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Home Of Cheryl Kerby


# AT&T Corp. to eliminate 40,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Corp. will eliminate 40,000 jobs, mostly through layoffs, as part of its sweeping plan to split itself into three separate companies, the communications giant said today.

At least 10,500 positions will be eliminated through voluntary severance and divestitures of some businesses, but the rest would come through layoffs.

In November, about 72,000 employees, or roughly half the AT&T workers classified by the company as "supervisory," were offered a buyout package that included severance pay and a lump sum of up to 42 weeks worth of salary.

As of Friday's deadline, about 6,500 had accepted the offer, the company said. Those who chose not to accept knew that they could face involuntary layoffs with a smaller severance package.

Although not the severest U.S. corporate downsizing, the cut is the deepest ever for AT&T, which has gradually shrunk to 300,000 employees from 373,000 at the start of 1984, after the government's order to spin off local phone service into seven regional "Baby Bell" companies.

More than half of the AT&T jobs to be cut are white-collar positions, including supervisory, administrative and marketing roles. The rest are clerical and technical positions. About 70 percent of the jobs are expected to be cut this year, the nation's leading telecommunications company said.

The company said today it is issuing a new buyout offer to other employees to help decrease the number of layoffs needed. Those who turned down the expired buyout offer won't get another chance.

AT&T currently has a little more than 300,000 employees.

Investors reacted enthusiastically to the news, bidding up AT&T stock by $1.12½ a share to $65.87½ on the New York Stock Exchange.

AT&T announced last fall that it was breaking into three separate entities — a communications services provider, a communications equipment maker and a computer maker. It said it would lay off workers beginning this month.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "Any donkey can kick down a barn, but it takes a good carpenter to build one."**

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Somebody brought us the December issue of Progressive Farmer, an edition in which Snyder and West Texas are prominently recognized.

Written by the magazine's southwest editor, Karl Wolfahohl, the article featured the announcement by Lorber Industries. It read:

"Lortex Mills Inc, a California concern, intends to build a state-of-the-art cotton spinning mill in Snyder, Tex. It will be located on 20 acres and should employ 86 people with an annual payroll of $2.1 million.

"The mill should be good for area farmers. The 165,000-square-foot plant is expected to process 500,000 pounds of yarn per week, which would require roughly 50,000 bales of West Texas cotton each year."

"Arnold Lorber, president of Lorber industries of Calif., says Lortex will initially invest $29 million in what he evisions to be the first in a campus of Lorber facilities in SnTx Park 1, a 313-acre park under development...

"Future plants could include a bleaching and dying facility and a knitting mill. More could come later. By June, 1999, Lorber says six Lortex plants in Snyder could employ up to 500 people with an annual payroll of $10 million.

"He says location of a plant in the center of the nation's largest cotton producing area makes good economic sense. And Snyder's location will give Lortex a competitive edge against overseas textile production. Lorber's company is recognized as the West Coast's largest and most technologicaly advanced mill."

It was excellent publicity for Snyder as the community and DCOS work to develop the industrial park. You might drive out just east of Rip Griffin's and see the park road work that has been ongoing since early December.

It's a good way to start a new year!

# County picks audit firm

Scurry County Commissioners Court voted this morning to allow Mason, Warner & Company to conduct the county's audit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1995 for a price of $32,000.

Of that amount, $3,100 will be reimbused by the state of Texas for the company to audit state funds disbursed to the Adult Probation Office.

The court had heard proposals from three other accounting firms and had incorporated their proposals concerning the auditing of Cogdell Hospital into the audit procedures by Mason, Warner.

Specifically, the firm will audit Cogdell Hospital's books in several areas including revenue recognition, accounts receivable and salary expenses.

Concerning salaries, the firm stated it would compare salaries to the approved and budgeted rates.

Other specifics the accounting firm will look at includes the propriety of charges to patients and others by comparing the charges with the documentation contained in medical records and department service logs, test cut-off procedures to determine that revenue has been earned only as services have been performed and compare charges posted to patient records with approved rates and medical records information.

The accounting firm will also review third-party payer contracts and methods of payment.

The court also gave its unanimous approval to the location of an operational office of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at Winston Field.

In a letter addressed to the foundation, the court stated that the airport had a meeting room plus two offices available for the program plus 49,875 square feet available for the spray planes to park and to refill with spraying chemicals.

Commissioner C.D. Gray told a representative of the foundation who attended this morning's meeting that the county is also capable of furnishing fuel for the airplanes on a bid basis.

County Judge Ricky Fritz told Rick Watzl that "the county is definitely interested in locating the program in Scurry County."

Watzl said the operational office would serve 100,000 acres of cotton in eastern Borden County, western Fisher County and all of Scurry County.

The boll weevil foundation will begin hiring employees around May 1, added Watzl.

In other business, the court agreed to allow Cogdell Hospital to seek liability and physical liabilty insurance from the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange for a savings of $6,700 over last year's costs and voted to add Scurry County United Way as a payroll deduction at county employee's option.

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**EARLY MORNING CHORE - Residents who had to leave their vehicles out overnight Monday had the task of scrapping ice and snow off the windshields this morning. Bill Schiebel was up early attending to his wife's car. (SDN Staff Photo)**

# Four more file for local office

Scurry County has another candidate for county attorney and for a commissioner's post today, the last day to file for office in the March 12 Democratic and Republican primaries.

Max Beasley filed this morning as a Democratic candidate for commissioner of Precinct 1. Beasley, 49, will face incumbent Ralph Trevey in the primary. There were no Republican candidates for the office as of noon today.

Beasley was unavailable for comment this morning at his home or place of business, Snyder Concrete, Inc.

Also filing was local attorney Marvin Sentell, who is seeking the office of county attorney, Billy Joe Gannaway, who will run for constable of Precinct 2, and Bill Love, who has filed for constable of Precinct 1.

Sentell, 64, is currently running alone on the Democratic ticket. Two other local attorneys, Dena Reecer and Michael W. Hartman, have filed as Republicans.

"I'm going to be running on the platform of experience," said Sentell, a Snyder native who received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1957. "If elected, I will be a full-time county attorney. I will not practice any private law on the side. This is something the commissioners have been wanting for a long time but hasn't been feasible. I am kind of ending my private law career, so this fits with my situation perfectly.

"I'm dedicating myself to

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Marvin Sentell



Bill Love

# U.S. troops push across Sava River

ZUPANJA, Croatia (AP) — The U.S. Army drove more armored vehicles, heavy weapons and trucks of fuel and food across the Sava River into Bosnia today, pressing to keep to a tight deployment schedule.

A NATO-led force of 60,000 troops is moving into Bosnia to enforce a peace deal signed Dec. 14 in Paris. Their first major task will be to ensure that all sides have complied with a Jan. 19 deadline to withdraw 1.2 miles from confrontation lines.

In a promising sign, NATO officials reported the largest single withdrawal of troops since the alliance took over the peace mission on Dec. 20.

About 2,500 Bosnian Serb troops pulled back from a front line near Konjic, about 25 miles southwest of Sarajevo, said NATO spokesman Brig. Andrew Cumming. They took many of their heavy weapons with them, he said.

He did not say how much of the front line was affected.

U.S. officials expressed satisfaction with the movement of equipment across the Sava, which separates Croatia and Bosnia. The deployment began Monday after the Army built a pontoon bridge across the river.

The Army built the bridge between Bosnia and Croatia in two parts: The first covers the river and the second covers a flood plain on the Croatian side. In between is an ever-muddier stretch of dirt.

On New Year's Day, army engineers dumped truckloads of gravel on the mud-slick patch of river bank to firm it up, afraid U.S. military vehicles would get stuck there. Other vehicles moved in to smooth out the gravel between convoys that rolled across the bridge.

Seventy-five vehicles crossed on Monday, among them some Abrams tanks. Well over 100 vehicles were expected to cross today, including trucks loaded with fuel and food, all terrain vehicles, armored vehicles and armored field artillery pieces. A multiple rocket launcher system was also to cross.

Capt. Kim Sebender said the section might need more reinforcing.

"We have more gravel standing by just in case, but things look pretty good here right now," said the 29-year-old Brownsville, Texas native, as she stood on the troublesome bit of land.

Rain, snow, flooding and thick mud had slowed construction of the bridge, which opened Sunday. More than 100 vehicles and 400 troops pushed across that first day.

Eventually, most of the 20,000 American soldiers taking part in the NATO peacekeeping mission will have to cross the bridge to reach U.S. headquarters in the northeastern Bosnian city of Tuzla, 40 miles away.

"The bridge is holding up well," Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jim McPherson said Monday.

Also today, the first American casualty of the Bosnia deployment, Spc. Martin J. Begosh, who was injured Saturday by a mine in northern Bosnia, was taken by helicopter from a field hospital here to a U.S. military hospital at Taszar in southern Hungary.

American troops will make up a third of 60,000-member NATO force that is to police the Dec. 14 peace deal that foresees a separation of forces, establishment of democratic institutions through elections and restoration of full freedom of movement across Bosnia by Jan. 19.

In Sarajevo, the Bosnian government said 14 people have been detained by Serb security forces in recent days while traveling in and around the city.

## ASK US

**Q—What is the residency requirement for someone filing for county office?**

**A—According to the county clerk's office, the person filing must hold a voter's registration card. To obtain a voter's registration card, a person must live in the county for 30 days.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Monday, 33; low, 24; 7 a.m. reading Tuesday, 25; .21 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, becoming mostly clear. Low near 15. NW wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, breezy, warmer. High, mid 40s. SW wind increasing to 15-25 mph, gusty.



Warmer, Windy

**Sunset:** 5:52 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:16 a.m.

**On the first day of 1996, the sun did not shine in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.**

**Proverbs 15:4**

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# Buchanan seeks to present soft image

DEERFIELD, N.H. (AP) — There's Pat Buchanan the pit bull, shredding opponents in a single sound bite. Then there's Pat Buchanan cooing over toddlers and bundling up for an old-fashioned winter sleigh ride.

That nice-guy image is what campaign aides are determined to showcase in this year's presidential race.

With the New Hampshire news media all to himself this holiday weekend — except for a brief in-and-out trip Sunday by rival GOP candidate Bob Dole — Buchanan and his campaign staff led reporters and photographers through a series of what one aide described as "warm and fuzzy" photo opportunities.

A New Year's Eve street fair, a horse-drawn sleigh ride, a bonfire for toasting marshmallows with his staff, a private party for watching the college football bowl games.

"These are all soft events, obviously, but when you've got the time to do them, it puts a good backdrop on your programs and shows the full range of your ideas and personality," Buchanan said in an interview Monday.

As the conservative voice on CNN's "Crossfire" talk show and in newspaper columns, Buchanan has profitably marketed his own brand of brawling politics and overheated rhetoric.

Now, as he languishes in the single digits in the polls, Buchanan is crafting a new role for himself and looking for voters to warm to him.

"On 'Crossfire' and even on the other shows, I am an advocate for one point of view. I'm a conservative battler," Buchanan explained, "But that's a different role, I think, than the role of being president."

Earlier Monday, he plopped a knit cap on his head to command a 20-person sleigh drawn by two massive Belgian horses, as his wife, Shelley, snuggled beside him. He mugged with a playful Rottweiler and, at the bonfire, puzzled over his charred marshmallow. "What do I do now? Am I supposed to eat this thing?" he asked his staff sheepishly.

At Sunday night's street festival in Concord, N.H., campaign staffers ushered child after child up to the strolling Buchanans and teased news photographers to catch it all on film as the candidate stooped to shake the kids' mittened hands.

Is this the same guy who recently told New Hampshire voters he'd "feed Phil Gramm to the alligators" and mocks Dole, the Senate majority leader, as the GOP's own Walter Mondale, "the weakest front-runner I've ever seen?"

Press secretary Greg Mueller explained the campaign was eager to soften Buchanan's combative image. Indeed, the New Year's resolution Buchanan scribbled on a makeshift sculpture outside New Hampshire's statehouse read simply: "Be nice to Phil," a reference to Gramm, who's also seeking the GOP nomination.

"There's no doubt that because of all the different stands he takes on issues, a lot of folks don't get to see his personal side — and didn't the last time around," Mueller said of Buchanan's failed bid for the nomination in 1992. "All they saw us doing was attacking George Bush."

Personality aside, Buchanan's conservative agenda — anti-tax, anti-immigration, anti-trade, anti-big government — is still an obstacle for some voters here.

Concord resident Sheila Evans and her son, Jolian, came out to the New Year's Eve festival just to heckle Buchanan.

Jolian, 10, trailed after the candidate with a hand-lettered sign reading "Pat and Bob, Grumpy Old Men." In a double-knock to Buchanan and front-runner Dole, Jolian had drawn the pair of presidential contenders with holes where their hearts should be.

They're talking about cutting funds to education and school lunches, and it makes me mad," the boy said.

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**Applications Need To Be Returned**
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# Admiral Burke, shaper of military age, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time finally stopped "31 Knot Burke," something wartime Japan and the postwar American brass could not do. Retired Adm. Arleigh Burke, a storied sailor and military leader, died Monday at age 94.

Renowned for the speed of his Pacific destroyer squadron, Burke served an unprecedented three terms as chief of naval operations in a military career that spanned the ages of cavalry horse and atomic bomb.

Burke died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ed Austin. He is survived by his wife of more than 72 years, Roberta "Bobbie" Gorsuch.

"Courageous and gallant, he was renowned for his heroism during the Pacific battles of World War II," President Clinton said, hailing Burke's "extraordinary courage, legendary reputation and selfless service."

With the commissioning of the USS Arleigh Burke in 1991, he became one of the few men to have a Navy ship — and at the same time the Navy's most modern destroyer class — named after him while still living.

"This ship is built to fight," the sometimes blustery admiral told the Arleigh Burke's crew. "You'd better know how."

Although he retired from the Navy in 1961, his legacy has lived on in books teaching his tactical skills in 22 battles against the Japanese navy in four months.

He was "relentless in combat, resourceful in command and revered by his crews," said Adm. Mike Boorda, now chief of naval operations.

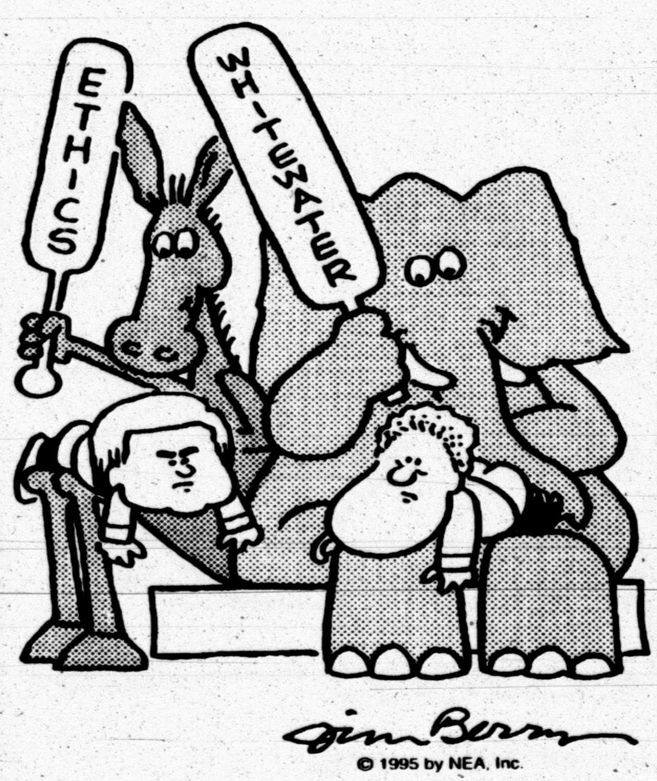
Off the Solomon Islands, the five destroyers in Burke's "Little Beaver" squadron met five enemy ships in the nighttime battle of Cape St. George and sank three of them in what the Naval War College called "an almost perfect action."

On its way to that Thanksgiving Day, 1943 fight, the formation's slowest ship squeezed out an extra knot by tinkering with a jammed boiler tube, earning him the nickname 31 Knot Burke that stayed with him for life.

"The difference between a good officer and an excellent one is about 10 seconds," he once said. "A fine rule is to get going sooner than anticipated, travel faster than expected and arrive before you're due."

After his war career, Burke fell into disfavor with some Pentagon officials for his role in the 1949 "admirals' revolt" against plans to emphasize the Air Force B-36 bomber.

## Berry's World




## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**

Wednesday Jan. 3, 1996

In the year ahead, you might become involved in an exciting enterprise with great potential. This opportunity may originate in your vicinity, but could also spill over to other venues.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** This could be a very productive day for you, provided you do things in an orderly fashion. Without a feasible system, chaos could result. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you try too hard to enjoy yourself today, you might discard your sense of moderation and overindulge in ways you shouldn't. Try to monitor yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Today make it your responsibility to do all you can to bring peace and unity to a testy arrangement. You can help avoid a hassle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Early in the day you might be difficult to please. However, you will mellow out in the evening, and everyone will think of you as a delightful companion.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** For the sake of your budget, don't get involved in something with friends if your share of the costs is undetermined. When the tab arrives, you may be floored.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** It will be important to discern between assertiveness and aggressiveness today. If you cannot make this distinction, associates will make it for you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Use common sense when volunteering to help others today. Someone might try to dump something very undesirable in your lap that he or she has been dodging.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** For the sake of everyone concerned, try to keep your friendship and business interests separate today. If you don't, you might lose something from each.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The people you'll deal with today might view your behavior with critical eyes. Make sure that your actions enhance, not tarnish, your reputation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** An unusual development that is not in immediate proximity to you could still negatively affect your plans today. Prepare to make a lane-change or even a detour.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Do not expect more than you're entitled to from a joint endeavor today. Make sure to show gratitude if you are invited to participate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It will be imperative to recognize your strong bargaining position today. If you negotiate from a weak standpoint, you might make unnecessary concessions.

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## Some airlines to pass on savings from excise taxes

FORT WORTH (AP) — The stalemate over a federal budget will mean savings of up to 10 percent for passengers on several major airlines until two federal taxes are renewed for the new year.

But United Airlines and Southwest Airlines will keep collecting the surcharges, essentially boosting fares.

The federal government's 10 percent excise tax on domestic flights and a $6 departure tax on international travel both expired at midnight on Sunday, Dec. 31. In the absence of a budget agreement, neither surcharge has been reinstated.

American Airlines, Delta, Continental and Northwest plan to pass on the savings to their customers, but other carriers such as United and Southwest will pocket the difference rather than lowering fares.

USAir did not return phone calls New Year's Day seeking comment on its plans.

Some airlines said they would give refunds to passengers who already paid the tax on advance purchases for travel during the non-tax period.

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**RECITAL HELD — A Christmas recital, featuring students of Mrs. Virgil Mott, was presented at the Martha Ann Woman's Club pictured from left are (in top photo) first row, Audra Lilly, Kelley Garner, Sterling Cave, Sarah Lilly and Christy Garner; standing, Katie Howard, Susan Bigham, Jennifer Bigham and Jordan Northerns. In the center photo are, first row, Cassie Cooper, Sara Thornhill, Amy Haddox; standing, Jay Scott and Lee Scott. In the bottom photo from left are Ryanna Alexander, Alayna Alexander and Nicole Means. Students not pictured are Andra Dunham, Erin Dunham and Jeffrey Garner. (Contributed Photo)**

# Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and
Nancy Nash-Cummings



## Is fitted corset gone for good?

**DEAR ANNE AND NAN:** Since I moved from Philadelphia to Florida, I can't find one store that has a private fitting for custom corsets for fat ladies. I have been to all the department stores in New York and all in Florida. All they have is regular, ready-made corsets that act like pants, which I don't want. I want straight ones with bones in the sides and elastic to fit. We used to have a lady who came from a company named Spencer. When I moved, I lost the address. Can you find such a store or find the address of Spencer Co.? I know I am not up to date, but I still like a good-fitting corset. — **HENRIETTA HELKIN, Beverly Hills, Fla.**

**DEAR HENRIETTA H.:** We spoke with Ann Howard, who worked for Spencer as a corsetier (fitter of corsets) for 35 years. She said the company stopped the custom-fitting service a few years ago.

Unfortunately, we don't know of any company that custom fits corsets. If any of our readers do, please be in touch.

**DEAR ANNE AND NAN:** Just recently we received a garageful of wonderful wood working tools — everything from a drill press to table saws. I think I saw in your column a book or instructions on simple projects, like playhouses, birdhouses and, most of all, a wood bed frame. Anyway, we'd like to find a source for beginning furniture patterns and projects. Can you help? — **LYNN GREEN, Altadena, Calif.**

**DEAR LYNN:** We have a couple of suggestions for you. There's a magazine called Today's Woodworker. It comes out every other month and it is filled with tips, projects and how-to information. The magazine also includes a full-size plan for a project.

The magazine publishes a catalog of craftplans. Today's Woodworker is currently offering a special. For $19.95, you'll receive seven issues of the magazine, a craftplan booklet and a $5 savings certificate toward the purchase of Craftplans. To order, call 1-800-279-4441. You can order just the catalog of Craftplans by sending $1 to: Craftplans, 2400 Industrial Blvd., Rogers, MN 55374.

"Summer Furniture: Practical Designs for the Backyard" (Camden House, 1994) is a peachy paperback book filled with projects of well-designed outdoor items. It includes plans for several things, among them a bike rack, harvest table, Adirondack chair, trestle bench and I-beam bench.

**STUMPED: CANVAS CAPTAIN'S CHAIR THAT FOLDS AND FITS IN A BAG** — Jo Santo of Crystal River, Fla., wants this nifty-sounding chair. A friend has one. It's made of canvas and wood, and fits into a bag with a sling for easy carrying. Any ideas, Dear Readers?

*Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 230, Hartland, VT 05048.*

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# School Menus

## Snyder

**BREAKFAST**
**WEDNESDAY**
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

**THURSDAY**
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

**FRIDAY**
Breakfast Taco
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

**LUNCH**
**WEDNESDAY**
Rib Sandwich
Corn Dog
Pickles
Buttered Corn
Pineapple Tidbits

**THURSDAY**
Frito Pie
Beef Nachos
Pinto Beans
Fruit Cocktail
Corn Bread

**FRIDAY**
Baked Chicken
Steak Fingers
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Applesauce
Hot Rolls

## Ira

**WEDNESDAY**
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Italian Bread
Pineapple

**THURSDAY**
Vegetable Soup
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Cowboy Cookies

**FRIDAY**
Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Apple Crisp

# Community Calendar

**TUESDAY**

Weight Watchers will not meet again until Jan. 9; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

Snyder Christian Women's Club's prayer coffee; home of Doris Wilson, 202 36th Place; 9:30 a.m.

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

**THURSDAY**

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; landscape and design program, by Gertrude League; hostesses, Sandra Browning and Wyvonne Davis; 9:30 a.m.

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 Chapter ABWA; Rudy's Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

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.

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

**SATURDAY**

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# Bridge

By Phillip Alder

| | NORTH | 01-02-96 |
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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♣ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♥ J

## They play well too

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I showed how close the U.S. team of '95 came to being eliminated from the Bermuda Bowl. I hope no one got the idea that this means Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell are always lucky. You don't win as much as this team unless you play better than everyone else. Here is a good example, from the semifinal of the Marlboro Bermuda Bowl against France.

The French North-South pair stopped in three clubs, winning 11 tricks when the declarer guessed the trump suit correctly.

Hamman's one no-trump showed 13-17 points: either a normal strong no-trump or a weak no-trump with four or five clubs and no other four-card or longer suit. (This is part of the Blue Club system that Hamman and Wolff play.) Wolff's three-club response was invitational. Hamman, with the strong variety and a good club fit, was happy to try three no-trump.

The defenders began with four rounds of hearts ending in East. He switched to the diamond 10.

Hamman won in hand and cashed the club ace, East dropping the jack.

The *a priori* odds favor playing a club to dummy's nine next. But Hamman doesn't rely totally on percentages. Before committing himself, Hamman cashed his other three diamond tricks, learning that East had started with only a doubleton. Judging that East was more likely to be 2-2 than 2-1 in the minors, Hamman played a club to dummy's king and claimed his contract when the queen appeared.

Use the percentage tables for direction, not as dogma.

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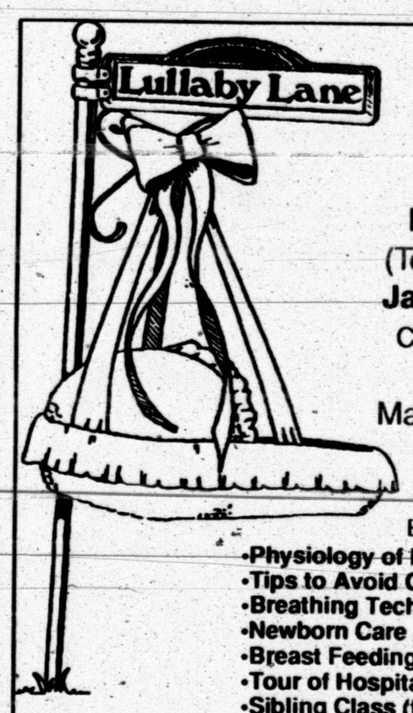
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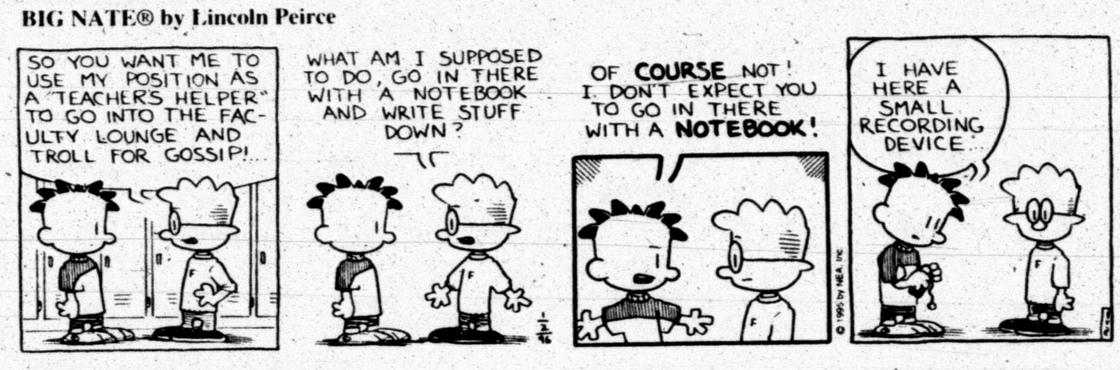

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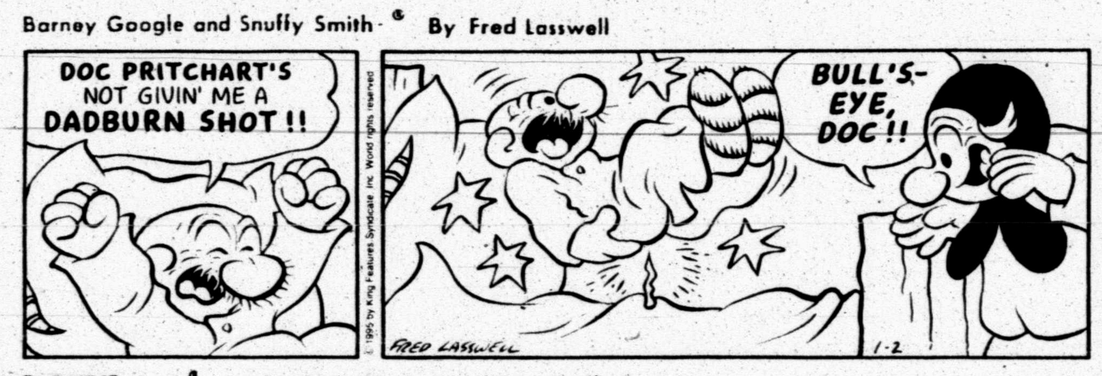

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1 Engulf completely
6 Bird call
10 Predatory birds
12 Sewing instrument
14 Actress Betty —
15 Sour malt beverage
16 Strange
17 River island
19 Actress — Ward
20 Aggressive newcomer
23 In what place?
26 Consumed (food)
27 Lincoln's nickname
30 Gained
32 Egg dish
34 Coltish
35 Mouse, e.g.
36 Spanish aunt
37 Annapolis grad
39 Singer Della —
40 Resident of Boise
42 — the night ...
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46 Arab garment
49 Ornamental band
51 Choice
54 Mirth
55 Wore away
56 El —, Texas
57 Manicurist's board

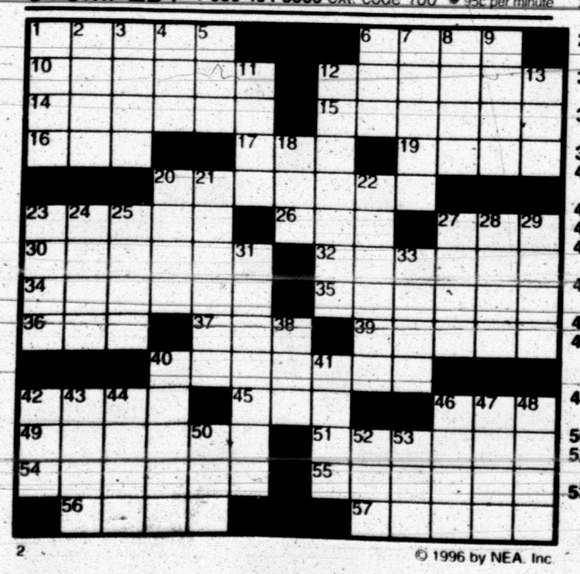
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2 Difficult
3 Mild oath
4 Law deg.
5 Actor Gibson
6 — Aviv
7 Tiniest
8 Hem
9 Israeli airline (2 wds.)
11 Oceans
12 Swimmer
13 Historical time
18 Give — — whirl
20 Pots
21 Looked
22 Clinging fish
23 Part of woven fabric
24 Mata —
25 Silkworm
27 In a sheltered place
28 Vereen and namesakes
29 Feminine suffix
31 Sequence of related rulers
33 Home of Adam
38 Wild sheep
40 Wight and Capri
41 Sioux Indian
42 Child's game
43 Enclose in paper
44 Freshwater fish
46 Assistant
47 South African of Dutch descent
48 Singer Williams
50 WWII area
52 Opposite of post
53 Actor Cruise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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# SPORTS

## COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

By The Associated Press
College Bowl Games
All Times EST

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41

Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern University 30, Florida A&M 25
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Iowa 38, Washington 18
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
LSU 45, Michigan State 26
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21

Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina 19, Stanford 13
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina 20, Arkansas 10
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia 34, Georgia 27

Sunday, Dec. 31
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State 43, Auburn 14
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Syracuse 41, Clemson 0
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee 20, Ohio State 14
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado 38, Oregon 6
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Southern California 41, Northwestern 32
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26

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

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

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

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

*National Championship tonight...*

# Northwestern dream ends in loss

By The Associated Press

New Year's Day has come and gone with no national champion in college football.

That honor will be decided at the Fiesta Bowl tonight, when No. 1 Nebraska plays No. 2 Florida. On Monday, with bad weather in Texas and Florida and poor attendance nearly everywhere, six other games decided little.

Still, there was plenty of excitement at the Rose and Orange, and loads of offense nearly everywhere.

Southern California outlasted Northwestern 41-32 to win the Rose Bowl, dampening the Wildcats' dream season with some big plays. Keyshawn Johnson caught 12 passes for a Rose Bowl record 216 yards. All 12 of his receptions were for first downs and included a 56-yard touchdown catch.

"They want purple, purple this, purple that," Johnson said, referring to the interest in Northwestern going into the Rose Bowl. "No one wants to give us any respect. So everyone said it's 12 o'clock midnight. Their dream is over. They had fun in '95. It's '96, it's our turn now. And that's the only way I wanted to go out."

Florida State went out with an impressive fourth quarter to beat Notre Dame 31-26. Dan Kanell threw two of his four touchdown passes in the final 10 minutes and the Seminoles rallied from a 12-point deficit for their 11th consecutive bowl victory.

"We didn't want coach Bowden's streak (11 straight bowl wins) to end," said Andre Cooper, whose third touchdown reception put Florida State ahead to stay. "It definitely went through our minds."

Also Monday, it was Tennessee 20, Ohio State 14 in the rain at the Citrus Bowl; Colorado 38, Oregon 6 in rain at the Cotton; Penn State 43, Auburn 14 in the slop at Outback; and Syracuse 41, Clemson 0 in slippery conditions in the Gator Bowl.

**Rose Bowl**
**No. 17 Southern California 41, No. 3 Northwestern 32**

In its first Rose Bowl since 1949, Northwestern (10-2) got 110 yards and three TDs on the ground from Darnell Autry. Steve Schnur completed 23 of 38 passes for 336 yards for the Wildcats, including 145 yards to D'Wayne Bates.

That wasn't enough as the Trojans got a 53-yard fumble return by Daylon McCutcheon for a score. Brad Otton, who usually alternates quarters with Kyle Wachholtz, played the whole game, going 29-for-44 for 391 yards and two touchdowns.

"We turned the ball over twice, and we haven't done that all year," Wildcats coach Gary Barnett said. "People have committed those errors against us, and we took advantage of them. You're not going to win bowl games playing this caliber of football."

**Orange Bowl**
**No. 8 Florida State 31, No. 6 Notre Dame 26**

At Miami, Florida State's comeback began with a five-play, 73-yard drive capped by Kanell's 11-yard touchdown pass to E.G. Green with 9:47 left.

The Seminoles (10-2) forced a punt, and Dee Feaster returned it 41 yards to the Notre Dame 30. Cooper caught a 3-yard touchdown pass, then grabbed Kanell's two-point conversion pass.

Florida State added a safety with 2:02 left when Notre Dame's Tom Krug was called for intentional grounding in the end zone.

The Irish finished 9-3.

**Citrus Bowl**
**No. 4 Tennessee 20, No. 4 Ohio State 14**

Ohio State was limited to 89 yards rushing as a steady downpour in Orlando and the Volunteers defense conspired to give the Buckeyes' their worst rushing day of the season. In its last four possessions, Ohio State (11-2) lost three fumbles and threw a pass to an ineligible receiver.

Jay Graham carried 26 times for 154 yards, including a 69-yard touchdown run, for Tennessee (11-1). He outgained Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George, who had 101 yards on 25 rushes.

"We obviously had to stop Eddie George first," Vols coach Phil Fullmer said. "I don't know how many yards he got, but I know he didn't just run up and down the field like I was concerned he might."

**Cotton Bowl**
**No. 7 Colorado 38, No. 12 Oregon 6**

At Dallas, freshman Marcus Washington had a 95-yard interception return, a Cotton Bowl record, and scored 19 points in the third quarter on a cold, wet day.

The worst-attended Cotton Bowl in a half-century had an announced crowd of 58,214, based on ticket sales. The actual crowd of around 35,000 was the lowest since 1946.

It was the fourth-straight bowl loss for the Ducks and their worst overall defeat since 1991. They finished 9-3 under first-year coach Mike Bellotti.

**Outback Bowl**
**No. 15 Penn State 43, No. 16 Auburn 14**

More rain, more muck and lots more points. Wally Richardson threw an Outback-record four touchdown passes and Bobby Engram scored twice and finished with a game-record 113 yards receiving at Tampa.

Penn State (9-3) finished with at least nine victories for the 19th time under coach Joe Paterno, who is college football's winningest bowl coach at 17-8-1.

"It sent the seniors off with a good win," junior cornerback Mark Tate said. "And for the guys coming back, it gives us something to build on for next year."

It was the Tigers' worst loss under coach Terry Bowden, who was 20-1-1 before guiding Auburn to an 8-4 record this year.

**Gator Bowl**
**Syracuse 41, No. 23 Clemson 0**

Donovan McNabb threw a school record three touchdowns at Jacksonville. Not only did the Orange gain 517 yards, they held Clemson to 159 in handing the Tigers (8-4) the worst postseason loss. Syracuse (9-3) ran its record to 6-0-1 in its last seven postseason games.

Two days of rain hurt Clemson's fan base and there were 22,738 no-shows in the announced total of 67,940.

## NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 23 | 6 | .793 | — |
| NewYork | 19 | 9 | .679 | 3½ |
| Miami | 15 | 13 | .536 | 7½ |
| Washington | 15 | 13 | .536 | 7½ |
| Boston | 12 | 16 | .429 | 10½ |
| NewJersey | 10 | 17 | .370 | 12 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 22 | .185 | 17 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Chicago | 25 | 3 | .893 | — |
| Cleveland | 15 | 12 | .556 | 9½ |
| Indiana | 15 | 12 | .556 | 9½ |
| Detroit | 15 | 14 | .517 | 10½ |
| Charlotte | 14 | 16 | .467 | 12 |
| Atlanta | 13 | 15 | .464 | 12 |
| Milwaukee | 10 | 17 | .370 | 14½ |
| Toronto | 9 | 21 | .300 | 17 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 22 | 8 | .733 | — |
| SanAntonio | 19 | 8 | .704 | 1½ |
| Utah | 20 | 9 | .690 | 1½ |
| Denver | 13 | 16 | .448 | 8½ |
| Dallas | 8 | 19 | .296 | 12½ |
| Minnesota | 7 | 20 | .259 | 13½ |
| Vancouver | 5 | 25 | .167 | 17 |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| Seattle | 20 | 8 | .714 | — |
| Sacramento | 17 | 9 | .654 | 2 |
| L.A.Lakers | 16 | 15 | .516 | 5½ |
| Phoenix | 13 | 14 | .481 | 6½ |
| GoldenState | 12 | 17 | .414 | 8½ |
| Portland | 12 | 17 | .414 | 8½ |
| L.A.Clippers | 11 | 19 | .367 | 10 |

**Monday's Games**
No games scheduled
**Tuesday's Games**
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
**Wednesday's Games**
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

# Lady Raiders make big jump in polls

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Texas Tech women's coach Marsha Sharp made a New Year's resolution, then went public with it.

"I'm going to be nicer to basketball referees," Sharp told her hometown newspaper, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Don't look for her to extend that to visiting teams, though. It's not that Sharp is mean to opponents, it's just that not many of them win in Lubbock.

Texas Tech has won 20 straight games at home — its third such streak of at least 20 games in this decade — and the 19th victim in the latest string was a big one.

Tech knocked off then-No. 4 Stanford 71-65 last week and followed that with a 72-61 victory over San Francisco, triggering a climb from 15th to 10th Monday in The Associated Press poll. That was the biggest jump in the poll, which had no newcomers and the same three teams at the top as last week.

"Like I told our kids, it's important that you go out and beat a team of that quality every now and then," Sharp said.

Louisiana Tech was a unanimous pick for No. 1 for the third straight week, with Connecticut still second and Vanderbilt remaining third.

Texas Tech is 9-2 and will begin defense of its Southwest Conference championship next week with a team that starts two freshmen guards and a sophomore forward.

Senior center Michi Atkins provides a steadying influence and recorded her sixth consecutive double-double in Sunday's victory over San Francisco with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman guard Rene Hanebutt played all 40 minutes in that game and scored 15 points.

Texas Tech had been as high as 10th earlier but fell to 15th two weeks ago after losing to Southern Mississippi. The Lady Raiders' other loss was to No. 4 Tennessee.

"I'm proud for our kids," Sharp said. "This past week, they played like they were a Top 10 or a Top 15 team. For our players, it's a nice reward right now. Past that, I don't think it does anything except make you a marked team, but we've dealt with that for a long time."

Texas Tech has won or shared the last four SWC titles.

Louisiana Tech (9-0) was still unquestioned at No. 1 even though it hasn't played in two weeks.

Connecticut (10-1), which beat Northeastern 96-34 in its only game last week, had 901 points in the voting. Vanderbilt (9-0) had 877 points after routing Wingate 111-40 and beating Rutgers 79-53.

The loss to Texas Tech sent Stanford from fourth to seventh and enabled Tennessee, No. 5 Virginia and No. 6 Penn State to each move up one spot. Stanford bounced back from the loss to beat Texas 72-68.

Arkansas stayed at No. 8 and Georgia remained ninth.

Iowa, which opened its Big Ten season with victories at Illinois and Michigan, climbed one spot to 11th. The Hawkeyes were followed in the second 10 by Oregon State, Colorado, North Carolina State, Duke, Old Dominion, Purdue, Wisconsin, Alabama and Oklahoma State.

The final five were Florida, Texas A&M, Northwestern, Mississippi and Auburn.

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Pv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.LouisianaTech(38) | 9-0 | 950 | 1 |
| 2.Connecticut | 10-1 | 901 | 2 |
| 3.Vanderbilt | 9-0 | 877 | 3 |
| 4.Tennessee | 10-1 | 827 | 5 |
| 5.Virginia | 8-2 | 784 | 6 |
| 6.PennSt. | 11-2 | 719 | 7 |
| 7.Stanford | 7-2 | 708 | 4 |
| 8.Arkansas | 12-1 | 690 | 8 |
| 9.Georgia | 8-2 | 657 | 9 |
| 10.TexasTech | 9-2 | 560 | 15 |
| 11.Iowa | 10-1 | 522 | 12 |
| 12.OregonSt. | 8-1 | 505 | 13 |
| 13.Colorado | 12-3 | 479 | 10 |
| 14.N.CarolinaSt. | 8-1 | 468 | 14 |
| 15.Duke | 12-1 | 405 | 16 |
| 16.OldDominion | 7-1 | 404 | 19 |
| 17.Purdue | 6-4 | 356 | 11 |
| 18.Wisconsin | 8-1 | 314 | 17 |
| 19.Alabama | 11-2 | 290 | 18 |
| 20.OklahomaSt. | 10-0 | 264 | 20 |
| 21.Florida | 12-1 | 139 | 23 |
| 22.TexasA&M | 8-3 | 130 | 21 |
| 23.Northwestern | 11-1 | 129 | 24 |
| 24.Mississippi | 9-3 | 85 | 22 |
| 25.Auburn | 10-2 | 30 | 25 |

Others receiving votes: Montana 22, Ohio St. 19, Clemson 18, Notre Dame 17, Nebraska 16, Massachusetts 13, Southern Meth. 12, Georgia Tech 8, LSU 7, North Carolina 7, DePaul 4, Iowa St. 4, Kansas 3, Middle Tenn. 2, SW Missouri St. 2, Indiana 1, San Diego St. 1, Southern Miss. 1.

# Southwest Conference football is now history

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Conference football is dead; long live the Big 12.

The lights went out for the last time on SWC football Sunday night when No. 9 Texas lost to No. 13 Virginia Tech 28-10 in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

Despite Texas' loss, the league finished strongly in the final chapter of its 81-year history with Texas Tech's 55-41 victory over Air Force in the Copper Bowl and Texas A&M's 22-20 win over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.

"It's always a sad moment when you see an 81-year history end," Texas Tech athletic director Bob Bockrath said Monday. "But at the same time, I'm very excited going to a league that has won at least two of its four games in bowl competition."

The Longhorns weren't feeling sentimental about the death of the SWC in the wake of their loss to the Hokies. They were looking ahead to the future.

"We're moving on," Texas quarterback James Brown said. "That's the past."

"We went out the Southwest Conference champion," defensive end Tony Brackens said. "We'll always be known for that."

"Our sights have turned to the Big 12," Texas coach John Mackovic said.

Big Eight Conference schools, their future rivals, were 3-0 in bowls going into today's game. Kansas beat UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl; Kansas State bested Colorado State 54-21 in the Holiday Bowl; and Colorado trounced Oregon 38-6 in the Cotton Bowl.

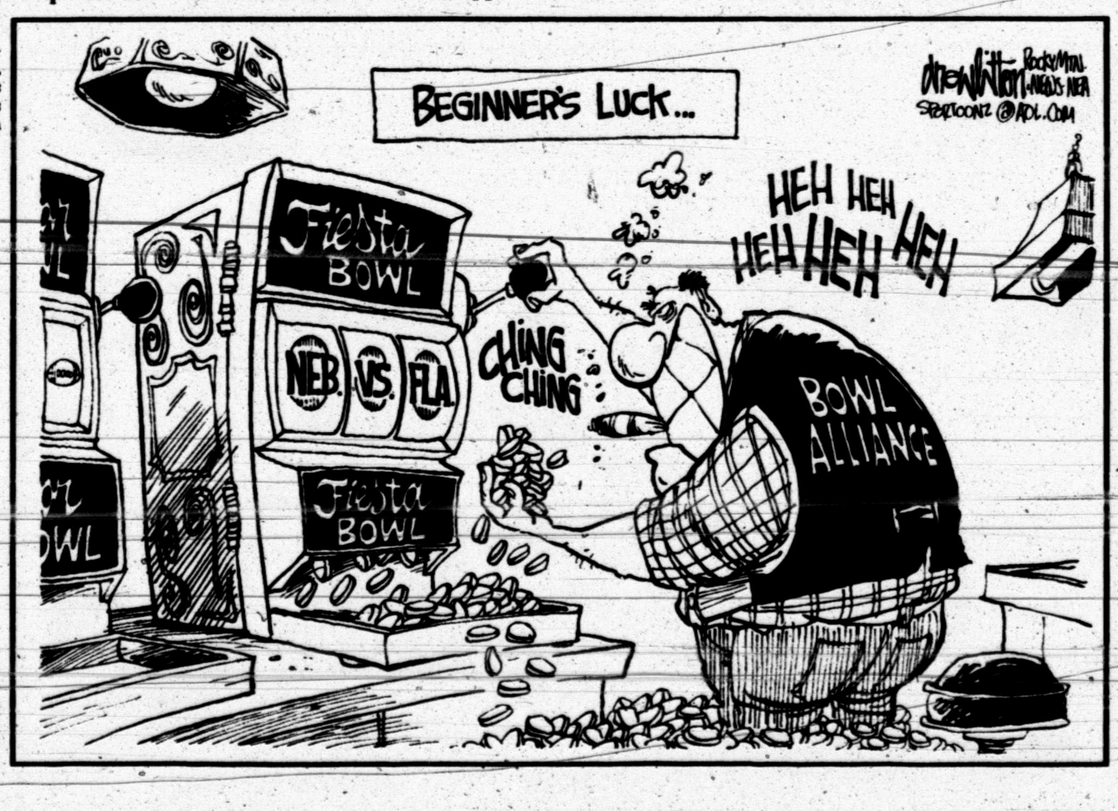
Add Nebraska, the favorite in the Fiesta Bowl, and it's clear that Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor are moving into a league with teams that have a solid football tradition.

The demise of the SWC was brought into sharp focus Monday, when the Cotton Bowl was played for the first time in 55 years without an SWC team.

For 60 years, Texans viewed the Cotton Bowl as practically a Southwest Conference institution, in which the league champion annually tested itself against the likes of Notre Dame and Southern Cal.

For Texans, the Cotton Bowl and the Southwest Conference went together like cornbread and black-eyed peas. On Monday, the Cotton Bowl featured Colorado from the Big Eight and Oregon from the Pac-10.

By that time, the Southwest Conference had been dead as a football league nearly a day.




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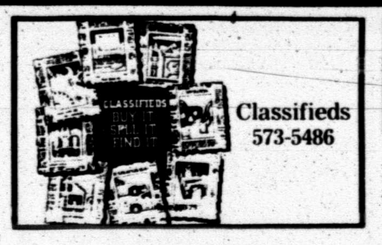
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# Federal eating guidelines extoll variety, moderation

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a better 1996, try to get a half-hour of exercise each day, eat a wide variety of foods in moderation and don't be afraid to take a drop of wine at mealtime.

That's the word from the government, which today released the fourth edition of "Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

"These guidelines cut through the confusion of messages, and the claims and counterclaims that we hear every day about our foods," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who issued the report in conjunction with the Agriculture Department.

The basic message of moderation and variety carries over from the 1990 guidelines, used by dietitians, nutritionists and other food and health professionals, and by the government to set standards for school lunches.

This time around, more stress is placed on exercise. The guidelines say everyone should get 30 minutes or more of moderate activity on most days of the week, preferably all. Brisk walking, calisthenics, house work, gardening, moderate sports and dancing all will do.

The guidelines say to choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits, while low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol. They urged a diet with "moderate" salt, sodium and sugar.

"The wording puts the messages about sugar and salt into the context of the total diet rather than thinking just about adding sugar or adding salt to your food," says Nancy Schwartz, director of the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics at the American Dietetic Association.

The report preserves the recommendation that no more than 30 percent of daily calories come from fat, and 10 percent from saturated fat.

For the first time, the guidelines say people can live without eating animal products. Those vegetarians should take vitamin B-12, found only in animal foods. They also should find good sources of vitamin D and calcium.

The guidelines also suggest raising a glass: "If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation, with meals and when consumption does not put you or others at risk."

It dropped wording that alcohol consumption in general is not recommended, and also took out a statement from the 1990 guidelines that alcohol consumption has no health benefits, since some health benefits of moderate drinking have been documented.

"Consumers should look to the bounty of American agriculture, seen in grocery stores and markets across the country, for help planning nutritious, economical and good-tasting meals," says Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Adults should keep their weight within a given range for their height, rather than allowing some added pounds with age, and they should shed excess pounds gradually.

And those looking to lose a few pounds after the holidays should avoid crash diets. Instead, take off one-half pound to a pound per week, combining exercise and healthy food choices. Don't allow yourself extra pounds just because you're getting up in years.

The advisory committee's recommendations were characterized as too mild to be useful, taking far too kind a look at salt, sugar, cholesterol and fat, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a private food watchdog group.

"I think everyone thinks that they are consuming a variety of foods in moderation already," said Michael Jacobson, the center's executive director.

The guidelines, in bulletin form, are available to the public starting today at 1 p.m. EST. To order a single copy, send your name, address and 50 cents to Consumer Information Center, Department 378-C, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Also available after 1 p.m. today from the home page of the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion at http://www.usda.gov/fcs/cnpp or HHS Home Page at http://www.os.dhhs.gov.

Also available from the Food and Consumer Service electronic bulletin board FedWorld by calling (703) 321-3339.

# Police departments trying to deal with domestic abuse among officers

DETROIT (AP) — When his wife received flowers, the Detroit police officer struck her, grabbed her throat, threw her down on the floor and bit her upper lip.

The 10-year department veteran was suspended without pay for five days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence.

Another Detroit officer was suspended for nine months and ordered to undergo counseling after he broke his wife's collarbone during a domestic dispute. He was told he would be dismissed if disciplined again in the next two years.

Twenty-eight percent of 123 police departments that serve populations of 100,000 or more across the country reported increases in the past year in domestic violence cases involving officers, a Texas-based study found.

The Detroit Police Department recorded 41 domestic violence complaints against its 4,000 officers in 1993 and 54 in 1994, according to Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon. There were 17 through May 1995, the latest month for which figures were available.

"I was shocked that we had that number," McKinnon said. "First of all, one is too many."

The Texas-based study, conducted by the Arlington, Texas, Police Department and the Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute in Richardson, Texas, found that nearly half the departments cited had no specific policy for dealing with domestic abuse. The study was released last year.

But now, a heightened awareness over domestic violence has prompted police departments nationwide to initiate counseling, education and prevention programs.

"They're not going to wait until there's an episode that makes the front page," said Kevin Love, professor of management at Central Michigan University and a police expert. "They're more interested in doing a program to help the officers, to avoid the negative publicity all together."

One of the factors contributing to domestic violence among police officers is their work: Many find it hard to let go of the aggressive behavior often required on the job once they get home, said Detroit Police Commander John Courie.

Some officers agreed.

"Dealing with this job and coming home and trying to deal with a family — something's got to give somewhere," said Officer Ronnie McDade.

Most Detroit police officers arrested for domestic violence lose 30 days of pay, the same penalty given to those arrested for using marijuana for the first time, said Louis Feurino, an attorney at the department's discipline unit.

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# Outlook for '96: not too hot or too cold

WASHINGTON (AP) — Goldilocks found her favorite porridge not too hot and not too cold — and that's the way analysts are finding the American economy as it heads into the new year.

They are forecasting that 1996, which will be the sixth year of expansion since the last recession, will produce economic growth at a moderate pace — not too strong and not too weak.

That is just what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the central bank were aiming for when they pushed interest rates up seven straight times, seeking to slow an overheated economy as a way of prolonging the expansion.

The formula seems to be working. After expanding by 4.1 percent in 1994, the fastest pace in a decade, the economy as measured by the gross domestic product has been growing at an annual rate of about 3 percent this year.

Analysts are predicting even slower growth in 1996 of around 2.6 percent. That slowdown will be accompanied by continued good news on inflation, meaning that dangerous cost pressures that often trigger recessions are nowhere to be seen.

Consumer prices have been rising at an annual rate of just 2.6 percent so far this year, giving the country its fourth straight year with an inflation rate below 3 percent, something that has not happened in three decades. And many economists are forecasting inflation will stay below 3 percent next year as well.

Because of the optimism on inflation, more than half the forecasters surveyed monthly by Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a financial newsletter, believe the next downturn won't occur until 1998 or even later.

"This will go down as one of the best economic expansions in history in terms of the length and quality," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Lehman Brothers Global Economics.

Of course, not all is bright. Surveys show that Americans are still worried that the waves of corporate reductions in recent years could wipe out their jobs. And growth in real incomes, which has been lagging for the past two decades, has shown no signs of perking up, leaving many middle-class families still struggling to make ends meet.

That is why, even though the country is in the midst of a long recovery, voters indicate that jobs and the economy are still the uppermost issues in their minds, according to a recent Associated Press poll.

But, if analysts' forecasts hold up, 1996 shouldn't be too bad a year for incumbents to face the voters, at least in terms of several closely watched economic barometers.

Unemployment, the most politically sensitive of all the economic statistics, will remain low. President Clinton ran for office in 1992 promising to produce 8 million jobs in his first term and he's ahead of schedule with 7.8 million new jobs since January 1993.

The unemployment rate, currently at 5.6 percent, has been hovering around that level for the past 12 months. Analysts believe it will show only a slight uptick in 1996, averaging 5.7 percent for the year.

As for economic growth, analysts believe the year will start slow as many businesses, such as automakers and retailers, struggle to reduce a backlog of unsold products.

But growth should gradually pick up as interest-sensitive sectors such as housing and autos respond to lower rates. The Federal Reserve, worried about the possibility of a recession last summer, cut rates for the first time in nearly three years and followed up with a second quarter-point reduction in December.

Analysts said the good prospects for inflation will allow the central bank to follow up with more rate cuts in 1996.

Analysts concede that there are threats to their generally optimistic forecasts.

One is the uncertainty over whether Congress and Clinton can end their stalemate and produce a seven-year balanced budget agreement. The decline in long-term interest rates has come about partly because of investor optimism that Washington is finally going to do something about the deficit. If those hopes are dashed, long-term rates could reverse course no matter what the Fed does with short-term rates.

Another threat is the country's huge trade deficit, which climbed to record levels in 1995. While the expectation is that stronger growth in such key U.S. markets as Mexico, Canada and Japan will help to narrow the deficit in 1996, forecasters concede that this optimism may prove unfounded.

But on the whole, most analysts believe the risks are small.

# Driver who rammed revelers intended to kill, police report

BOSTON (AP) — Police say a motorist intended to kill when he floored his car into a crowd of New Year's revelers, injuring 21. His pregnant girlfriend says he acted in self-defense after the crowd attacked them first.

Anthony Brooks, 26, of Malden, was trying to drive away from a fireworks display on a crowded waterfront street minutes into the new year when the melee erupted.

Brooks faces charges of assault with intent to murder, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He was to be arraigned today.

His girlfriend, Antoinette Labord, who is 6½ months pregnant, said she was behind the wheel at first and spent about 10 minutes beeping her horn, flashing her high beams and inching forward.

Then suddenly people began pounding on the car, a bottle smashed through the car's rear window and she was punched in the face and stomach as Brooks moved to protect her, Labord said.

"He tried to cover me with his body, he tried to cover me up with his leather jacket, yelling, 'Stop, my lady is pregnant. Stop!'" she said Monday from the maternity ward at New England Medical Center, where she was taken with contractions and a bloody nose.

"We feared for our lives," she said.

Brooks then moved over to the driver's seat and with the car in reverse, ran over one person, pinning him under a wheel, then put the car into drive and rammed into the others, police said.

He struck and injured 21 people. Three were in fair condition this morning at Massachusetts General Hospital, one with a crushed pelvis, one with a broken leg and another with burns.

About a dozen enraged bystanders were trying to tear Brooks out of the car when police arrived. "If they could have got him out of the car, he was a dead man," police Sgt. John Greland said.

Brooks was not drunk, but did not have a license to drive, Greland said.

"He made statements to the fact he was going to drive over these people and that's exactly what he did," Greland said. "He drove right into the crowd and he floored it."

Melissa Doron, 18, suffered second-degree burns when her right foot was caught under a spinning wheel.

"People were on top of me and I couldn't move," Doron said. "He stepped on the gas and the tire just started spinning and burned a hole through my boot and sock into my foot."

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## *Dear Abby*

*By Abigail Van Buren*



### Woman Wants to Know Why She Still Takes Man's Abuse

by Abigail Van Buren

1995 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I am terribly confused and at my wit's end. I left my husband five years ago for a younger man who showed me wonderful attention and admiration. Over the last few years, this relationship has turned ugly. There has been some physical abuse and a lot of verbal abuse. Of course, he doesn't think words can be abusive. Last night was the last straw. He said some things to me that were very cruel, and now I know that we should no longer be together.

So why am I having such a difficult time breaking it off with him? I am a successful, intelligent professional woman. Why do I give in to him over and over again and take him back after he humiliates me? He tells me I deserve it. It makes me so angry at him, and myself.

What makes someone with intelligence and common sense stay in such an awful relationship?

Abby, please help me to understand, so I can break this abusive cycle. I will be anxiously awaiting your reply.

DISGUSTED WITH MYSELF,
LA MESA, CALIF.

**DEAR DISGUSTED: I am not qualified to psychoanalyze you, but my best guess is that you are angry with yourself for having left your husband for a younger man who conned you into believing he was some kind of prize.**

**No woman deserves to be humiliated and abused verbally or physically. I advise you to say goodbye to this poor excuse for a man — and the sooner the better.**

**There are worse things than being alone, and you are now experiencing them. Write again in three months. And if you weaken — reread this letter.**

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DEAR ABBY: Though they did not ask, I am writing this on behalf of all "steps" and "in-laws" in hopes of enlightening our society.

When I was a teen-ager, my father died of a massive heart attack. Four years later, my mother married a wonderful man whom I loved dearly. Eighteen years later, we buried him after he lost his struggle with cancer.

Over the past month, I have been amazed at the insensitivity of people. There seems to be a common misconception that because a mother, father or child is a "step," the significance of that relationship is diluted.

Let me assure you that neither blood ties nor time determines the depth and strength of a relationship. The case of Susan Smith comes to mind. Those were her flesh-and-blood children whose seat belts she strapped before pushing that car into the lake!

One of the coldest, albeit most innocent, shocks I got was when a co-worker asked me after I returned from the funeral of my second father, "Was he your real father or just your stepfather?" Just? That made him sound positively throw-away!

My mother received a staggering outpouring of love and caring. She lost a husband, and I lost a father — not a stepfather. I hope this letter will cause people to think with their hearts and not their dictionaries.

I am signing my name, but if you use this, I respectfully request anonymity. Thank you.

GRIEVING DAUGHTER

**DEAR GRIEVING: Thank you for a heartfelt message. Please accept my condolences.**

* * *

**Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)**

# For U.S. troops sent to Bosnia morale said tied to amenities

WASHINGTON (AP) — To ease the misery of spending the holidays in cold, wet Bosnia, American peacekeeping soldiers are being offered amenities to boost the spirits: fresh meat, phone service and heated (but sometimes flooded) tents.

Few of the comforts of home are making the trip with the 20,000 GIs who will spend the winter in Bosnia, but the military brass is trying to find ways to keep morale up for a force whose main foe so far has been foul weather.

For starters, roast fresh turkeys and baked hams were cooked up for Christmas Day dinners, along with traditional fixings such as cranberry sauce, bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, corn on the cob and pies.

For the rest of the winter, though, the soldiers will have to get by on a combination of packaged and long-lasting MREs (Meals-Ready-To-Eat) and T-rations, or thermostabilized foods that don't have to be refrigerated, which the Army boasts are "nutritionally adequate" to keep a soldier going.

Every soldier operating in hostile territory wants to have the best weapons and equipment to keep him or her alive. In Bosnia, where the mission is to enforce a peace rather than win a war, much of the emphasis is on defending morale.

The plan is to put up troop tents — 10 soldiers to a tent — with heat, lights and plywood floors to keep out the damp. At the Sava River, where U.S. Army engineers struggled for days to prepare the river banks for construction of a floating bridge for U.S. tanks and troops to cross into Bosnia from Croatia, flood waters swept into the tent encampments and forced them to evacuate.

Following a practice it started in Haiti, the Army says it is setting up a system that will allow soldiers to use military communications to call home for a few minutes periodically.

"We've learned that if you can get the soldier connected back to the family once every couple of weeks then you really solve a lot of problems," said Army Lt. Gen. George Fisher, Jr., chief of staff of the Army Forces Command.

The Pentagon isn't alone in its morale-building mission. The American Red Cross has a private message service for troops who need to reach family members in an emergency. The Red Cross also has given out thousands of snack bags and "comfort kits" of personal hygiene items to troops staging from Germany and Italy.

Defense Secretary William Perry says one of the keys to supporting the soldiers in Bosnia is assuring them that their families are informed and cared for.

"This has been a top priority of the entire chain of command from the president to myself" to the generals in the field, Perry told reporters recently.

Families back home are to get briefings on the Bosnia mission and have access to legal and financial assistance. They also can use a telephone hot line for help.

Mail is a key issue. The Army says it already has special ZIP codes for soldiers in the Balkans. The codes are provided privately to family members so they can get holiday packages and other mail to their loved one. The Army has not yet set up a ZIP code for "any soldier" mail — letters and packages that members of the public may want to send as an expression of support for the troops in general.

Soldiers in and around Bosnia also have the privilege of mailing home, free of charge, letters or audio or video recordings weighing 11 ounces or less.

To ease the misery even more, the troops in Bosnia are getting extra pay of $352 a month, including $150 in "imminent danger pay" and $75 for being separated from family.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 29, 1995, Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 23.23(b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed a Petition with the Commission seeking final reconciliation of all eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the reconciliation period of July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1995. TU Electric is also seeking an accounting order from the Commission that will allow certain costs incurred and to be incurred to facilitate the use of coal as a supplemental fuel at its Monticello lignite-fueled generating plant to be treated as eligible fuel costs and billed pursuant to TU Electric's Rider FC - Fuel Cost Factor. All of TU Electric's customers and classes of customers and all territories served by TU Electric are affected by the Petition. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 (telecommunications device for the deaf).

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# 2 teens killed

By The Associated Press

A 14-year-old Fort Worth boy and a 13-year-old Dallas girl were killed in separate drive-by shootings as violence closed out 1995 on the streets of their hometowns.

Police had made no arrests in either slaying as of Monday.

Adrian Carter was fatally shot in the back and lower left side as he and three relatives walked along a street in southeast Fort Worth, police said.

His 16-year-old brother, Timothy Carter, told police that they had just left their aunt's house and were walking home when a black car roared alongside them and stopped.

"One of them said, 'What is it, blood?' and they just starting shooting," Timothy Carter told investigators.

Lt. Mark Krey, police spokesman, said the boys reported that two young males stepped from the car and began firing at the fleeing boys. Only Adrian was hit in the 11 p.m. Saturday shooting.

Adrian Carter's family described the boy as having "a sweet, gentle nature."

"He was the world's best," his aunt, Carol Nixon, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "He was just a fantastic kid. He wasn't like most kids who act older than they are. He was 14, but really like a 12-year-old."

Homicide detective Ed Neel said gang involvement is "always a possibility," but Carter's relatives said they have no gang links.

A short while later, Veronica Maldonado, 13, was killed and another 13-year-old girl was wounded by gunfire as they were standing on the street in their neighborhood in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

"They were apparently just hanging out when the suspects' car drove by," said Dallas homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis. "Words were exchanged just before the shot was fired,"

The bullet, which police suspect was fired by a back-seat passenger, passed through Veronica's chest before striking the other girl. As the suspects' car sped away, six friends carried Veronica to a nearby doorstep.

"They kept banging, banging on the door. They told me that she had been shot and to call the ambulance," a 14-year-old girl told The Dallas Morning News. The newspaper did not identify the girl.

# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



## Understanding irregular heartbeat

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 80 years old and suffering from a condition called arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat). What is the cause of this and what is the treatment?

DEAR READER: Ordinarily, the heartbeat is controlled by a bundle of nerves, deep within the cardiac muscle, which appropriately accelerates (or decelerates) the pulse rate, depending on activity and other factors.

Heart muscle is unique, however, in its ability to initiate electrical pulses (hence, heartbeats), irrespective of the natural pacemaker.

This phenomenon leads to a variety of common arrhythmias that are really extra beats, contractions sandwiched in between the normal cardiac pulsations.

In most instances, such arrhythmias are harmless and require no therapy; they may last a few minutes (or hours) and then disappear as quickly as they appeared.

On the other hand, some arrhythmias are dangerous because they have the potential to override the natural pacemaker, leading to sustained, rapid pulse rates, heart attack or heart failure.

The many types of arrhythmia can be diagnosed by the electrocardiogram (EKG), a simple test that measures electrical activity in the heart.

Depending on the EKG findings, physicians can either reassure patients that no harm is imminent or prescribe drugs, such as calcium channel blockers or digitalis, to suppress the arrhythmia and return the pulse rate to normal.

Benign extra beats are often caused by stress, fatigue, alcohol, or caffeine.

Serious arrhythmias can be associated with heart disorders, thyroid diseases, anemia, hypertension, and other medical conditions.

Thus, anyone who is aware of an arrhythmia should check with his or her family physician, have an EKG, and consider therapy, if necessary. Much of a doctor's training is concerned with cardiac irregularities. Most types of irregular heartbeat can be diagnosed and treated by family physicians; more unusual or serious forms may require the services of a cardiologist.

To give you further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

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# Son spends 8 years trying to free mom

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — It was Sept. 15, 1987, and Wade Burnett had just returned home from a dinner celebrating his 16th birthday when the phone rang.

His mother and stepfather were calling from their home outside Brownsville to wish him a happy birthday. Burnett, who'd left South Texas a month earlier to live with his father in Shreveport, La., had never really gotten along with his stepfather. But on this night, Burnett recalls, "He kept wanting to talk."

***"All of us felt let down by the whole system. The criminal justice system is supposed to be set up to protect the rights of innocent people, and, here, those rights had been completely ignored." — Wade Burnett***

The next morning, as he was getting ready for school, the phone rang again: His stepfather was dead.

Burnett's mother said Bill Mowbray had shot himself in their bed. But eight months later, Susie Mowbray was sentenced to life in prison, convicted of murdering him.

Standing on tiptoes, desperate to catch a glimpse, the 16-year-old boy watched as sheriff's deputies escorted his mother from the courtroom.

Now, almost eight years later, as a result of a son's quest to prove his mother's innocence, Mrs. Mowbray may be released and granted another trial.

"I've always felt like a hostage here, and I've always believed at some point someone would come along and rescue me," she wrote in a letter to The Associated Press from prison. "I never dreamed that someone would be my son. He is my hero."

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Wade Burnett, now a 24-year-old first-year law student at Louisiana State University, remembers all too well the day of his mother's sentencing. There were no tears, only anger:

"I felt betrayed. I remember thinking, 'This can't happen. This cannot happen.'

"All of us felt let down by the whole system. The criminal justice system is supposed to be set up to protect the rights of innocent people, and, here, those rights had been completely ignored."

Burnett skipped the summer camp he'd gone to since he was a toddler to attend the trial.

"What was told to us was this would finally clear everything up, that a huge mistake was made and once we got into the trial, it would be clear that she hadn't done it," he said.

But the case quickly became as sensational as a Hollywood movie.

Prosecutors played up the couple's wealth and affluence: Susie, a blond debutante who was a cheerleader and homecoming queen in her hometown of Shreveport. Bill, a wealthy Cadillac dealer who spent extravagantly on boats, shotguns and scuba-diving trips to the Caribbean.

Mrs. Mowbray, prosecutors alleged, shot her husband in the head while he slept because she wanted his insurance money.

Inside the courtroom, the couple's king-size bed sat center stage, complete with mirrored headboard and bloodstained mattress. On top lay a mannequin with a stick through the head.

The jurors heard evidence of an IRS investigation into Mowbray's finances because of suspicious transactions at his car dealership. They also were told of his suicidal tendencies: A psychiatrist testified Mowbray had attempted suicide nearly a year before by shooting himself in the chest.

But the most compelling testimony came from Austin police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew, the prosecution's blood-spatter expert.

Although no bloodstains were visible on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown, Hesskew testified that scientific tests had discovered microscopic blood-spatter. He also knelt by the bed and re-enacted how Mrs. Mowbray allegedly killed her husband, using the dummy and her nightgown as props.

After a three-week trial and two hours of deliberations, Susie Mowbray was convicted of killing her husband.

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For the next five years, Wade Burnett clung to the hope, slim though it was, that his mother's conviction would be overturned on appeal.

He and his younger sister, Cricket, went on with their lives as best they could. They graduated from high school and started college. On weekends, they visited their mother in prison.

Those were the most difficult times, recalls Burnett's father, Gerald Burnett of Shreveport, who often drove his children to see their mother.

"Riding back was a terrific ordeal," he said. "Nothing can be worse than being 15 and 17 and going to see your mom in prison and realizing she might be there forever."

That realization sank in for Wade Burnett in the summer of 1993, when all his mother's appeals were exhausted. It was then he decided to take action,

"I wanted to know what happened," he said. "It no longer made sense that she could be in jail six years after this had happened for something that she didn't do."

With the help of his dad, an attorney who served on his ex-wife's defense team, he obtained copies of trial testimony, notes and newspaper articles.

For eight hours a day, he read and reread, formulating questions for his mother, father, witnesses and attorneys. He made several trips to Brownsville, in South Texas, to meet with people who knew the Mowbrays.

Five months after beginning his research, Burnett found what he had been looking for: evidence that appeared to contradict the state's expert witness on blood-spatter.

After meeting with several high-profile defense attorneys, including Texas legend Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, Burnett found Fort Worth appeals specialist Robert Ford. Ford immediately turned down the case, but Burnett spent four hours persuading him to change his mind.

"I get calls all the time where people say that one of their family members is in the penitentiary and they shouldn't be there because they're innocent," Ford said. "But after I read the record, and after he came up and talked to me about blood-spatter, it was clear that something was terribly wrong."

Together, the two wrote and filed a new appeal with the Court of Criminal Appeals, which ordered a hearing last August. There, Hesskew admitted his trial testimony about blood-spatter was scientifically invalid because a follow-up test was not done.

Prosecutors stand by their case, but won't say whether they will pursue a new trial if Mrs. Mowbray's conviction is set aside.

# Discovery could help unravel the genetics of human personality

NEW YORK (AP) — Impulsive? Fickle? Quick-tempered? It could be in your genes.

Scientists say they've taken a step toward unraveling the genetics of personality by discovering a gene that could influence how excitable and impulsive you are.

The discovery — made in two separate studies — provides the first confirmed association between a particular gene and a normal personality trait.

Previous studies have shown more generally that genes influence personality, as do a person's life experiences.

As scientists discover more individual genes that affect particular traits, it might open the door to identifying people at risk for such problems as drug abuse and counseling them on how to lower their risk, said researcher Richard Ebstein.

It might also add a twist to the issue of who's entitled to know about a person's genetic makeup.

An insurance company might want to know that "genetically you're a thrill-seeker and enjoy jumping out of airplanes in a skydiving club, and taking risks in general," said Ebstein, director of research at the Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem.

Ebstein is the lead author of one study of the gene in the January issue of the journal Nature Genetics. The second study reproduced Ebstein's results in a different population.

"This is major news," said psychologist Brian Gladue, who studies the biology of behavior at the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

"This is going to open up a whole new field of molecular personality research," he said.

The discovery provides "the first missing link" between genes and personality by implicating a particular communication system in the brain, Gladue said.

In that communication system, brain cells signal each other with a chemical messenger called dopamine. Dopamine is secreted by signaling cells, and delivers its message by binding to receptors on the surface of receiving cells.

The gene identified in the study tells cells how to make one kind of dopamine receptor.

The studies found that, on average, people with a particular version of the gene score about 10 percent higher on personality tests for a trait scientists call "novelty seeking."

People who are above average on novelty-seeking are impulsive, fickle, excitable, quick-tempered and extravagant, while those scoring below average tend to be reflective, rigid, loyal, stoic, slow to anger and frugal.

About 15 percent of people in Israel, Europe and the United States carry the novelty-seeking form of the gene. But just why it would encourage novelty-seeking is still a mystery, Ebstein said.

About half the novelty-seeking variation between people is thought to be due to genes, and the gene in the study accounts for about one-fifth of this genetic component, Ebstein said.

The gene's effect is too small to help an insurance company or prospective employer judge an applicant, said Dr. Jonathan Benjamin, lead author of the second study. And he said he believed they shouldn't have access to such information.

# Date Book

Jan. 2, 1996

*Today is the second day of 1996 and the 12th day of winter.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1905, the IWW labor movement was founded at the Conference of Industrial Unionists in Chicago.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Nathaniel Bacon (1647-1676), American colonial leader; James Wolfe (1727-1759), British general; Isaac Asimov (1920-1992), writer; Dan Rostenkowski (1928-), former U.S. congressman, is 68; Roger Miller (1936-1992), singer-songwriter; James Bakker (1940-), former TV evangelist, is 56.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1865, bare-knuckle boxers Hugh O'Neil and Con Orem fought to a 185-round draw.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "If my doctor told me I had only six minutes to live, I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster." — Isaac Asimov

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1982, lightning killed one man and injured another in Tom, Okla.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Dec. 28) and full moon (Jan. 5).

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# Bus crash kills 26 in northern Mexico

SONOITA, Mexico (AP) — A bus crossed into oncoming traffic and rammed another bus head-on at dawn Monday in northern Mexico, killing 26 people and injuring at least 22. Six of the dead were children.

The accident, about 12 miles south of the U.S. border, spilled bodies, luggage and twisted metal onto the highway.

"I'd never seen such an accident, so many dead and injured," said rescue worker Juventud Felix Solis. "You feel just like crying but you know you've got to just get to work administering first aid."

It was unclear what caused the bus to drift into the opposite lane near Sonoita. The impact of the crash crushed the entire front half of one of the buses, Sonoita police said.

Sonoran state prosecutor Vicky Salazar said several passengers had noticed brake problems, but their complaints were ignored by the two drivers on board.

"They asked that the brakes be checked and they paid them no attention," she said.

Sonoita police said at least 26 people were killed, including six children. The injured were taken to hospitals on both sides of the border, but the extent of their injuries were not known.

The two buses were carrying a total of 52 passengers, according to the Mexican news agency Notimex.

Antonio Vega Perez, 33, of Los Angeles, fractured his ankle and spent 10 minutes freeing himself from the wreckage.

"I woke because I heard shouts of pain and shouts of people asking for help and children crying out to their parents," he said. "There were things — seats — and I think even a person on top of me."

Sonoita police said one of the buses was traveling from the border city of Tijuana to Guadalajara in west-central Mexico, and the other from Mexico City to Tijuana.

A van crash two hours later in the same area, involving a California family, caused some confusion because victims of both accidents were flown to some of the same Arizona hospitals.

# Five cigarette companies try to head off new regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five major cigarette companies today filed 2,000 pages of documents with the government in a bid to head off new federal regulation of cigarettes.

The cigarette makers argue that the Food and Drug Administration's proposed regulations are illegal and unnecessary because every state now prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors.

"What FDA proposes is a power grab," the companies said in documents that were delivered to the agency on the last day for public comment on the regulations.

The FDA now must study the comments and respond to the arguments before adopting any rules, a process that could take months.

The FDA's proposals, issued last summer, declare that cigarettes are a drug-delivery device, and therefore subject to FDA jurisdiction.

The rules would require tobacco companies to fund a $150 million annual advertising campaign to warn children of the health dangers of smoking. It also would ban cigarette sales from vending machines and impose restrictions on advertising tobacco products in areas deemed accessible to minors.

The cigarette makers argue the FDA's proposals violate federal law and the Constitution. The industry claims the FDA does not have federal statutory authority to regulate cigarettes.

The companies said nicotine does not fit the legal definition of a drug and that its effects do not fit the legal definition of addiction.

The companies are Philip Morris U.S.A., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Brown & Williamson, Lorillard Tobacco Co. and Liggett Group.

An FDA spokesman declined to comment .

# Jordanian travelers harassed

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Iraqi authorities, apparently in retaliation for Jordan's shift of policy toward one-time ally Saddam Hussein, are harassing Jordanians and detaining them without charge.

Travelers said today that Iraqi border officials also were delaying the departure of Jordanians and thoroughly searching cars and visitors from the kingdom.

"Iraq is no longer safe for us because many Jordanians are unjustly thrown in jail," said a Jordanian businessman who exports food to Iraq.

"Iraqi security officials tell Jordanians as they arrest them that they are paying for the 'misdemeanor' of their government," said the trader who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

A Jordanian taxi driver who works the desert highway linking Baghdad with the outside world said the measures began in the past two weeks. He said long waits were common and that Jordanians' cars and luggage are being searched.

# Man dives into grease pit to rescue unconscious child

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Jaiprakash Patel was at a New Year's Day party when he heard shouts: a 5-year-old child had fallen into an uncovered grease trap.

Running outside, he watched as another guest unsuccessfully attempted to retrieve the unconscious boy. Then he dived in.

"The first time I went in, I couldn't find anyone," Patel said. "Someone said, 'Someone is still in there,' so I yelled, 'Someone hold my legs!'

"I went in again, and was moving my arm around. I found a leg and grabbed hold of it tight. I was yelling 'Pull me up!' They pulled me up fast."

Nil A. Roy was unconscious when he was pulled from the pit Monday. The boy remained in critical condition today in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Schumpert Medical Center.

The circular drain, measuring about 2 feet across and 3 to 4 feet deep, is between a Chinese restaurant and its parking lot, and holds the restaurant's discarded cooking oil.

It has a lid so light that children could have lifted it, said Capt. C.D. Clary, district safety officer with the Shreveport Fire Department.

"Our report says the child stepped on the cover and fell in," city police spokeswoman Cindy Chadwick said.

The grease was cool when the boy fell in, Clary said.

## Officials toughen stand on strike

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Subway trains today began running again under police guard, private buses replaced public transit and authorities cracked down on unrest on the 27th day of an urban transport walkout.

The transit strike in Marseille is the last major unresolved labor conflict since a series of strikes by public service employees paralyzed France in late November and December.

The Marseille subway was running normally today, with non-striking transportation employees protected by police. It was the first time the two lines of the system were operating since the strike began Dec. 7.

Twenty-eight striking employees were scheduled to appear in court today, charged with preventing colleagues from working.

Authorities hired 26 private buses today to replace the public system, but the move was mainly symbolic with only 4 percent to 6 percent of normal bus service assured, according to French radio.

The strikers briefly blocked one of the buses to protest the introduction of the private service.

Public transport workers oppose plans to pay new employees less and require them to work longer hours than their more experienced colleagues.

City transportation authorities say such a move is necessary because they cannot continue to pay the high cost of existing social benefits.

# Obituaries

## Marsha Murray

1943-1996

Marsha Stone Murray, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Jan. 1, in a Rockdale hospital following a sudden illness. She was 52.

Funeral services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Murray, born Jan. 14, 1943 in Snyder, resided in Giddings. She was the mother of Jim Overman of Snyder.

Other survivors include her husband, Kevin Murray of the home; two daughters, Kelly Randall of Three Rivers and Nicole Overman of Austin; her mother and stepfather, Faye and Charles Faulkner of Snyder; and a sister, Belinda Roberson of El Paso.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charlie Stone, on Feb. 11, 1991.

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# Candidates file locally

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running a clean campaign," said Sentell.

Incumbent County Attorney Pete Greene had not filed with a local party chairman by noon. Greene is reportedly in Austin this morning, to file for district attorney or district judge.

Gannaway, 24, a Hermleigh farmer, is unopposed on t' Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable. No one answered phone calls this morning at Gannaway's residence.

Love, 73, is a retired barber. He has previously served as constable and is currently unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

The deadline to file in the March Democratic and Republican primaries is 6 p.m. today.

There are nine offices up for election. To date, four people have filed for sheriff. Running on the Democratic ticket are sheriff's deputies Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne. On the Republican ticket, sheriff's deputy Kerry Fritz is facing Gorman police chief Joe Simpson.

Last Friday, local businessman Howard Limmer filed with the Republican Primary for Precinct 3 commissioner. Limmer will will face Democratic incumbent commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. in the November general election. Both men are unopposed in the primary.

Currently uncontested are Republicans Ernie Armstrong for district judge and Dana Cooley for district attorney, and Democrat Rona Sikes for tax assessor-collector.

Sentell has been in private practice here since 1988. He is a former assistant district attorney for Tarrant County, was in private law practice in Waco for two years and was with the attorney general's office for 18 years.

He is district governor nominee for Rotary International, a member of the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse board, the local historical society board and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He and his wife, Julie, have four children: John of Lamesa, Holly Davis of Dallas, Mike of Austin and Erin of Washington, D.C.

Love, 73, is former owner of Love's Barber Shop and served as a constable in Scurry County for 18 years, retiring in 1992.

"I am coming out of retirement because no one else was running and I wanted to keep that office going. I feel the constable office is important because it serves both criminal and civil papers."

He and his wife, Nan, have four children — Terry Love of Junction, Molly Murr of Snyder, Nova Greenlee of Snyder and Fonda Love of Midland.

Gannaway, candidate for Precinct 2 constable, lives in Hermleigh and is a farmer. He is a graduate of Hermleigh High School and attended Western Texas College where he majored in criminal justice. He graduated from the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in 1955.

Gannaway said he feels citizens in the Hermleigh area need a constable. "I feel like my background as a certified peace officer qualifies me for this post," Gannaway added.

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One line-item transfer was approved from the county attorney's office for $30 as the office's liability insurance had increased by that amount since the budget was adopted. The $30 was moved from supplies.

The court also approved the payment of bills as Fritz presided at the court's first meeting of 1996. Commissioners Gray, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway were in attendance.

# What's Up?

## 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 this evening.

## Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Thursday. 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.

## Social Security info

Representatives of the Social Security Administration from Big Spring will be at the Senior Center here on Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

## WTC opening delayed

A problem with heating delayed the reopening of offices at Western Texas College this morning. The problem has been repaired, and offices will open Wednesday. Faculty members report on Jan. 10 for in-service and class registration begins Jan. 15.

## School holidays end

Hermleigh teachers and students returned to classes this morning as the holiday break ended. Snyder and Ira students go back to class Wednesday.

Snyder and Ira ISD teachers and staff reported today to prepare for the new semester.

While Hermleigh teachers and students went back to class a day earlier than Ira or Snyder, they'll be released early today and Wednesday. Teachers won't get a break. The early release of students is being held so that teachers can have in-service.

## Pick 3

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

8-2-9

(eight, two, nine)

# NAFTA being criticized for not improving border environment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group that opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement from the start says it has not lived up to assertions by supporters that it would improve the environment along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Public Citizen, which lobbied furiously against NAFTA's passage, argued in a report issued Monday that the trade agreement has caused new damage to an already overburdened border environment.

"After two years of NAFTA, this report documents that not only have the promises for environmental and health improvements not occurred, but in fact the conditions along the U.S.-Mexico border have gotten significantly worse," said Lori Wallach, head of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch and a co-author of the report.

Supporters of the pact says it's much too early to assess the environmental impact.

Public Citizen said illegal dumping of industrial wastes in Mexico has increased, air pollution has worsened, and hepatitis, dysentery and other diseases still exist in rates far higher than elsewhere in the United States.

Expectations that NAFTA would result in industrial expansion away from the border, into the interior of Mexico, also have failed to materialize, the Ralph Nader-founded group said. Employment at maquiladoras, the foreign-owned assembly plants located just inside the Mexican border, has increased 20 percent to nearly 700,000 workers in the last two years, the study said.

The study, which reiterates Public Citizen's call for a repeal of NAFTA, was based on interviews with border officials, activists, federal authorities and media reports.

NAFTA boosters said the trade pact's effect on the border can't be measured yet.

"We need to be looking at the longer term," said Ralph Marquez, a commissioner with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the state agency that oversees environmental issues.

# Quiet New Year's Day for area peace officers

Local law enforcement agencies had a relatively quiet New Year's Day Monday as snow, ice and possibly bowl games on television kept most residents indoors.

At 9:57 a.m., an officer was requested at Bill's Auto Salvage in reference to a juvenile spending the night in the shop. No charges were filed but the juvenile was transported to the sheriff's office where his mother and a juvenile probation officer were notified. The youth was later transported to his residence in Hermleigh.

A woman called the sheriff's office at 11:10 a.m. in reference to receiving harassing telephone calls.

A one-vehicle accident was investigated by the Department of Public Safety at 3:30 p.m. some five miles east of Snyder on U.S. 180. A 1994 Ford pickup driven by Vollie Shipp, 44, of Fluvanna, overturned as a result of hitting some patchy ice. Neither Shipp nor his wife, Sharon, who was a passenger in the vehicle, were injured.

At 4:58 p.m., DPS troopers assisted a stranded motorist some 13 miles east of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84.

An officer was requested at 5:31 p.m. in the 300 block of 20th Street in reference to a dog being tied in a back yard without any shelter. The dog was later put in a shed.

At 5:57 p.m., DPS troopers assisted a stranded motorist two miles east of Hermleigh on U.S. Highway 84.

An officer was requested at 6:18 p.m. in the 2700 block of Avenue F in reference to some juveniles breaking out a window in a residence.

A minor accident was investigated by city officers at 7:35 p.m. Saturday in the 3900 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1994 Ford van driven by Cheryl Hinshaw of 453 S. 5th, Jal, N.M., and a 1964 Ford pickup driven by Robert Walters of 4105 Avondale.

Officers investigated an accident at 5:50 p.m. Thursday in the 2400 block of Avenue W. Involved were a 1987 Dodge driven by Helberta Sanchez of 800 28th St. and a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Joseph Pyburn of 123 30th St.