

## Chadron teacher shot by student

CHADRON — A seventh-grader walked into a social studies class Wednesday and shot the teacher as 19 other students looked on, authorities said.

The teacher, Andy Pope, was struck in the upper chest but not seriously injured. Pope, 35, was in good condition at Chadron Community Hospital, where he was being treated for a graze wound, said hospital administrator Harold Krueger.

Pope, who coaches basketball at Chadron High School but teaches at the middle school, was shot about 9 a.m. MST just after the first bell rang signaling the end of the first-period social studies class he was teaching.

A seventh-grade boy who is a student in one of Pope's classes later in the day came in the class and fired a gun, school officials said. Pope had not been facing in the boy's direction but heard some kind of noise, turned and the shot went off, said Wayne Jones, the high school principal.

No one else was injured. Meryl Nelson, principal of the 326-student middle school, said details were sketchy and police were interviewing the students who were in the first-floor classroom.

Another teacher and a police officer who happened to be teaching a class against drugs at the school took the gun away and helped apprehend the student, Nelson said.

The boy was being held in a cell at the Dawes County Courthouse and would be transferred later to a juvenile detention center in Gering, said Dawes County Attorney Rex Nowlan. He said he would make a decision by Friday on what, if any, charges would be filed.

Officials said they don't know why the student shot the teacher. There was no history of problems between the boy and Pope, Nelson said.

Neither Nowlan nor school officials would name the boy or release his age. Nowlan said the boy's name would be released only if he is charged and tried as an adult.

What charges may be filed and whether they will be filed in juvenile or adult court will depend on whether the shooting was intentional, Nowlan said.

Classes remained in session but parents were invited to pick up their children at the school if they wished, Jones said. About 70 percent of the students went home

with parents or guardians, he said.

Six counselors went to the school to talk with remaining students. Classes will be held Thursday but school officials will meet with middle school students in an assembly at 7:30 a.m., Nelson said.

The shooting was believed to be the first in schools in Chadron, a city of 5,500 located in the northern Panhandle, about 100 miles northeast of Scottsbluff.

School officials said the student involved in the shooting will be expelled automatically, but they did not say for how long.

The shooting happened in a classroom on the first floor of the middle school, Jones said. The middle school's administrative offices are located on the second floor.

The bullet did not penetrate Pope's chest wall, and Pope could be released from the hospital as early as Thursday, Krueger said.

Buck Edwards, assistant principal at the high school, said officials believe the shot was fired from a small-caliber weapon, possibly a .22-caliber gun, Jones said.

In a statement after the shooting, the head of the state teachers' union called on schools and courts to get tough on students who bring guns to school. There are adequate

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laws but they must be enforced, said Jim Griess, executive director of the Nebraska State Education Association.

"The shooting incident in Chadron is extremely regrettable. We simply cannot tolerate violence of any kind in our schools," Griess said. "No teacher in this state should have to put (his or her) ... life on the line to teach the children of Nebraska."

"We call upon boards of education and the juvenile justice system to vigorously enforce the student suspension and expulsion laws of Nebraska," Griess said.

## Clinton picks new CIA head

WASHINGTON — President Clinton announced Wednesday Michael P.C. Carns, a retired four-star Air Force general, as his choice to head the CIA, which has been without a permanent director since R. James Woolsey abruptly resigned in December.

"General Carns will face a challenge; its difficulty is matched only by its importance," Clinton said in announcing his selection in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. Present were leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees.

Carns, 57, spent 35 years in the Air Force. He retired last September after serving as vice chief of staff of the Air Force, its No. 2 official.

"He's a proven innovator, open to new ways of doing business and skeptical of conventional wisdom," Clinton said, noting that Carns had gained a reputation in the Air Force as a combat veteran and strong manager.

Carns said the job offer was unexpected.

There is something about the opportunity to serve and the chance to make a difference that is simply irresistible," Carns said after being introduced by Clinton.

Clinton also thanked Woolsey for his nearly two years as CIA director. Woolsey, who was present at the announcement, said he left the post for personal reasons, but he had labored under a strained relationship with Congress.

## Quake hits Columbia

BOGOTA, Colombia — An powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of at least 6.2 rocked Colombia on Wednesday, toppling buildings and killing at least 11 people, according to radio reports.

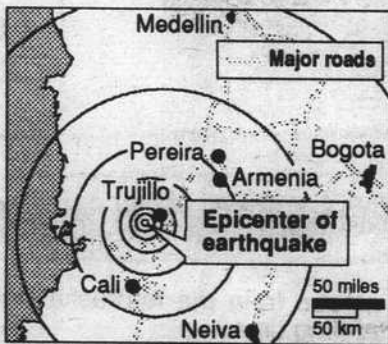
The worst hit city, according to initial reports, was Pereira, where at least six people were killed and 80 injured when buildings and walls collapsed, RCN radio reported. Five other deaths and 20 injuries were reported in other towns in western Colombia.

To avoid fires from possible gas leaks or downed power lines, Pereira officials severed electrical power in the city of 700,000 and suggested residents buy flashlights and candles. Pereira is 100 miles west of Bogota.

The quake was centered 175 miles west of Bogota and had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2, the Seismologic Institute of the West reported from Cali.

Two people died from heart attacks during the quake in the towns of Neiva and Trujillo, according to radio reports. A third person died when a wall collapsed on her in the town of Armenia.

The quake was felt strongly in Bogota, causing people to flee buildings and creating interruptions in telephone service.



## News... in a Minute

### Congress questions nomination

WASHINGTON — Both Democrats and Republicans say Dr. Henry Foster Jr.'s nomination to be surgeon general is in jeopardy because of uncertainty over his record on abortions.

On Tuesday, anti-abortion groups fighting the nomination stepped up their attacks, producing information indicating that the Tennessee obstetrician-gynecologist led a study in the early 1980s to test do-it-yourself abortion drugs.

The National Right to Life Committee and the American Life League said that while chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Foster headed a study involving about 60 women and financed by Upjohn Pharmaceutical Corp.

The women, who were up to eight weeks pregnant, were given prostaglandin drugs in vaginal suppositories, the groups said.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said an article Foster wrote on the testing was available when Foster was being considered.

Trouble over Foster's nomination began over the number of abortions he has performed. Foster maintains he has done fewer than 12 — mostly in cases of rape, incest or threat to a mother's life.

### Arafat orders arrests of militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Yasser Arafat, under pressure from Israel to crack down on militants, ordered the arrest of another 90 Palestinians in raids throughout the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

Arafat, who meets Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Thursday in an effort to bolster faltering peace talks, also established a special court to try Palestinians charged with security crimes, including attacks on Israelis.

"We mean business," said Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani, adding that members of Arafat's security forces will serve as judges for the new court.

Last week, Rabin complained to Arafat that even though Palestinian militants have been detained previously, none were ever charged with attacking Israelis.

The moves aimed to satisfy Israeli concerns over Arafat's readiness to reign in Palestinian militants whose attacks against Israelis have caused delays extending the Palestinian autonomy to the West Bank outside Jericho.

Fifty-five Israelis have been killed by radical Palestinians since October.

The latest attack, an ambush Monday in Gaza that killed one Israeli security guard and wounded another, was claimed by the Syrian-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

## Fugitive suspect in bombing caught

NEW YORK — The alleged mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing was in custody Wednesday in New York after two years as a fugitive.

Ramzi Yousef was arrested in Pakistan on Tuesday and flown to New York later in the day, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday.

Yousef allegedly planned and organized the Feb. 26, 1993 bombing of the landmark skyscraper. Six people were killed and more than 1,000 were injured.

The U.S. government had posted a \$2 million reward for his return. It was not immediately clear who, if anyone had collected the reward.

Yousef was charged in an indictment with 11 counts relating to the bombing. He allegedly came to the United States in September 1992 with plans to bomb a U.S. target.

Four of his co-defendants were convicted last March of carrying out the bombing.

Prosecutors said Yousef had led the others in the purchase of chemicals and other key acts, and managed to slip out of the country to Iraq the evening of the bombing.

The most serious charges carry a maximum penalty of life in prison without parole.

## Simpson trial update

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► Judge Lance Ito ruled that O.J. Simpson's first wife, Marjorie Simpson Thomas, must testify. She allegedly spoke with Simpson twice the day of his arrest, once as he led police on a chase in his Ford Bronco.

► Prosecutors tried to fix the time of the murders by calling neighbors of Nicole Brown Simpson to the stand. They told of a barking dog with bloody paws who roamed the street between 10:45 p.m. and 11 p.m.

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## Regents

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wouldn't be approved by the voters. "It's highly doubtful that (voters) would vote to take their own authority and power away," Payne said.

Payne stressed the danger of letting a government with a unicameral legislature have too much control over a university.

"The problem here would be that the governor would have an enormous amount of power and could, if he had enough votes in the Legislature, dictate everything," he said.

The 1977 Supreme Court decision *Exon vs. the NU Board of Regents* took university budget control away from then-governor James Exon and gave it to the regents.

This resolution would return some of that power to the governor.

Nelson told the Daily Nebraskan that if the resolution passed, he did not intend to micro-manage the university's budget.

"It (the NU budget) represents 17 percent of the state budget, and there's nothing draconian about the chief executive having control over that part of the budget," Nelson said.

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