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Ask Us

## New voter cards sent out by clerk's office

County Clerk Frances Billingsley announced that her office began mailing new voter's registration certificates today.

The certificates will be valid from Jan. 1, 1990 through Dec. 31, 1991.

Registered voters who do not receive a new certificate by Dec. 15 should contact the county clerk's office. Also, anyone who receives a new certificate and discovers a change that should be made, such as a name or address

change, should make the necessary corrections, sign the back of the card and return it to the office. A corrected certificate will be returned by mail.

Billingsley also announced that, due to increased costs, the fee for obtaining lists of registered voters has now increased. A complete alphabetical list of the entire county will now be \$60 while each individual precinct list will be \$5.

## Some businesses honor holidays; closings are noted

With most people enjoying Thanksgiving holidays this weekend, county, federal and state government buildings plan to be closed either Thursday or Friday, or both.

Schools throughout the county were to dismiss students this

afternoon — Ira at 2:25 p.m., Hermleigh at 2:30 p.m. and Snyder at 2:45 p.m. Students at all three school systems will enjoy the weekend off, then return for regular hours on Monday.

Western Texas College had already dismissed regular classes through Monday to allow for time to repair damage caused by a dormitory fire this week. All other classes at the college will be suspended Thursday and Friday for regular holidays.

Diamond M Museum will be closed Thursday through Monday while Scurry County Museum will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday and open again Monday morning.

Scurry County Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Most other county buildings will close Thursday and Friday, to include the senior center, courthouse and health clinic.

The Texas Employment Commission and the Department of Public Safety driver's license office will also be closed both days, as will the chamber of commerce.

City Hall, the post office, Snyder Country Club and pro shop and Western Texas College

## Comp issue before House

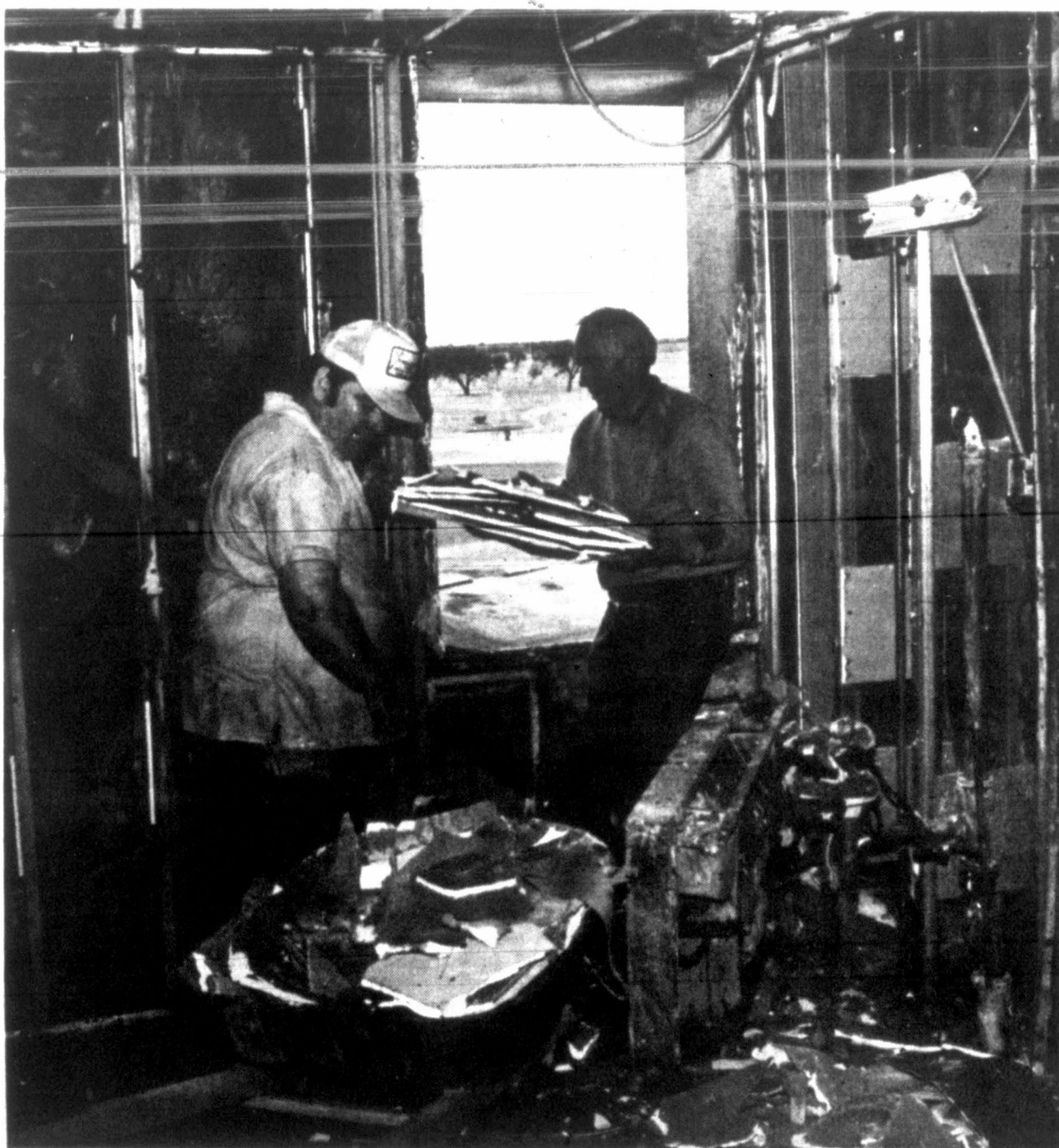
AUSTIN (AP) — Now that the Senate has sent its workers' compensation reform package to the House, the war of words has begun.

Opponents of the Senate bill said Tuesday it doesn't change the current system which has brought skyrocketing insurance rates for employers and low benefits to employees.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, who voted against the reform plan, said, "It's my strong feeling that our body has returned to business as usual."

State Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, the chief House author on workers' comp legislation, said the Senate measure "actually goes back to current law."

Sen. Bob Glasgow, D- (see REFORM, page 9)



CLEAN-UP IN PROGRESS — Campus security officer Dale Smith, left, and Dr. Gil Flee, professor of psychology and sociology, were among those helping with the clean-up of the college dormitory this week following last Friday's fire at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Should be ready Monday...

## Clean-up efforts continuing at Western Texas dormitory

With a hand from faculty, administration and private citizens, Western Texas College is quickly restoring order following last Friday's dormitory fire which forced an early start to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Leon Pettitt, maintenance director, told the college board of trustees this week that efforts by department heads and faculty in the clean-up effort of the dormitory has been "greatly appreciated" and by midweek most of the debris had been cleared away.

"It looks like there is only a fairly small amount of conduit and wiring that has been affected," he told the board. "The structure itself and the way it was built enhanced the confinement of the fire. I think we'll just need a few contracts for sheetrock and things like that."

The major problem could be the odor of the smoke. Workers are replacing sheetrock as needed and are using a chemical spray where applicable to help get rid of the odor.

The fire broke out about noon Friday in a third-floor room of the west wing of the four-wing dormitory. Major damage was confined primarily to the room in which the fire started and to the two adjacent rooms. Officials

plan to close off the floor, in the west wing only, and continue using the rest of the dormitory.

"We believe the first and second floors will be ready to go by next Monday morning (when students return from the holidays)," said Dr. Harry Krenek, college president.

Classes were to be dismissed around noon Wednesday for the holidays but were cancelled for the week beginning Friday afternoon to allow for the clean-up and repair.

Provided all but the top floor of the west wing is ready for occupancy (see WTC, page 9)

## Hines named Fireman of Year at 60th banquet

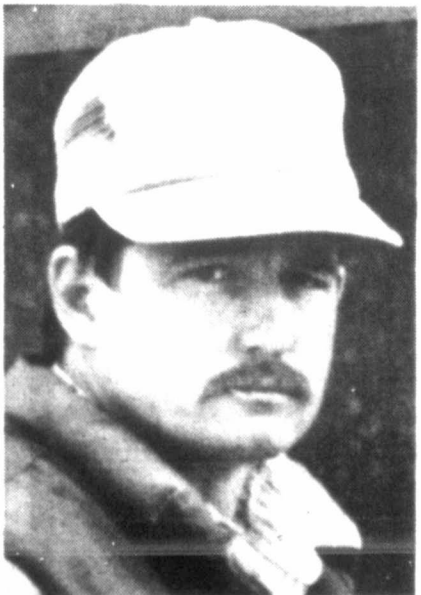
Ronnie Hines was named Fireman of the Year during the Snyder Fire Department's annual banquet, held Tuesday evening at Snyder Country Club.

Hines, a volunteer fireman, is a member of Pct. 3 county commissioner's road and bridge crew.

Honored as Fire Department Sweetheart at the 60th annual Thanksgiving Banquet was Carolyn Cox.

Ten-year service pins were presented to Bobby Hataway and Ronnie Clawson and five-year pins were awarded to Walter Banks and Paul Gilbert.

Rodger Potts was last year's Fireman of the Year.



RONNIE HINES

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Man spends his life reasoning with the past, complaining about the present, and trembling for the future."

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day, and Snyder's Chic Hale brought us an item from the Crazy Water Journal, a publication for residents living at the Crazy Water Retirement Center in Mineral Wells.

Hale suggested that living in a small community such as Snyder is a good reason to be thankful. The article proves the point:

A big city policeman was once asked to name the worst thing that a person could cry out if attacked in the hallway of a strange building.

He replied at once, "Help, because that will make everyone in the building double-lock their apartment door."

"Then what should you yell?" the officer was asked.

"Fire," he said, "Because that will make everyone run out of their apartment into the

hallway with you."

The same publication said that 40 percent of the things we worry about never happen, and that anxiety is the product of a tired mind.

Also, 30 percent of worries concern old decisions which cannot be altered. Another 12 percent involve criticisms, often unwarranted, made by people who feel inferior.

Some 10 percent is related to health which worsens while a person worries. Only 8 percent is actually legitimate worry, which shows that life does have real problems.

It also means that 92 percent of the stuff isn't worth losing sleep over. That, at least, is 92 reasons out of 100 to be thankful.

Jackie Nail at Hair Haven was waiting for us with this anonymous quote:

"God created man before woman, but then there's always a rough draft before the masterpiece."

Q—May private citizens purchase furniture that is made at the Price Daniel Unit?

A—No. A departmental spokesman said the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may sell its products only to political subdivisions such as counties, school districts and other state agencies.

## In Brief

### Layoffs slated

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Truck manufacturer Peterbilt Motors Co. will lay off 290 of its 1,300 employees in Denton by Jan. 2, officials said.

Jack McRae, director of public affairs for the parent company, Paccar, of Bellevue, Wash., said the layoffs were necessitated by a softening in the market for trucks 30,000 pounds and heavier.

The layoffs will include 250 regular employees and 40 temporary employees, McRae said. Similar reductions will be made at Peterbilt's other manufacturing facility in Nashville, Tenn., and also at its corporate headquarters in Newark, Calif.

Employees at the Denton plant were notified Monday. The reductions will come from the people hired most recently, McRae said.

### Bates slaying

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Former State Sen. Jim Bates was fatally shot, a woman was critically wounded and her estranged husband was arrested in the attack, officials said today.

Bates, 66, and the woman were shot late Tuesday night in front of his residence, said Cesar "Cito" Luna, chief of criminal investigation with the Hidalgo County Sheriffs Department.

Mary Andrews, 47, of Mission was shot once in the face and once in the upper torso and was in critical condition today at McAllen Medical Center, said Luna.

Her husband faced arraignment on charges of murder and criminal attempted murder at a hearing scheduled for this morning, said Luna.

"The only thing I can tell you is that Mrs. Andrews had a client-attorney relationship with Mr. Bates," said Luna.

### Goods drop

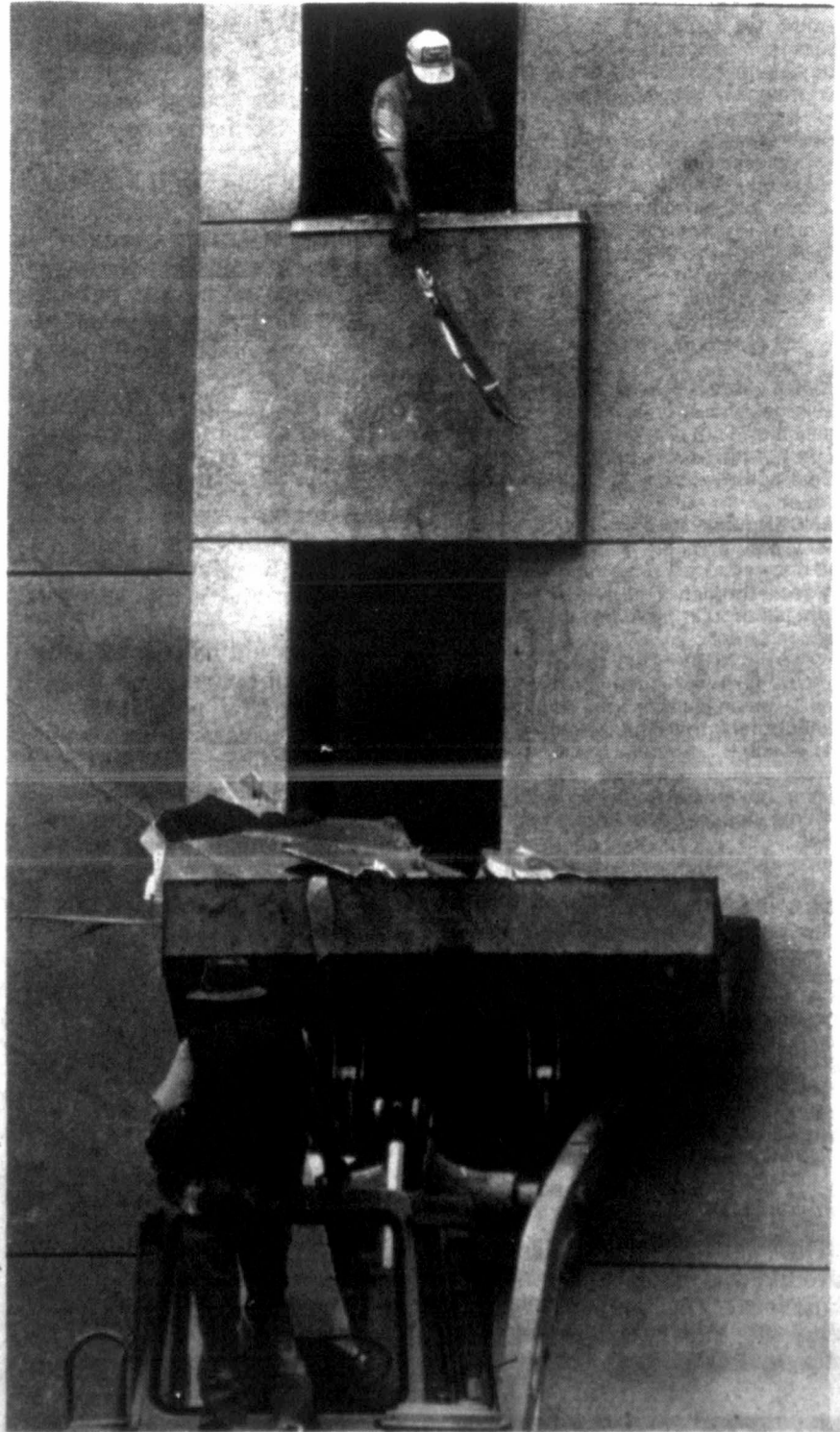
WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for "big ticket" durable goods fell 0.6 percent in October, the second consecutive monthly decline, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods — items expected to last three or more years — dipped to a seasonally adjusted \$124.59 billion last month following a 1.1 percent drop in September.

## Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 82 degrees; low, 48 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 51 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.48 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Thanksgiving day, sunny. High in the lower 60s. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming variable by afternoon. Outlook for rest of Thanksgiving weekend, fair each day. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.



QUICKEST WAY — The clean-up of the Western Texas College dormitory was an endeavor handled by college faculty, administrators, students and private citizens this past week. Above, James Eby, director of landscape technology, is pictured on a front-end loader as security officer Dale Smith drops debris from above. (SDN Staff Photo)



# Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

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**DEAR READERS:** Here's an update on my traditional Thanksgiving column:

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, so why not take a few minutes to count your blessings?

How's your health? You have a few minor complaints? Well, thank God they're not major. Obviously you're still alive. You can probably think of at least one person who isn't around this year.

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs and read the newspaper with two good eyes (or even one), praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't. And say a prayer for those who didn't survive Hurricane Hugo or the San Francisco earthquake.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. No Medicare. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight. Would you rather be in Pakistan, Ethiopia or Nicaragua?

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, pick up the phone and call somebody. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. If you don't like your elected officials, you can go to work and vote them out of office. We still have the soapbox and the ballot box.

Freedom rings! You can still worship at the church of your choice, or not worship at all if you don't want to. You can cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a

knock on your door in the middle of the night.

And if you want to live under a different system, goodbye and good luck! You are free to go. There are no walls or fences to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table tomorrow:

O, heavenly Father, we thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours. — Love, ABBY

P.S. By the way, want an instant high? The surest cure for the post-holiday blues is to do something nice for someone. Why not call someone who lives alone and invite him or her to join you for lunch or dinner?

Better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home." (Many older people don't drive, and those who do don't like to go out alone after dark.)

P.S.S. Special greetings to those of you in the military who wrote from remote corners of the world to tell me that you are using my Thanksgiving prayer.

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Abby's favorite family recipes are included in her new cookbook! Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Abby's Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

# Airbags auto safety feature

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of the year's biggest travel weekend, auto safety advocates are pushing everything from air bags to keeping people from catching Z's at the wheel to prevent highway deaths.

More than 400 people die on the nation's highways each Thanksgiving Day weekend — there were 438 fatalities last year, down from a high of 764 in 1968.

At a Washington seminar on Sleep Loss and Driving Safety, experts said sleep plays a key role in up to 400,000 traffic accidents a year.

More than 20 percent of all drivers have fallen asleep at the wheel at least once, said William C. Dement, director of a sleep disorders clinic at Stanford University.

Dement said adults can build up a "sleep debt" that grows larger if they avoid needed sleep over several days and that Americans generally don't get

enough sleep. A lack of needed sleep can impair driving, he said Tuesday.

Charles Czeisler of Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital said family get-togethers often keep Thanksgiving weekend travelers from getting enough sleep before they head for the road. He said some sleep-deprived drivers will become aware they are operating "on automatic pilot, but they just won't be able to respond to warning signals in time."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration responded to three auto safety and consumer groups who accused the agency of failing to promote and enforce auto air bag rules.

Public Citizen, the Center for Auto Safety and Motor Voters criticized both the government and the auto industry at a news conference to promote air bags, which are expected to be in one-

third of the 10 million 1990 cars to be sold in the United States.

The agency has required air bags or automatic front seat belts in all 1990 cars.

NHTSA spokesman Barry McCahill said the agency has made the promotion of all types of occupant protection its "number one priority."

A Virginia woman, appearing at the news conference with the safety coalition, said she survived a 110 mph head-on collision because an air bag popped out of her steering wheel.

"It's truly good to be here,

literally," said Denise Rusk of Kilmarnock, Va., who said she could not remember what happened after a Ford station wagon crossed into her lane on Sept. 22, 1988, and smashed head-on into her car. Both cars were going 55 mph, putting the force of the impact at 110-mph.

Showing no sign of her injuries, Mrs. Rusk said she had 36 broken bones, but the air bag prevented her from slamming into the steering wheel and dashboard of her new Chrysler LeBaron convertible. The driver of the other car, which did not have an air bag, was killed.

## Two state senators are getting married today

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The state Senate is forging a new coalition today: Two of its members are getting married.

The early evening marriage of Democrats Vi Simpson and William D. McCarty under the Statehouse rotunda will mark the first time two Indiana senators have been husband and wife.

"A new caucus is being formed in the Indiana state Senate; it is a special caucus of two," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert D. Garton, who sponsored a resolution Tuesday honoring the couple. "I think we can take credit for bringing them together."

Said Senate Minority Leader Dennis P. Neary: "You're making history."

Simpson, 43, and McCarty, 46, are in their second terms and have been married before.

They have sat across the aisle from each other for five years. Neary said he offered to let the two sit side by side but that was rejected. "Rather than having any family quarrels or fights, they will not be sitting together," said Neary.

## Special seminar slated next Monday in Snyder

A special seminar, "Texas Notary Law & Procedure," is slated for 2-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Snyder Savings And Loan Community Room.

This 3-hour comprehensive educational class will focus on the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of the Texas Notary. New laws became effective Sept. 1, 1989. All applicable statutes will be presented. Each person

enrolled in the class will receive a course materials book and other important reference materials.

Registration for the seminar may be made in advance by calling 573-7428.

Tuition fee is \$55 if payment is received before seminar date. Tuition fee is \$60 if paid at the seminar door.

## Astro-Graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Nov. 23, 1989

An influential friend will play a key role in helping you further your ambitions in the year ahead. The methods are likely to be unusual, but this person will know how to get desirable results.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** This is not a particularly good day to get involved financially or commercially with friends. Don't loan or borrow from pals and if you do business with a buddy, keep it on a business basis. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An arrangement you presently have with another could be destined for failure if your aims and purposes are not in harmony. Beginning now try to start pulling in the same direction.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Generosity is an admirable attribute, but it should be seasoned with wisdom. Unfortunately, today you might give too much to those who deserve it the least.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Taking a gamble on something today just because someone you know was lucky with it is no guarantee you'll repeat the performance. Let your logic, not your whims prevail.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You may feel compelled today to try to please everyone you encounter. This is a noble attitude, but keep in mind you can't be all things to all people.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** In situations where you'll be motivated by personal gain, you are likely to be very clever and resourceful today. Just be sure you don't feather your nest at another's expense.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Expensive diversions should be avoided today, because they'll not only be costly, but they might not turn out to be any fun either. Select activities that don't bruise your budget.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're basically a surprisingly tenacious person and once you start something, you usually see it through. Today, however, you might fall short in situations that require a second effort.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Resist inclinations to pass on hearsay or gossip today. To be on the safe side, say nothing about others that you wouldn't want said of you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Guard against tendencies today to build your material hopes upon unrealistic premises. Wishful thinking might give you a temporary surge, but it won't get the job done.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** It may be rather difficult to keep your objectives in proper focus today. If you keep switching targets, you'll end up wasting an enormous amount of ammunition.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A lack of imagination isn't likely to be your trouble today. Your problem could be you might get oversold on one of your more illogical concepts and waste time and energies on it.

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## Texas couple admit they killed woman

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. (AP) — A Texas couple stopped for speeding by a Mississippi trooper Monday night confessed to killing their 71-year-old widowed neighbor, as police 670 miles away were combing Syble Walker's house in Bowie, Texas, for clues about who strangled her, officials said.

Bowie police were looking for clues when Mississippi authorities called the victim's house at 9:30 p.m. to ask about the ownership of the car the couple was driving.

Trooper Freddy Keel's work led to the arrest of Randall Brinkley, 27, and his wife, Debbie, 31, on capital murder charges late Monday night, said Maj. Mickey Ladner of the state Highway Patrol.

Keel stopped the Brinkleys, who were next-door neighbors of Walker's in Bowie, for speeding on I-10 in Pass Christian about 9 p.m. Monday.

Only an hour earlier, members of Walker's church, who were having what a friend described as their weekly "salad supper," had gone to her home and discovered her body, where it had lain on the living room floor for three days.

When Keel checked the license plate on the 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass the Brinkleys were driving, he discovered that the tags did not belong to the car. Debbie Brinkley said the car belonged to her mother, but Keel was suspicious, Ladner said.

The Brinkleys, now in Harrison County jails, confessed to the slaying, Ladner said.

A Bowie police officer answered a call from a dispatcher in Gulfport and said that Walker had been strangled and that her car and some jewelry were missing.

The couple will be sent back to Bowie late this week or early next week for trial, police said.

"Be sure to pass on to y'all's troopers in Mississippi that we sure do appreciate it," said Detective David Scruggs of the Bowie Police Department.

The police drama "Dragnet," starring Jack Webb and Barton Yarborough, premiered on NBC radio in 1949. It became a TV series in 1951, then again in 1967.

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## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.  
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
Weight Watchers of West Texas; MAWC; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.  
Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-9896.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

### FRIDAY

Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

### SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.  
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

## Bridge by James Jacoby

<b>NORTH</b> 11-22-89			
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♦ K 8 6 3	♥ 6 2		
♦ K 5 4 3	♥ J 10 9 4		
	♦ Q 10 9		
<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>		
♦ Q 8 2	♦ J 7 5 3		
♥ Q J 10 9	♥ 6 2		
♦ Q 5	♥ J 10 9 4		
♦ J 8 7 6	♦ Q 10 9		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ A 10 6 4			
♥ A K 8 3			
♦ A 7 2			
♦ A 2			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All pass		
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

monds are 3-3. Because the spade queen does come down, the contract is made.

Note carefully that the earlier spade play of cashing the king and leading the nine had little chance. If East originally held three spades to an honor, he should cover the nine with either the queen or the jack, thus ensuring that West would make two tricks with what would in that case be an honor and the eight-spot.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

### Check finally arrives late

LENOX, Mass. (AP) — William Shirer finally received his severance check from the Chicago Tribune — 57 years late. Shirer, author of the classic "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," was fired by the Tribune in 1932 in Vienna for mixing up the name of a woman who had been arrested by Austrian police. He said the newspaper promised him a month's severance pay and he went to Spain "to collect my thoughts."

The pay never came, until Tuesday. Two Tribune editors visited him at his home and brought a \$1,250 check.

They also gave him an honorary Beck award, which, ironically, is named after the man who fired Shirer, Edward Scott Beck.

The 85-year-old Shirer, who is working on a book about Leo Tolstoy, said some of his experiences as a newsman in Europe working for the Tribune still rankle.

But he said, "as time goes by, the bitterness passes. Better late than never."

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## Suspect awaits filing of charges

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — Police say they will file attempted capital murder charges against a 32-year-old Dallas woman who allegedly tried to run over two security guards at Eastfield College.

The woman was shot at least twice after leading Mesquite and Dallas police on a chase that began Tuesday afternoon when

she dropped off a package feared to be a bomb at the school's administration building.

The woman, identified by police as Somrit Lawter, 33, of Dallas, was in stable but fair condition late Tuesday night with two gunshot wounds — to her neck and lower back, said Tom Geddie, spokesman at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

The package did not contain explosive devices, said Sgt. Bob Sharp of the Dallas Police Department's explosive ordinance unit. It contained rolled up duffle bags.

Ms. Lawter was wearing a "crude, homemade bullet-proof vest," made of door hinges and fishing line, Sharp said. Police did not find any weapons or incendiary devices in the van, Sharp said.

The woman struck a security guard as she fled in a van from the school. The guard, Lekan Koolleade, 28, of Dallas, suffered a minor thigh bruise, said Sharon Cook, Eastfield spokeswoman. The woman allegedly tried to run over another guard.

## Conviction will not be quashed

AUSTIN (AP) — The man accused of poisoning the historic Treaty Oak could face life in prison if convicted, because a state judge refused to eliminate mention of a previous offense in the felony indictment issued against him.

State District Judge Bob Perkins said Tuesday he would hear a separate defense motion on Dec. 13 to set aside the entire indictment against Paul Stedman Cullen for felony criminal mischief.

Cullen, 45, of Elroy, has been in Travis County jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond since his June 29 arrest in connection with the poisoning of the centuries-old Treaty Oak.

The felony criminal mischief charge normally would carry a maximum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. But that could be increased to life in prison because the indictment handed down by the Travis County grand jury also alleges Cullen had a previous felony conviction for burglary.

## Cisneros has his gallbladder removed this week

HOUSTON (AP) — Former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros remained in fair condition Tuesday at The Methodist Hospital after undergoing surgery to remove his gallbladder earlier in the week.

Renown Houston heart specialist Dr. Michael DeBakey removed Cisneros' gallbladder Monday, said Methodist spokeswoman Brenda Koch.

Cisneros has canceled all appointments and commitments through Nov. 26, including Thanksgiving Day activities, Ms. Koch said.

Cisneros had arrived in Houston Wednesday for a meeting of the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees. He underwent a physical check-up on Thursday and Friday after experiencing abdominal pain.

Doctors found a marble-sized gall stone threatening his common bile duct and advised Cisneros to have his gallbladder removed immediately, Ms. Koch said.

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RECENT INITIATION—Delores Key, left, former Snyder resident, and TCU's Margaret McWhorter, chairperson of fashion and interior design department, are pictured during a recent initiation ceremony of the Beta Zeta chapter of the Phi Upsilon Omicron honor society. (TCU Photo)

## Ex-resident initiated into honor society

FORT WORTH—Delores Key, former Snyder resident, is among 11 Texas Christian University students recently initiated into the Beta Zeta chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, national honor society in home economics.

Phi Upsilon Omicron is the only national honor society offered at TCU for home economic-related fields, specifically dietetics and nutrition, fashion, interior design and merchandising. To be eligible for recommendation for membership, a student must have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours' work, achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 and demonstrate leadership qualities.

Mrs. Key, a senior at TCU, is majoring in interior design. She is active in the campus chapter of American Society of Interior Design and the Institute of Business Designers.

A graduate of Snyder High School, Mrs. Key and her husband, Jimmie, are the parents of two sons, Scott and Steve of Snyder, and a younger son, Tim, who is a student at Texas Tech University.

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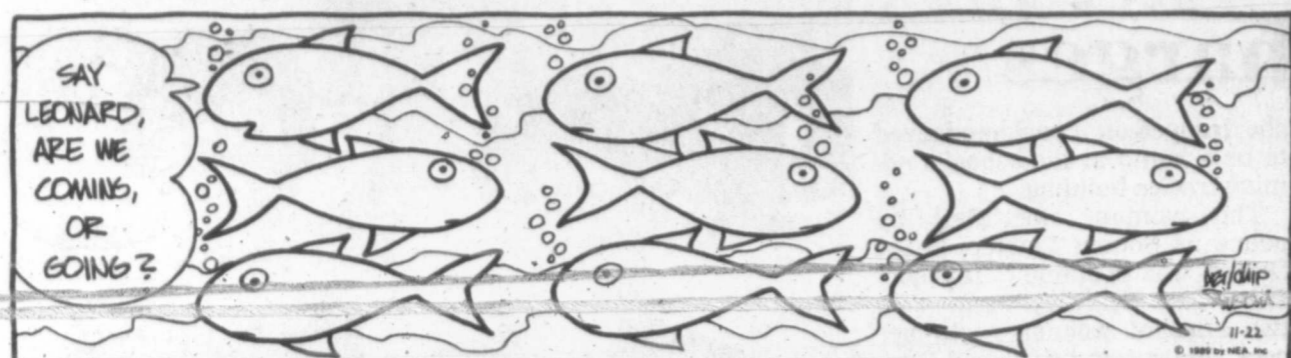
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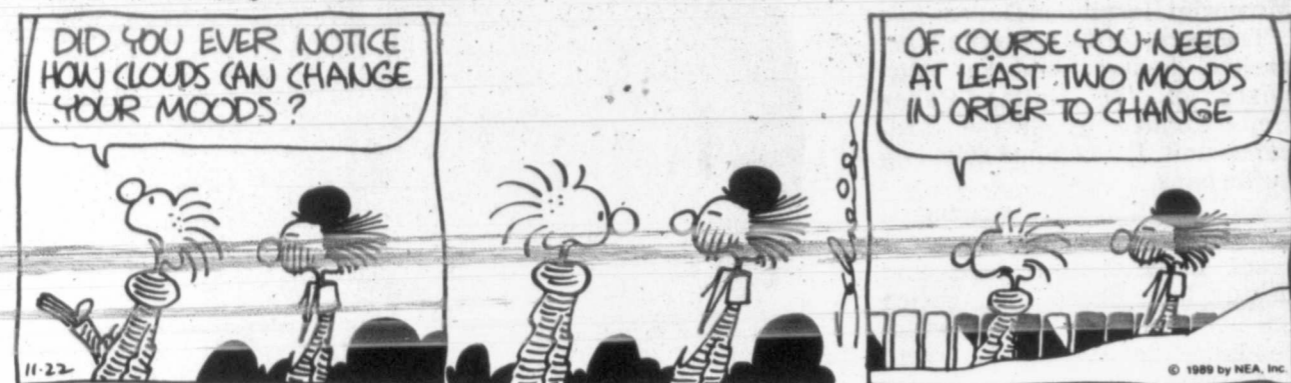
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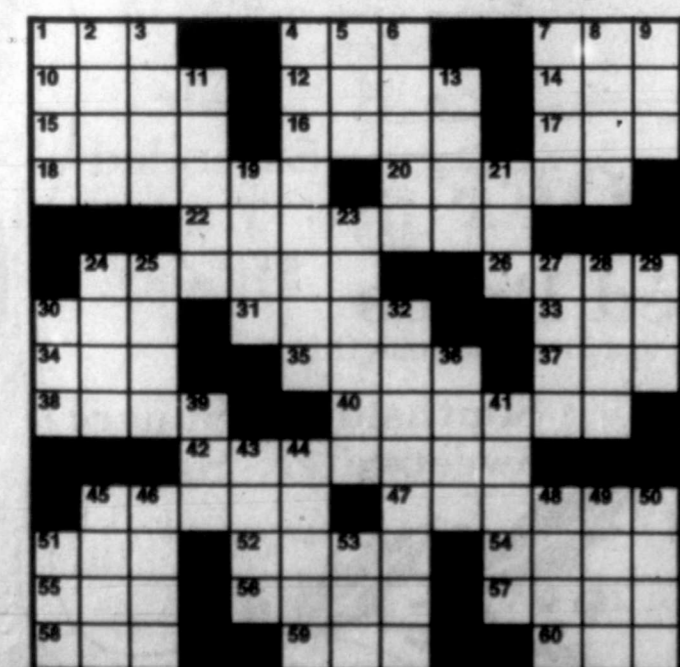
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- 17 Papa
- 18 Sermonize
- 20 Downy duck
- 22 Said indistinctly
- 24 Food sampler
- 26 Pleader
- 30 Bottle sealer
- 31 God of love
- 33 Paulo
- 34 French yes
- 35 Grafted, in heraldry
- 37 And so on (abbr.)
- 38 Attention-

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- 19 Pretty
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- 28 Consumes
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- 39 Sudden muscular contraction
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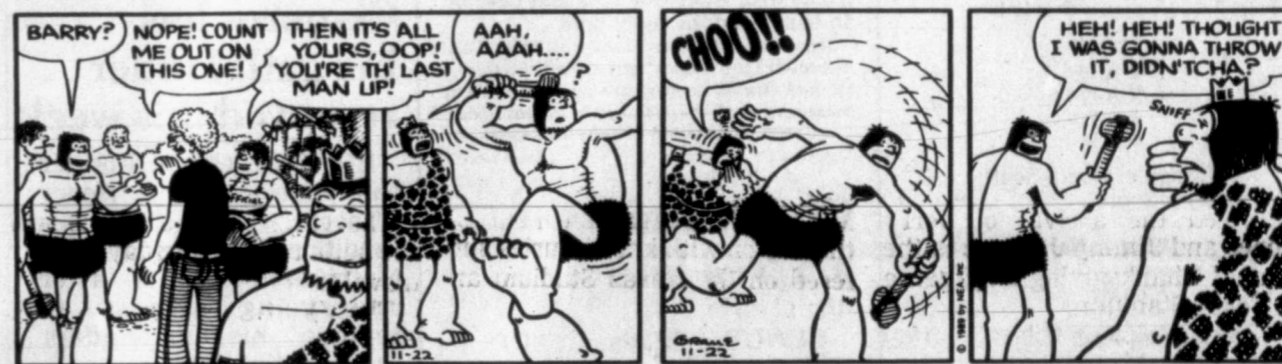
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# Area 6-man players picked All-District

Local six-man teams let their presence be known in the choosing of the District 7A All-District squad as a total of nine Ira Bulldogs and three Hermleigh Cardinals ended up on the elite team.

David Holmes, Shane Bearden and Craig McMullen, all from Ira, were listed as first team All-District.

Holmes, a junior at IHS was named as a defensive lineman, Bearden, a senior, as a linebacker and McMullen, also a senior, got the nod as a punter and the second team place-kicker.

Bearden was also tabbed the second team quarterback for the loop.

Other honorees for Ira include Jason Withers, Jim Smith, Shane Ballard, Greg Box, Tomas Juarez and Brad Robinson.

Withers, a senior, and Smith, a junior, were picked as second teamers. Smith on the defensive line and Withers as a safety.

Ballard, Box, Juarez and Robinson were each on the Honorable Mention unit. Bearden and Withers will be alternates for the circuit's All-Star selections.

A trio of Hermleigh players also received Honorable Mention plaudits for their play this season.

Andrew Sanchez, Chris Velasco and Robert Romero all made the defensive list of honorees.

The rest of the first and second team is as follows:

**FIRST TEAM**  
Offense- Running backs: Mike Payne, Trent; Keith Oden, Trent. Ends: Chris Jones, Trent; Lee Hunt, Trent. Quarterback: Travis Walker, Trent. Deep back: Jimmy Waddington, Blackwell. Center: Robert Munoz, Lorraine. Kicker: Shawn Finley, Lorraine.

Defense- Line: Chris Jones, Trent; David Holmes, Ira; Johnny Lujan, Lorraine. Linebackers: Mike Payne, Trent; Shawn Finley, Lorraine; Shane Bearden, Ira. Safety: Keith Oden, Trent. Punter: Craig McMullen, Ira.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Offense- Running backs: Shawn Finley, Lorraine; Rusty Sanchez, Lorraine. Ends: Johnny Lujan, Lorraine; Will Davis, Blackwell. Quarterback: Sidnie Bearden, Ira. Deep back: Greg Wright, Highland. Center: Kevin Allen, Highland. Kicker: Craig McMullen, Ira.

Defense- Line: Lee Hunt, Trent; Jim Smith, Ira; Robert Munoz, Lorraine. Linebackers: Travis Walker, Trent; Jimmy Waddington, Blackwell; Rudy Sanchez, Lorraine. Safety: Jason Withers, Ira. Punter: Rusty Bryan, Highland.

## SPORTS

### SWC Player of the Week...

# UT's Forbes honored

AUSTIN (AP) — After recovering from an injury, bearing down in class, shedding weight, and losing a contact lens on the football field, senior reserve quarterback Donovan Forbes of Texas only had a few games to make his mark.

He did it in one. Forbes, a third-teamer in relief of injured starter Peter Gardere

and Mark Murdock, the second-stringer who was off-target on a couple of passes, completed eight of nine passes for 117 yards in leading Texas to a 31-17 victory over Texas Christian Saturday.

For his performance, Forbes was named Southwest Conference offensive player of the week by The Associated Press. His completions included a 36-

yard touchdown toss to Kerry Cash on third-and-2 to tie the game at 17. "At that point we seemed dead," said Texas coach David McWilliams.

And in the fourth quarter, backed up to the Texas 13-yard line, Forbes completed a 9-yarder to Johnny Walker for a key first down.

"If he doesn't make that throw, we're going to have to punt from the 5-yard line," McWilliams said.

Sophomore defensive back David Griffin of Rice was named SWC defensive player of the week for his play in the Owls' 6-3 upset victory over Baylor at Waco.

Griffin intercepted two passes and recovered a Baylor fumble at the Rice 6 as the Bears were threatening to score what could have been the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

McWilliams said what was so amazing about Forbes' effort was that even though he has played very little in nearly five years, "You know he's been paying attention and keeping up with what's been going on in practice."

Forbes hurt a knee in spring training, had to go to summer school to ensure his eligibility, and then worked to get in shape. But he missed a chance at playing time against Penn State when he lost a contact lens and had to leave the game.

"Certainly, you know that going into the (TCU) football game he probably never thought he was going to play, and yet when he had to go and win the football game for us, he was prepared and ready," McWilliams said.

## Ira boys nip Trent 56-52

The Ira Bulldogs held off Trent for a 56-52 basketball victory Tuesday.

Jason Withers led the Bulldogs, as well as all other scorers, with 17 points.

Shane Ballard added 11 to the Ira cause.

The win sets Ira's record at 1-1 on the season while Blackwell is 2-1.

Alisa Garmer and Stephanie Weber both finished in double figures as the Lady Bulldogs fell to the Blackwell girls' squad, 71-39.

Garmer netted 16 points and Weber popped the cords for 10.

BOYS		GIRLS	
Ira	14 13 14 13 -56	Ira	10 9 12 8 -39
Blackwell	14 11 18 9 -52	Blackwell	12 17 17 25 -71

## UT-Aggie tilt set for ESPN

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The Dec. 2 Southwest Conference game between the Texas Longhorns and Texas A&M Aggies has been rescheduled for a 3:07 p.m. kickoff so it can be nationally televised by ESPN, Texas A&M officials announced on Monday.

Both A&M and Texas are still alive in the chase for the SWC title. The game originally had been scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

George Halas coached the Chicago Bears in 498 regular season games, an NFL record.

## SDN Sportsweek

Thursday, Nov. 23

**Basketball**  
WTC Westerners vs. Pratt at Odessa College Tournament. Tip-off at 3 p.m.  
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Friday, Nov. 24

**Basketball**  
WTC Westerners vs. TSTI at Odessa College Tournament. Tip-off at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25

**Basketball**  
WTC Westerners vs. Ft. Bliss at Odessa College Tournament. Tip-off at 3 p.m.  
Snyder boys host Levelland. JV at 6 p.m. Varsity at 7:30 p.m.

# Lady Tigers drop tilt to Abilene CHS

The Lady Tigers of Snyder High School outscored Abilene Cooper for the final three quarters of their Tuesday night game, but the hole they had dug for themselves in the opening minutes was just too deep.

Cooper took a 54-45 win after starting the tilt with an 11-2 run in the first quarter.

Snyder came back to within

five points at 44-39 with 3:30 left in the game, but the Lady Cougars hung on for the win.

Snyder's Ann Osborn led the Lady Tigers with 12 points on six buckets.

Robbie Braziel and Evette Housden each contributed eight points.

Holly McMillon paced the Cooper squad with 13 points.

The junior varsity team from SHS fell to Cooper in a Tuesday game, also.

Daisy Braziel poured in 13 points for Snyder in the 43-32 loss.

It was a fast Cooper start that did in the JV cagers, too, as the Abilene roundballers took a 12-4 lead at the end of period number one and held on the rest of the way for the win.

The varsity and JV girls will see action next Thursday as they travel to Wall.

The JV, 1-2, begins at 6 p.m. and the varsity, 2-1, tips-off at 7:30 p.m.

SNYDER		ABILENE CHS	
Varsity	43-32	Varsity	54-45
JV	11-2	JV	12-4

## Cards claim cage victims

The Hermleigh basketball teams battled Abilene Christian High School Tuesday and came up with a pair of impressive wins.

The boys captured a 67-61 victory while the Lady Cardinals pounded out a win to the tune of 59-26.

Bill Breitweiser and Felix Martinez each scored 22 points for the HHS boys squad.

Tisha Crumly poured in 13 points to lead the girls.

The Cards are now 2-1 on the year and the lady cagers of HHS are 1-2.

BOYS		GIRLS	
Hermleigh	18 15 22 14 -67	Hermleigh	18 14 13 16 -61
ACHS	18 14 13 16 -41	ACHS	10 21 8 29 -59

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# Snyder loses to Lee on last second shot

Snyder's Tigers were tied with Midland Lee in the second half of Tuesday night's basketball game there, before falling to a last second three-point goal, 56-53.

With :18 left on the game clock Lee played for the last shot.

"We played him really well," said Snyder cage coach Larry Scott.

"The defense was there, they had a hand in his face and he hadn't made but one other basket all night."

"That shot hit the front of the

## Coyotes take wins at Loop

The Borden County Coyotes took their boys' and girls' basketball teams to Loop for a pair of contests and came away with a pair of wins.

The boys from Borden county took a 50-43 victory from the Longhorns while the Lady Coyotes won, 44-32.

A pair of cagers from the Borden County squad paced the boys' win as Brian Bond scored 25 points and Cole Vestal had 12.

Bond hit 10 field goals, including a three pointer, and four free throws to accumulate his total.

Vestal's points came on six buckets.

The two clubs played close for the first half with Loop having a slight edge, 23-19, at the intermission.

The Coyotes outscored their opponents, 18-8, in the third period to take the lead they would never relinquish.

The win puts the Borden County record at 1-1 on the season and Loop at 0-1.

Borden County's girls started out hot as they pushed to a 15-2 lead at the end of the opening quarter.

By the half the game was out of hand at 29-14.

The Lady Coyotes were led by Amy Lewis' 13 points and Randi Woodward's 10 in the win over district foe Loop.

Lewis hit four baskets and five free shots while Woodward banged home five buckets in the win.

The Lady Coyotes are now 2-0 on the year and Loop stands at 0-2.

The next games for the Borden County Teams are in Loop as they face the Longhorns again next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Borden County Tournament is slated for Dec. 14-16.

GIRLS		BOYS	
Borden	15 14 8 7 -44	Borden	50-43
Loop	2 12 6 12 -32	Loop	44-32

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rim and bounced in with just two seconds left," he reported.

Tracy Braziel pounded out 18 points for the Tigers on a six of ten performance from the free-throw line and six field goals.

Jeffery Wortham was the only other SHS player in double figures. He gathered 12 points on five hoops from the floor and a pair of free shots.

The Tigers will face Levelland at the Scurry County Coliseum at a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday.

Snyder's JV fell to Midland Lee, 62-43, Tuesday.

Eric West scored 10 points to lead Snyder.

The JV will tangle with Levelland Saturday, also. Their game is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the coliseum.

VARSITY	
SNYDER	J. West 3 0-6, T. Braziel 6 6-10, Hamilton 1 5-6, H. Clay 3 0-6, Wortham 5 2-3, Gray 1 1-3, TOTALS 19 14-22

JUNIOR VARSITY	
SNYDER	Oaks 1 0-1, E. West 2 6-8, Rodriguez 0 1-3, Martinez 3 1-3, Wesley 4 0-4, Tratee 0 3-5, Tippens 3 1-2, Leggett 1 0-2, Clinkinbeard 1 0-2, TOTALS 15 12-29

MIDLAND LEE	
SNYDER	Scurlyark 1 0-2, Smith 2 1-5, Lane 2 0-4, Skaggs 2 0-4, Ward 0 1-2, Angelo 0 1-0, Massey 4 0-8, Crisp 4 0-8, Campbell 6 1-2, Wilson 6 1-17, TOTALS 29 4-62

BOYS	
SNYDER	12 15 16 10 -53
Lee	12 12 15 17 -56

## SWC thumbnail

TEXAS TECH (8-2, 5-2 SWC) at HOUSTON (7-2, 4-2 SWC), 4:00 p.m. (CST) — Houston's Astrodom is the setting for an expected free-for-all on offense as trendsetters IB James Gray of Texas Tech and QB Andre Ware of Houston lead their teams into the fray.

The two nationally-ranked teams have different means of attacking the defenses. Tech goes overland behind Gray (SWC-record 50 career TDs, 300 points and 3,966 net yards rushing for the third-highest total in conference annals). Houston favors the passing scheme behind Ware (292-of-464 passing for 3,824 yards, 40 TDs). He already has the seventh-most passing yards (tied with Duke's Anthony Dilweg in 1988) and the second-most TDs passing (behind Jim McMahon's 47 TD tosses for Brigham Young in 1980) in NCAA Division I-A history. Tech and UH have a brief, but interesting rivalry. It began with a 6-0 triumph by the Cougars at Robertson Stadium in 1951, and Houston has built a 15-5-1 overall lead in the series. The Cougars lead 10-2-1 in SWC activity with Tech. The last two outcomes could not have been much closer. UH won 30-29 in a snowstorm at Lubbock last fall after the teams tied 10-10 at the Astrodome in 1987. The Raiders last defeated the Cougars 34-7 in 1986.

GIRLS	
SNYDER	12 6 13 12 -43
Lee	6 22 15 19 -62

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# Dallas set for Ryan Thanksgiving Day

IRVING, Texas (AP) — One Dallas Cowboys tradition that survived the arrival of Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson is the annual Thanksgiving Day game in Texas Stadium.

Coach Johnson likes it and thinks it could give the Cowboys a needed edge when they play the Philadelphia Eagles Thursday.

"I really like it," Johnson said. "It's good national exposure for the Cowboys and gives us an advantage because of a short work week. We're at home and the other team has to travel." Philadelphia, that "other" team, is held in lower regard by Dallas fans and players than perhaps any other.

There will be no playoff games for the Dallas Cowboys this year but a victory over the Eagles and their controversial coach Buddy Ryan would feel like one.

Older Cowboys recall a run-up-the-score touchdown in 1987 when quarterback Randall Cunningham faked going to a knee and threw a long pass with two seconds left. Interference was called in the end zone and the Eagles scored on the next play in a 37-20 victory.

"There is no love lost between the two teams especially with what Buddy did to us a couple of years ago," said Dallas linebacker Eugene Lockhart. "That's something you never forget."

Before the season began, Ryan took his shots at new coach Johnson, saying he couldn't understand why some NFL assistant coach wasn't hired to replace Tom Landry.

He also warned Johnson, who became head coach straight from the University of Miami, "There are no East Carolinas on the schedule."

Johnson said he knows Ryan will have the Eagles sky-high for the 3 p.m. game in Texas Stadium. "I'm sure they'll be all excited about playing the Cowboys this week," Johnson said. "I've heard Dallas week is a special week to him and he has said things to players about Dallas week I wouldn't ever repeat."

The Cowboys, who lost 17-14 to Miami Sunday, have nothing to lose in the nationally televised game but could spoil the Eagles' scrap to stay alive in the NFC East. They trail the leading New York Giants by two games with a 7-4 record after surviving Minnesota 10-9 on Sunday.

The Cowboys had lost their last three Thanksgiving games under Landry after winning six straight.

## Dolphin LB rape suspect

DALLAS (AP) — Police are investigating a Dallas woman's allegation that she was sexually assaulted by linebacker David Frye, who has been waived by the Miami Dolphins.

The woman told investigators that Frye raped her during the Dolphins' trip to play the Dallas Cowboys last weekend, said detective Roberta King of the police department's Crimes Against Persons division.

Frye was waived Tuesday partly because the team was dissatisfied with his performance, Dolphins coach Don Shula said.

Shula refused to comment on the assault allegation.

No charges have been filed against Frye, but the complaint may be referred to a grand jury, which could issue an indictment, Ms. King said.

The woman told police she and a female friend met Frye and a male Dallas friend of his at a nightclub Saturday night. The woman said she and the friend went to the home of Frye's friend, where she was assaulted, Ms. King said.

Miami receiver Mark Clayton was questioned as a possible witness, the detective said.

Clayton was fined an undisclosed amount Tuesday. Shula said Frye was waived and Clayton fined after they violated curfew Saturday night in Dallas. Miami beat the Cowboys 17-14 Sunday.

Frye was a seven-year pro who played mostly on special teams.

Clayton, who leads the team in receiving yardage, was fined because of the curfew violation and for conduct detrimental to the team, Shula said.

Clayton practiced Tuesday with the team, which hosts Pittsburgh Sunday. He declined to comment.

Frye, 28, joined the Dolphins as a free agent in 1986. He had 16 tackles this year but only two in the past seven games.

Frye's home phone number is unlisted and he couldn't be reached for comment.

Other Miami players have been involved in police investigations this year.



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# Town, mom cope with recent slaying of burglary suspect

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She explains how she can hear him wailing and crying for his life as he continues to run desperately, caught now between heaven and hell.

And many who live in this small central Texas town where King died say they, too, are in a netherworld of sorts. They are trapped between a lost innocence and what they fear is the hopeless task of convincing outsiders they are not racists who killed a burglary suspect merely because he was black.

"This is never going to go away," said James Lucko, mayor of the Hill County town of about 300 and one of King's pursuers. "You may put it aside and forget about it for awhile, but it's never going to go away."

A few have promised as much, including one former mayor who plans to organize a protest march against the racism he contends struck down King.

He and a handful of others portray the burglary suspect's death in ghastly black and white terms, saying he was chased down like an animal and smothered because of the color of his skin.

But others say those charges are fueled by a merchant's grudge against the city and some business he has lost.

"It ain't right," said Martin Degner, a former mayor and former city judge. "Please, let us get back to our little ol' country life."

The words choke in his throat and tears are welling up in his eyes.

"I don't want Malone to become famous for this," he says, blinking hard and looking away.

About 30 miles south, near the small community of Perry, a hawk circles aimlessly overhead and Pearl Mae King is crying, too. This is her son's birthday, and he had promised her he was changing his life. He was going to be a preacher and was going to help others get to heaven.

"I'm going to say words over your grave," he had told her.

But like other things in King's young, wasted life, plans went awry.

King, by his own mother's admission, had been a rogue, but she believed he had changed his ways.

He had quit school in Marlin in 1982 to become a construction worker. He also became an inept criminal. Four times he was jailed for theft and burglary charges in Falls County and in 1983 was finally sentenced to serve three years in the Texas Department of Corrections for burglary.

"The day he got in trouble that put him in the TDC, he came to me and said he had been caught in a house with some other boys and he was sorry," Mrs. King recalled. "I wanted to get some money to get him out of jail, but he told me to let him stay. He said, 'I did wrong and I'm going to pay for it.' And he went and served his time."

He had been living in Waco with his mother and outwardly appeared to be trying to make good on his life. He constantly warned three younger brothers and three younger sisters to stay clear of the trouble he had found.

"He said he had better not catch me doing any of the things he did," said Bobby King, 18. "He said he was going to set a good example for us."

It may have been his own impatience that killed King on Oct. 9.

Hill County Sheriff Brent Button believes the young man wanted money to buy drugs. His mother says King needed \$200 to go with \$180 he already had so he could buy some wood trim for a house remodeling job.

No matter who was right, the money could have been his.

Mrs. King said she had cashed her welfare check and had the money King wanted. Only he never came home.

"Whenever he would get in a tight (jam), I would try to help him," she said, shaking her head slowly. "He was my baby."

Emma Piel, who lives a short block off Malone's main street, said she came home shortly after 2 p.m. that Monday and discovered King standing in her bedroom.

She had asked him what he wanted and he replied that he needed something to eat. When she said food is usually found in a kitchen, he bolted and ran from the house.

Mrs. Piel hurried to a nearby

grocery store where she found Lucko.

"I was walking outside to get a guy some bait and she told me some guy had just broken into her house," recalled Lucko, who owns the store.

Soon, several men were chasing King, who authorities believe had been abandoned by his common-law wife. He had left her with their car a short time earlier, saying he wanted to visit a friend and would be right back.

The chase wound furiously around town as the suspect jumped over gates, ran down alleyways and slid through fences. Somewhere along the way, he picked up a brick and he waved it menacingly whenever pursuers drew close.

"When we had him trapped for a time inside a goatpen, I told him to put the brick down," Lucko recalled. "I said, 'Just talk to me.'"

"But he said, 'No, touch me and you're going to get hurt.'"

Another time, Lucko was within 6 feet of the man when King suddenly stopped and wheeled around, startling and scaring the older man.

"He looked desperate. He looked like he had nothing to lose," Lucko said. "He said, 'Hey man, you're not taking me in alive. The only way you're taking me in is dead.'"

Ray Watson said he had his own chance to make that happen. King was being chased down an alley straight toward Watson, who was carrying his .22-caliber pistol. He lifted it up and pointed it squarely at King's head.

King froze for a moment, then snarled: "You're not going to take me."

The gun grew unbearably heavy, Watson recalled.

"I thought, 'I can shoot that sucker,'" said Watson.

"Then I said, 'Bullcrap.' I just put the pistol back in my truck. I can't take a man's life. I could no more have shot that man than I could fly."

The man ran right past Watson, 59, and the chase continued.

Eventually, King began stumbling south toward open fields and a creek. But even for a former high school football player who had stayed in good shape, the decision to flee across the freshly plowed ground was a bad one. He lost traction and was

quickly surrounded and overcome by three men.

"It took a lot of pressure to make him let go of the brick," said Lucko, who was sitting across King's legs while two other men held his arms. "After five or seven minutes, he let go of the brick and we quit restraining him as hard. At that point, I got up and went to the highway to get help."

Lucko said all three men who captured King thought he was still alive and were stunned when the Hill County deputy who had just arrived told them the man was dead. Attempts to revive him failed.

"Everybody was just happy that we had caught us a criminal," said Watson, who had followed the chase's last moments in his truck on a nearby farm road. "All we wanted to do is retain him. Nobody wanted to kill him. We were stunned. We could have shot him three different times if we had wanted to kill him, but nobody did it."

John Parker, a medical examiner in Dallas, ruled King's death a homicide, saying it was caused by sustained pressure on his chest and abdomen and strangulation. Tests for drugs and alcohol were negative.

"It was not a classic accident. That's why we called it a homicide. It was very unusual," Parker said.

But a grand jury Tuesday declined to issue any indictments in the case.

"I think all of these men were doing what they thought was right and what they thought was their civic duty, and I don't think that can be said of everybody these days," said Hill County District Attorney Dan Dent.

Mrs. King is convinced she knows the exact instant her son died.

She was doing her weekly wash on Monday afternoon, squeezing water from some of her family's clothing with an old wringer-type hand washer, when she heard a loud call.

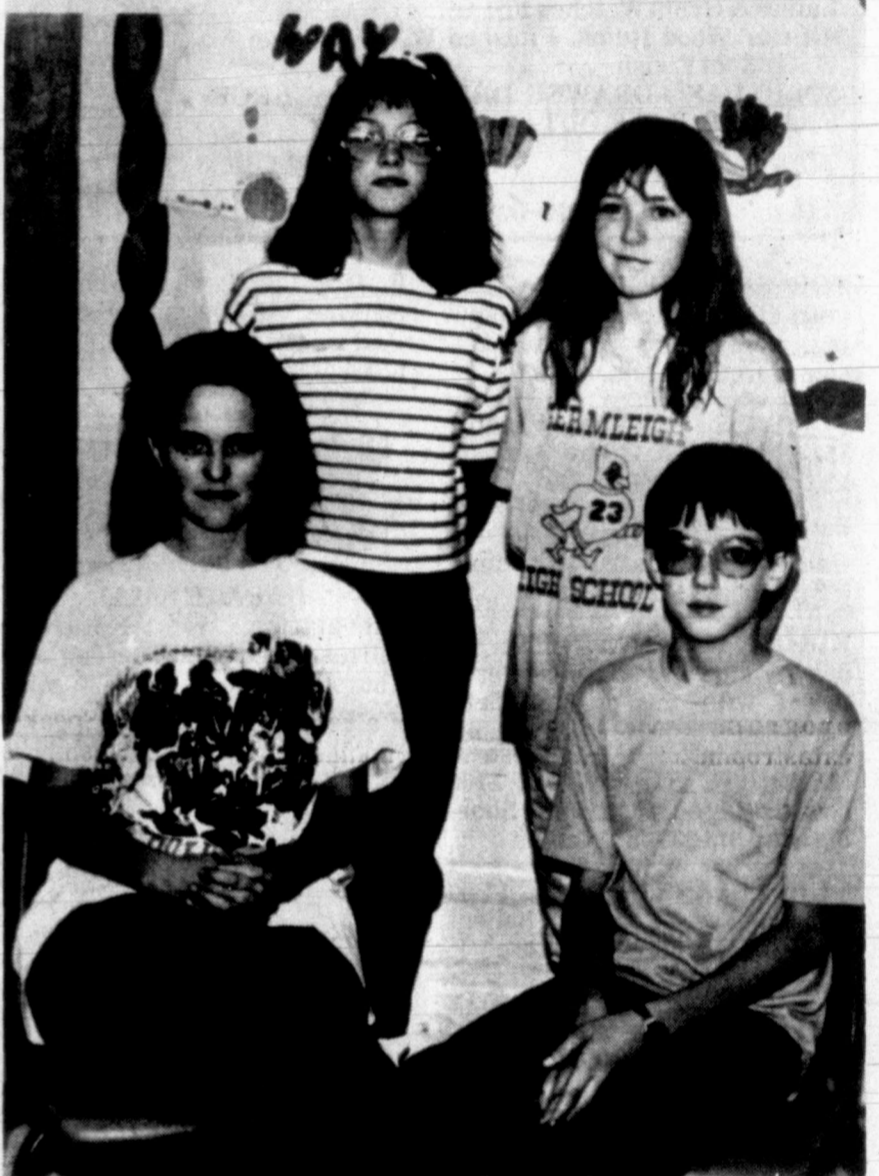
"Mudd-oohhh. Mudd-oohhh."

Only her oldest son, James, called her name that way, and she ran out of the small shed behind their Waco home to see what kind of trouble he was in.

But he was nowhere to be seen.



**EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS**—Hermleigh eighth grade officers are standing, Eric Romero, president, and Leon Mireles, vice president; seated, Sheri Sandefur, secretary, and Melinda Estrada, treasurer. (SDN Staff Photo)



**SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS**—Hermleigh seventh grade officers are standing, Brandy Atkinson, president, and Stephanie Buchanan, vice-president; seated, Lori Anderson, secretary, and Charles Sweatt, treasurer. (SDN Staff Photo)

# New math at nation's food banks: deposits down, but withdrawals up

By The Associated Press

Deposits of surplus food at the nation's food banks have declined this year as the ranks of bank patrons — the poor and hungry — continue to grow.

The federal government and private corporations are donating less food to private charities than in the past, according to food bank officials in several cities.

At the same time, said Kevin Fagan, director of development for the Greater Philadelphia Food Bank, "There's no question that demand is just flying through the ceiling."

Food bankers blame the decline, in part, on a frenzied pace of corporate takeovers that have left food industry executives glued to the bottom line and less concerned about the needy.

"I think corporations are not as generous as they have been in the past," said Rodney Bivens, executive director of the Oklahoma City Food Bank, where contributions were down 41 percent by the end of September.

Donations have picked up slightly since then, Bivens said, but are far from meeting the rising demand for food.

Once, a poor family might have been able to count on a loaf of bread with sandwich meat in its weekly food bag from a charitable organization. Now, Bivens said, the bag may contain two loaves of bread — but no meat.

Donations to the Philadelphia organization are down at least 15 percent from last year.

"The ultimate loser is, obviously, the most needy of us all," said Fagan.

The organization is fairly typical of the 200 food banks that have sprung up around the nation

since the first one was established in Phoenix in 1967.

About half its food comes from Second Harvest, a Chicago-based distributor of surplus food that is the largest single supplier for most food banks. Second Harvest collects products that are considered unmarketable by major corporations because they are mislabeled, underweight or overweight, too close to an expiration date, discontinued or repackaged.

The rest of the bank's donations come from local sources:

## New judge to resign amid abuse charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Amid allegations he beat and harassed a former girlfriend, state District Judge Randall Isenberg said he will step down from the bench to which he recently was appointed by Gov. Bill Clements rather than face Senate confirmation hearings.

"The individual involved, Annie Schriver, ...has picked her time to level these accusations at me at a time where I'm unable to respond in the time frame necessary to put my name in nomination," Isenberg said Tuesday outside the state Capitol after meeting with Clements' appointments secretary, James Huffines.

"I just can't get the matters cleared up (right now), although I'm quite confident I will be able to get the matters cleared up, and I'm confident I'll file for election in January," Isenberg said.

Isenberg assumed the new bench Sept. 1, pending Senate confirmation; his name was to be formally submitted to the upper house on Friday, his 36th birthday. Huffines said Clements expects to name a new appointee sometime next week.

The charges stem from an incident that allegedly occurred more than a year ago when Ms. Schriver, a felony investigator in the office of Dallas County District Attorney John Vance, came to work with a black eye and other bruises.

Although Ms. Schriver never filed charges against Isenberg, she says that he caused her to suffer the bruises and black eyes.

Some county employees and other courthouse workers have said that on at least one occasion in October, Ms. Schriver reported to work with noticeable injuries.

Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, chairman of the Senate nominations committee that would have reviewed Judge Isenberg's appointment, confirmed that he met separately with Ms. Schriver and Isenberg this week to discuss the allegations. Edwards said that had the judge not withdrawn his name, the committee would have conducted a hearing into his appointment.

supermarkets, manufacturers, charitable organizations or private individuals.

The food is distributed to a network of local organizations that are involved, in one way or another, with feeding the needy.

Although some food banks say their local contributions remain steady, all have been hurt by the first year of decline at Second Harvest since the organization was founded more than 10 years ago. Corporate contributions are expected to be down 16 percent this year from last.

The federal government used to supply a substantial portion of the food given out by private organizations, but that amount has been shrinking, too. Second Harvest officials say they received 172 million pounds of surplus government food in 1987, but half that amount in 1988 and this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates it will distribute 239 million pounds of food to charitable organizations this year, down from 272 million pounds the previous year.

The main reason for the decline, USDA spokesman Phil Shanholtzer said, is a sharp drop in the amount of surplus dairy products, in part because of a change in federal price support payments.

The president of Second Harvest, Philip R. Warth Jr., said the change hit food banks hard.

Warth said the slowdown in the corporate pigot is partially due to the merger mania that has swept the food industry in recent years. But he refused to say which companies have become less generous; food bankers are acutely sensitive about biting the hand that feeds their clients.

The directors of several food banks did name some companies that, they claimed, have been donating less since being purchased by other corporations. Among those named repeatedly were Pillsbury, General Foods, Kraft and Nabisco.

But officials at three of those companies — all but Kraft — denied that they were giving less; those at Pillsbury and General Foods said they were giving more. A spokeswoman for Kraft, which merged with Philip Morris last year, said she didn't know how much the company was giving Second Harvest.



**SIXTH GRADE OFFICERS**—Hermleigh sixth grade officers are standing, Andy Sosa, president, and Billy Luna, vice-president; seated, Jack Hudgins, treasurer, and Joey Sanchez, reporter. Donnis McHaney, secretary, is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

British Gen. Edward Braddock forces near present-day Pitt was mortally wounded July 9, 1755, as his troops suffered a massive defeat at the hands of George Washington. French, Canadian and Indian





MINI-MARCH—Snyder Day Care Center's two through five year olds conducted a mini-march for Cystic Fibrosis last week. Teachers include Roann Clay, Adelpha Saucedo, and Sheila Cagle. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Lebanese president killed by bomb

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Rene Mouawad was killed today when a bomb exploded on a street in Moslem west Beirut as his motorcade passed by. He had been president for only 17 days.

A police spokesman said Mouawad died instantly in the blast, which came minutes after the president held a reception marking Lebanon's 46th year of independence. The spokesman refused to say why police initially reported Mouawad was not hurt.

At least 18 other people were reported killed by what police first described as a car bomb.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The bomb went off at 1:45 p.m. in the Sanayeh district.

Mouawad's top aides, Prime Minister-designate Salim Hoss, a Sunni Moslem, and Parliament Speaker Hussein Hussein, a Shiite Moslem, also were in the 10-car convoy, in the vehicle behind the president's. Police said they were not hurt.

The bomb exploded outside a shop about 500 feet from the Government House and 1,600 feet from Hoss' home.

Mouawad, 64, a Maronite Catholic, had long advocated Christian-Moslem reconciliation in his country. He was elected Nov. 5 at a special Parliament session as part of an Arab

League-sponsored peace plan aimed at ending Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

He was sworn in the same day, despite strong objections by the Christian leader, Gen. Michel Aoun, who opposed the plan.

"It's a national disaster," said a statement from Hoss' office, released 2½ hours after the explosion.

It said Hoss and Hussein had convened in "crisis talks" to prepare for a quick Parliament session to elect a successor to Mouawad.

The statement stressed that the leaders were trying to avoid a political vacuum that would undermine the peace plan, which was approved last month.

Aoun objected to the plan because it did not include a timetable for the withdrawal of the 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon. He denounced Mouawad as a Syrian puppet.

The Syrians were deployed in Lebanon in 1976 under a peacekeeping mandate to quell civil war fighting. Aoun said they abrogated the mandate by siding with the Moslems in the civil war, and he has vowed to drive them out.

On Sept. 14, 1982, President-elect Bashir Gemayel, a Maronite, was assassinated.

His brother, Amin Gemayel, became president and served until his term ran out in September 1988. From that time until Mouawad's election, Lebanon had been without a president because Parliament was unable to agree on a president.

The police spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with standing regulations, said 18 people, including 10 of Mouawad's bodyguards, were also killed today. He identified the dead bodyguards as six Syrian army soldiers and four Lebanese soldiers.

The spokesman also said 25 people, including many civilians, were injured.

Hundreds of Syrian soldiers and Lebanese army troops and policemen converged on the scene. The Syrians fired their rifles and several rocket-propelled grenades in the air to clear the way for ambulances.

## Reform

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Stephenville, who also opposed the measure, said, "This is not workers' compensation reform. This is absolutely business as usual."

But Sen. Kent Caperton who helped engineer the bill said, "That's a lie."

Under the bill, maximum weekly benefits would be increased from \$238 to \$416, an injured worker could appeal a disputed comp claim to a jury trial and permanent injury benefits would be calculated on how that injury impaired the employee's ability to work.

As originally proposed by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, jury trials would have been restricted and permanent injuries would have been calculated on a set schedule. Both those proposals were defeated by the Senate.

House Speaker Gib Lewis, whose more conservative chamber now goes to work on the proposal, said defeat of the plan written by Hobby was a major setback.

"I would say we probably are back to square one," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth, as lawmakers continue to try to break an impasse that has lasted since January.

The Legislature is now in its second special session seeking workers' comp reform.

Gov. Bill Clements said some Democratic senators were posturing politically in the knowledge that the final bill could be substantially different.

"There's certain of those senators who want to manifest their independence at this stage," the Republican governor said.

"But you know, this is just the first chapter in a long book. By the time we get to the end of the story, I think everything will be all right. I'm still optimistic about it," Clements said.

But Sen. Carl Parker who led the drive to amend Hobby's bill said the slim majorities on major amendments for his side will hold.

In comments before the Senate adjourned, Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he knows of no one who intends to change their vote.

"If there are I'd like to know who, because it means that I'd be most disappointed in some of my colleagues who have given me their word," Parker said.

Most of the victims were quickly picked up by civilian cars and rushed to hospitals before ambulances arrived.

Mouawad and his aides had just left Government House in Sanayeh, where they were hosts to foreign diplomats, parliamentarians and other dignitaries at a reception marking Independence Day. The celebration was low-key, but all ambassadors accredited to Lebanon attended, underscoring their countries' recognition of Mouawad as head

of state. Lebanon gained independence from France on Nov. 22, 1943. Mouawad is survived by a wife, Nayla Koury, and two children — Michel, 17, and Rima, 22.

Before being elected president, Mouawad had been a member of the 99-seat Parliament since he was elected to represent his home region of Zghorta in 1957 at the age of 32. His assassination leaves only 72 surviving members of the Parliament.

## Clements may put ethics reform on second agenda

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said he will consider adding ethics measures to the current special session of the Legislature if lawmakers draft a comprehensive plan to remedy ethics problems.

The governor, who earlier said ethics reform should wait until the regular session in 1991, told reporters Tuesday he may add the issue to the special session agenda if legislators settle the dispute over workers' compensation.

"As soon as we get through with workers' compensation, we'll undoubtedly take up one or two or three other issues," Clements said, adding that he hasn't decided what those issues will be.

Ethics reform may be one of the issues because it is a topic of interest to Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said the governor, who controls the agenda of special sessions.

A decision to have legislators debate ethics reform "would depend entirely on what they are going to propose and how com-

prehensive it will be, and whether it would really respond to the issue or not," Clements said.

The governor said he would balk at including ethics reform if lawmakers propose "some half-baked approach."

Meanwhile, two key legislators working on ethics reform said Tuesday they have tentatively agreed on a plan that would prohibit campaign contributions being made in state buildings and require lobbyists to report their expenditures on lawmakers — including free trips and gifts.

Sen. Bob McFarland, R-Arlington, and Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, said their measure also might put new restrictions on lobbyists who represent clients before state agencies.

"We are drafting about nine or 10 different proposals," said McFarland.

## Man arrested on warrant

A 28-year-old Snyder man was arrested on a misdemeanor marijuana possession warrant at 9:23 p.m. Tuesday at a residence in the 2300 Block of 40th St.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office said the warrant had been issued by county court.

## Pickup wreck

A Snyder man was uninjured when his pickup truck hit a concrete pillar at 11:37 a.m. Tuesday in the Furr's supermarket parking lot.

A 1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Vancel Brooks of Pk. 3 caused an estimated \$100 in damages to the pillar, a city officer said.

## Hospital Notes

DISMISSALS: Daniel Holt.

# Deficit, health care bring Congress' year to a close

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress came together early today to complete work on catastrophic health care and the budget deficit and adjourn for the year, leaving behind a record notable as much for its own internal business as for public policy.

As they headed for the exits, the House and Senate adopted a \$14.7 billion deficit-cutting bill that relied heavily on accounting gimmicks to make the required savings, and voted to cancel a program that covers catastrophic health care costs for the elderly.

Both bills were forwarded to President Bush for his signature, and the Senate adjourned at 4:07 a.m., with the House following suit 24 minutes later.

Before leaving, the House and Senate also managed to complete work on all 13 money bills needed to run the federal government for the coming year. But as they looked back on 1989, they saw little to brag about.

"We made no new bold initiatives in public policy," said

House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill. The best that could be said, he added, was that House leaders have laid aside the bitter atmosphere in which the year started and set the stage for real achievements next year.

In the annual adjournment telephone call to the president at 12:47 a.m., Michel told Bush "the whole attitude around here has had a decided change." To underscore that point, Michel won approval on the House floor of a resolution thanking Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., for his "impartial" stewardship of the House.

When Senate leaders called Bush three hours later, the president said "when all the dust settles, I think you had a pretty good session of the whole Congress."

Foley, who took over the reins at mid-year when his ethics-scarred predecessor Jim Wright resigned, agreed. He listed "creating a mood of comity and confidence" as his top accomplishment.

But much of the session was consumed by controversies over the ethics of members of Congress and efforts to raise lawmakers' pay. Wright's ethics case tied up the House for nearly half the year, and six senators became snared in ethics controversies as the year ended.

"This is the unfinished Congress," said Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., the No. 2 GOP leadership official in the House.

Among accomplishments were the first increase in the minimum

wage since 1981, although it was less than Democrats sought; a new bipartisan approach toward U.S. policy in Nicaragua; passage of a massive bailout for the savings and loan industry; aid to encourage political and economic reforms taking place in Poland and Hungary; and an extensive anti-drug package.

The Capitol's Democratic leaders also claimed credit for barring several things that didn't take place: the nomination of John Tower to be secretary of defense, a constitutional amendment banning flag desecration and a cut in the tax rate on capital gains.

## Assassination site visited in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — There weren't many visitors early this morning at Dealey Plaza, the spot where President John F. Kennedy was gunned down 26 years ago by an assassin's bullets.

But those who did venture through Dealey Plaza the plaza in the rain were thoughtful, stopping to see the area and remembering the assassination's impact on their own lives.

"It was a gray cloud over Dallas for such a long time. I think it's an event that needs to be remembered but not dwelled upon," said Ron Thompson, 34.

Thompson, a lifelong Dallas resident, said this was his first visit to Dealey Plaza. He was in third grade when Kennedy died.

"It was a strange day. I was in school and all of a sudden everybody was crying. I was real young but still it was something else."

Wet weather kept early visitors from Dealey Plaza, but by mid-morning about 70 tourists and Dallas residents had stopped.

"We had to stop here," said Max Ooley of Borden, Ind., who was traveling with his wife to visit their son in San Antonio for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"I always wondered about the conspiracy aspect of it," he said, as he looked across Elm Street at the grassy knoll, which played a large part in the Warren Commission investigation of Kennedy's death.

Conspiracy theorists believe more than one gunman fired shots and that some of the shots came from the knoll. The Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, firing the shots from the sixth floor of the former Texas School Book Depository.

Neither the Kennedy family nor the City of Dallas stages any public memorial to the event at the assassination site.

The Dallas County Historical Foundation just this year opened an exhibit on the sixth floor of the former depository.

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## Obituaries

### Alma Robison

VINITA, Okla.—Services for Alma Dale Robison, 93, former Snyder resident, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Luginbuel Funeral Chapel with Rev. Randy Messer officiating and Rev. Bob Whitchurch assisting. Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Mrs. Robison died Tuesday. She was born Oct. 14, 1896, in Comanche, and was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Vinita, Okla. She was married to Dee Robison. He died in 1955. Also preceding her in death were one infant son, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include one step-daughter, Ernestine James of Lubbock; one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Lajuana Robison of Vincent, Okla.; three grandchildren, Dee Robison of Vinita, Okla., Kim Martin of Pawhuska, and Kelly Berry of Fort Smith, Ark.; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Annie Hoffman of Ballinger.

## WTC

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cupancy by Monday, as college officials expect, extra housing will have to be found for only 16 students — all members of the Lady Dusters basketball team.

"The college will provide housing for them either in motels or in private homes for the rest of the semester," said Krenek.

Housing may not be a problem for the spring semester because enrollment usually drops off slightly.

"Because of the natural attrition of some not coming back, due to transfers or grades or whatever, we feel we will be able to house all of the students," Krenek noted.

## Holidays

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Golf Course will be closed Thursday only.

All of the local financial institutions will close Thursday and reopen on Friday.


Among businesses enjoying a holiday will be Snyder Daily News, which will be closed Thursday. The SDN will publish a Thursday paper, however.

Though many public buildings will be closed Friday, most businesses will be open. Merchants are staging a city-wide two-day sale on Friday and Saturday and the city's Holiday Festival takes place from 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday. The festival will include live local talent featured at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn and will culminate with the lighting of the square at 5:30 p.m. A number of businesses will be open and offering discounted prices and/or drinks and snacks during the festival.

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INSTALLATION—The Rev. Arlyne C. Turnquist, center, was installed Sunday as the new pastor-priest of Grace Lutheran Church and St. John Episcopal Church in Snyder. On her left is Bishop Mark B. Herbener of Dallas, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and at right is Right Rev. Sam B. Hulsey of Lubbock, Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas. (Church Photo)

## Turnquist installed Sunday as new local pastor-priest

Rev. Arlyne C. Turnquist was installed Sunday as pastor-priest of two Snyder congregations of different denominations.

Grace Lutheran Church and St. John's Episcopal Church implemented the sharing of a pastor-priest so that both churches could financially survive. The oil crunch is largely blamed for the economic downfall in the Snyder area, and it took its toll on both congregations. Each congregation consists of only about 35 or 40 members.

Bishop Mark B. Herbener of Dallas, of the Northern Texas-

Northern Louisiana Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, together with the Right Reverend Sam B. Hulsey of Lubbock, Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, Episcopal Church U.S.A., were the officiating ministers at the installation ceremony.

Rev. Turnquist said she prefers to be called Pastor Arlyne, if the people of each congregation approve. She can be addressed as "Pastor," "the Reverend," or "Priest." Stating that some congregations call or-

dained women clergy "Mother," she said that is not right for her.

Her father was a Lutheran pastor for almost 40 years before his death in 1970, and her mother were on hand for the installation Sunday.

Rev. Turnquist attended Augustaha College in Illinois, where she graduated with honors in nursing. She also attended the University of Iowa, and Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. She was ordained at Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church in Svea, Minn., Oct. 29 of this year.

As a nursing sister at Westminster Abbey, she was able to participate in historic events, such as Lady Churchill's memorial services, the Silver Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II in 1977, and the Lambeth Conference of 1978, which brought together all the Anglican bishops of the world.

## Per capita spending on EMS only 16 cents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dozens of hospital failures across rural Texas are forcing many communities' ambulances to spend hours on the road transporting patients and away from town, where they may be needed to help others who are critically injured or ill.

While a new congressional study says emergency medical services in many rural areas suffer from personnel shortages, antiquated equipment or a lack of financial and medical resources, a Texas EMS official says the state's greatest problem has been collapsing hospitals.

The state has led the country in hospital failures over the past three years, losing 19 in 1988 alone, congressional officials say.

Gene Weatherall, chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management at the Texas Department of Health, said some communities that have lost their hospital now are sending their ambulances on 60 to 100-mile round trips, carrying critically injured or ill patients to the nearest available facility.

And in some of those towns, there is only one ambulance, Weatherall said.

"We have had cases when the ambulance has gone on a

transport, and you have another accident, another heart attack, and there is no one in the community to provide that emergency assistance," Weatherall said.

In those cases, ambulances are called in from other communities, but victims must still wait precious minutes for assistance.

"Having to wait 30 minutes or so to get an ambulance really hurts — 30 minutes really makes a difference," Weatherall said Tuesday.

The Office of Technology Assessment, a congressional research service, said in a draft report Monday that rural residents needing emergency medical care are three to four times as likely to die from lack of ready access than urban residents.

The study said rural emergency medical services, in addition to shortages of manpower and state-of-the-art equipment, have inadequate advanced training opportunities for EMS providers, a lack of medical supervision of local operations, poor public access to EMS, and an absence of regionalized systems of EMS care.

England's King Henry VIII was born in 1491.

## Shotgun used to shoot 2 children

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — A Texas man who kidnapped his two young sons and killed them with a .12-gauge shotgun nearly three months later had a history of violence, according to police trying to piece together the tragedy.

Authorities had known since mid-October that Roy Irwin Abbott Sr., 52, may have brought his sons to Maine. But they were unable to find him after checking in Eliot, Augusta, Kittery and Portsmouth, N.H., state police Sgt. Michael Harriman said.

"Each time we checked these locations, there was another move on his part, indicating he was aware he was being hunted," Harriman said after Abbott was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in District Court.

Abbott had turned up at the York County sheriff's office a day earlier, according to a police

detective's affidavit that said Abbott told a receptionist: "I've killed my kids."

Police then went to a dirt road in a wooded area of Shapleigh in southwestern Maine and found the bodies of the boys, each shot twice at close range with a .12-gauge shotgun, Harriman said.

Spokesman Stephen McCausland of the Maine Department of Public Safety identified the older boy as Roy Irwin Abbott Jr., 6. Maine officials identified the younger boy as Ronney Abbott, 4, but Texas authorities were identifying the younger boy as Rooney Abbott.

Neither agency was able to explain the discrepancy.

Abbott, who made no comment to reporters as he arrived in court wearing blue jeans, a light blue T-shirt and dark blue jacket, did not have to enter a plea Tues-

day. Judge Robert Crowley ordered Abbott returned to the York County Jail pending a bail hearing Nov. 29 in Springvale District Court.

Abbott's court-appointed lawyer, Stephen J. Schwartz of Portland, had little to say about the case.

"This just happened. It's really new," Schwartz told the judge. "I haven't even had the opportunity to discuss the full set of facts with my client."

Police in Texas said Abbott told Maine officials he shot his sons because he was planning to turn them all in and they began crying because they did not want to go home. Maine authorities, as a matter of policy, would not tell reporters what Abbott had told them.

"He turned himself in and said he had killed his sons," said Denton Police Capt. Bill Cummings.

## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been diagnosed with polymyalgia rheumatica and is being treated with prednisone. It helps some, but his progress is very slow. How long can he remain on the medication, and is there something better he can take for it?

DEAR READER: Polymyalgia rheumatica is a common disease that causes muscular pain and stiffness leading to muscle atrophy (wasting). It is often associated with fever, loss of appetite, malaise, apathy, anemia and temporal arteritis (inflammation of the arteries over the skull's temples). The cause is unknown.

The diagnosis is usually confirmed by the sudden and dramatic improvement brought about by prednisone (cortisone) therapy. The medicine relieves symptoms within 24 hours. Once the patient is symptom-free, the dose of prednisone is gradually tapered. Flare-ups may require repeated courses of treatment. Prednisone is the most effective drug to treat polymyalgia.

The rapid response to prednisone suggests that the basis of polymyalgia may be an immune disorder in which the body inappropriately attacks its

own normal tissues. Because long-term prednisone therapy is fraught with complications — such as diabetes, bone softening and cataracts — patients with polymyalgia should be carefully monitored by their doctors, and every effort should be made to reduce or eliminate the dose of prednisone as soon as possible.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help I — Physical Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3669. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How does a disc change when it ruptures?

DEAR READER: Intervertebral discs are like washers separating the bones of the spine. More accurately, they resemble inner tubes, with a gelatinous center ring surrounded by a tough covering of gristle.

When discs rupture, the gummy inner material herniates or squeezes out between the supporting fibers of the covering. This material is under pressure and can press against a spinal nerve, causing pain, weakness and nerve malfunction.

With rest, the disc material may return to its original position and symptoms can disappear. However, surgery is often necessary to repair or remove the disc, if it is badly damaged. Discs herniate because of congenital weakness of the supporting fibers. Therefore, even if one disc is repaired, others may cause trouble, unless patients take special care of their backs after surgery or after having had a ruptured disc. People who have had problems with one disc are more likely to have symptoms from others.

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