheldon robbery in a red, mid-sized pickup truck, along with a passenger.

Meyer said the truck later was identified as a stolen vehicle from Alabama, and the passenger was believed to be a 14-year-old female runaway from Alabama.

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Alldsignal		48⅛	47⅞	48
Alltel	29	28⅞	29	+ ⅛
AmStores	26½	26⅜	26⅜	— ⅛
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AtlRichfld	112⅞	111⅞	112⅞	— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	23	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅛
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CenSoWst	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
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Chrysler	54⅞	54⅝	54⅞	+ ⅛
Coastal	37⅞	37⅛	37⅛	— ⅛
CocaCola	75⅛	74⅛	75	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm	70⅝	70⅛	70⅛	— ⅛
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Goodrich	68⅝	68⅛	68⅛	+ ⅛
Goodyear s		44⅝	44⅝	44⅝
GtAtlPac	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
Haliburtn	50⅛	49⅞	50⅛	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
HarteHanks s	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
HoustonInd s	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	91⅛	90⅝	90⅝	—1⅛
IntlPapers	37⅛	36⅞	37⅛	+ ⅛
JohnsnJns	86⅛	85⅞	85⅞	—1
K mart	6⅝	6⅛	6⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger	37⅞	37	37	— ⅜
Litton	44	43⅝	44	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	+ ⅛
Lubys	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞	+ ⅛
Medtronics		55⅛	55	55⅛
Mobil	114⅝	113⅝	114⅝	+ ⅛
Monsanto	122⅛	121⅞	121⅞	— ⅜
Motorola	57⅛	56⅞	56⅞	— ⅛
Nationsbk	69⅛	68⅝	69⅛	+ ⅛
Navistar	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
NorfkSouth	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
Norwest		33⅛	33⅛	33⅛
Nynex		52	51⅞	51⅞
OryxEngy	13⅜	13⅛	13⅛	— ⅛
PacTelesis		33⅜	33⅜	33⅜
PanhBCp		27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Penney JC	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	— ⅛
Pennzoil	42½	41⅞	42⅛	+ ⅜
PepBoys	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
PepsiCo	56⅛	55⅞	56⅛	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	60⅝	60	60	— ½
PhilipPet	34½	34⅜	34½	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd		6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Polaroid	48⅛	48	48	— ½
Praxair	33½	33⅛	33½	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	82⅛	82⅛	82⅛	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	17⅜	17⅛	17⅛	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	140	139⅝	140	— ⅜
SBC Comm	58	57⅞	58	+ ⅛
SaraLee	32⅛	32	32⅛	+ ⅛
SearsRoebs	39⅛	38⅞	39	+ ⅛
SherwinW	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅛
SmthBchADS	55⅛	54⅞	54⅞	— ⅛
SmthBc eqt	55	54⅞	54⅞	— ⅛
SouthernCo	24⅜	24	24⅛	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
Sprint	39⅝	39⅛	39⅛	— ⅛
SterlingChm	8⅛	7⅞	8	— ⅛
SunCo		26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
TNP Ent	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛
Tandy	41	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅛
TempleInl		42⅞	42⅞	42⅞
Tenneco	49⅝	48⅞	49⅛	+ ⅛
Texaco	78⅝	78	78⅛	+ ⅜
TexasInd	51⅜	51⅛	51⅜	+ ⅜
TexasInsts	51⅜	51⅛	51⅛	—1
TexUtil		40⅞	40⅞	40⅞
Textron	71	70⅞	70⅞	+ ⅛
Travelers	63⅛	62⅞	63	+ ⅛
TrinityInds		30⅞	30⅞	30⅞
TritonEngy	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	+ ⅛
Tyler		2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
US WestCm s	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	+ ⅛
USWstMda n		19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
USX Delhi	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
USX-Marathn		19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
USX-USS	31	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅜
UnCarbde	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
UnPac	67	66⅞	66⅞	+ ⅛
UnitedTech	95⅛	94⅞	95⅛	+ ⅛
Unocal		29⅞	29⅞	29⅞
WalMart	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
WstpGasRs	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛	+ ⅛
WestghEl	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛	— ⅛
WinnDixie s	36⅝	36⅛	36⅝	— ⅛
Woolworth	13⅜	13	13⅜	— ⅛
XeroxCp	138⅛	137⅞	137⅞	—1⅛
ZenithE		6⅛	6⅛	6⅛

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ADMISSIONS: Jimmy Renfro, 215 25th; Alma Lopour, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Angela Sescil, 4400 Ave. U; Louis Soliz, 100 E. 37th; Roscie Williams Jr., 1013 SFM 1673.

DISMISSALS: Jason Burney, Lana Chambers, Domingo Trejo, Gayland Vaughan.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-38).

CHARITY DRIVE — N-Dorm Craftshop participants completed its second annual charity drive this season by making and selling items and donating the money to Noah Project-West and Snyder Day Care. Brenda Meurer, sponsor, is shown in the photo at left. Others include Price Daniel inmates Thomas Cole, T. Capps, Richard Guerrero, Elvis Garrett and Danny Way. In the photo at right several craft shop participants are shown including, from left, front row, E. Gutierrez, J. Carrasco, A. Trujillo, I. Leon, D. Herrera, J. Cervantes, F. Zamora, V. Gutierrez; second row, V. Barrera, J. Garcia, D. Lorenzen, R. Dorantes, R. Kuykendall, J. Gloria, J. Clayton; third row, J. Strebeck, R. Garrett, D. Dowler, R. Espinosa, L. Gilchrest, B. Wright, P. Jones, A. Collins, J. Washington, J. Pena, B. Arnold and J. Mulero. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 29, 1995

Joint endeavors could prove both productive and profitable in the year ahead. However, you must know how to align yourself with people who understand the rudiments of success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others might make heavy demands on your time and talents today. In fact, you may have to alter or adjust your plans to suit their needs. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might be a tad too sensitive for your own good. This could cause you to act defensively and erect walls when you should be building bridges.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you do not live within your means today, you might regret your spending later. Do not let friends involve you in any financially unsound arrangements.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your assertiveness in check today if you want associates to cooperate with you to achieve a personal objective. Aggressiveness could chill their support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Nothing worthwhile will be achieved today if your plans are too convoluted or complex. Remember the phrase Keep it simple, stupid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not poke your nose into situations where it doesn't belong today. If you do, you could be drawn into something you've been trying hard to avoid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Important decisions shouldn't be rushed into today, especially if what you decide will affect someone you're representing who isn't present.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to make a favorable impression on others today, strive to be self-reliant. Do not ask companions to do things that you can manage for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mind your budget today and don't let your extravagant inclinations entice you to buy unnecessary merchandise. Buy only what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid discussing volatile issues with your mate today. If distasteful subjects are introduced, especially in public, it could spoil the day for everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Imposing your ideas on others could prove unwise today. If they don't buy what you put down, additional pressure will not change their minds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you can competently manage your resources, but today you might be wasteful, especially regarding things that bring you instant gratification.

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4 dead in rains

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Heavy rain, snow and winds nearing 60 mph are responsible for at least four deaths in three days, authorities said Wednesday. Flooding has closed highways and slowed traffic across much of Spain.

Teen-ager saved himself when he rescued drowning minister

DALLAS (AP) — Logan Johnson says that when he jumped into a pond last February to save a minister whose car had slid into the water, he also saved his own life.

Johnson, 18, was one of 89 people nationally who were chosen last week as Carnegie Heroes, an award given to civilians who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save others. The awards are given from the Pittsburgh, Pa.-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Also honored was David L. Breed of Purdon, Texas, who pulled 2-year-old Anthony L. Pena from a burning mobile home on Sept. 2, 1994. He re-entered the trailer in an unsuccessful attempt to find Anthony's brother. The brother died in the fire.

In the weeks before the rescue, Johnson had drifted into depression, family members said.

He and his girlfriend were breaking up. He was irritable and constantly fighting with family members. He was failing most of his classes.

"We had lost Logan," his mother, Haven Johnson, 49, told The Dallas Morning News. "He was struggling and floundering all over the place."

In early February last year, Johnson went to his room and tried to kill himself by putting a muzzle-loading rifle into his mouth and pulling the trigger. It misfired. A few days later, he dropped out of Richardson Pearce High School, where he was a junior, and took a job delivering pizza.

But since the Rev. John Kershaw's car slid off a north Dallas road into a pond Feb. 20, Johnson's life has changed.

"I can't really explain it," Johnson said. "That one event put a whole new light on everything. I was meant to be there."

He was making a nighttime pizza delivery when he saw Kershaw's car slide into the pond. Johnson screeched his pickup truck to a halt, shed his boots and swam to the sinking Cadillac.

As the car drifted underwater, Johnson circled the car looking for a way to reach the man inside. He found only the right rear door unlocked — something no one's been able to explain, given that the car's electric door locks were set. He dragged Kershaw by the shirt collar over the seats and out the door.

After the rescue, Johnson received dozens of letters and phone calls and about $1,000 in checks, which he put toward a college fund. For a few weeks, people called the pizza restaurant where he worked, requesting him for deliveries.

"I was overwhelmed with deliveries," he said. "And when I got there, they gave me $5 and $10 tips."

Johnson's new confidence thrived even after the celebrity wore off.

The rescue, he said, made him realize he had a purpose in life. Johnson returned to Pearce for summer school and said he is on track to graduate with his class in May. He plays on the baseball team and has quit his jobs to focus on school.

"His grades are terrific, and he has college prospects again," his mother said. "And it wasn't just a flash. It was a real, lasting change."

With the Carnegie Hero award comes a $2,500 grant, a medal and a scholarship.

"This is something that will help me the rest of my life," Johnson said of the award. "I was never religious, and I didn't believe in fate. But I do now. Somebody upstairs was looking."

He said he is interested in studying international business and agriculture in college. He has enrolled in a U.S. Marine Corps reserve program and will attend boot camp this summer.

Young boy, adult partner rob victim of cash, presents

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A boy who said he was collecting money for Toys for Tots and an adult accomplice robbed a man of cash and Christmas presents, then forced him to take some type of pills, police said.

Police said Wednesday they were beginning to investigate the case this week.

"This one catches me by surprise," said Corpus Christi police Sgt. Isaac Valencia. "This is not a typical thing for us here in Corpus."

Bill Gwynn, 55, answered the door Saturday night and greeted a boy about 12 years old.

"He said, 'I'm collecting money to help for Toys for Tots. They don't have enough toys this year, so they sent some of us kids out to get donations,'" Gwynn said.

Gwynn unlocked the screen and turned to get his wallet. When he looked back, the boy had entered his house, followed by a bearded man wearing sunglasses who pointed a pistol at him.

"The boy did all the talking," Gwynn said. "The man never said a single word the whole time."

Date Book

Dec. 28, 1995

Today is the 362nd day of 1995 and the seventh day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1832, John Calhoun became the first man to resign the vice presidency of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president; Earl "Fatha" Hines (1905-1983), musician; Terry Sawchuck (1929-1970), hockey great; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 61; Denzel Washington (1954-), actor, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, the Chicago Cardinals won the only championship in their history by defeating the Philadelphia Eagles 28-21.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "America cannot be an ostrich with its head in the sand." — Woodrow Wilson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1897, the temperature in Dayville, Ore., soared to 81 degrees.

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

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Judge rejects new trial

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The woman convicted of killing Selena was denied a new trial Wednesday by the judge who presided over the original trial.

But State District Judge Mike Westergren said he found the defense argument that important information was withheld from the trial "somewhat problematic" and that he thought the matter should be considered by an appeals court.

Lawyers for convicted murderer Yolanda Saldivar said she deserved a new trial because the criminal record of key witness Maria Norma Martinez was not revealed during the October trial.

A defense lawyer claimed knowledge of Ms. Martinez's record for food stamp fraud would have tarnished her credibility.

Ms. Saldivar, 35, was sentenced to life in prison for shooting Selena in the back at a Corpus Christi motel in March. Her lawyers said the gun went off accidentally.

Martinez, a housekeeper at the motel, testified that she saw the Tejano music star running and screaming down a corridor with Ms. Saldivar, her former fan club president, in pursuit with a gun.

Prosecutors said at a hearing last Thursday that they did not know of Ms. Martinez's conviction. They say they mistakenly ran a criminal background check using Norma as a first name instead of a middle name, and misspelling Maria as Marie, and found nothing.

Woman's remains revealed

VICTORIA (AP) — A 20-year-old Victoria man has been charged with the murder last weekend of a Corpus Christi woman whose body was found floating in Town Lake.

And now, authorities say she wasn't the only victim of David George Rodriguez.

Rosita Becerra, 41, of Corpus Christi met Rodriguez at an Austin hamburger restaurant early Friday morning and left with him, police were told. Hours later, her body was found in Town Lake.

A warrant was issued for Rodriguez's arrest, and he was taken into custody Tuesday in Victoria. Wednesday, while he was being questioned on that case, he admitted killing a 19-year-old Victoria waitress who had been missing since last May, police said.

Rodriguez led authorities to the skeletal remains of Stephanie Martinez, who was last reported seen leaving with Rodriguez from the nightclub where she worked.

Victoria County Sheriff Mike Ratliff said murder charges would be filed against Rodriguez today in the Martinez slaying. Rodriguez was being held in Victoria County Jail late Wednesday in lieu of $100,000 bond on capital murder charges stemming from the rape, robbery and slaying of Ms. Becerra.

Berry's World

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

'Flaws' of Beauty Pale Beside Man's Real Flaws of Character

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Sorry to see that you have bought into the "beauty culture" for women.

Why should the 20-year-old woman whose date said her nose is too big and her chin is too receding even consider that she has "flaws" that need correcting? A person who is extremely photogenic and skinny may be the standard for movies and magazines, but in real life, beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.

Abby, you can help women stop wasting their energy comparing themselves to models and movie stars. This only leads to low self-esteem, and eating and drinking disorders.

The insensitive young man who was "brutally honest" is also a victim of the new beauty culture. He measures beauty as "movie star material." However, it is very doubtful that he measures his attractiveness in the same way.

His character flaws of rudeness and insensitivity can change through blunt education by young women who feel good about themselves and don't see themselves as "flawed."

A WOMAN WHO
STANDS PROUDLY, BROKEN
ARROW, OKLA.

DEAR WOMAN: Well said. And may I add, a genuine smile can radiate more candlepower than a 300-watt bulb.

Now that's beauty!

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Wants a Tattoo in New York," the 16-year-old girl whose mother said it was against their religion to get a tattoo. If she won't listen to her mother, maybe she will listen to me.

I am 25 years old. When I was 19, I went to a local tattoo parlor with a girlfriend and left there with a small rose the size of a half dollar on my left shoulder. I thought it was cool, so a week later, I went back and had another rose tattooed on the outside of my right ankle. They cost $35 apiece.

Not long after having my tattoos done, I started getting disapproving looks from strangers. (It's still happening six years later.) As much as I hate to admit it, people just don't accept tattoos on women. I have regretted it more than I can say.

Once a tattoo is there, it's very expensive to remove. Also, if it's not removed properly, it could leave ugly scars. I have consulted a laser clinic and plan to start the removal process soon. It will cost at least $300 a session and will take six sessions.

Please don't use my name. I just want to warn other women to think hard and long before getting tattooed.

SORRY IN MAINE

DEAR SORRY: Thank you for sharing your costly experience.

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DEAR ABBY: Why do people take the Lord's name in vain? How come when they smash their finger with a hammer, they don't yell out, "Buddha!" instead of "Jesus Christ!"

My heart breaks every time I hear that. Abby, please give me an answer. I am a 12-year-old boy and I am confused.

SAD IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SAD: Perhaps they are praying for the Almighty to ease their pain. If it's any comfort to you, I've heard "holy Moses!" used as an epithet.

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Off-duty officer accused

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A shooting spree that left a paramedic dead and four municipal police officers wounded may have been the result of a conspiracy to kill one policeman, authorities say.

State Judicial Police investigators were quoted in Wednesday's El Paso Herald-Post as saying they believe the attack allegedly committed by an off-duty officer was an attempt to kill municipal Patrolman Juan Guerrero.

The others injured in the shooting merely got in the way, the investigators said. They did not specify why they thought Guerrero was targeted.

According to police reports, Guerrero was in his patrol car Tuesday morning when 24-year-old Eduardo Valle, a fellow municipal officer, pulled up in a civilian car and opened fire, wounding Guerrero in the arm and hand.

Valle then left the scene, police say.

Guerrero's partner called for backup and two police cars and a team of police paramedics arrived within a few minutes. They were loading Guerrero into an ambulance when Valle returned and opened fire again, police said.

Paramedic Javier Nevarez, 24, was fatally wounded in the second shooting. Officers Carlos Soto, Antonio Morales and Abel Lopez were wounded.

Morales and Soto were both shot in the head and doctors say they likely will each lose an eye. Lopez was wounded in the arm and has been released from a hospital.

Valle and Martha Maria Rios were arrested about an hour after the shooting. Rios was riding in a car with Valle at the time of his arrest.

State police said a second officer was also arrested, but his name was not immediately available.

INMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE — The second annual charity drive recently held by Price Daniel Unit inmates donated $367.11 and 641 items of food to the Food Cupboard, represented by Betty Wood, left. The project sponsor is Brenda Meurer, right. Members of the advisory committee are, from left, Curtiss Holloway, Jerry Washington, Bobby Edwards, David Russ, Michael Dickerson and William Bush. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hundreds left with no power in big Scotland snow storms

LONDON (AP) — Snow has been cleared from some roads, but hundreds of people were still without power Wednesday as northern Scotland tried to dig out from a huge holiday snow storm before the next round of bad weather.

It's expected as soon as this weekend.

The forecast: "High winds and lots of snow," said Malcolm Green, chief executive of the Shetland Islands Council.

The weather was calm Wednesday, so Shetlanders used their few precious hours of daylight to dig out as best they could from the holiday storm, which killed at least three people.

Though many roads were cleared enough to allow a single lane of traffic, parts of the islands were buried under snow drifts of up to 30 feet. Authorities were transporting doctors, ill people and utility workers by helicopter.

About 350 homes on the islands 140 miles off the northeastern coast of Scotland were still without power after the biggest storm many Shetlanders could remember.

"It's said to be the worst for the last 40 to 50 years," Green said.

With temperatures dropping to minus 20 degrees overnight, the Hydroelectric power company said at least 1,500 people still lacked power on the Scottish mainland, the Western Isles and the Shetlands. On Christmas Day, 23,600 homes were without power.

In Scotland, repair teams pushed through snow drifts to reach sections of felled lines.

However, helicopters were prepared to deliver emergency supplies if necessary after the area power company said power may not be restored until the weekend to some homes that have been cut off since Saturday.

One Shetlands couple, Kenneth and Annabella Nicolson, said they had just experienced their "worst-ever Christmas" after being without power since Saturday.

First man treks to north, south poles

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A Polish adventurer has become the first person to trek to the north and south poles in one year.

Marek Kaminski of Gdansk and a friend reached the North Pole on foot this spring, dragging heavy sleds with food and equipment.

Kaminski then set out toward the south pole with 260 pounds of supplies and equipment on a sled. He reached the south pole Tuesday after 53 days of walking, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday.

This year, Norwegian Borge Ousland became the first person to reach both poles without assistance, but he did not make the trips during the same year.

Candidates campaigning for Iowa's presidential kickoff

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, campaigning for a day in Iowa, said the race for the GOP nomination has been frozen during the federal budget fight while attention focuses on Washington, and that helps him.

"I'd like it to freeze real hard, about six inches deep," Dole said.

While his GOP presidential rivals talk economics, trade, agriculture and abortion, Dole argues that voters eventually will be grateful for the Republican insistence on budget balancing.

The front-runner for the 1996 Republican nomination, Dole visited three Iowa cities on Wednesday. "There are some out there who think this is all politics ... and the American people are caught in the middle," he said.

At the same time, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm was talking economics in a Des Moines hardware store while commentator Pat Buchanan hammered on abortion and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander sounded farm themes during stops in eastern Iowa.

Iowa's Feb. 12 precinct caucuses mark the traditional start of the quadrennial presidential nominating process, followed by New Hampshire's Feb. 20 presidential primary. Complicating the already jammed campaign schedule in 1996 are earlier-than-usual caucuses in Louisiana Feb. 6, Delaware's primary on Feb. 24 and primaries in Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota on Feb. 27.

In Iowa, Dole said voters "will be glad we hung in there" during the fight with President Clinton over the federal budget, but the wrangling has meant he has been largely absent from the battle for the state's caucuses.

'I hope people expect me to be where I ought to be — balancing the budget," Dole said. Voters, he insisted, "want us to be working, they don't want us to be campaigning."

His planned four-day bus tour of the state was scaled back to a single event-packed day before he headed back to Washington.

Several of Dole's GOP rivals took advantage of the week between Christmas and New Year's to try to gain favor with the Iowa electorate.

Flanked by a group of about 25 conservative ministers known as "Pastors for Pat" Wednesday in Des Moines, Buchanan challenged Dole and Gramm, saying he is the only true anti-abortion candidate in the Republican presidential field who can win.

During his news conference at the hardware store, Gramm said small businesses will benefit from a balanced budget and fewer government regulations.

"It's been so long since the government has had a balanced budget that people forget the benefits of it," he said. "Government red tape, high interest rates and high taxes put small businesses and small farmers out of business."

Gramm said congressional leaders should never have agreed to negotiate a budget compromise with Clinton, but Dole insisted bargaining will continue.

"Hopefully, by Saturday we'll have a framework or we'll know we can't put it together," he said.

Dole won Iowa's precinct caucuses in 1988 and is widely considered the favorite to win again. But as the campaign enters its final six weeks, Dole finds himself stuck in Washington, bargaining with Clinton — not shaking hands with voters in Iowa.

"We're going to stick with our guns and hope the people understand," Dole said. Though his last visit to Iowa was Dec. 4, he has a long campaign history in the state and a formidable campaign machine. Not being able to get to Iowa more often hasn't hurt him in local polls, most of which continue to show him in the lead. None of his major rivals has emerged as the single alternative.

World population grew by 100 million people in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's population grew this year by 100 million people, to 5.75 billion, the largest increase ever, a population research group said Wednesday.

Ninety percent of the growth is in poor countries "already terribly torn by civil strife and social unrest and where all too many people live in brutal poverty," Werner Fornos of the Population Institute said.

Fornos, giving the institute's "1995 World Population Overview," told reporters that effective birth control policies and practices could stabilize world population by 2015 at about 8 billion. But unless family planning is promoted actively, he said, there could be an increase to as many as 14 billion people.

"Some 3 billion young people will be entering their reproductive years in this coming generation," Fornos said. "How well these young people are able to implement the awesome responsibility of parenting ... will make the difference between our setting course for an environmental Armageddon in the 21st century or a better quality of life."

The Population Institute receives no U.S. government money. Its funding comes from the United Nations, foundations and individuals.

To illustrate the difference between population growth in wealthy and poor countries, Fornos compared conditions Iowa in the United States and the South Asian country Bangladesh, which have about the same area.

At present growth rates, Iowa will need a century to double its population of less than 3 million. But Fornos estimated that Bangladesh will double its 128 million people in less than 30 years.

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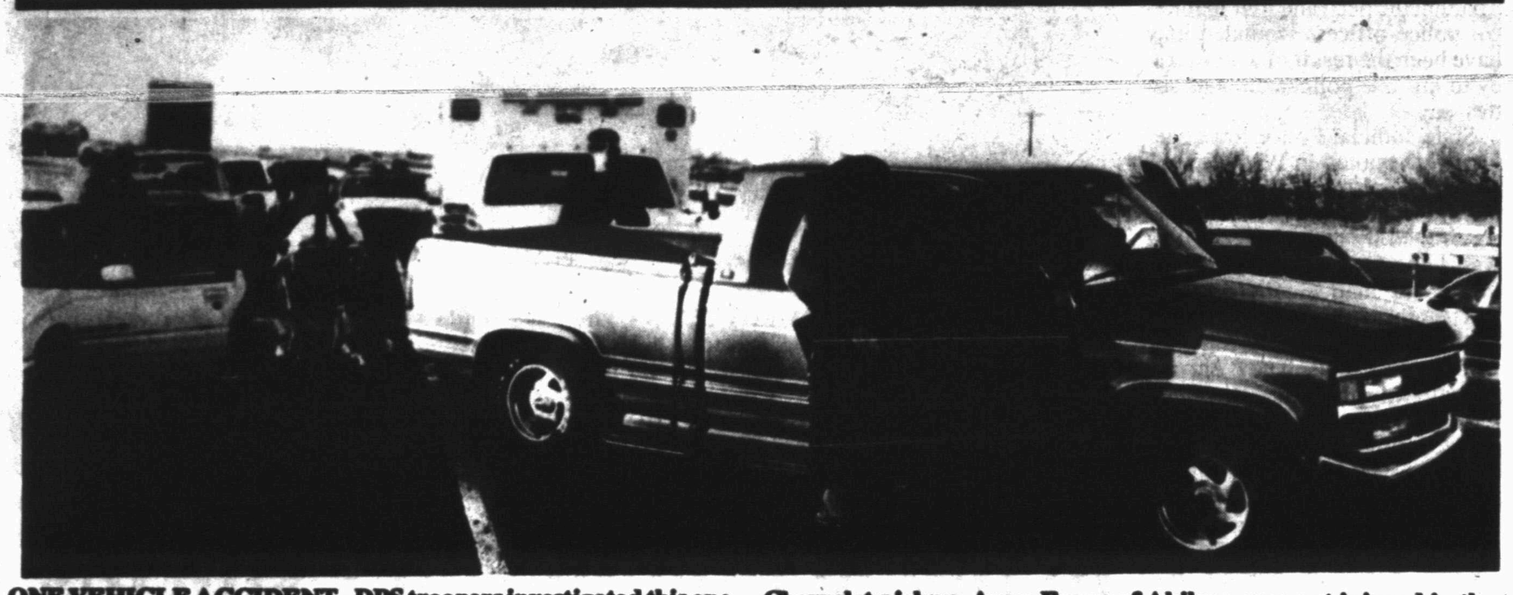

ONE VEHICLE ACCIDENT - DPS troopers investigated this one-vehicle accident around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday approximately one mile north of Rip Griffin's on U.S. Highway 84. The driver of this Chevrolet pickup, Anna Evans of Abilene, was not injured in the accident which occurred when she apparently went to sleep and the vehicle hit a guardrail. (SDN Staff Photo)

Traffic accidents dominate reports

Local law enforcement agencies had a quiet 24-hours Wednesday as no arrests were recorded.

At 11:17 a.m., officers responded to a complaint from the 400 block of 29th Street of juveniles shooting BB guns at houses.

DPS troopers worked a one-vehicle accident at 4:36 p.m. one mile north of Rip Griffin's on U.S. Highway 84. Involved was a late model Chevrolet pickup driven by Anna Evans, 60, of 1926 Delwood, Abilene. There were no injuries.

City officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 9:04 p.m. in the 2200 block of Ennis Creek Road.

Involved were a 1993 Chevrolet driven by Jimmy Renfro, 26, of 215 25th St., and a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Louis Soliz, 20, of 100 E. 37th St., Apt. #38.

Both Renfro and Soliz were taken to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS where they were both admitted. Their condition was listed as good this morning and both were expected to be released today.

Three children die in desert explosion

AGUANGA, Calif. (AP) — Three little children died screaming and their mother was critically burned in an explosion and fire believed caused by an illegal drug lab set up in their mobile home in the desert.

Methamphetamine, or "speed," labs often are found in Southern California's vast desert and rural areas, and authorities said Wednesday they were not surprised that children were in the home.

"The fact that kids are around doesn't seem to make any difference," said Phil Pelzel, a chemist for the state Justice Department who has seen about 150 home-brew speed labs.

"Home cookers are cooking in the garage, kitchen, bedroom or anywhere, and many times there's kids around. They just don't care, and these chemicals and vapors are very toxic and explosive."

The youngsters' mother, 39-year-old Kathy James, stood helpless outside as flames destroyed the home Tuesday afternoon and killed the children, ages 1, 2 and 3. Her 10-year-old son apparently fled the burning trailer and was found unharmed staying with family in Aguanga.

"It's absolutely devastating to realize there was three kids in there because she had to stand there and watch her kids screaming and yelling and there wasn't anything she could do," said a neighbor, Steven Mackey. "That's why she got burnt so bad."

Ms. James was in critical condition, as was a man who had been at the house, Harry Jensen, 42. A second man there was not seriously hurt.

No immediate charges were filed.

Aguanga, population 580, is in Riverside County, about 60 miles north of San Diego.

The wreckage, which was little more than a blackened smudge near a dusty road in brush-covered desert hills, yielded clues pointing to the manufacture of methamphetamines, a stimulant popularized by bikers in the late 1970s.

Late Wednesday, several adults who were inside the mobile home during the explosion were found, said sheriff's Detective Mark Lohman. He didn't have additional information, but said the adults and the 10-year-old boy had corroborated investigators suspicions that they had been cooking cocaine and speed at the time of the fire.

Obituaries

O.C. Brown

1915-1995

Service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for O.C. Brown. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Brown, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Samaritan Care Center in Lovington, N.M.

A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Brown was an operator for Lone Star Gas Co. Born in Randolph, Tex., he married Queenie Taylor on June 1, 1982 in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Queenie Brown of Albuquerque; a daughter, Peggy Ruth Allen of Stillwater, Okla.; a son, Bobby Wayne Brown of Midland; a sister, Darlene Moore of Dallas; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Clyde Monk

1907-1995

LUBBOCK — Funeral service for Clyde Monk, 88, of Lubbock will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Resthaven Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Memorial Park. Officiating will be Tom Holcomb, minister of Snyder's East Side Church of Christ, and Melvin Carter, Mr. Monk's nephew of Lubbock.

Mr. Monk, who died Wednesday, Dec. 27, at his residence, was the father of Mrs. Monte (Linda) West of Snyder.

Born on July 30, 1907 in Rockfall, he married Alma Carter on Aug. 6, 1932 in Gasoline, Tex. She preceded him in death on March 16, 1992.

Mr. Monk farmed most of his life and was a resident of Lubbock since 1967, moving from Muleshoe. He had also lived in Gasoline, Hale Center and Hanford, Calif. He was a member of Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Other survivors include two grandsons, Jason West of Abilene and Eric West of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice Family Care, Inc., 1408 19th Street, Lubbock, Tex. 79401.

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After receiving just .67 of an inch of moisture in April, and only 2.86 inches for the first four months of 1995, Scurry County Ministerial Alliance called for a "Pray for Rain" service on the first of May. Snyder received minor showers the next morning, and the prayers continued to be answered through the coming weeks as Snyder received 9.27 by month's end.

Dubbed "The Dream Team," Snyder High School's cast of "Midsummer Night's Dream" won the Class 4A state one-act play contest in Austin. It was Snyder's 13th one-act state title under drama instructor Jerry Worsham. Kevin Alejandro won the Samuel French Award and Mark Bullard was named to the all-star cast. Alejandro also won second in poetry interpretation.

In other UIL results from state, SHS's accounting team of Michelle Martin, Ellen Strayhorn and Sterling Cave took second; Joyce May placed third in news writing; Katie Thornton was fourth in prose interpretration; and Tiffany Jones was fourth in spelling.

May's elections were largely won by incumbents. The exceptions were David Holt, elected as mayor after Paul Zeck decided not to seek re-election, and Hermleigh ISD board candidates Sherene Digby and Jimmy Hudgins.

The Board of County Development approved another $12,000 for the Winston terminal building renovation, bringing the total to $37,000 at that point.

June brought a tornado to Hermleigh which ripped the roofs off several residences and outbuildings. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Also in June, the city council considered a no-smoking ordinance. The topic would carry on for a couple of months, but eventually the council decided to allow businesses in Snyder to set their own policies.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong was appointed 132nd District Judge by Gov. George Bush in June.

Also during the second quarter of 1995, it was announced that Don's Value King would reopen as Snyder Value King, Dollar General Store was coming to Snyder and Rudy's Restaurant would open its doors.

In a sports note, Snyder High School girl's softball team had a great debut season under coach Billy Hicks, reaching the Region II Area championship game before ending its inagural campaign.

In other second quarter activity:

—Shawna Davidson of Lubbock was named WTC Rodeo Queen and Guy Smith of Wimborne, Alberta, Canada and Emily Schaffer of North Platte, Neb. were named Mr. and Miss WTC. Later, Sandra Jean Hall of Snyder and Michael Hughes of Ira were named the college's outstanding students for 1994-95.

—Brooke Lowrance and John Clinkinbeard were named top athletes at SHS.

—More than $20,000 was raised during the Senior Center's May Day.

—An incentive package was extended to BCI in Hermleigh from the Development Corporation of Snyder.

—Area honor grads were, from Ira, valedictorian Kristi Sorrells and salutatorian Jay Nettles; and from Hermleigh, valedictorian Chris Roemisch, salutatorian Charles Sweatt and high-ranking girl Brandy Atkinson.

—Upper Colorado SWCD awards were: Conservation Farmer - Nathan Campbell of Hermleigh; Conservation Rancher - Doug Nehring of Gail and Lorin McDowell III of Big Spring; and Conservation Educators - Lee Presswood of Snyder and Ann Jones of Borden County.

Money left to school for deaf

BALTIMORE (AP) — Olive Swindells lived modestly with her husband in a cluttered, run-down Victorian house in the suburbs, and neighbors knew little about her — until now.

Mrs. Swindells, who died of a stroke at age 94 while preparing her tax return in March, left at least $3 million to a university for the deaf that didn't know her or her husband, who was deaf. She had quietly amassed $4.8 million with help from decades of stock purchases in strong companies.

"We don't know why," Gallaudet University spokeswoman Mercy Coogan said. "It was just this unbelievable gift."

The donation was the largest from an individual in the 131-year history of the Washington, D.C., school, the only four-year liberal arts college for the deaf in the United States.

Gallaudet, which learned of the gift earlier this month, will get 80 percent of the estate after taxes and fees are subtracted, Mrs. Swindells' lawyer, Bruce E. Goodman, said Wednesday. The final figure could hit $3.6 million.

Mrs. Swindells' husband, Bert, a draftsman, died in 1994 at 86.

What's Up?

Senior Center party set

The Senior Center will have a combination New Years and Sesquicentennial party at the Center on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Seniors are asked to dress in western attire.

Youth Center dance

A New Years Eve dance and party will be held Sunday from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Scurry Youth Center, 115 31st St. Admission is $2 per person. Music will be provided by M.I.P, Melinda Estrada. Refreshments and door prizes are included.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The sixth tape, "Why Did John The Baptist Baptize?" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Student, ISD report cards

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

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

Pick 3

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

9-9-8

(nine, nine, eight)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Five tickets each won $61,396 in the Cash 5 lottery drawing.

The winning tickets matched all five of the numbers drawn in the Tuesday night drawing. The winning tickets were purchased at stores in Burleson, Houston, Kirby, Leander and North Richland Hills.

Four numerical matches were on 1,562 tickets, making each ticket worth $295.

And the prize for matching three of five numbers, which 41,158 tickets did, was $18 each.

The winning numbers were 5, 9, 13, 15 and 19.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Carrollton correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 3, 4, 32, 38, 40 and 49.

A ticket matching five of six pays $2,725 dollars, with 52 winners. Four of six is worth $144 dollars, with 3,574. Three of six pays $3, with 79,140 winners.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be $4 million.

Meanwhile, officials were still waiting for a player to claim $25 million from the Dec. 23 game. The only winning ticket was sold in Bishop.

Judge denies motion to dismiss charges against Kevorkian

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian must face trial in connection with two deaths he attended early in his crusade for physician-assisted suicide, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Oakland County Circuit Judge David F. Breck denied a motion by Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger to dismiss charges in the deaths of Marjorie Wantz and Sherry Miller.

Fieger had sought to have the charges dropped, saying the prosecution "appears to be making up this law."

Breck said a trial could proceed because the state Supreme Court ruled last year that assisted suicide could be prosecuted under common law.

An assisted suicide law passed in the Legislature specifically to stop Kevorkian took effect in February 1993 and expired in November 1994.

Fieger argued that the law does not clearly define intent and the elements of an assisted suicide, leaving the jury without definite guidelines.

Abandoned 'boy' turns out to be young woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The boy who told authorities he was abandoned by his parents only days before his 13th birthday is actually a 25-year-old woman who has attempted similar scams in at least 11 other states.

Officials discovered the woman's true identity Wednesday after Vermont authorities contacted Utah about a similar case.

The woman in both instances was Birdie Jo Hoaks. She called Utah social services officials Dec. 20 posing as a boy and told them she had been left at a bus stop by her stepmother and father.

She provided a birth certificate for Michael Ross, who would celebrate his 13th birthday on Christmas.

Ross told authorities his parents were planning on driving to Mexico and gave authorities a letter supposedly written by his stepmother, which said she could no longer care for him because his father has AIDS and his birth mother was dead.

The story touched hearts nationwide. By Christmas, officials had received calls from more than 50 people offering donations, gifts and even their homes. The state and a local newspaper both set up trust funds.

"I'm just glad frankly that it unraveled as quickly as it did," said Mary Noonan, director of the Division of Family Services. Authorities said any donations would be returned.