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WEDNESDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—Is it true that in Scurry County when you reach 65 your taxes are frozen?

A—Not really. School taxes on homesteads are "frozen," meaning they will not increase, the year after an individual turns 65. Certain county and city exemptions may also apply, however these taxes are not "frozen." Individuals must notify the appraisal district when they reach 65 to be eligible.



7  
DAYS UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS

## Local

### Donations

Scurry County Library is accepting canned goods for Goodfellows and the Noah Project.

### Ira PTA

Ira PTA will meet at 7 tonight in the new gym. The fifth and sixth grade classes will present "Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

### Clinic news

Scurry County Health Unit clinic will be closed Dec. 24 and 26 and will be open in the morning only on Dec. 31.

### No jury

Those summoned as possible Municipal Court jurors for Thursday at City Hall are advised that jury call has been canceled.

### SJHS concert

The Junior High School 8th Grade Band and the Stage Band will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

### Banksball

The Snyder National Bank Hoopsters and the West Texas State Bank Double Dribblers will square off in a Toys for Tots fundraiser at 7:30 tonight in the high school gym.

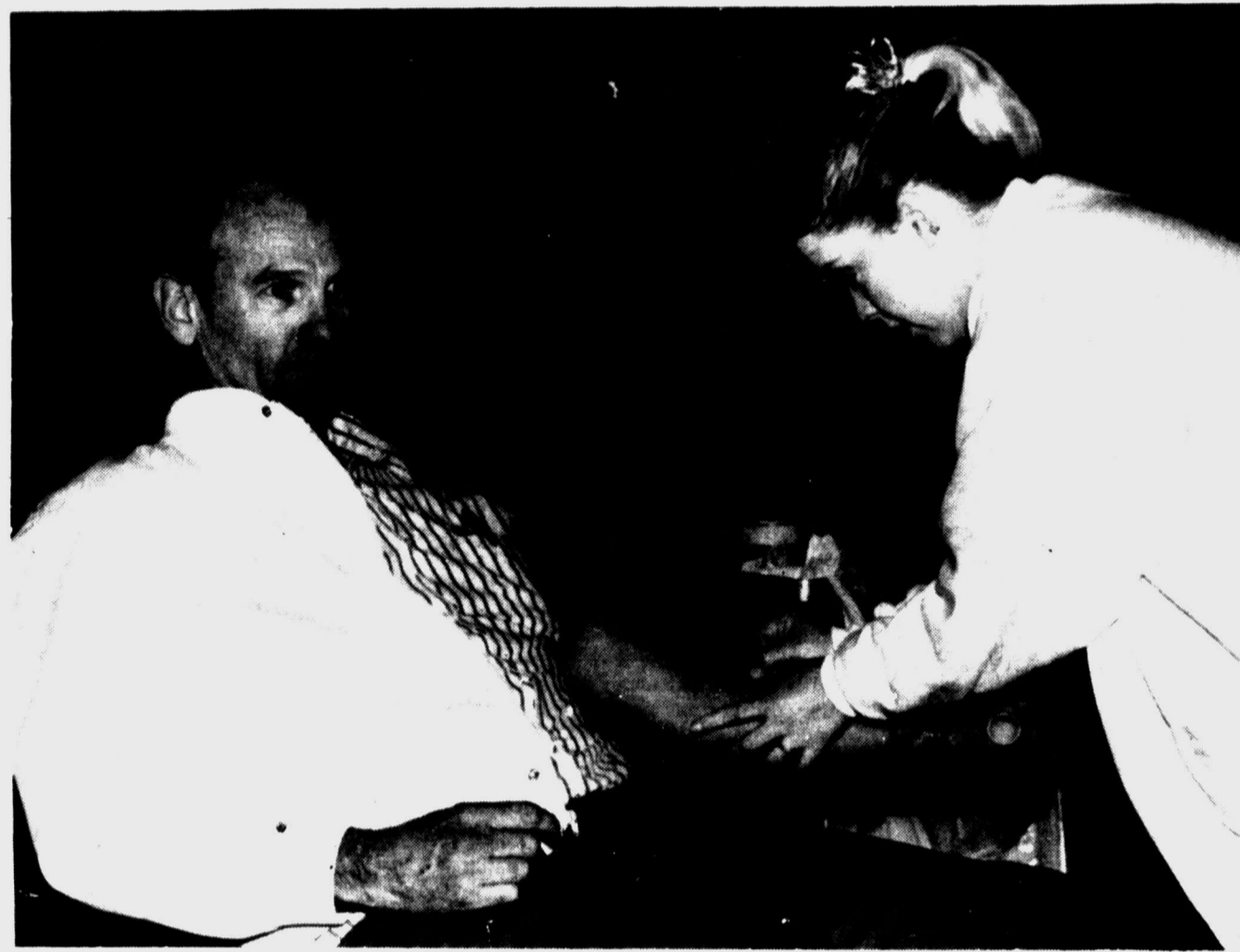
Admission is one new or used toy in good condition per person. Toys for youngsters ages 7-12 are especially needed.

## Weather

**Snyder Temperatures:** High Tuesday, 55 degrees; low, 38 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 25.09 inches.

**Snyder Area Forecast:** Tonight, rain likely, otherwise cloudy. Low in the lower 40s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph. Rain chance 70 percent. Thursday, occasional rain with a few thunderstorms. High near 50. South wind 10-20 mph. Rain chance 80 percent.

**Almanac:** Sunset today, 5:44 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:38 a.m. Of 351 days in 1991, the sun has shone 337 days in Snyder.



THE GIFT OF GIVING — Many local residents took time out of their busy holiday schedules to donate blood Tuesday. The drive collected 104 pints. Pictured are George Adams and Amy Shipley. (SDN Staff Photo)

## 911 kick off date on hold

The startup date for the county's 911 emergency assistance system is on hold, say county and city officials.

Local officials had said the system would be on-line Jan. 1, 1992, but testing of the equipment must be complete before the system goes live, said Sue Smith of the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Smith said that no definite date has been set, but noted the system will be operational by early 1992.

## High court throws out Senate map

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales says he's hopeful that Senate primary elections won't be delayed, even though the Texas Supreme Court threw out a Senate redistricting map he agreed to with Hispanic plaintiffs in a lawsuit.

"I still think that there is opportunity for the state to act swiftly in such a way that the March primaries can continue on schedule," Morales said.

Tuesday's opinion by Justice Nathan Hecht, a Republican, said that State District Judge Mario Ramirez of Edinburg abused his discretion in approving the Senate settlement map.

Five of the nine justices voted against the plan, including four Republicans and one Democrat. Four justices, all Democrats, dissented.

"Only after giving full and careful consideration to the interests affected by its ruling and the effect upon the election process, and after affording the Legislature sufficient opportunity to correct the constitutional infirmities in apportionment legislation, may the district court order its own apportionment," the court said (see COURT, page 8).

## Ira trustee resigns post

Ira public schools board of trustees will convene in a called meeting at 1 p.m. Friday to consider the resignation of a board member.

Bo Robinson has submitted his resignation, citing personal reasons for his decision to leave the seven-member board. Robinson is in his third term as Ira ISD trustee.

Rick Howard, Ira ISD superintendent, said that the board will discuss its options for replacing Robinson, but will take no action until January.

The board has three options: 1. Appoint a board member until the May election, at which time eligible persons could run for Robinson's unexpired term of one year.

2. Leave the seat vacant until the May election.

3. Call a special election.

All trustees for the Ira school district run as at-large candidates.

She said a public announcement will be made when the system is ready to receive emergency calls.

The equipment was installed last week by Southwestern Bell personnel at police headquarters where calls will be handled. Police dispatchers are scheduled for 911 call training later this month.

When a 911 call is received, the caller's phone number will instantly appear on a telephone display. In a matter of seconds, the caller's name and address will appear on a display screen. The appropriate emergency personnel (fire, police, ambulance) will be dispatched to the home.

County residents have been receiving new addresses in preparation for the emergency system. Rural routes are being replaced with county road numbers making it easier for emergency personnel to locate rural county homes. In addition, an effort is being made to designate all roads with a sign.

Julie Strunk, county 911 coordinator, said that preliminary addressing for county residents has been completed, "although almost one-half of 3,400 cards have not been returned."

"If we don't locate the people who have not returned cards, they will not be on the system," said Strunk. She said those who have misplaced cards or think they have not been addressed can contact her at the county courthouse.

United Blood Services and Scurry County Advisory Council for UBS reported 104 units drawn from Tuesday's blood drive here. There were 15 first-time donors.

Among those receiving gallon pints were Bill West, five gallons; John S. Thomas, four gallons; Christine Smalley and Darren Jackson, three gallons; and Michael Taylor, B.J. Bartels, Thomas Steven and Mark Estes, one gallon.

Businesses donating items for the drive included Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive In, Whataburger, Taco John's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's, Lawrence IGA, Golden Corral, McDonald's, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Gill's Fried Chicken.

Scurry County Senior Center VIVA volunteers assisted in the drive. Performing clean-up work were Jace Foreman, Kevin Taylor and Ben Rollins from Boy Scout Pack 177, Den 5.

Receiving gift certificates from Spanish Inn were Brenda Ingram, Kathy Huff, Bill Howard, B.J. Bartels, Curtis Cox, Jimmy Mason and Ruby Washburn.

Zelma Irons, Bernadine Sealy, James Tully, Charles Holloway, Linda Kubena, Connie Fitzgerald and Jeff Mason received gift certificates from Jaramillo's.

Lydia Blagg received a certificate for a Sunday buffet for two at Willow Park Inn.

## Gorbachev urges legislature to give commonwealth power

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev, bowing to harsh political reality, today urged the national Supreme Soviet legislature to hold a final session to transfer power to Boris Yeltsin's new commonwealth, a report said.

Meanwhile, reflecting a widening split in the top Russian leadership, Yeltsin's vice president made a stinging attack on his boss, charging in a newspaper article published today that the Russian government is a rudderless, disorganized "hotbed of intrigue."

The attack by the Russian vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, threatened the stability of Yeltsin's government as he tries to found a new Commonwealth of Independent States to replace the Soviet Union.

The developments came as Secretary of State James A. Baker III toured republics seeking assurances that the 27,000 Soviet nuclear warheads will remain under tight control and not be sold or transferred to other countries. Today the chairman of Byelorussia's parliament said his republic, one of four in the crumbling Soviet Union with nuclear weapons on its soil, would become a nuclear-free zone.

The Tass news agency said Gorbachev called in a letter to republic leaders for the national legislature to hold a final session to "announce a transfer of power to the new inter-state structure."

Legislatures of the three founding republics — Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia — have approved the commonwealth pact.

The six republics expected to join the commonwealth Saturday are Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tadjikistan, Kirgizia and Armenia. Moldavia and Azerbaijan also have expressed strong interest in joining. Georgia is still considering its position.

Despite Gorbachev's call for a final session, the national legislature has had a difficult time even finding a quorum, now that Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine have recalled deputies and given them mere observer status.

The call for a final session was more of a symbolic gesture than a practical one, since Yeltsin and Gorbachev agreed Tuesday to dissolve the Soviet Union by year's end, according to Soviet media. Soviet central government ministries and departments will either be dismantled or given to Russia.

It reportedly was agreed that the Kremlin — the ancient fortress in the heart of Moscow — would be transferred to Russian jurisdiction, as would the Soviet State Bank.

Even the Soviet flag is to go, the

reports said. Gorbachev had bitterly opposed the new commonwealth, warning repeatedly — and as recently as Tuesday — that the breakup of the union would lead to catastrophe, violence and even possible

## Losses force GM to close 2 plants

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will close two plants employing 6,400 hourly workers in Texas and Ohio and lay off up to 15,000 white-collar employees next year to offset record losses, a newspaper reported today.

Union contracts ensure that the blue-collar workers will keep getting nearly all their pay. GM will shut plants in Arlington, Texas, and Moraine, Ohio, the Detroit Free Press reported, citing sources it did not identify. Each plant employs 3,200 hourly workers.

The automaker also plans to close a plant in Oshawa, Ontario, after 1994. The Detroit News reported today. That plant employs 3,800 hourly workers.

GM's North American operations are losing about \$15 million a day — \$5 billion to \$6 billion a year — and pressure has been building to cut costs and reduce factory capacity.

GM Chairman Robert Stempel planned a satellite broadcast to employees today and a news conference to announce the cuts, en-

## Permits show \$13,850 in construction

Building permits reflect \$13,850 in construction for the month of November, according to city officials.

Permits were issued for an addition at 1002 31st St., owned by Calvin Johnson, a carport at 1101 26th St., owned by K.D. Heard; a shop at 3112 38th Pl., owned by Charles Doty; and a carport at 2406 Ave. B, owned by Clara Allen.

Total building valuations for the current fiscal year amount to \$175,400, compared to \$338,300 for the same period of time a year ago.

Total permit fees totaled \$487.55 for November. Inspections numbered 40, with 26 of those classified as plumbing.

"dictatorship." His aides said Tuesday that the 60-year-old president would accept the new commonwealth once the parliaments of the participating republics ratify it, and will then decide his own role.

## Schools set for holidays

Ira public schools will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Thursday to begin the Christmas holidays.

Students at Hermleigh and Snyder will be dismissed Friday; Hermleigh at 2:30 p.m. and Snyder at 3:40 p.m. Ira will hold a teacher workday on Friday.

Classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, at Ira and Hermleigh, and on Monday, Jan. 6, at Snyder.

Business offices at all three districts will be closed during the holidays.

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Procrastination is an idea whose time will come...maybe."

Purchased for gifts, Christmas sales are booming for an Austin author who had a blank idea.

Cindy Garner has published a book titled, "Everything Men Know About Women." It consists of 182 empty pages. Reports are that women are buying 'em by the dozen to be used as Christmas gifts for husbands, boyfriends and even bosses.

More than 300,000 copies of the blank book have been sold since 1989. The let's-make-fun-of-men enterprise has followed up with a cartoon and joke book with the male gender as target of the fun-poking.

The author said her book was inspired by an argument she had with her husband. In frustration he

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

Some have suggested that Mrs. Garner write a book titled, "Everything Women Know About Men." She dismisses the idea as saying it would have to be too thick.

Women, and a few men, love the books. One guy who has taken exception is John Macchietto of Stephenville, who has helped form an organization known as the National Coalition of Free Men. He is a director-at-large of the men's rights group and said, "Male bashing is very popular and common and extremely sexist..."

We think ole John ought to lighten up. We're hoping for a copy of the book in our stocking...we've always wanted to speed-read.



**TREE DONATIONS** — Snyder Jaycees Steve Boley and Rudy Garza recently donated Christmas trees from the organization's tree lot to the two local nursing homes and the senior center. Garza is pictured loading one of the trees. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Uninsured newborns get less hospital care, new study says

CHICAGO (AP) — Infants who are born sick and without health insurance receive far less hospital care than those with private insurance or Medicaid, a study of almost 30,000 babies found.

"If anything, I think babies who were uninsured and on Medicaid should have (been hospitalized) longer. The mothers would have had worse prenatal care," said Dr. Paula A. Braveman, assistant professor of family and com-

munity medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

A team headed by Braveman reported its findings in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"For the most vulnerable persons there are, there's evidence of some really serious inequities in the United States that need to be turned around," she said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The study found that sick newborns without insurance received treatment costing 28 percent less

and were discharged 2½ days sooner than sick newborns covered by private insurance.

Newborns covered by Medicaid — the government-financed insurance program for the poor — were discharged one day sooner than the privately insured and got treatment costing 13 percent less, the study found.

The team analyzed hospital data on 29,751 infants — all the newborns in California hospitals in 1987 meeting at least one of three criteria: a hospital stay longer than a week, a transfer to intensive care, or death.

Babies who stay six days or more in the hospital have serious problems such as very low birth weight, infection or birth defects, Braveman said.

Privately insured newborns with such problems were hospitalized a mean of 15.7 days for \$15,899 in charges; Medicaid babies were hospitalized 14.8 days for \$13,858; and the uninsured were hospitalized 13.2 days for \$11,414.

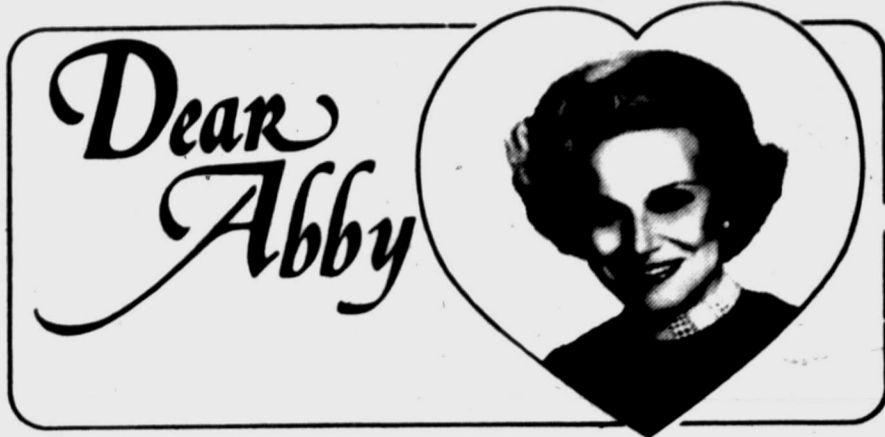
Differences in race, hospital type, and diagnosis were taken into account so they would not skew the results, researchers said.

Dr. Barbara Starfield, professor and head of health policy at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, called the research "a very important study, a very sophisticated study."

"It shows conclusively uninsured sick newborns do get less care despite the fact that they have greater needs," she said in a telephone interview from Baltimore.



**TOYS FOR TOTS** — A.J. Silkscreens has donated caps to Snyder Jaycees and volunteers who have been helping out with the Toys For Tots Project currently underway. From left are, Jerry Webb and Alan Grimmer, both of A.J. Silkscreens, and Frank Hill, Jaycee. (SDN Staff Photo)



## Cutting Cable Sets Family Free to Enjoy One Another

By Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: Something wonderful has happened to my family, and I want to share it with you and your readers.

I have had cable TV in my home for five years. I have four children — all in grade school — and there was a constant battle about which TV channel to watch, as we had only one set, which was in the living room. The kids would sit there after school changing the channel every two minutes and not watching anything special.

I finally got sick of the squabbling and called the cable company and told them I wanted no more cable TV in my house. The kids were upset with me, but after a couple of days, they didn't miss it at all. Now for the good part:

It's been a year since I returned my cable box, and the children's grades have improved dramatically. They are now reading in their spare time instead of watching the boob tube, and my husband has started to talk to me!

We still enjoy TV, but now we rent tapes of the movies we want to see instead of watching whatever is available on TV.

I wish someone had written a letter like this one for me to see. I hope this helps someone else.

Love you, Abby. Please never retire!

BEV IN WORCESTER, MASS.

DEAR BEV: I hope your letter inspires others to follow your sensible example. And who said anything about retiring? I promise to stay at this typewriter as long as my fingers, and mind, can do the job.

DEAR ABBY: We were married four months ago. (My husband and I paid for the wedding ourselves.) We

also hired the best photographer in town, and were very happy with the results. His bill for all the pictures was \$800.

My problem is my new mother-in-law. As soon as we got our wedding pictures, I dropped them off at her house so she could review them and decide which ones she wanted to order. I stopped by her house every weekend to get her decision, and she said, "I haven't had time to look at them yet."

Now she says she is sure she gave them back to me. When I assured her that she did not, she said she must have misplaced them, but she was sure they were "somewhere around the house."

Abby, as of now, the pictures have not turned up. My husband and I have argued about this, and I say his mother should replace them. I need your advice.

ANGRY AND IMPATIENT

DEAR ANGRY: Since your mother-in-law is sure that the wedding pictures are "somewhere around the house," ask if you and her son may come over and help her look for them. If she is agreeable, and your search proves fruitless, accept the fact that they are gone.

Of course she should replace them. If she refuses, and you want the wedding pictures, you will have to replace them yourselves.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) for Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

## Controversial food order reportedly used for parties

HOUSTON (AP) — The \$245,000 worth of fajita meat and smoked turkeys that led to the dismissal of the president of Hermann Hospital was paid for with funds designed to feed patients, but was actually destined for Christmas parties and gifts, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Hospital officials have admitted that they have not taken delivery of about half of the 91,000 pounds of meat that was paid for in advance and are not even certain that the meat exists.

Harry M. Neer was dismissed Monday night by the hospital's board because he requested and approved a \$245,000 check in early October payable to Granada Foods, a financially troubled company with links to two members of the hospital's board.

Hospital trustees told the newspaper Tuesday that almost 1,200 pounds of beef fajitas were consumed last Friday at a Christmas party thrown for the hospital's management and administrative staff at the Majestic Metro theater downtown. They said another 1,600 pounds of fajitas are expected to be eaten this week during three days of office parties being held on hospital premises.

Trustees also said the 44,000 pounds of smoked turkeys were purchased as holiday gifts for hospital employees.

Walter Mischer Jr., chairman of the Hermann Hospital Trust board of trustees, said at a Tuesday news conference that the meat was paid for from the hospital's dietary account.

Mischer and hospital attorneys repeatedly refused to name the cold storage facilities where the meat is allegedly being held in the

hospital's name. Asked what action the board will take if the meat is not in cold storage as promised, Mischer replied, "If we find that is the case, we will deal with that."

Granada chairman David G. Eller and former Gov. Mark White, a Granada attorney, are both members of the Hermann Hospital Trust board.

## THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 18, 1991

Today is the 352nd day of 1991 and the 87th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting slavery, was ratified.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball star; Robert Moses (1888-1981), public official; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor-director, is 74; Keith Richards (1943-), singer-guitarist, is 48; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1932, the Chicago Bears defeated the Portsmouth Spartans, 9-0, at Chicago Stadium in the first NFL game played indoors.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I dream for a living." — Steven Spielberg

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, a Southern California storm left up to 16 inches of snow in mountains and upper deserts and 13 inches at Lancaster. Edwards Air Force Base closed.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 14) and full moon (Dec. 21).

TODAY'S BARK BY PHIL PASTORET  
A friend says he's glad the news carrier throws the paper in the bushes. That's where he stays when his wife throws him out of the house.

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KURTIS MCCATHERN

## McCathern qualifies for state in debate

Kurtis McCathern qualified for the Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition in the Texas Forensic League State Tournament by placing second in the Top-O-Texas Tournament in Pampa Dec. 14.

Debating the resolution resolved that affirmative action is justified in American Society, McCathern defeated two debaters from Midland Lee, two from Amarillo High School, and one from Dimmitt High School. He lost in a 2-1 judges' decision to a debater from Amarillo Tascosa in the final round.

He faced the Midland Lee debater that he lost to at the Midland Tournament in the fall and defeated him in the semifinal round. Eighteen schools participated in the tournament including Lubbock Coronado, Levelland, Friendship, Hereford, Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterrey, Friona, Sanford-Fritch, Dumas, Dalhart, Perryton and Canadian.

The state TFA tournament will be held the first week of March in El Paso. The Snyder High School sophomore is a part of the growing debate program at SHS, which is coached by Irene Masters.

McCathern is the son of Glenn and Jan McCathern.

## Snyder ISD Menu

- THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cinnamon Roll  
Apple Juice  
Milk
- FRIDAY**  
Fruited Muffin  
Orange Juice  
Milk
- LUNCH THURSDAY**  
Chili w/Beans  
Buttered Corn  
Chilled Peas  
Corn Bread  
Milk
- FRIDAY**  
Vegetable Beef Soup  
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches  
Orange Slices  
Tiger Cookie  
Milk

## Jury convicts woman of abuse of inspector


EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A Fabens woman will be sentenced Feb. 11 now that a jury has found her guilty of assaulting four U.S. Customs inspectors.

Federal jurors on Tuesday convicted Alicia Lambert of four felony counts of abusing a federal officer, interfering with officers' duties and resisting arrest at one of El Paso's international bridges.

Mrs. Lambert said she was unsure whether she would appeal. "I told the truth, and I figured by telling the truth everything would be OK," she said.

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## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermligh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.  
Cosmorama "Celebration of Gifts" program by Jerald Garner and kids; 4:15 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

### THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.  
Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; The Shack; 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.  
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.  
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.  
Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; 7:30 p.m.  
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

### FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.  
Free blood pressure 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.  
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.  
Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.  
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; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.  
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.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

## Bacteria fighting weed being tested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bacteria that stifle one of the wheat farmer's greatest enemies, a weed called downy brome, are being tested in five Western states by Agriculture Department scientists.

The weed, also known as cheatgrass, costs wheat growers more than \$300 million each year in lower yields, said Ann C. Kennedy, a soil microbiologist with the department's Agricultural Research Service in Pullman, Wash.

"The bacteria occur naturally in soil and produce a toxin that stunts downy brome, and prevents some of its seeds from sprouting, but leaves the wheat plants unharmed," Kennedy said.

"Besides being safer for the environment, the bacteria would likely be less expensive than herbicides," she said.

Downy brome was accidentally introduced in the United States from Eastern Europe in the 1800s, she said, and there are no herbicides that control it consistently.

## Letter to Subscribers:

Several Snyder Daily News Carriers have lost quite a bit of money from customers who did not pay their paper bill for months, and when the carrier tried to collect, they were told they should know that since the subscriber didn't pay, they did not want the paper anymore. We can not know this, unless the subscriber calls in a stop. We have lots of customers who pay thru the office, that overlook their bills at times. Some people do not realize we are contract carriers; we pay for the papers we deliver. Some customers pay the office and some pay the carriers. Our paper bill, rubber-bands, and bond money is taken out of the money that our customers pay thru the office at the end of the month. We receive what is left. We pay for the papers even if the subscriber doesn't. We furnish our own car and expenses. We value our customers. Without you, we wouldn't be in business; and like any other business, we need our money to operate it.

Snyder Daily News Carriers,  
Shirley Davis, Becky Black, Adelpha Saucedo  
Ellen Allen, Lila Turner, & June Thomas

## Fresh cranberries reported hard to find

WASHINGTON (AP) — Try to find fresh cranberries this Christmas. Just try. Canned? No problem. Fresh? Forget about it. Despite a bumper crop this fall, there are no virtually no fresh cranberries for sale now.

Blame the weather, said Christopher Phillips, spokesman for Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc., the largest cranberry company in the world.

The same extended warm spell that produced this year's bountiful crop somehow cut the longevity of the fresh fruit, he said.

"We had a large crop overall

and plenty of berries for juices or sauces, but the keeping quality wasn't up to our standards," said Phillips. "We met the bulk of the Thanksgiving demand, but weren't able to promise retailers fresh berries for Christmas."

This is the second cranberry-free Christmas. Last year, bad weather cut the crop in Massachusetts — which produces 40 percent of the world's cranberries — by nearly a third.

Supplies were tight at Thanksgiving 1990 and virtually nonexistent last December.

This year's haul may top the

408-million-pound record set in 1988 when the Agriculture Department counts it, Phillips predicted.

Ocean Spray, a grower cooperative, owns 85 percent of the commercial cranberry market. The tangy, hard red berries grow in water-flooded bogs in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, British Columbia, New Jersey, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Fresh berries are only "a small slice of our business," Phillips said, but Ocean Spray didn't want to offer less than high quality, fearing it would lose more customers by selling spoiled berries

than none at all.

More than 90 percent of the crop is processed into juices, jellies and other products, he said.

That means there are plenty of canned cranberries around — the lumpy whole sauce and the jelly that retains the shape of the can.

What if your recipes depend on fresh berries?

Substitute frozen berries, advised Kemp Minifie, senior food editor at Gourmet magazine.

That only works if you froze them yourself back when cranberries were available. If not, you're out of luck. Virtually no one freezes them for the commercial market, said Phillips.

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-18-91			
♦ Q 5 3			
♥ A 8 7			
♦ Q 9 7 3			
♠ 8 7 5			
WEST			
♦ 10 8 7 6			
♥ 9 4			
♦ A J 8 5			
♠ 9 6 4			
EAST			
♦ K J 9 4 2			
♥ K			
♦ 10 4 2			
♠ K Q J 10			
SOUTH			
♦ A			
♥ Q J 10 6 5 3 2			
♦ K 6			
♠ A 3 2			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
2♥	2♦	3♥	1♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 6			

have bid four hearts, but that action is usually treated as pre-emptive, and he was far too strong. If only he had been using strong jump overcalls, he could have bid three hearts, but he wasn't. That left two hearts or a takeout double. The latter would work if West didn't jump the bidding in spades. Wisely South preferred to show his suit.

When the deal was originally played, South won the first trick with the spade ace and immediately ran the heart queen. When that lost to the king, he had four losers: one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

Rather than commit himself immediately, South should lead the diamond king at trick two. When that is won by West, it marks the heart king in East's hand; otherwise, where are the values for his opening bid?

Winning the return, South should lead the heart queen (tempting a cover from West, just in case) and put up dummy's ace. When the king drops, he is home.

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The Japanese have squeezed an economy the size of France's into metropolitan Tokyo, says National Geographic.



AMITIE DONATES — Right, Dianne Price, representative of Dreikers Relationship Centers, Inc., accepts a check from Amitie Study Club members, Pete Haley, center, and Lavada McDaniel. Price said that the money will be placed in the scholarship fund for use by a young woman with four children. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Playing to uncover

By Phillip Alder

Basically, bridge is a simple game. There is a lot to learn, but most hands are easy to play if you count. Still, there are deals in which the "simple" play doesn't rate to be best, and this helps to retain bridge's appeal. For example, if you are faced with a straight finesse, normally you will take it, hoping it will win. However, there are times when you don't take the finesse, for one reason or another.

To test yourself on today's deal, cover the East-West cards and plan the play in four hearts, West leading the spade six.

South had an awkward bid over East's one-spade opening. He might

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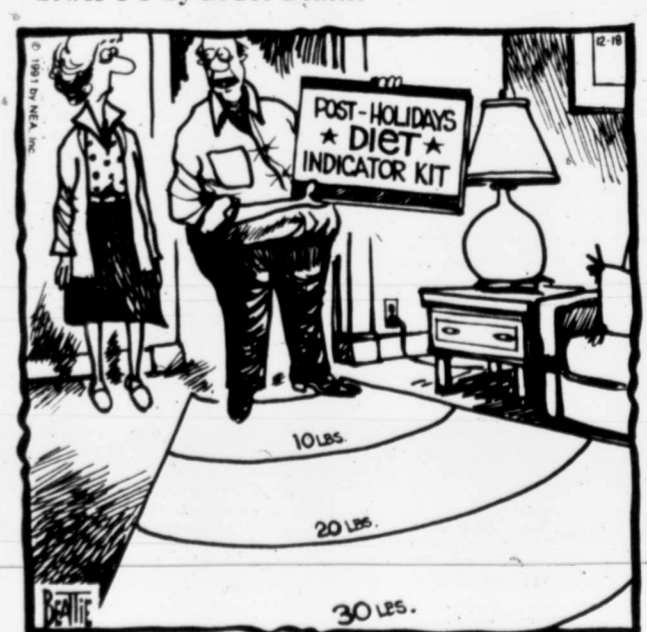
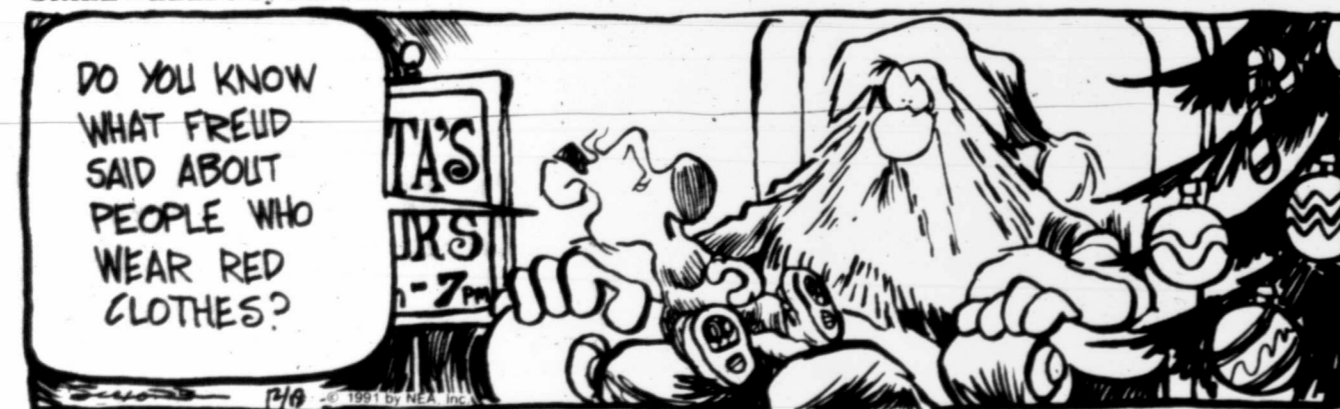
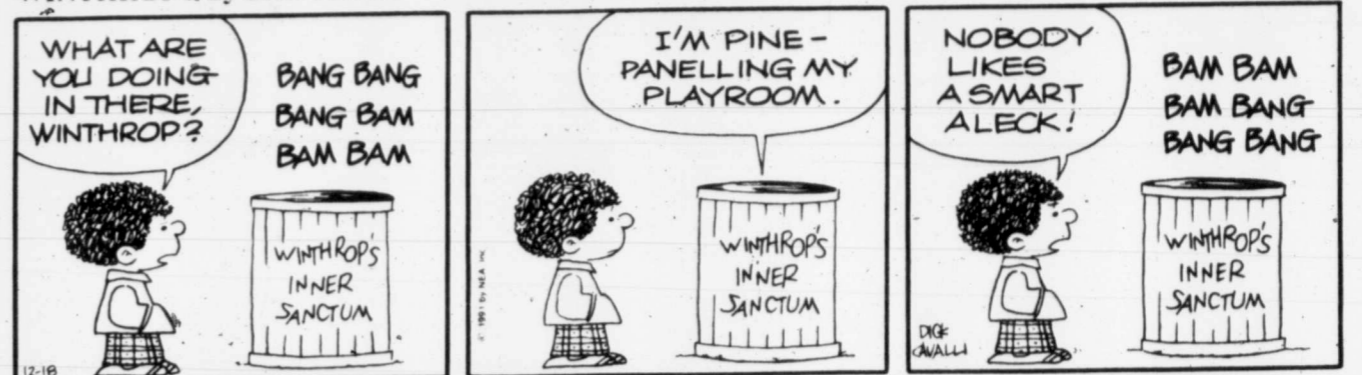
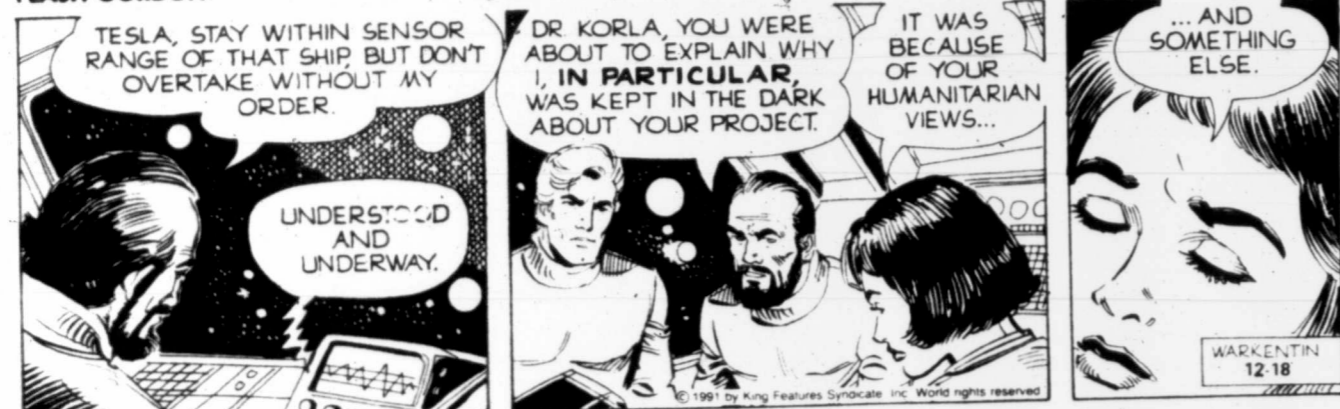
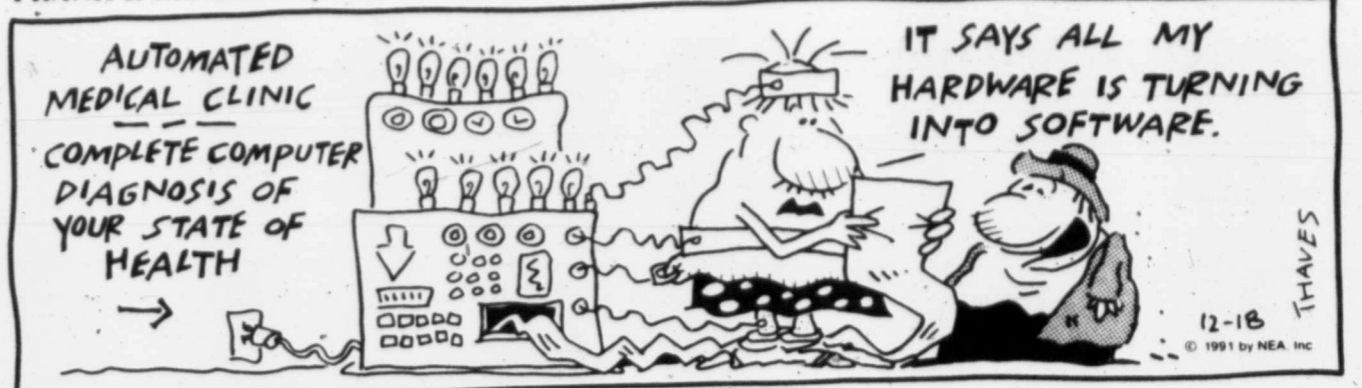
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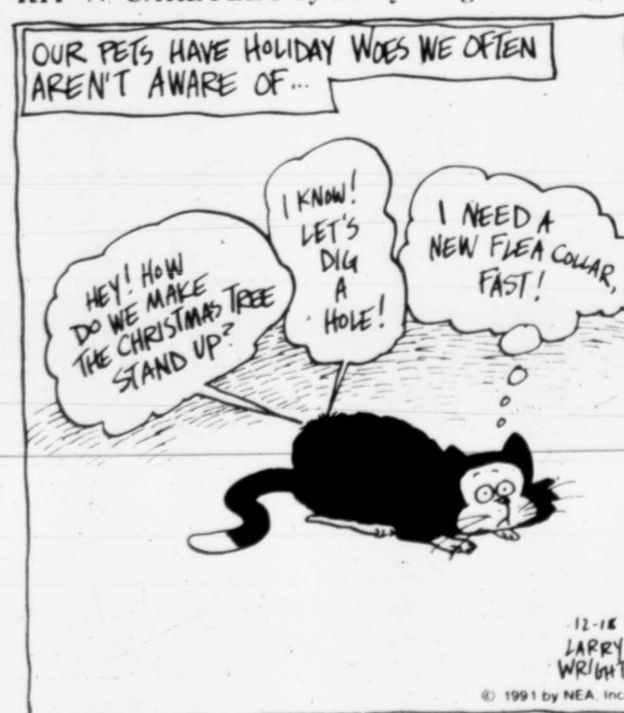


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- 6 Hoglike animal
- 11 Antarctic landscape item
- 13 Nonmetallic element
- 14 Makes joyful
- 15 Face parts
- 16 Betrayer (sl.)
- 17 Drench
- 19 Place
- 20 Heating material
- 21 Hindu cymbals
- 22 Duration
- 23 Nymph
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- 28 Puppy sound
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- 31 CIO partner

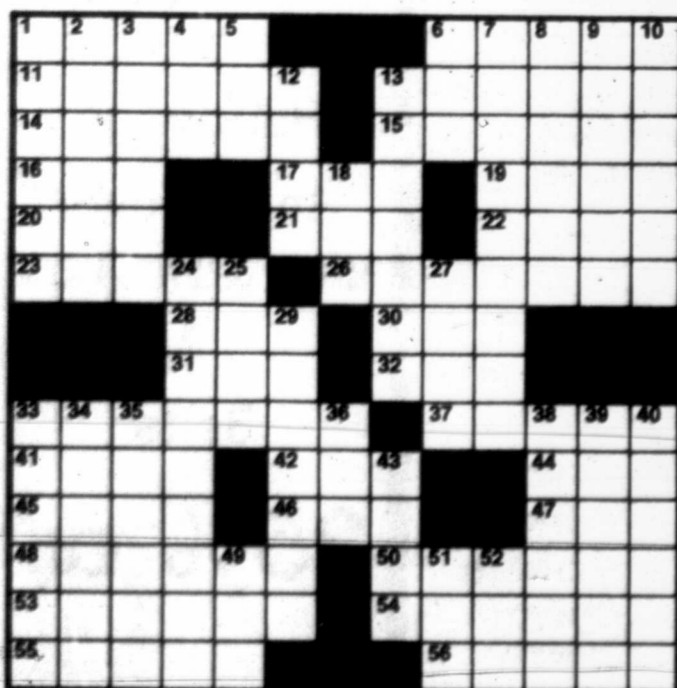
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- 48 Nervous —
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- 53 Is afraid of
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- 57 Trousers

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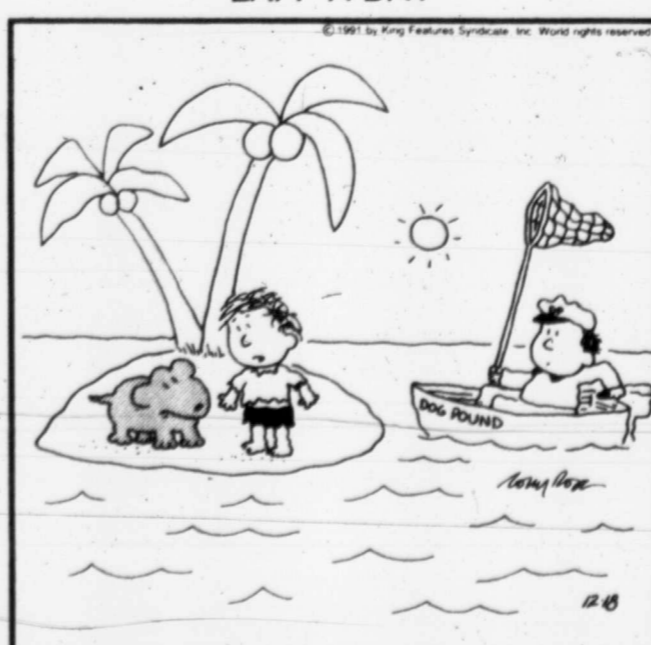
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- 4 Before Nov.
- 5 Norma —
- 6 As well
- 7 Unfaithful spouse
- 8 Feels sorrow
- 9 Belong
- 10 Take up again
- 12 Attention-getting sound
- 13 Burst inward
- 18 Lout
- 24 — Khomeini
- 25 Crazy
- 27 Actress — Martha —
- 29 Harasses
- 33 British actress — Jackson
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- 35 Egg dish
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Slaton 69, Snyder 65...

# Tigers fall in non-district tilt

SLATON — Snyder senior Jeff Wortham poured in a season-high 32 points in a losing effort Tuesday as the Tigers lost to Slaton's Tigers, 69-65, in a non-district basketball tilt.

"Jeff got a lot of second-effort type shots," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "He had a great game. He was crashing the boards all night and getting offensive rebounds and making the second shot.

"We just didn't shoot very well as a team," said Birks following the loss.

"I think we shot about 42 percent for the game, but the big thing was that most of the shots we missed were within 10 feet of the basket.

"We're struggling a little bit right now, but it's not a case of lack of effort," the coach continued.

"We out-rebounded them 40-25, but when the ball won't go in the hole, it won't go in the hole.

"Besides, Slaton is playing awfully well right now."

Wortham hit 14 baskets, two from three-point range, against Slaton Tuesday, and added two from the free-throw line for his total.

Also in double figures was senior post Hayward Clay, who managed 10 points before fouling out in the fourth period.

Birks also had words of praise for his "sixth man" Jerry Don Tippens.

"Jerry Don is the first guy off the bench for us," Birks stated, "and he's done a good job for us all season in that role.

"He had a good night, offensively, against Slaton. He had a good game passing and he shot pretty well."

Tippens hit four buckets for eight points for Snyder.

Slaton captured a 19-14 first-period lead but the Snyder boys, with an 18-14 advantage in the second quarter, drew to within one at halftime, 33-32.

Snyder took a slim, 50-49 advantage at the end of three quarters, but Slaton eeked out the win by outscoring the visiting Tigers, 20-15, in the final stanza.

Larkin scored 20, Williams added 15, Bentcourt put in 12, all on three-pointers, and Johnson had 10, including a pair of treys, to pace Slaton.

The loss drops Snyder to 7-3 on the season while Slaton moves to 6-5.

In the evening's early game, Snyder's JV took a 59-56 overtime win over Slaton.

Snyder will be on the road beginning Thursday to participate in the Brownfield Tournament, a round-robin cage event including the Tigers, Denver City, Sweetwa-

ter and Brownfield. Snyder's opening game at the tourney will be Thursday at 8 p.m. against Denver City.

**SNYDER (65)** — West 3 0-0 6; Clay 4 2-2 10; Wesley 3 0-0 6; Bollinger 0 1-2 1; Wortham 14 2-3 32; Brazier 1 0-0 2; Tippens 4 0-0 8; TOTALS 29 5-7 65.

**SLATON (69)** — Bentcourt 4 0-0 12; Jones 0 2-2 2; Johnson 2 4-5 10; Murphy 1 3-4 6; Williams 6 3-5 15; Larkin 8 4-6 20; Carady 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 23 16-22 69.

**3-point goals:** Snyder 2 (Wortham 2), Slaton 7 (Bentcourt 4, Johnson 2, Murphy 1). **Total fouls:** Snyder 20, Slaton 12. **Fouled out:** Clay. **Records:** Snyder 7-3, Slaton 6-5.

# SPORTS

# Ira rips Cardinals; HHS girls post win

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs, behind Kory Clark's 22 points, 18 from Mike Hughes and 13 from Justin Box rolled to a 78-45 non-district basketball win over Scurry County rival Hermleigh Tuesday.

Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals rapped the Ira girls, 48-24, in the early game as Amy Anderson tossed in 12 points and Sherry Sandefur and Jennifer Herl each

canned 11. Ira's boys, now 9-3, jumped out to a first-quarter 24-7 lead, then expanded the margin to 43-18 at the half and 61-28 after three quarters.

Hermleigh was led by Chris Velasco's 11 and 10 from Daniel Hermsillo. The Cardinals slide to 2-8 on the season.

The Lady Cards bolted to a 14-4 advantage and never were threatened as the HHS defense held Ira under double figures in every quarter.

Amy Northcott hit 10 for Ira and Mauricia Ross added five. Hermleigh's girls now boast a 6-5 season mark while the Lady Bulldogs are 0-10.

Ira will host Loraine in a 6:30 p.m. matchup Friday before taking a holiday break.

Hermleigh will be idle until its Jan. 2 appearance in the Ira Tournament.

### Girls

**HERMLEIGH (48)** — Atkinson 0 1-2 1; Payne 4 1-3 9; Gannaway 1 0-0 2; Herl 4 3-4 11; Sandefur 4 3-4 11; L. Anderson 1 0-0 2; A. Anderson 3 6-8 12; TOTALS 17 14-21 48.

**IRA (24)** — Ross 1 3-4 5; Rankin 1 0-0 2; Oppgaard 1 1-4 3; Northcott 1 0-2 2; Davis 1 0-0 2; Northcott 5 0-0 10; TOTALS 10 4-10 24.

**3-point goals:** none. **Total fouls:** Ira 15, Hermleigh 23. **Fouled out:** A. Robinson, Ira. **Records:** Ira 0-10; Hermleigh 6-5.

**HERMLEIGH** 14 11 8 15 48  
**Ira** 4 9 6 5 24

### Boys

**HERMLEIGH (45)** — Velasco 4 3-8 11; Breitweiser 3 1-2 8; Blair 3 1-2 8; Roemisch 0 2-2 2; Hermsillo 4 1-2 10; Lambaren 3 1-2 7; TOTALS 17 8-18 45.

**IRA (78)** — Clark 8 2-2 22; Haynes 4 1-2 9; Box 5 3-6 13; Gorman 2 1-2 5; Hughes 9 0-0 18; Miller 1 0-0 2; Beltz 2 1-2 5; Sterling 1 0-0 2; White 1 0-2 2; TOTALS 33 8-18 78.

**3-point goals:** Ira 4 (Clark 4), Hermleigh 3 (Breitweiser 1, Blair 1, Hermsillo 1). **Total fouls:** Ira 14, Hermleigh 14. **Fouled out:** Breitweiser, Hermleigh. **Records:** Ira 9-3, Hermleigh 2-8.

**HERMLEIGH** 7 11 10 18 45  
**Ira** 24 19 18 17 78

# Slaton thumps Lady Tigers

SLATON — Slaton's Lady Tigers proved to be too much for

## 7th graders sweep AJHS

ANDREWS — Most Valuable Player Erica Garvin scored 10 and co-MVP Devon Reed put in six as Snyder's seventh grade girls' A basketball team dropped Andrews 32-22 Monday.

The B crew, led by Kelly Gonzalez with 10 points, tripped Andrews 34-22.

"Both teams played very strong games," said Snyder coach Amanda Hererra.

Others scoring in the A victory were Lisha Leatherwood and Darla Blackwell with four each, and Sha Marricle, Shelly York, Norma Maldonado and Brandy Gill each added two pints.

Leatherwood, Garvin and Sam Trevino were named defensive standouts.

The A team is now 3-0 on the campaign.

Snyder B teamers making the score book included Shawna Huddleston's eight and four each from Christi Whitney and Raechele Wemken. Adding two apiece were Kara Stansell, Shawn Purcell, Robin Key and Olivia Martinez.

Gonzalez was the game's MVP while Huddleston, Wemken, Martinez, Kizzy Harrell and Judy Kemp drew praise for defensive efforts.

The B team is undefeated in two starts this season.

Snyder's seventh graders will be back on the court Jan. 9 when they host Lamesa in games beginning at 5 p.m.

## Transactions

**BASEBALL**  
American League  
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with Bob Kipper, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Signed Morlon Wiley, guard. Waived Avery Johnson, guard, and Jud Buechler, forward. Activated Terry Cummings, forward, from the injured list.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
NFL — Fined Eugene Robinson, Seattle defensive back, \$5,000 for using the crown of his helmet to strike another player during a game played Dec. 8.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — Re-signed Steve Pelluer, quarterback. Waived Troy Sadowski, tight end.

# Cavaliers set NBA mark against Heat

by The Associated Press

Miami easily has the best record of the four NBA expansion teams, so Cleveland's 20-point halftime lead over the Heat at halftime was somewhat surprising.

It got worse after the third quarter as the margin climbed to 39 points.

It got worse still as the Cavaliers outscored the Heat 42-13 in the final period for a 148-80 victory, the most lopsided margin in NBA history.

"I don't know what we played, but it wasn't basketball," the Heat's Glen Rice said.

The Heat, 11-12 while the other three expansion teams are at least 10 games under .500, ran into a Cleveland team that had blown several large leads this season and were determined not to let it happen again, especially at home.

## NBA glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST  
EASTERN CONFERENCE  
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	15	7	.682	—
New York	15	7	.682	—
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	4
Miami	11	12	.478	4
New Jersey	6	16	.273	9
Orlando	6	16	.273	9
Washington	6	17	.261	9 1/2

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	18	4	.818	—
Cleveland	13	8	.619	4 1/2
Atlanta	12	11	.522	6 1/2
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	7 1/2
Detroit	11	14	.440	8 1/2
Indiana	11	14	.440	8 1/2
Charlotte	7	18	.280	12 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	16	9	.640	—
San Antonio	13	9	.591	1 1/2
Houston	12	9	.571	2
Dallas	10	14	.417	5 1/2
Denver	9	13	.409	5 3/4
Minnesota	3	18	.143	11 1/2

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LA Lakers	16	7	.696	—
Golden State	14	7	.667	1
Portland	15	9	.625	1 1/2
Phoenix	14	9	.609	2
LA Clippers	14	11	.560	3
Seattle	12	11	.522	4
Sacramento	7	15	.318	8 1/2

**Tuesday's Games**  
New York 102, New Jersey 94  
Boston 105, Orlando 98  
Utah 122, Charlotte 102  
Atlanta 117, Indiana 113  
Cleveland 148, Miami 80  
LA Lakers 102, Chicago 89  
San Antonio 98, Dallas 87  
Houston 100, Washington 97  
Seattle 116, LA Clippers 99  
Golden State 119, Minnesota 105

**Wednesday's Games**  
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Utah at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Golden State at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

"It's good to keep the pressure on them when you're up," Cleveland's John Battle said. "After a while, we just couldn't stop it."

The 68-point margin eclipsed the mark of 63 set March 19, 1972, when the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Golden State Warriors 162-99.

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## 8th B girls beat Andrews

ANDREWS — Julie Lang scored six points for Snyder's B team in an 18-16 win over Andrews in girls' junior high basketball action Monday.

In the late game, Andrews knocked off Snyder's A squad, 30-17, in spite of Mandy Winter's five and four points from Kayla Drain.

B-teamers adding to the eighth grade total included Jena Miller and Adrienne Bailey with four each and two apiece from Julie Lang and Monica Harbin.

Veana Clay, Tami Tucker, Lindsey Griffin and Edwina Brooks each managed two points for the A team.

The eighth grade teams will be idle until their Jan. 9 game against Lamesa here.

## SDN sports week

Thursday, Dec. 19

**Basketball**  
Snyder Tigers varsity and JV at Brownfield Tournament.  
Snyder Lady Tigers varsity at Eastland Tournament.  
Snyder girls JV at Seminole Tournament.

Friday, Dec. 20

**Basketball**  
Snyder Tigers varsity and JV at Brownfield Tournament.  
Snyder Lady Tigers varsity at Eastland Tournament.  
Snyder girls JV at Seminole Tournament.  
Ira hosts Loraine at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

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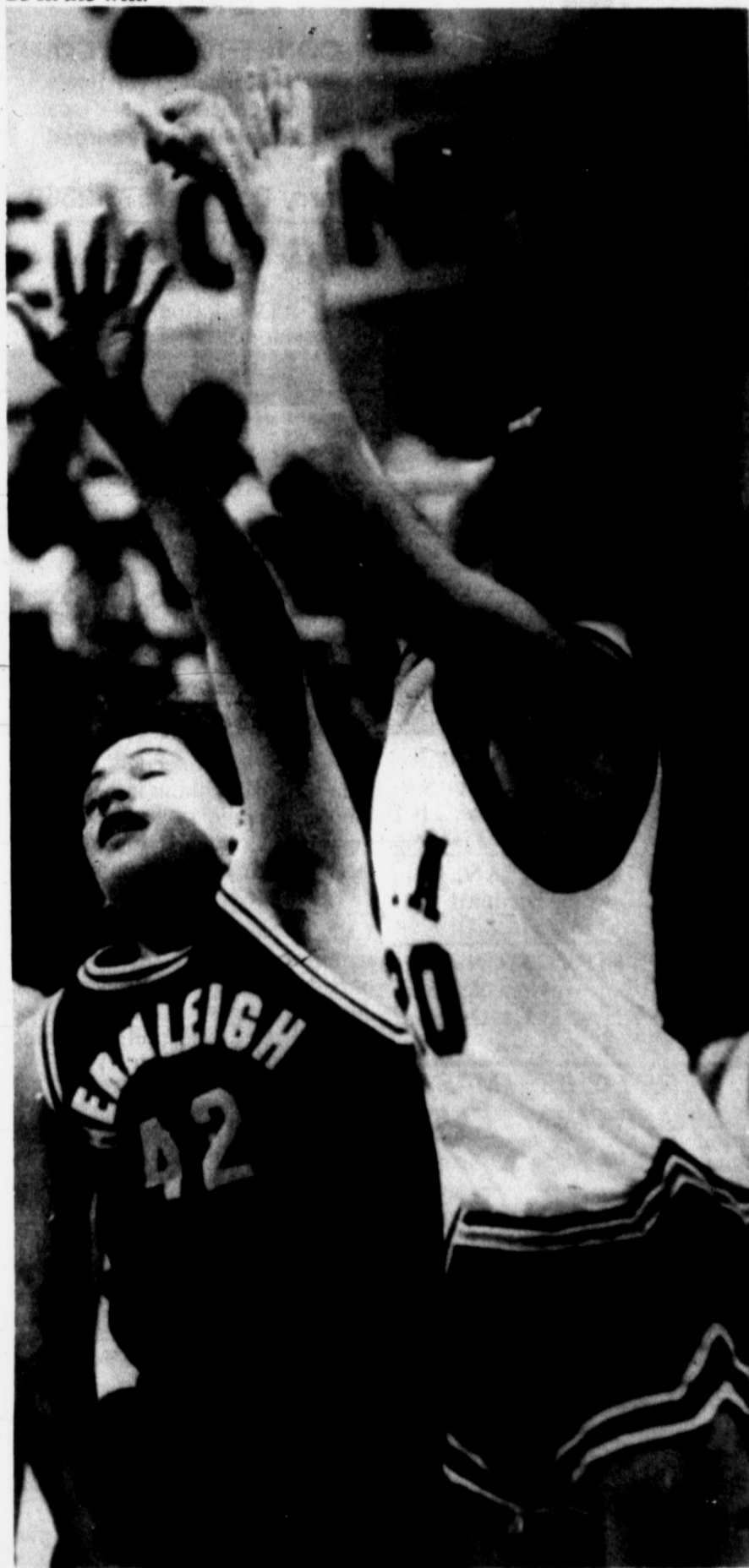
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## White House using new domestic policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the White House these days, domestic policy is in, foreign policy is out.

Foreign policy has been sent down the street to the State Department, a casualty of polls suggesting voters think Bush has been spending too much time on world affairs and not enough on the home front.

So Bush is flying 2,800 miles today — round-trip to Dallas — just to sign a domestic-policy transportation bill. It's a long trip, considering he could have signed it in the Oval Office instead of at a road construction site in Texas.

The president has trumpeted the measure as capable of creating hundreds of thousands of new construction jobs, and White House strategists wanted to showcase the bill signing.

And The Washington Post, quoting unnamed congressional officials, reported today that the administration is seriously considering a one-time tax rebate of up to \$300 per taxpayer next year in an effort to spur the economy.

"People are hurting," has become a boilerplate phrase in almost every presidential speech these days.

And there has been a flurry of paperwork and photo opportunities at the White House to demonstrate that Bush is engaged with the economy.

This even extends to a pair of presidential declarations — released with considerable White House fanfare — that seemed to state the obvious:

—An executive order telling government agencies to make sure all programs that funnel aid to jobless workers are operating as intended.

—A memo to Samuel Skinner — then the transportation secretary, now Bush's chief of staff — telling him to gear up his agency to act on the transportation bill; that a signature was on its way.

"Foreign policy?" Bush asked at a recent news conference. "Wait a minute. I didn't come here to talk about foreign policy."

It's been like that at the White House lately.

No matter that the Soviet empire disintegrates daily. No matter that control over the Soviet Union's arsenal of 27,000 nuclear weapons remains unclear.

No matter that House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt — of all people — has urged Bush to bring Congress and the nation up to date on recent Soviet developments.

No matter that everyone knows Bush's favorite pursuit is dealing with world leaders and world issues.

That's all been put on a back burner.

The White House has also dropped its dismissive "polls go up, polls go down" way of responding to public opinion surveys.

When a Washington Post-ABC

News poll showed Tuesday that Bush's approval rating had fallen to 47 percent, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "We take these numbers to heart."

Fitzwater even used the forbidden "R" word, suggesting that in fact the nation did still appear to be in a recession.

And Bush asserted: "We've got to get (the economy) straightened out. Everybody has to pitch in and get that going."

Still, he added: "We're not going to live or die by polls."

## Police make four arrests

Snyder police made four arrests, took a report of theft and worked one traffic accident during a 24-hour period ending this morning.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male in the 300 block of East Hwy. at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

At 6:34 p.m. Tuesday, officers took a 24-year-old female into custody from Kmart for Class B theft, shoplifting.

Units responded to a report of a fight in the 600 block of 30th St. at 12:01 a.m. today where they arrested a 17-year-old male for public intoxication and a 20-year-old male for disorderly conduct.

All four subjects were transported to the county jail.

At 10:04 a.m. Tuesday, Ricky Daniels contacted the department in reference to someone stealing tires out of vehicles parked at Pride Petroleum. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Officers also worked one minor accident Tuesday at 3:40 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1985 Buick driven by Betty Campbell of 712 23rd and a 1986 Buick driven by Barbara Langford of 2405 40th St. No wrecker or ambulance was needed.

## Smith's accuser to be identified during interview

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The woman who accused William Kennedy Smith of rape agreed to be identified in a TV interview, after trying to protect her privacy through nine months of debate over whether she should be named.

"She made a decision to identify herself both in picture and in voice," her lawyer, David Roth, said in The Palm Beach Post today. "There were absolutely no preconditions as part of the interview."

A jury last week acquitted Smith, the 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

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**CITY AWARDS** — Employees receiving service awards at the recent City Christmas party were, from left, Kenneth Rinehart, 5 years; Jerry Rollins, 5 years; Dickey, 10 years; Darryl Boone, 5 years; Mary Ann Juarez, 5 years; and not pictured, Laura (SDN Staff Photo)

## Kerrey downplays alleged violations of child labor law

AUSTIN (AP) — In a campaign swing through Texas, Democratic presidential hopeful Bob Kerrey sought to tout his plans to create jobs and affordable health care.

But the U.S. senator from Nebraska spent much of Tuesday explaining his role as part-owner of a restaurant chain charged with more than 100 violations of child labor laws.

"It's the sort of thing that businesses go through from time to time, and as long as you adjust and make sure the corrections are made, it's no problem," Kerrey said prior to a fundraiser at a private club in Austin.

Kerrey accepted part of the blame for the 116 alleged violations cited by the Labor Department as part of a four-state sweep in the Midwest, but said the incident would not hurt his presidential bid.

Indeed my partner is the one directly responsible for what went on, but indirectly I feel some responsibility, and am certainly involved in the business in that I do own stock," he said after a day-long campaign swing through South Texas.

Most of the violations involved 14- and 15-year-olds working illegal late-night shifts or excessive work weeks, the Labor Department said.

There also were four instances of teen-agers using dangerous equipment such as power-driven meat slicers and dough machines. In addition, one youngster was working as a cook, which is considered a hazardous occupation.

The business, founded by Kerrey and his brother-in-law and business partner, Dean Rasmussen, in 1972, includes restaurants operating under the names "Grandmother's" and "Don & Millie's."

Joe Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, attended the fundraiser, wearing a Kerrey button, although he said he has not endorsed a candidate.

Gunn said that if the violations

only involved teen-agers working late on Friday night, "it will be a flash in the pan."

"If it's a real safety issue of children being exposed to dangers, I think it will be a real problem. But I'm told by his staff that it's not that serious," Gunn said.

Rasmussen said Kerrey, who serves as chairman of the board, "has absolutely no involvement in the day-to-day operations of the business."

"It was an oversight on my part and an error on my part," Rasmussen said. "Clearly the blame starts and stops with me as president of the company."

Kerrey is paid \$5,000 a year as a director and owns 35 percent of the restaurant stock, valued at over \$1 million, according to his financial disclosure statements.

Kerrey said he supports government laws protecting children in the workplace, but added, "these are pretty fine rules, and when you don't have a legal force, and an accounting force to watch all of them it's going to happen from time to time. You're going to find yourself out of compliance with the details."

Kerrey said he has voted for increases in the minimum wage, and parental leave "both of which cut against my own economic interests."

Rasmussen, who is married to Kerrey's sister, said he plans to appeal the proposed \$64,000 fine from the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division. He said many of the violations resulted from misunderstandings with regard to working school children on Friday nights.

## Official says Bush weighs tax rebate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, searching for ways to give middle-income Americans extra money and to lift the economy out of recession, is considering one-time tax rebates of \$200 to \$300 per taxpayer, an official said today.

The proposal, one of many options the president is weighing, would be included in an anti-recession initiative Bush has said he will announce in his State of the Union address next month.

Another alternative Bush has been considering is to increase the personal income-tax exemption by as much as \$1,500, said a congressional source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The exemption, \$2,150 for the 1991 tax year, is a before-tax deduction. The amount a taxpayer would save with an increased exemption would depend on whether they were in the 15, 28, 31 or 33 percent tax bracket.

All but certain to be in that same package is a plan that would allow penalty-free withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts for individuals using the money for first-time home purchases, the official said.

People also would be allowed to escape penalties for withdrawing money from IRA's if they give the

money to their children or grandchildren to buy first homes, the source said.

### Births

Lawrence and Christina Jaramillo of Snyder announce the birth of their baby boy, Lawrence Anthony, born Dec. 17 at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. He weighed eight pounds and 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Lawrence Jaramillo of Snyder, Juana Jaramillo of Snyder, Elida Riggins of Abilene and Rudy Hernandez of Snyder.

Dana Moss wishes to announce the birth of her daughter, Chelsea Nicole, born at 3:16 p.m. on Dec. 17 in Mitchell County Hospital. She weighed six pounds and 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Nina Moss and the late Jim Moss III. Maternal great-grandparents are Margie Pinkerton and the late E.E. Pinkerton. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Alfreida and Jim Moss II.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hargrove of Kerrville announce the birth of a daughter, Alisha Kay, born at 7:01 a.m. Dec. 16 in Kerrville. She weighed 7 lbs., 15% ozs. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hargrove of Snyder.

### Hospital Notes

**ADMISSIONS:** Lonnie Matthews, 3208 Ave.-V; Mickel Davis, 3011 Ave. Y.

**DISMISSALS:** Lisa Midwell and baby, Enriqueta Martinez.

Census: 43 (Med.-7, Long-Term Care-32, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

### Correction

An article in Monday's paper indicated that an entry by Alicia Kubena had taken breed champion and an entry by Debbie Jones had taken reserve breed champion in the Finewool lamb class at the Snyder FFA chapter stock show. The names were unintentionally reversed. Debbie Jones' entry took breed champion.

### Obituaries

#### Ruth Martin

**1905-1991**

Services have been set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Ruth Lincoln Martin, 86, of Houston. Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin died at 8:40 p.m. Monday at S.W. Medical Hospital in Houston.

She came to Snyder in 1949 and had lived in Houston one year.

Born Sept. 18, 1905, in Brown County, she married Sam Marshall on April 20, 1928, in Merkel. He died on Feb. 15, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers; two sisters; and a step-son, Robert Martin.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara McDowell of Houston and a step-daughter, Margaret Hester of Angleton; one sister, Minnie Crities of Odessa; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

#### Steve Burney

**1951-1991**

Services are pending for Steve Burney, 40, who died about 10 a.m. today in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a long illness.

Born May 8, 1951, Burney was owner of Machine Tech West, located on West 37th St. He previously was employed by I&R Meters. He was a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School and a graduate of West Texas State University.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda, and a son, Blaine, both of the home in Hermleigh; a daughter, Robyn, of Midland; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell Burney of Snyder.

## Republics' resistance to Yeltsin evident

ALMA-ATA, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Kazakhstan, the second largest Soviet republic, says it will allow central control of its nuclear arsenal but won't get rid of the weapons unless Russia disarms as well.

That message was delivered Tuesday to Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who is studying firsthand the dramatic changes in the Soviet political structure and what will happen to 27,000 Soviet nuclear warheads.

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, speaking with reporters following a three-hour meeting with Baker, also balked at Russian President Boris Yeltsin's attempts to put Russia in the U.N. Security Council seat now held by the Soviet Union.

He said Russia's bid for the seat would have to be studied by the leaders of the nine Soviet republics expected to meet in the Kazakhstan capital of Alma-Ata on Saturday, to formally recognize a new commonwealth.

The apparent rift could reflect resistance by the five Asian republics to Yeltsin's assertion of authority over the new commonwealth that has signaled the collapse of the Soviet government of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Baker today was flying to Byelorussia and Ukraine, the other two potential nuclear powers.

In Ukraine he will also be confronted by demands that the United States recognize Ukraine's Dec. 1 independence referendum.

The United States has conditioned its recognition on several issues, including firm assurances of control of nuclear weapons. Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk has said Ukraine must hold onto the nuclear arms on its territory until they are dismantled.

A spokesman for Nazarbayev, Seitcazy Mataev, said it was unacceptable for his republic, and not Russia, to give up nuclear weapons not scheduled for dismantling under U.S.-Soviet disarmament treaties.

Nazarbayev said leaders of the four nuclear republics would sign a treaty providing that control of all nuclear weapons will be located "in one site."



**OPEN HOUSE** — West Texas State Bank is hosting an open house this week, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Tracy Botts, bank employee, is pictured getting coffee for Don Tucker, a customer. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Texans write smaller checks during this Christmas season

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans have been writing smaller checks this holiday season, although Christmas shoppers are using their checkbooks more to pay for purchases, a check authorization company reports.

For the shopping period between Nov. 15 and Dec. 14, the average check in Texas was down 2 percent from last year to \$109.30, said Ken Wait, vice chairman and co-founder of TeleCheck Southwest, a check authorization guarantee company that follows the Christmas, Easter and back-to-school shopping seasons.

However, the state was up 1.9 percent in total dollars written in checks from last year and overall check usage increased 3.9 percent, Wait said today. The company does not report actual total dollars written in checks.

TeleCheck surveyed about 1,800 retail merchants in Houston, about 1,200 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and about 650 in the San Antonio-Austin area.

Wait said the Dallas-Fort Worth area lagged the state's other largest metropolitan areas, down .9 percent in total sales. The

average check size was down 4.3 percent to \$120.61, but check usage was up 3.5 percent, Wait said.

"I think there is concern in Dallas," he said. "There's just not enough people out there who have the confidence to go out and buy."

**No smoking adopted**

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County workers, jurors and even those seeking marriage licenses won't be able to light up inside county buildings beginning next summer. Included in the smoking ban are jail inmates, who will be forced to quit.

The county Commissioners' Court on Tuesday adopted the smoking ban, effective July 1, for all county buildings. But they declined to pay the costs incurred by employees entering programs to kick the habit.

"I think a lot of people would really like to stop," said Emily DeMaria, spokeswoman for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "Unfortunately, we were hoping for designated smoking areas."

### Courts

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tionment plan," Hecht wrote.

Hecht was joined in his opinion by Chief Justice Tom Phillips and Justice Eugene Cook. Justice Raul Gonzalez, a Democrat, and Justice John Cornyn, a Republican, wrote concurring opinions outlining their reasons for invalidating the plan.

Hecht said Tuesday's ruling clears the way for a district court trial on the original Senate redistricting plan, which was approved by lawmakers and challenged by the Hispanic plaintiffs.

He said that Ramirez erred in ordering a new plan before determining whether the original Senate plan was invalid.

Ramirez must provide a "reasonable opportunity" for interested parties to participate in such a trial, Hecht said.

Republicans who sued had criticized the settlement as a "backroom deal" that left them out.

Ramirez also must try to ascertain whether Gov. Ann Richards will call the Legislature into special session to consider redistricting, and if not, whether "further deference" to allow the Legislature to act is warranted, Hecht said.

After hearing additional evidence on an expedited basis, Hecht said, the court may determine what relief should be ordered.

Hecht said he hoped the judge would proceed quickly in view of the scheduled March primary elections.

### Markets Middy Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

AMR Corp	High	Low	Last	K mart	4014	3978	4018	+18
AlliedSignal	6338	6258	6278	Kroger	2278	22	2238	+14
ALLTEL Cp	3718	3612	3634	viLTV Cp	1778	178	1516	+16
AmStar s	3638	3618	3614	Litton Ind	8418	8258	8378	+18
AmerT&T	2778	2712	2778	viLoneStar	334	358	358	
Ameritech	3818	3778	38	Lowes	2718	2678	27	-18
Amoco	6234	6258	6234	Lubys	1438	1378	1418	+18
AndarkPir	4712	47	4738	Matus	7	658	678	+14
Arka	2378	2334	2334	MayDSt	48	4634	4712	-12
ArmaColc	1214	1178	1218	MedTr s	8314	8258	8234	+18
ATRichld	438	414	414	Mobil	6558	6518	6538	+18
BakerHugh	10478	10438	10434	MonSan	5878	5812	5858	+78
BancTexas	1914	19	1918	Motorola	5834	5838	5812	
BellAtl	11-32	11-32	11-32	NCNB Cp	3618	3578	3618	+18
BellSouth	4734	4714	4758	Navistar	258	212	258	+18
Beth Steel	4818	4734	48	Nyax	7638	7618	7638	+14
Borden	1178	1134	1134	OryxEngy	2278	22	2238	+14
Caterpilr	3018	2978	30	PacTelesis	4114	4034	41	
CenTel	4018	3958	3934	PanHCP	1514	15	1514	+18
Centel	3138	3034	3138	PenneyJC	49	4814	4834	+14
CentSo West	5178	5158	5134	Peplboys	17	1634	1678	+18
Chrysler	6678	6638	6678	Phelps Dod	6178	6112	6158	-12
CocaCola	1012	10	1018	Philipp	2212	2214	2212	
CocaCola	2612	26	26	Polaroid s	2514	2412	2478	+14
CocaCola	7414	7312	74	Primerica	3334	3338	3312	
ColgateP s	4578	4538	4578	ProctGamb	8514	8478	8518	+18
ComMetl	1878	1878	1878	PubS NmWx	958	912	912	
CyprusMn	1938	1914	1938	SFEPC	1112	1138	1138	
DallSemicon	7178	678	678	SarL	5314	5234	5278	+118
DeltaAirl	61	6014	6012	SearsRoeb	34	3212	3378	+18
DigitalEq	5134	5038	5118	Shrin s	2334	2358	2358	
Dillard	11914	116	11634	SmbHchm	76	7434	7434	+112
DowChem	5018	4938	4912	SmbHch eq n	6712	6714	6738	-58
DresserInd	1678	1658	1658	Southern Co	3134	3138	3158	+18
duPont	44	4312	4334	SwatAirl	3158	3112	3158	-38
EastKodak	4514	4478	4514	SwatBell	6014	5978	6014	+12
EljerrInd	612	614	612	SterlingChm	438	414	414	-18
Enserch	1358	1278	13	SunCo	2638	2534	2638	+38
Enxon	5814	5734	5818	TNP Ent	1778	1778	1778	-18
FCTyple	58	12	12	TandY	2538	2434	25	-38
FlowerInd	1514	1518	1518	TempInl	4312	4318	4314	
FordMotor	2434	2438	2458	Tenneco	29	2858	2878	+14
GTE Cp	3212	32	3238	Texaco	5714	5634	57	-14
GenElec	5338	5234	53	TexInst	2714	27	27	-18
GenMil	6838	6734	6734	Tex Util	3934	3912	3958	+18
GenMotrs	7014	6958	6958	Textron	3734	3738	3758	+18
GalPacif	2734	2714	2738	USWat	3434	3412	3434	+14
GlobalMar	5378	5312	5358	USXMar n	2134	2114	2138	+18
Goodrich	4878	48	4812	USX-SS s	2478	2458	2458	-18
Goodyear	3718	37	37	UnCarbde	1912	1918	1938	+18
GratiPac	4758	47	4718	UnPac s	4612	4618	4614	-18
Gulf StalUt	27	2638	2612	UnitTech	4638	46	4638	-18
Haltburtn	938	914	938	Unitel	2212	2178	2218	
Hanson	2734	2714	2758	Unocal	2234	2238	2238	-18
HouInd	1838	1818	1818	WalMt	53	5212	5278	-38
IBM	42	4178	42	WestgHl	1434	1412	1412	-38
InfPapper	8638	8478	8614	Wolwh	24	2312	2334	-58
JohnsJhn	6418	6314	6358	Xerox Cp	65	6412	6434	-38
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# Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My 46-year-old husband suffers from leg and hand cramps. Recently after bending over, he felt a similar symptom on the left side of his face, jaw, cheek and neck. He drinks, smokes and won't modify his diet. Please advise.

**DEAR READER:** I don't know the cause of your husband's face and neck cramps. However, hand and leg cramps may reflect poor circulation that is worsened by smoking and drinking. I recommend your husband pay a visit to your family doctor. From the sound of things, it's time for

the doctor to lower the boom. In addition to contributing to circulatory deficiencies, alcohol and tobacco can worsen high blood pressure and cause heart disease. For example, if your husband has undiagnosed hypertension, his face/neck "cramps" could be a warning of more serious problems (such as stroke) in the future.

Furthermore, his refusal to follow a prudent diet may lead to high cholesterol levels that can aggravate hypertension, heart disease AND poor circulation, all of which are treatable. Show your husband my answer to your question. Then let HIM make the decision to take better care of himself.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I take Lanoxin for my heart, yet I am now unable to sleep. Is there a connection?

**DEAR READER:** Lanoxin is a heart stimulant that does not affect sleep. The drug slows the pulse and increases the strength of the heart-muscle contractions. Therefore, I doubt that your medicine and the insomnia are related.

Nonetheless, heart disease can interfere with sleep. In the presence of heart failure, excess fluid accumulates in the lungs, leading to breathlessness that may be more noticeable at night when a patient is supine. If

you are awakening as a result of difficulty breathing, bring this to your doctor's attention because you may need more Lanoxin or the addition of a diuretic, such as Lasix, to force your kidneys to excrete the extra fluid.

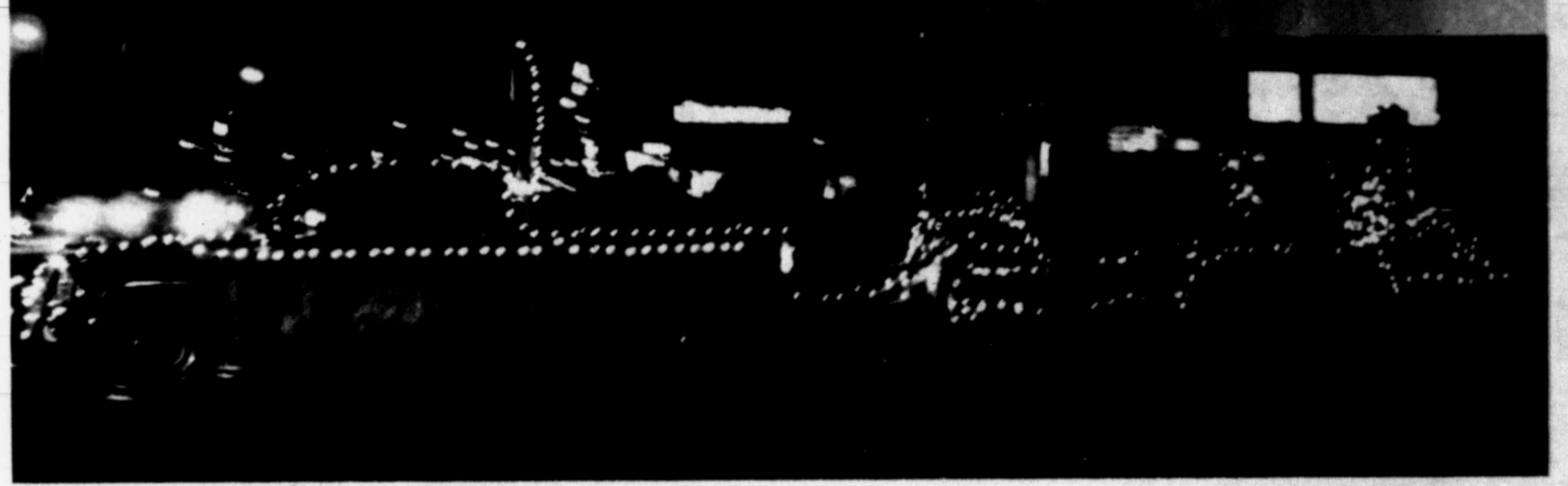
If your breathing is not a problem, the doctor may choose to give you a short course of treatment with sleeping pills, such as Restoril. Once your sleep pattern has returned to normal the drug can be discontinued.

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

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**UNIQUE FLOAT** — This float from the folks at Lighted Christmas Parade this past weekend. Ira was judged "most unique" during the The float featured live music. (SDN Staff Photo)



**PARADE WINNER** — West Texas State Bank won the "Best Use of Lights" title during Saturday's first Lighted Christmas Parade. The event featured some 18 floats. (SDN Staff Photo)

## McRaney wants money returned

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — "Major Dad" star Gerald McRaney told a judge he wants his former maid to return \$11,000 taken from his household account.

McRaney, who is married to actress Delta Burke, said at a hearing Tuesday that Paulette Ava Broughton didn't have permission to write herself the checks.

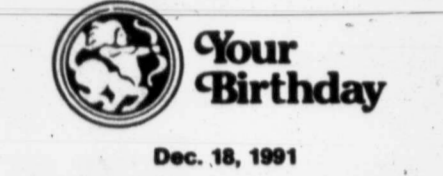
## New York Film Critics Circles picks 'Silence of the Lambs' as best picture

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Silence of the Lambs" was named best picture by the New York Film Critics Circle and won top awards for director Jonathan Demme, actor Anthony Hopkins and actress Jodie Foster.

Board of Review named the thriller the movie of the year and honored Demme as best director. Hopkins played Hannibal Lec- On Monday, the National

## Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Dec. 18, 1991

You might become involved with a clever partner in an ambitious undertaking in the year ahead. It could work out advantageously, provided both of you are aiming at the same target.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You might be more optimistic than realistic today about an objective you hope to achieve. Don't be negative but, by the same token, don't permit wishful thinking to cloud your judgment. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Generosity is a virtue, but you could overdo it today by impulsively favoring the wrong people. It might not be until later that you'll realize your zeal was misguided.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your worse enemy today could be a beloved, well-intentioned friend who might try to get you into something where the true value is grossly exaggerated.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Be extremely careful regarding whom you go to for advice today, especially in legal matters. Be certain the individual you're consulting is an expert.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not sacrifice the quality of your efforts today in order to be expeditious. Instead of saving steps, you could create additional work.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If you want to take a gamble on something today, it's best not to encourage friends to go along with you. Miscalculations are likely and repentment could result if things go wrong.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In order to maintain peace in your household today, you might be tempted to make promises you have no intentions of fulfilling. Unfortunately, what you say will be taken seriously by others.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're a good salesman today, but you must avoid selling or promoting something that you don't know works because you've never tried it yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Lack of concern for the present and future state of your resources could entice you to act impulsively and extravagantly today. Poor judgment will eventually have to be rectified.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Occasionally, we can pull off a bluff and our bravado will get us through a ticklish situation. However, you better have the aces in your hand today before you raise the ante.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You might be a little too indifferent and easy-going for your own good today. However, those you'll be dealing with will not be of the same frame of mind.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Try to restrict your spending today to basic essentials. Discipline will be required to subdue your extravagant whims. Whether you'll succeed or not is too close to call.

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# Survey: Houston growth likely in 1992



**GRAND CHAMPION** — Jill Voss showed the Grand Champion lamb during Snyder High School's FFA stock show this past weekend at the coliseum ag annex. (SDN Staff Photo)

HOUSTON (AP) — Economic growth in the Houston area next year should continue to outpace the sagging national economy, but it already has slowed somewhat since last year, according to a business survey.

"The good news is that we're still weathering the storm," Jim Kollaer, president of the Greater Houston Partnership, said Tuesday. "Houston continues to outperform the national economy, but the growth is slower than we've seen in recent years since our turnaround."

A survey by the partnership, which includes business representatives from in and around Houston, showed number of jobs in the metropolitan area now stands at nearly 1.64 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. Job growth, however, has slowed from 4.1 percent at this time in 1990.

"On balance, Houston looks poised for another year of slow growth, in a sense marking time until a national recovery really takes hold — '92 looks good, '93 looks brighter," Kollaer said.

A projected 30,000 boost in jobs for 1992 would amount to growth of about 1.8 percent for Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Waller and Liberty counties, which make up the Houston metropolitan area.

Kollaer said Chicago and Houston are the only major cities in the nation now adding jobs. New York City, he said, is looking at job losses this year approaching 300,000.

Houston, however, is facing three "new realities," Kollaer said.

The first is that the domestic energy industry's decline may not be reversed for several years and that Houston's historic role as supplier of equipment and people for drilling in the oil patch is changing. Instead, the area is now being

tapped for its technology expertise.

Second, the area probably never again will experience anything like the boom of the 1970s or the bust of the mid 1980s because the local economy has become so much more diversified. That diversification has made the area more sensitive to swings in the national economy, he said.

And finally, Kollaer said Houston was emerging as a center in applied technology like software, engineering and architecture, biotechnology and innovative environmental applications.

In specific economic segments: construction should be up 2 percent in 1992, after a 2.8 percent decline this year, with school construction described as the driving force; oil and gas exploration and production should be flat, but that's an improvement from a 2.2 percent drop; manufacturing, up 1.5 percent; retail trade, up 1.4 percent, an increase from 1 percent in 1991; finance and real es-

tate, up 2 percent; services, the fastest growth area, up 2.6 percent and accounting for more than 40 percent of all growth.

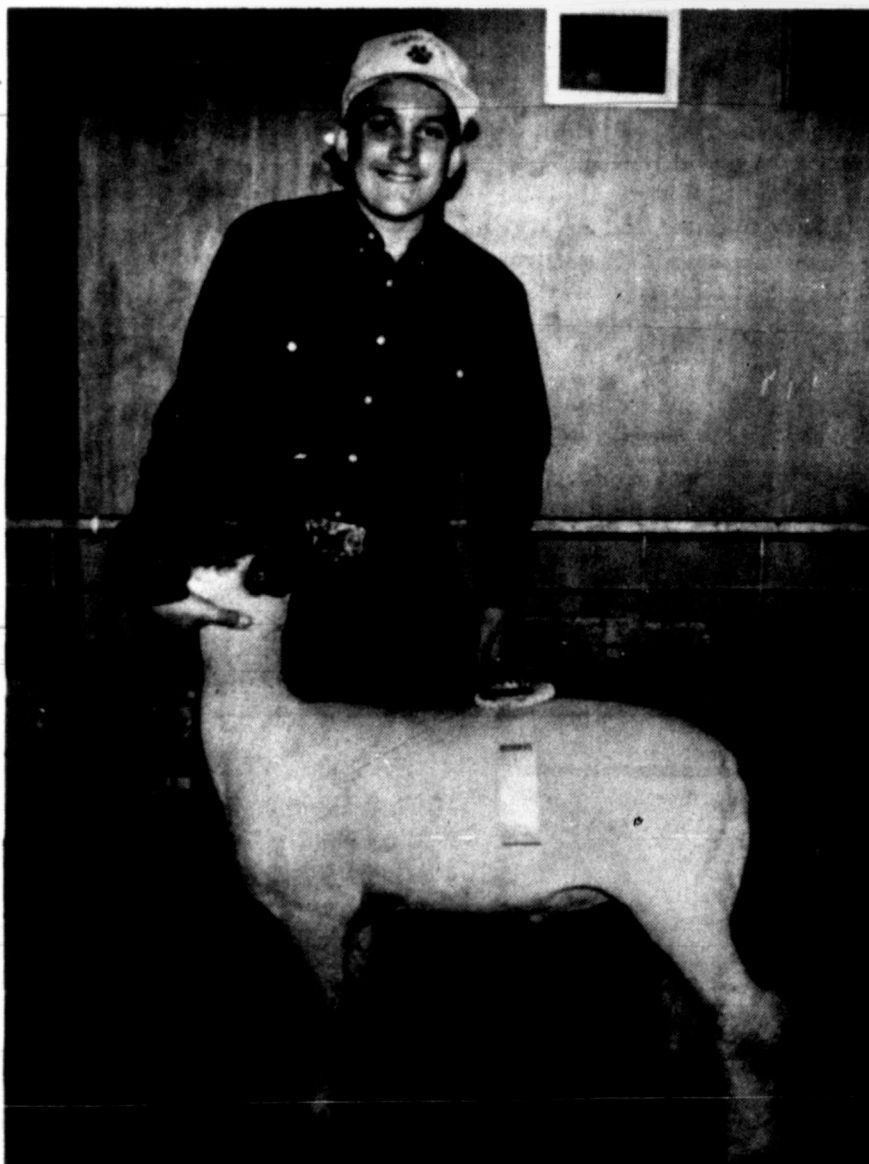
Kollaer said transportation segments of the Houston economy should increase 1.1 percent, but that part of the forecast depends on such uncertainties as Continental

Airlines emerging from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection the Houston-based carrier filed a year ago.

Population for the five-county area is predicted to grow by 53,700, up 1.6 percent, to total 3.47 million. That would include net migration of 10,400.



**SANTA VISITS** — Ten-month old Chasidy Gibson takes a good, long look at Santa before taking her gift. Jolly St. Nick visited the children at the Snyder Day Care Center Friday afternoon. After each child received a toy from him, refreshments were served (SDN Staff Photo)



**RESERVE CHAMPION** — Jason York's lamb was named Reserve Grand Champion at last week's Snyder FFA stock show. (SDN Staff Photo)

Instead, the area is now being

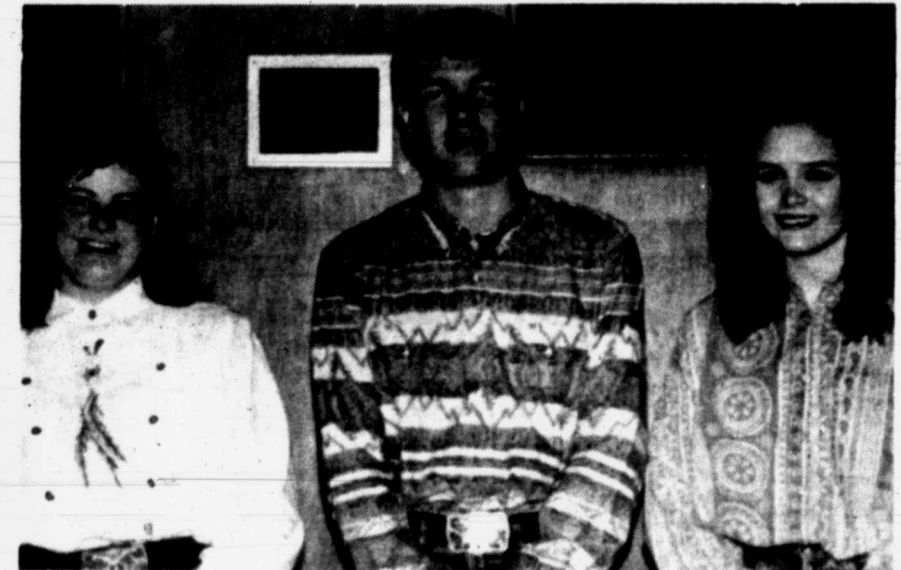
## Bounced checks are made good

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Singer Wayne Newton's gaming company has made good on bounced checks issued to bingo winners.

The checks bounced following a dispute between the Seneca-Cayuga tribe and the Wayne Newton Gaming Inc., which runs the tribe's bingo hall in northeastern Oklahoma. Checks issued to five Dec. 8 winners were not honored at a Miami bank.

The Grove bingo hall shut down last week because of differences over how it should be operated.

After a hearing Tuesday in federal court, Newton's lawyer, Mark Moreno, signed checks for prize money ranging from \$16,500 to \$667.




**SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS** — These Snyder FFA students were awarded showmanship honors during last week's show at the coliseum ag annex. Pictured are Debbie Jones, lambs; Craig Leatherwood, steers; and Shawna Stipe, hogs. (SDN Staff Photo)

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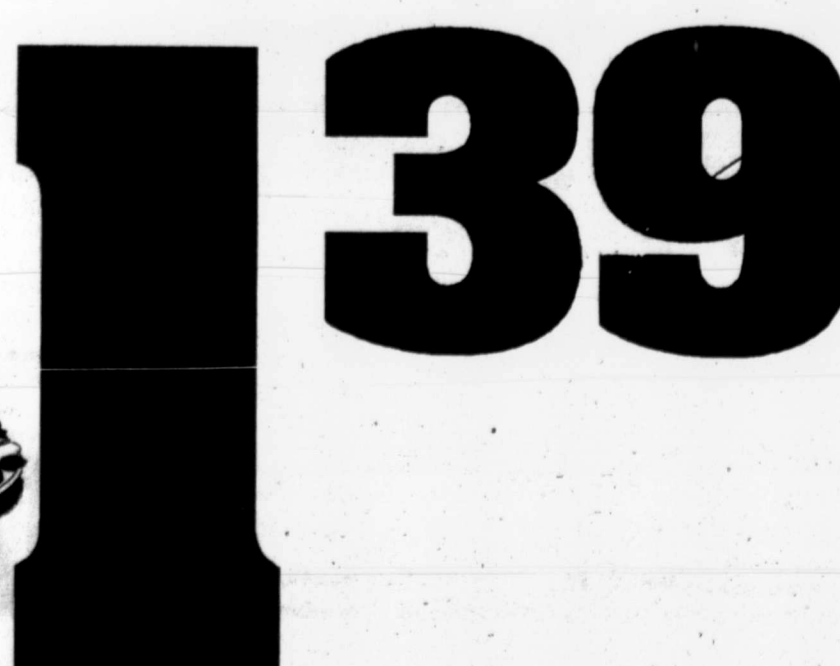
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