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Q—Is there someone or some agency you can contact to receive advice if you are having financial problems?

A—The state treasury's office recommends contacting the Consumer Credit Counseling Service at 1-800-388-2227. This is a non-profit organization that specializes in personal debt management.

In Brief

AZT drug test

LONDON (AP) — Acyclovir, a drug prescribed for herpes, has shown good results against AIDS when used in combination with AZT, a newspaper reported.

The Sunday Times said a planned three-year drug study was halted prematurely to give patients in the control group access to the treatment.

The Times quoted Dr. Paul Griffith, a professor of virology at London's Royal Free Hospital, as saying the death rate for test patients treated with Acyclovir and the drug AZT was 10 percent, while the death rate for patients treated with AZT alone was 20 percent.

"The trial was stopped because of some success rate and some improvement in survival," Dr. Brian Gazzard of London's Westminster Hospital was quoted as saying. "The results have not been published yet, but I would not say that it is a dramatic effect."

More violence

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A car bomb exploded on a crowded street in a poor Muslim neighborhood today, killing at least 30 people and wounding about 120 in the worst such attack in Lebanon in more than six years, police said.

The wounded included former Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, who was passing through the area in his bulletproof car. Police said Wazzan was hospitalized and later discharged.

The bomb of 220 pounds of TNT destroyed buildings and caused fires near an intersection filled with fruit-and-vegetable vendors and shoppers. A six-foot-deep crater was left on Mamoun Street in the mostly Muslim district of Basta.

Local

Lions Club

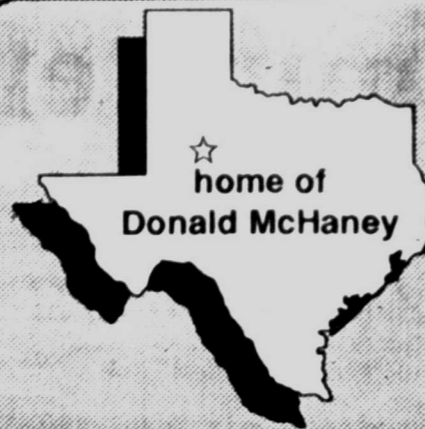
Tuesday's noon Lions Club meeting at the First United Methodist Church has been canceled.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 52 degrees, low, 35 degrees, high Sunday, 62 degrees, low, 37 degrees, reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 41 degrees, no precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 28.27 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair evening then cloudy after midnight. Not as cool with a low in the mid 40s. South wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. South to southeast wind 10-15 mph. New Year's Day outlook, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s and high in the mid 50s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:50 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:43 a.m. 363 days in 1991, the sun has shone 343 days in Snyder.



MONDAY

Snyder Daily News



GONE FISHIN' — Three-year-old Andrew Duplee and dad, Richard, took advantage of last weekend's sunshine and wrapped up the holiday fishing at the Towle Park pond. (SDN Staff Photo)

Yeltsin states...

No threat to commonwealth

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin said today there is no threat to the commonwealth that replaced the Soviet Union, as its leaders began a meeting on divisive military and economic issues.

The presidents of the 11 members of the Commonwealth of Independent States gathered in an ornate room in the House of Foreign Economic Relations for a closed meeting expected to last several hours.

As he entered, Yeltsin was asked if the commonwealth was in danger, and he replied, "No."

"Let us work," he said, striding into the red-carpeted hall.

A representative of the Belarusian government said no documents were expected to be signed during the session by the leaders of the 11 nations that emerged from the dissolved Soviet Union.

But earlier today, Yeltsin predicted the leaders would sign a military agreement. "I hope we'll find a version acceptable to all," the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying as he left Moscow for the capital of Belarus, formerly Byelorussia.

Minsk, where the commonwealth was forged early this month, is also the group's administrative center.

The key item for discussion was creating a joint military policy for command of the armed forces of the former Soviet Union. Yeltsin said before the meeting that the next three years will be a transitional period for the armed forces.

Sales tax election...

Early balloting begins

Early balloting for the ½-cent sales tax election began today at City Hall.

Voting will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays through Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The election is scheduled Jan. 18.

Local voters — those living outside the city are not eligible to mark ballots — will be deciding on whether they wish to allow the implementation of a ½-cent sales tax. From the tax, ¼-cent will be tagged for economic development and ¼-cent will be designated for ad valorem tax relief.

City voters rejected a similar sales tax in August of 1990. At that time, however, the entire ½-cent

Asked about Russia and Ukraine's differences over ownership of the Black Sea fleet of the former Soviet navy, Yeltsin said, "We will discuss this as well."

"Historically, the Black Sea fleet was Russian," he said, adding Ukraine probably also has the

right to make a claim. He said the issue must be resolved in the interests of both states.

Russia already has claimed the most advanced Soviet aircraft carrier, the Admiral Kuznetsov, over objections from Ukraine.

tax was marked for economic development.

Snyder City Council voted in October to place the tax on the ballot again, noting it would generate an estimated \$400,000, the majority of which — \$300,000 — would be used for economic development.

The Development Corporation of Snyder, a five-member board appointed by the council, will be responsible for administering the funds generated by the tax for economic development. According to the bylaws, the purpose of the corporation is to "promote, assist and enhance economic development" and monies from the tax are to be expended for "business

retention and expansion, formation of new business and business attraction."

The council has approved the bylaws of the corporation although its members have not been named, pending the outcome of the vote. The corporation will be responsible for both annual and monthly reports to the council on things such as expenditures and current projects.

Anyone needing to vote early because of a death in the family can do so Jan. 15-17, after the normal early voting period ends. In addition those with a disability originating on or before Jan. 9 may also vote Jan. 15-17.

Court discusses spending funds within the county

Keeping money in the county topped the discussion at this morning's meeting of Scurry County Commissioners Court.

Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray, Jr. expressed concern of local people that too many county funds are being spent outside of the county.

"There have been instances that we have chosen to spend money outside of the county when specifications could have been changed and we could have kept the money here," said Gray, who cited the recent purchase of a bulldozer from Yellowhouse Machinery in Lubbock, and choosing the Texas Association of Counties for county insurance.

"We could have saved money by going with Snyder Insurance, and left some money in the local economy," said the commissioner.

County Judge Bob Doolittle told commissioners that he felt the court had plenty of time to deliberate the decision, stating, "It is our duty as elected officials of the county to look out for the whole, rather than the few."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jerry Morgan added that there was confusion on the subject, suggesting the court release a statement to the public concerning its decision to

go with TAC. Commissioners agreed they should consider spending money in the county at every opportunity, but stressed that funds will be spent where they are most beneficial.

"I'll stand behind our decision. We've done the right thing," said Morgan. "I'm 100 percent in favor of keeping money in Scurry County until it becomes valid to take it elsewhere."

Commissioners transferred \$1,290 from capital outlay to cover supplies for the county clerk's office, and \$435 from

(see COUNTY, page 8)

Goodwin files for constable

Bobby J. Goodwin, former Scurry County judge, today announced his intentions to seek the position of constable, subject to the March 10 Democratic primary.

Goodwin will seek to replace Constable Bill Love, who said that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

"I feel that my experience both as a law enforcement officer and as a judge qualifies me for this position," Goodwin said.

Constable is a part-time position. Primary duties are those of serving civil court papers. Love has served as constable for the past 18 years.

Goodwin, a resident of Scurry County for the past 25 years, came to Snyder as a city policeman. He became chief of police in 1970.

A native of Coleman County, Goodwin was elected Scurry County justice of the peace in 1974. He later served as deputy sheriff, and in 1986 was elected as county judge, serving one term.

Goodwin and his wife, Sue, have three grown children.

With Thursday the deadline for filing, the Precinct 1 commissioners race remains the only contested race in the county.

Frank Garcia, Weldon Beck and Tommy Marricle have all filed to run for Precinct 1 in the Democratic primary. Republican Jerry Morgan has also filed.

Four incumbents have filed for re-election, including Sheriff Keith Collier, Tax Assessor/Collector Rona Sikes and Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray, Jr., all Democrat; and Republican 132nd District Court Judge Gene Dulaney.

Other offices up for election include district attorney, held by Ernie Armstrong and county attorney, held by Pete Greene.

Year in review...

Job changes, TDCJ make an impact

More resignations, good and bad news relating to Snyder's association with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the not-so unexpected news that tax values had fallen dominated the third quarter of 1991 in Scurry County.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Duane Davis' resignation was accepted and he was replaced in the middle of July by police sergeant Jerry Morgan.

Among other position changes, Dave Foster resigned as golf coach/athletic director/pro shop manager at Western Texas College, and Janice Mitchell stepped down as county librarian. Dr. Tom Aycock, general surgeon, closed his practice and moved to Paris, Texas.

Foster was replaced by high

school teacher and coach Milton Ham, a former Snyder mayor, and in September, commissioners named Noreen Taylor as county librarian.

There were key changes within the Ira school system, as principal Rick Howard took over for retiring superintendent Ted Bedwell. Jane Matlock, curriculum director at Spur ISD, was hired as high school principal in August.

Also, Rick Fritz was named chamber manager, Ted Crenwelge was appointed to replace Roland Longoria on the hospital board, and SISD trustee Terry Martin was appointed to the County Education District board.

Cogdell Hospital received some disappointing news in August when it learned that its pharmacy contract for the Clements Unit in

Amarillo would be lost. Better news came in September, when the prison healthcare pact with the Price Daniel Unit was renewed.

Western Texas College's association with TDCJ was strengthened when trustees approved a two-year contract to allow the expansion of college courses to the French Robertson Unit near Abilene.

Tax values fell for five of six entities in the county. Values for WIC fell to \$962,662,942, compared to \$1 billion the previous year — a decrease of almost \$50 million. Values for the county went from \$968,722,617 to \$918,945,718. Snyder ISD values were down \$66,591,200, from \$823,464,597 to \$756,853,397, and values for the city were down a total of \$2,003,399. Hermligh

ISD values were also down \$978,317 while values at Ira ISD were up \$560,376.

In August, county commissioners approved a redistricting plan to increase minority population of Precinct 1 some 7 percent to 52.8 percent.

Other events during July, August and September included the following:

—Cogdell board members gave the go-ahead for the hospital to begin a cardiac care unit.

—The city council endorsed an enterprise zone.

—Snyder ISD adopted a tax rate of 43.3 cents and a budget of almost \$14 million. Teachers were angered when the board, upon accepting the budget, did not discuss pay raises.

—Snyder hosted the AJRA Na-

tional Finals Rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum for the 16th consecutive year. Teddy Lewis of Snyder was named the new AJRA president and Lorissa Edmondson of Roby was selected queen.

—County commissioners adopted a tax rate of 37.87 cents per \$100 valuation, just below the rollback rate of 37.78 cents.

—WIC approved a 1991-92 tax rate of 20.45 cents and a budget of \$6,778,644 which included a three percent cost-of-living raise for employees. There was no response to a recommendation by a former board member to eliminate basketball and golf from the athletic program.

Cogdell administrators announced that Dr. Ted Scott of Lubbock would serve as general surgeon. (see REVIEW, page 8)

Breakup of Soviet Union has domino effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — You think you've got problems? You could be Rand-McNally, having to redo your maps to get rid of the letters "U.S.S.R."

The question, "what's in a name?" is no small matter for mapmakers, editors and diplomats. Especially when the name is the Soviet Union. "We've got subscribers all over the world and we've had this name for 20 years," says Soviet Trade newsletter owner Leo Welt. "The

name will have to be changed, but to what? This is a whole new ballgame." How about changing it to "The East European Report." "The Greater Russian Commonwealth" perhaps? Or maybe just "The Commonwealth."

At the State Department, the Office of Soviet Union Affairs has been renamed. It's now the Office of Independent Commonwealth States Affairs. But staffers late last week still answered the phone, "The office of Soviet Union affairs bilateral section."

American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations, said Friday. Beris' State Department contacts had been "saying they can't refer to it as the Commonwealth of Independent States; that's too long. "Then you get into the whole question of political stability and does the commonwealth hold" together, said Beris. "It exists on paper, but can you really go

ahead" and make changes that may be overtaken by events? Beris' committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations is still in a quandary. Its name must change, but "you can't just say 'Russian' for simplicity's sake; we don't want to exclude the other republics," says Beris. The group's board of directors will wrestle with the problem at its January meeting.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 30, 1991

You may have many more irons in the fire in the year ahead than you have ever had in the past. You'll be able to keep them all hot at the same time, too. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If there is an article of foreign origin you've been hoping to obtain, today is the day to check all your sources that have access to import/export situations. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should you be threatened by any type of challenge, don't endow it with strengths it doesn't possess. In actuality, you're the one who'll have the edge. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Tact and consideration are your greatest assets today; they can be used very effectively in your involvements. Instinctively, you'll know how to please others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A favorable change that could affect your career might begin to stir at this time. It will have definite advantages, although they may take a while to become apparent. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A closer relationship could be established today with an individual you already know, but with whom you have more in common than you realize. This association will become significant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are presently under favorable aspects where your earning potential is concerned. Start looking in earnest for ways to increase your income.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Underplay your presence in social situations today instead of trying to call attention to yourself. Like the biblical wedding guest, "the last shall be first."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Measures can be taken today to contribute to your material well-being. There are several opportunities hovering about you at this time, but it'll be up to you to recognize their worth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're very charismatic today and likely to be assertive in a rather attractive way. Your demeanor could inspire others to try to emulate your behavior.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People who like you are willing to do things for you at this time that could be meaningful in material ways. Be both receptive and grateful regarding the suggestions they offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your probabilities for fulfilling your hopes and expectations, both materially and socially, look very good today, provided you use your gifts as a friendly, pragmatic visionary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Two valuable assets are working for you in your financial and career involvements today. One is your ability to make logical assessments, the other is your accurate sixth sense. Use both.

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Garza County

Fina Oil and Chemical Co. has completed the No. 211 Southeast Garza unit in the Garza field, two miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of 36 gravity oil and 153 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,116-148 feet, and location is in Section 1,238, Block 5, D&SE survey.

Brothers Production Co. will drill the No. 2-31 PLK in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,340 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 1, T&NO survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. has completed the No. 1 King, a wildcat located 10 miles northwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 41 barrels of 37 gravity oil and 40 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 370-1 with perforations from 8,765-789 feet. Location is in Section 1,301, BS&F survey.

Yates Energy Corp. has completed the No. 1-943 Kirkpatrick, a wildcat located eight miles southeast of Post. The well was completed to produce 140 barrels

of 39.9 gravity oil. Gas-oil ratio was 178-1 with perforations from 8,110-112 feet. Location is in Section 943, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Korman Exploration has completed the No. 1 John F. Morgan in the Newman field, 4.5 miles southeast of Longworth. The well was finaled to produce 55 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 25 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 150-1 with perforations from 3,529-535 feet. Location is in Section 6, Block 20, T&P survey.

Howard County

Bedford Oil and Gas will drill the No. 3-D Wash-Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 1,400 feet, location is in Section 117, Block 9, W&NW survey.

Bedford Oil and Gas will drill the No. 4-D Wash-Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles east of Forsan. Planned depth is 1,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 117, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Judge withdraws from abortion cases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — District Judge Tom Rickhoff of San Antonio says his decision to withdraw from several cases was an effort to be fair to the litigants involved.

Rickhoff has come under criticism for stepping out of the cases, including one involving abortion and others surrounding a San Antonio apartment complex.

Rickhoff says he has changed his mind on the question of the Rigsby Apartments in San Antonio, saying he'd seen so much crime from that one complex that he felt at the time that he couldn't make a fair ruling.

"On the Rigsby thing, I was just upset that day," he said. Rickhoff, however, said he stands by his withdrawal from child-welfare matters that involve abortion.

"I have, on a lifetime basis, been against abortion," he said. "I was just trying to be fair to the litigants."

Rickhoff said he has hopes of leaving the juvenile court and would like to sit on the 4th Court

of Appeals, in a seat now held by Ron Carr, who has been on the court one term.

If elected to the appeals court, Rickhoff said he would continue to refuse to hear matters involving abortion.

"I won't hear an abortion case," Rickhoff said. "Abortion is the only issue I have a closed mind on, that I'm aware of."

Some legal scholars agree that a jurist should remove himself from a case if he cannot be fair because of personal opinions. Others disagree.

"A judge ought to recuse himself if he's expressed any personal views on a matter involving the litigant," said retired District Judge Robert Barton, who teaches at St. Mary's University College of Law.

"One thing a judge must avoid is even the appearance of (impropriety)."

District Judge Pat Priest, who will shortly take over as the chief judge in Bexar County, said Rickhoff should be able to stifle his

Merv Griffin to return to TV

NEW YORK (AP) — The chairman of Merv Griffin Enterprises has come a long way from the days he sang with Freddy Martin's band and had an improbable, 1951 hit record, "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts."

Now he has a lovely bunch of money, a Beverly Hills mansion, a casino-hotel, makes the top-rated game shows "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy," and is about to give "Wheel" host Pat Sajak another shot at a TV talk-variety series.

But on New Year's Eve, Merv Griffin, 66, will be in Atlantic City, N.J., far from the madding crowd of Hollywood.

He'll be at the seacoast city performing on TV for the first time

since 1986, when his "The Merv Griffin Show" folded after a 23-year run both in syndication and as one of CBS many late-night efforts — a later one was "The Pat Sajak Show" — to best NBC's "Tonight" and Johnny Carson.

The Dec. 31 occasion is — what else? — "Merv Griffin's New Year's Eve Special." It will be somewhat different than ABC's "New Year's Eve Rockin' 92" and similar whoopees on CBS and NBC.

This is not just because it's the only one with the Temptations, various other guests, and a 19-piece band that includes jazz trumpeter Jack Sheldon, the free-spirit chief of band on Griffin's old show for 18 years.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How does high blood sugar shut down all organs in the human body and ultimately lead to death? What causes high blood sugar if you aren't a diabetic?

DEAR READER: In a normal person, sugar and insulin are in a con-

stant metabolic balance. When sugar enters the bloodstream from the stomach, the pancreas provides the right amount of insulin to allow the sugar to be used by the cells of the body.

Without insulin, the body's cells are prevented from metabolizing the sugar and must turn to other sources of energy, such as fat. This is where diabetics get into trouble. They don't have enough insulin — or what they have is ineffective. As a result, the blood sugar rises; this produces several dangerous consequences.

First, brain cells are deprived of sugar, their main source of energy, because the sugar circulates in the blood and cannot enter tissue without insulin. Thus, diabetics may slip into coma.

Second, as you probably remember from high school science, fluid with a high sugar content is hypertonic, meaning it attracts water like a sponge. Therefore, in uncontrolled diabetes, large amounts of water pass from the body's cells into the bloodstream and out in the urine. This causes extreme dehydration that can lead to serious tissue damage.

Finally, in the absence of sufficient insulin, the body burns fat for energy. This reaction produces acid, often a great deal of acid, that is toxic to the body's cells.

In summary, it's not the high blood sugar per se that is so dangerous. Rather, the direct consequences of the excess sugar are what lead to coma, dehydration, acidosis and death.

The treatment of this medical emergency includes intravenous insulin and fluids.

High blood sugar can temporarily appear in normal people who have eaten high-sugar foods, but the elevated blood sugar doesn't last because natural insulin returns it to normal. Hence, persisting or recurring high blood sugar is the hallmark of diabetes and should be treated.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like copies 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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personal opinions and apply the law.

"He ought not occupy the office if he can't set an opinion aside

Tarrant Co. bail bond system cost county money, paper

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Tarrant County district attorney has created a new plan to collect forfeited bail bonds after the county collected only 55 percent of the \$1.1 million in forfeited bonds from Jan. 1, 1990 to Sept. 30, 1991, a newspaper reported.

If the full value of the forfeited bonds had been recovered, the county would have collected \$509,385 more than it did, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A schedule for repaying bonds devised by Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry in November ranges from 25 percent payment required from bondsmen after the defendant has been missing six months and up to 75 percent required after the defendant has been missing 18 months.

Previously, when people charged with crimes did not appear in court, bondsmen often negotiated with judges to pay as little as 10 percent of the face value of the bond.

on an entire category of cases," said Priest, who said he is philosophically opposed to the death penalty, but still presides over capital murder cases in which the death

penalty can be assessed. Carr said the judicial oath calls for judges to set aside personal opinions and follow the law. "I'm sure that every taxpayer in Tarrant County would wish that if they couldn't pay their credit cards, that the credit-card company would allow them to pay 25 percent of their monthly bills and settle 100 percent of the debt," District Judge Sharen Wilson told the paper.

Natural insecticides that kill aphids are discovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Natural insecticides that kill aphids have been found in fungus-infected tall fescue grass, according to Agriculture Department scientists.

The compounds, called "N-acetyl loline" derivatives or lolines, offer potential as environmentally friendly insecticides against aphids and other pests in gardens and house plants, said chemists Richard J. Petroski and Richard G. Powell of USDA's Agricultural

Research Service.

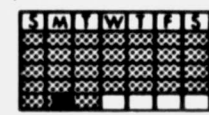
Working at the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., the scientists extracted the compounds from tall fescue infected with a fungus. The ARS collaborators at the Northern Grain Insects Research Laboratory in Brookings, S.D., sprayed solutions of the compounds on barley plants infested with greenbug aphids.

Powell said these greenhouse tests showed five of the compounds were nearly as effective at killing the aphids as nicotine sulfate, a home and garden insecticide popular before modern synthetic insecticides became available.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 30, 1991

Today is the 364th day of 1991 and the 9th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was established.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), poet-novelist-children's writer; Al Smith (1873-1954), U.S. politician; Tojo Hideki (1884-1948), Japanese leader-military officer; Bert Parks (1914-), TV personality, is 77; Bo Diddley (1928-), musician, is 63; Jack Lord (1922-), actor, is 69; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball star, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, in 13-degree temperatures and 40 mph winds, Jerry Kramer kicked three field goals to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 16-7 victory over the New York Giants in the NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What should they know of England, who only England know?" — Rudyard Kipling

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, Anchorage, Alaska, reported its greatest-ever snow depth of 47 inches. This lasted through Jan. 1, 1956.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 27) and new moon (Jan. 4).



TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET Lucky you. Tomorrow evening is when a nightclub will sell you sparkling cider for only \$47.50 — a half-bottle. © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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Will be closed

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thru

Monday, January 6, 1992

Happy New Year

from

The Rodriguez Family

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.
Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
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 Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 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.

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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.

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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.

Family fears traditional 'ringing in' of new year

ALAMO, Texas (AP) — Bernie Villescas' family won't participate in a Hispanic New Year's Eve celebration this year.

Just after the stroke of midnight last year, as firecrackers and firearms were popping all around the mobile home where the Villescas family slept, a .270-caliber slug from a deer rifle ripped through the trailer's ceiling.

The bullet hit Melissa Ann Villescas, 9, above the right eye and lodged between her eyes.

"I tore her shirt off and dunked her in the bathtub because I couldn't see anything, she was just covered in blood," Debra Villescas, the girl's mother, told the McAllen Monitor. "She (Melissa) kept saying, 'It hurts right here, I think I bumped my head.'"

Melissa was hospitalized again in March to have a metal plate placed in her forehead where the bullet had entered.

The reading nerve in her right eye is dead and the reading nerve in her left eye is partially damaged.

When she reads for more than half-an-hour at a time, she begins to complain of headaches.

To avoid a similar incident on Tuesday night, when neighbors bring out firecrackers and firearms to ring in 1992, the Villescas family will spend the night in a hotel. "We thought we were safe in our home, but apparently not," said Mrs. Villescas.

Police officers throughout the Rio Grande Valley said their departments are swamped with complaints between midnight and 1 a.m. each year of people who are shooting guns into the air.

"If we have 100 calls, 80 percent are going to be fireworks or

people shooting up in the air," Pharr Police Captain Miguel Carreon said.

"Most of these people don't think that what goes up must come down and it will come down just as deadly," Carreon said.

San Juan investigator Alma Ramirez said ignorance is the key behind the custom.

"Many people think the bullet is going to cool off and come down harmlessly but it won't. It's a live bullet until it hits something, or someone," Ramirez said.

In some states, it has been deemed against the law to sell ammunition one week before the holiday.

Lt. Jerry Rivera of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's department said there is little law enforcement officers can do to prevent the custom.

Forty-three people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California in 1987 after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

More farm lenders face cleanup costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Increasing numbers of agricultural lenders are having to pay cleanup costs on environmentally contaminated collateral or property, according to a survey conducted by the American Bankers Association.

Questionnaires completed by 250 bankers attending the ABA's agricultural bankers conference in Kansas City last month revealed that 17 percent had paid environmentally related costs, compared with 15 percent a year ago.

"Clearly, this is a major issue facing our industry and it is gaining in importance each year," said Jay T. Godwin, chairman of the ABA's Agricultural Bankers

Division. "A couple of years ago, the response to this question would have been zero. But now, all of the bankers know what it means and 17 percent know what it means for their bottom line," said Godwin, who is also chairman, president and chief executive officer of the First State Bank of Canadian in Canadian, Texas.

The ABA said interest in the issue increased in the wake of a

1990 federal court case involving the Fleet Factors Corp.

A federal appeals court ruled that lenders that foreclose on properties that are contaminated by hazardous waste, or administer a trust or estate that includes contaminated properties, can be held liable for cleanup costs simply for having the "capacity to influence" management decisions.

The bankers association said the survey of agricultural lenders confirms that an increasing number

of banks have had to pay cleanup costs as a result of the Fleet decision.

"This is not just a lender problem, this is a major problem for borrowers, businesses, farmers and even homeowners," said Godwin.

The association's members include 6,000 agricultural banks nationwide. The association is the national trade and professional association for the country's commercial banks.

Lending institutions make it hard to start ostrich ranch

GRAHAM, Texas (AP) — Ostrich ranchers say there's big money to be made in the big bird business, but Wayne Roden is having a hard time getting his ostrich ranch off the ground.

Roden, 23, traveled recently from Irving to sit on the front row at an ostrich promotion meeting at Graham.

He said when his father died, he and his mother were left to care for a 200-acre farm at Kemp, in Kaufman County east of Dallas. Running cattle on the farm isn't making the Rodens as much money as

ostriches would, he said.

"That's why I'm trying to find something else I like," he told the Wichita Falls Record-News. "We've only got 200 acres and you can't make a lot of money with just cows."

Like many ostrich enthusiasts, Roden first heard of ostrich ranching at the Fort Worth stock show last year. He got more information at the State Fair of Texas. And he's driven all over this part of the Lone Star State looking and thinking and wondering if he could pull it off.

Even ostrich ranchers advise against jumping on the bandwagon before doing some serious research. The biggest challenge is finding the start-up money, Roden said.

With breeding pairs selling for \$35,000 or so, and even chicks bringing \$3,000 apiece — and with much of the agriculture establishment turning a blind eye to ostriches — Roden said he's hitting walls everywhere he turns.

The Texas Department of Agriculture had a measured response to questions about ostrich ranching.

"If people want to grow them, we'll certainly help them with marketing," agency spokeswoman Katie Dickey said.

"But we don't think it's going to rival cotton, cattle and wheat anytime soon, thus, we're spending a proportional amount of time with them."

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Genetics may help fish avoid getting caught, report says

MOUNTAIN HOME, Texas (AP) — Researchers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say genetics may have a lot to do with how successful a fish is in avoiding getting caught.

When researchers isolated "dumb" largemouth bass who tend to get caught repeatedly and separated them into a pond and allowed them to breed, their offspring were even more naive.

And when they took largemouth bass who had evaded the fisherman's hook and allowed them to breed, their offspring proved even more difficult to catch.

Gary Garrett at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Heart of the Hills research station, in Mountain Home, said he began his experiments because he wondered why some fish are easy to catch while other fish, taken from the same population and handled exactly the same way, were able to evade anglers.

Garrett, who is stationed about 120 miles west of Austin, said about three years ago he and station director Dick Luebke began the inexpensive experiment.

"It's a genetic manipulation experiment, but it's so cheap," Garrett told the Houston Chronicle. "No need for powerful equipment. Its very implementation is so simple. It's almost elegant in its

simplicity."

Researchers got 110 bass from Joe Pool Lake, a manmade lake about 25 miles southwest of downtown Dallas that opened in August, 1989.

At the time the fish were taken, the lake was still under construction and closed to fishing.

Securing the right fish was important to the experiment, Garrett said, because previous studies have shown that fish learn to recognize a hook's appearance, a boat's sound and a lure's color.

The fish were shipped to the research station and dumped into a pond. In August 1988, the fishing began. Garrett and volunteer assistants angled off and on for a month.

Each time a fish was caught, its tail was perforated with a hole puncher and it was thrown back. The fish felt no pain from the marking process, and it didn't affect their mobility or survival in the water, Garrett said.

If a marked fish was nabbed again, it was marked again and tossed back. At the end of the four weeks, each fish was inspected.

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♠ J 6			
♣ J 5			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
		6 ♦	All pass
Opening lead: ♦ 10			

The sixth sense serves

By Phillip Alder

Many experts enjoy a sixth sense at the table. Often they will make a play because it "feels" right, not based on cold analysis. That applies to today's deal, which would be solved by most experts, even though, when they made the key defensive play, they wouldn't have seen the exact reason behind it.

To test yourself, cover the West and South cards; you are East. Against six diamonds, your partner leads the club 10. Declarer ducks in the dummy and you win with the king. What do you lead at trick two?

North's two-club opening was strong, artificial and forcing. South's two-diamond response was "waiting": either a bad hand or some values without a good suit to bid. After diamonds were agreed on, North bid what he hoped his partner could make.

The deal is based on one reported by Vlad Racoviceanu of Romania. At the table, East returned his second club. Declarer won in the dummy and ruffed both of dummy's club losers in his hand. It couldn't help East to ruff low or high. Trumps were drawn, dummy's heart loser went on the spade king, and the slam made.

The winning defense is for East to switch to the diamond two at trick two. If South wins in the dummy and ruffs the two club losers with his Q-J of diamonds, East scores a trump trick. If South wins trick two in hand, East can ruff the third club with the diamond nine, forcing South to over-ruff. Then he can ruff the fourth club with the diamond 10, the setting trick.

It is the old story of leading a trump when declarer wishes to take ruffs in the short-trump hand.

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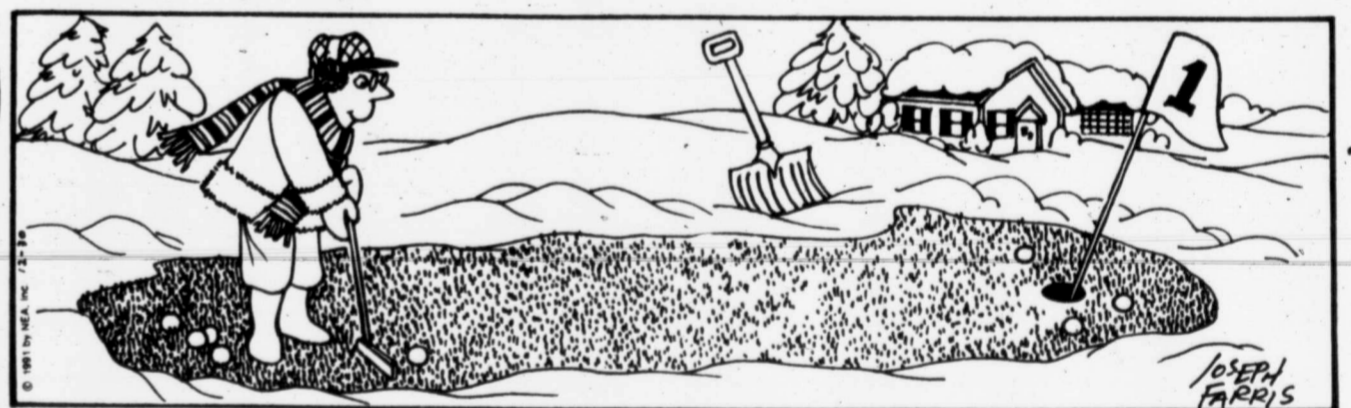
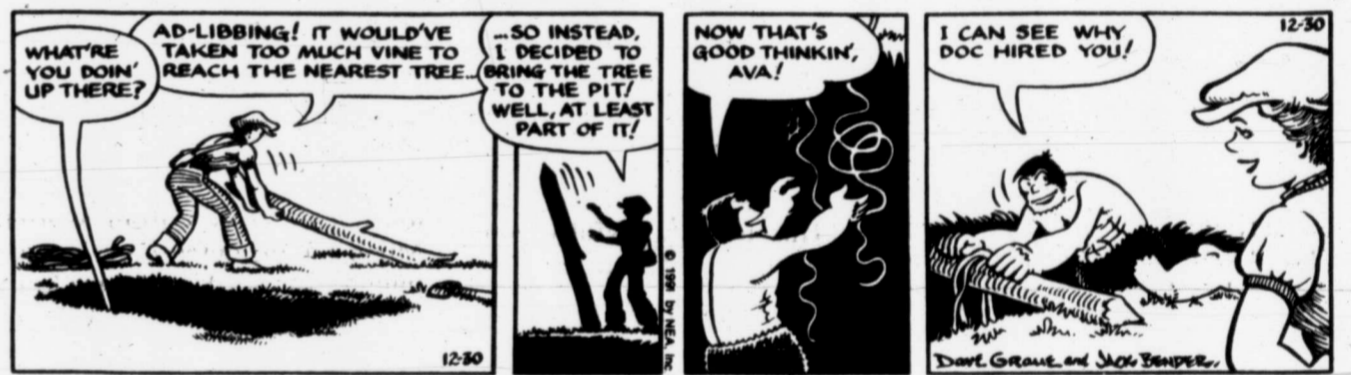
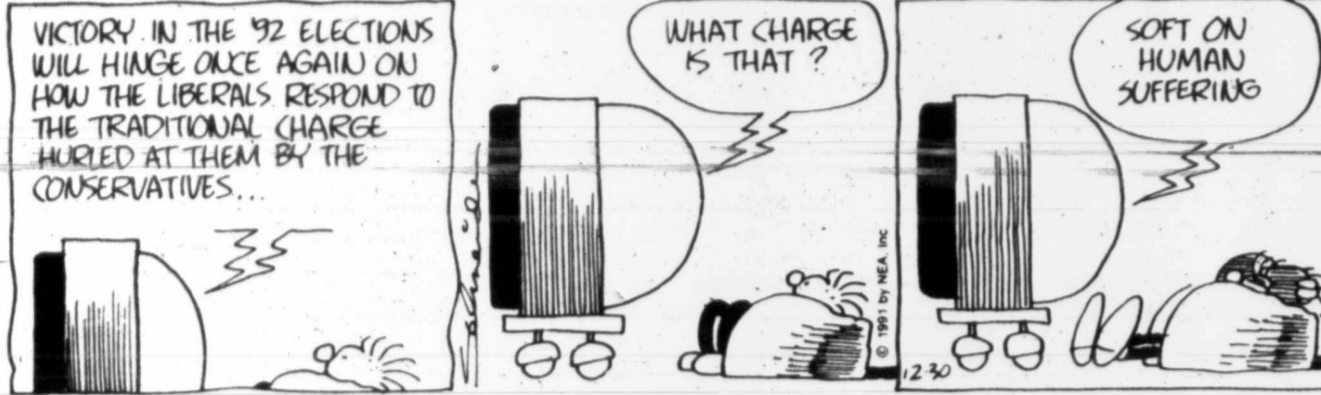
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 - 19 Tide type
 - 20 Loving
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 - 25 Humorist George —
 - 26 Pot-au —
 - 29 Biblical character
 - 31 Swamp tree
 - 33 Popeye's food
 - 35 Drunkard (sl.)
 - 36 Sixth sense (abbr.)
 - 37 — Quentin

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- 40 Of palm of hand
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Lady Tigers entertain Permian at coliseum

Snyder's Lady Tigers, following a holiday layoff of eight days, will host the Odessa Permian Lady Panthers at Scurry County Coliseum today in a non-district cage tilt.

Snyder is currently 2-14 on the season with its latest outing being a 60-12 win over Strawn in the Eastland Quarterback Club basketball tournament Dec. 21.

In that game, SHS put three players in double figures, including Jennifer Kime with 14, Shalawn Smith with 13 and Deana Ball with 12, for the first time this season.

The 60 points was also a season-high for the Lady Tigers. Action begins today at 3:30 p.m. when the freshmen squads lock horns, followed at 5 p.m. by the JV tilt.

The varsity game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder will travel to Merkel for JV and varsity games Jan. 3, then will host San Angelo Central Jan. 7 before beginning District 2-4A play at defending state champion Levelland on Jan. 10.

Whip WF Rider, 72-47...

Tigers claim 3rd at tourney

ABILENE — The Snyder Tigers rebounded from a 56-50 semifinal loss to Sweetwater Saturday and captured third place at the McMurry Holiday Classic basketball tournament by trouncing Wichita Falls Rider, 72-47.

"We got off to a good start," said Snyder coach Bud Birks.

"We did a good job running our offense and we played good defense."

"Any time we hold a 5A team to under 50 points, we feel like we've had a pretty good defensive game."

Seniors Hayward Clay, Jeff

Wortham and Eric West each scored in double figures for the Tigers.

Clay's 24 was tops followed by 14 from Wortham and West's 10.

Birks felt like his team's best effort was in the losing cause to Sweetwater in the semifinal round of the tournament.

"We didn't really make a lot of mistakes," he reported. "We just couldn't get the ball to fall."

"Sweetwater is probably the best team we've played all year. We got behind by about 15 points in the first half. They shot five-for-five from three-point range and

that got us in a hole early.

"But we fought back and I think the second half of that game was the best we've played all season."

"We were very intense and just flat-out got after them."

Barron Wesley scored 11 to lead the Tigers against the Mustangs, trailed by 10 from Clay and West with nine, including the team's only trey.

Clay, who scored 71 points in four games at the tourney, and Wesley, who contributed 52, were each named to the all-tournament team at the conclusion of play Saturday.

Saturday's championship game saw Odessa Permian nip Sweetwater for the event crown, 68-67.

"This was good for us," Birks stated. "We had two days of really intense basketball after having a few days off. We're a little bit tired right now, but it did help us get our minds back on business."

Snyder, boasting a 12-6 record, will travel to Merkel Jan. 3 for an 8:30 p.m. battle with the Badgers, then will return to Scurry County Coliseum to take on Seminole Saturday, Jan. 4.

District 2-4A competition begins at Lubbock Estacado, Jan. 17.

First round
SNYDER (86) — Alvarez 10-0-3; Garza 0 1-2-1; Brazier 1 2-2-4; Tippens 6 2-2-14; Bollinger 1 0-1-2; West 6 2-3-16; Clay 7 3-7-17; Wortham 7 0-2-14; Wesley 6 3-7-15; TOTALS 35 13-26-86.

ABILENE WYLLIE (56) — McIntire 10-0-2; Martin 1 0-0-2; Anders 2 0-2-4; Chisum 1 0-0-2; Klotz 3 1-3-9; Mears 1 3-5-8; Pruitt 1 0-0-2; Swearingen 2 0-0-4; Puckett 5 5-6-19; Stricklin 0 2-4-2; Hansen 2 1-1-5; TOTALS 19 12-25-56.

3-point goals: Snyder 3 (Alvarez 1, West 2); Wyllie 6 (Klotz 2, Puckett 4). **Total fouls:** Snyder 19, Wyllie 21. **Fouled out:** Stricklin. **Technical:** Wesley.

Snyder 19 15 32 20 -86
Wyllie 13 13 8 22 -56

Quarterfinals
SNYDER (71) — Brazier 6 1-1-13; Tippens 3 1-1-7; Bollinger 0 0-1-0; West 3 0-0-8; Clay 4 2-2-10; Wortham 7 2-4-16; Wesley 8 1-3-17; TOTALS 31 7-12-71.

ODESSA (46) — McDaniel 3 0-0-6; Morris 4 1-2-9; Cox 4 1-2-9; Gentry 0 0-2-0; Roman 1 1-2-3; Christian 6 1-2-13; Redlow 3 0-0-6; TOTALS 21 4-10-46.

3-point goals: Snyder 2 (West 2); Odessa 0. **Total fouls:** Snyder 11, Odessa 12. **Fouled out:** none. **Technical:** none.

Snyder 22 13 19 17 -71
Odessa 13 15 18 10 -46

Semifinals
SNYDER (50) — Brazier 0 2-2-2; Tippens 2 0-0-4; West 3 2-3-9; Clay 10 0-0-20; Wortham 2 0-1-4; Wesley 5 1-4-11; TOTALS 22 5-10-50.

SWEETWATER (58) — Edwards 7 4-10-22; Hughey 1 0-3-3; Stewart 4 7-9-18; Charles Smith 3 0-2-6; Soules 1 0-0-2; Moore 2 1-1-5; TOTALS 18 12-22-56.

3-point goals: Snyder 1 (West 1); Sweetwater 8 (Edwards 4, Hughey 1, Stewart 3). **Total fouls:** Snyder 17, Sweetwater 13. **Fouled out:** Clay. **Technical:** Wortham, SHS coach Birks.

Snyder 11 12 10 17 -50
Sweetwater 21 12 13 10 -56

Third place
SNYDER (72) — Garza 0 2-2-2; Brazier 2 2-3-6; Tippens 1 0-0-2; Bollinger 1 3-5-5; West 5 0-1-10; Clay 12 0-0-24; Wortham 7 0-0-14; Wesley 4 1-2-9; TOTALS 32 8-13-72.

WICHITA FALLS RIDER (47) — Lucas 0 2-2-2; Allen 2 0-0-5; Bridges 1 1-4-3; Foster 7 4-6-18; Kelley 7 0-2-15; Cash 2 0-0-4; TOTALS 19 7-14-47.

3-point goals: Rider 2 (Allen 1, Kelley 1). **Total fouls:** Snyder 12, Rider 16. **Fouled out:** none. **Technical:** none. **Record:** Snyder 12-6.

Snyder 19 12 21 20 -72
Rider 9 9 16 13 -47

SHS basketball

McMurry Tournament Boys Friday, Dec. 27

Game 1 — Abilene High 92, Brownfield 72

Game 2 — Sweetwater 55, Breckenridge 46

Game 3 — Snyder 86, Abilene Wyllie 56

Game 4 — Odessa High 83, Keller 50

Game 5 — Rider 80, Burleson 58

Game 6 — Permian 62, Big Spring 52

Game 7 — Sweetwater 66, Abilene High JV 47

Game 8 — Snyder 71, Odessa High 46

Game 9 — Brownfield 63, Breckenridge 59

Game 10 — Wyllie 63, Keller 62

Game 11 — Sweetwater 56, Snyder 50

Game 12 — Odessa Permian 68, WF Rider, 64

Game 13 — Brownfield 62, Wyllie 44

Game 14 — Big Spring 62, Burleson 57

Game 15 — Burleson 65, Wyllie 62

Game 16 — Brownfield 68, Big Spring 65

Game 17 — Odessa High 94, Abilene High JV 74

Game 18 — Third place — Snyder 72, WF Rider 47

Game 19 — Championship — Odessa Permian 68, Sweetwater 67

All-tournament team: MVP — Cory Edwards, Sweetwater; Charles Smith, Sweetwater; Barron Wesley, Snyder; Hayward Clay, Snyder; Tony Daniels, Odessa Permian; Reuben Loui, Odessa Permian; Mike Puckett, Wyllie; Chad Harrison, Breckenridge; Rod White, Big Spring; Eric Jackson, Brownfield; Juan Kelley, Wichita Falls Rider.

Russia's controversial 51-50 victory over the United States in the 1972 Olympic basketball final broke a winning streak of 63 games for the Americans.

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Cowboys eliminate Chicago

Dallas uses turnovers and defense to notch playoff win

CHICAGO (AP) — So much for playoff experience.

The young Dallas Cowboys, making their first playoff appearance since 1985, scored their first playoff victory since 1982 Sunday by defeating the Chicago Bears 17-13.

The Cowboys advanced to the second round to play the NFC Central champion Detroit Lions next Sunday in the Silverdome.

The Cowboys parlayed a fumble and a blocked punt into 10 points in the first half, put on a 75-yard touchdown drive in the second half that ended with Steve Beuerlein completing a 3-yard pass to Jay Novacek and stymied the Bears with repeated goal-line stands for their sixth straight victory.

Playoff experience made little difference since 35 members of the Cowboys had never played in a postseason game. Most of the Bears were playoff hardened.

"They ask us, 'This bunch hasn't been to the playoffs before, and Chicago has playoff experience, doesn't that give them an advantage?'" Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said.

"But I didn't feel it gave them an advantage. Our guys have played some very big games on the road and games where some people felt we were overmatched. Going to REK and beating Washington, going to Philadel-

phia and beating Philadelphia. I think that prepared us to come here to Soldier Field and to play Chicago."

And how?

Tony Hill recovered a Jim Harbaugh fumble and Ken Willis kicked a 27-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. The next time the Bears had the ball, Darrick Brownlow blocked a Maury Buford punt and Ken Norton recovered. Four plays later, Emmitt Smith, who rushed for 105 yards on 26 carries, scored from the 1.

Then the defenses took over. Three times the Bears were inside the 10-yard line, and all they could come away with was three points on a 19-yard field goal by Kevin Butler with :15 left in the half to cut the lead to 10-3.

The Bears got back into it with a 43-yard field goal by Butler midway in the third quarter, but the Cowboys countered with a 75-yard drive and the Beuerlein touchdown pass to Novacek for a 17-6 lead.

"Learning to win is the secret," said Beuerlein, who completed 9 of 18 passes for 180 yards. He never was sacked or even rushed for that matter.

"This team is awfully young and you have to learn to win," said Beuerlein, who was acquired for a fourth-round draft choice from the Los Angeles Raiders. "Now we believe we can win anytime we step out on the field."

"We had no pass rush, none at all," said Bears coach Mike Ditka. "Even when we blitzed, we had none. If the quarterback is not harassed, then he should have a good day."

But Ditka lamented the lost opportunities.

"We had our chances," he said.

AP Top 25

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1991-92 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 29, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (63)	5-0	1,599	1
2. UCLA	7-0	1,509	2
3. Oklahoma St.	10-0	1,474	3
4. Kansas	8-0	1,400	4
5. Connecticut (1)	8-0	1,338	5
6. Arizona	6-1	1,157	6
7. Ohio St.	7-1	1,107	7
8. North Carolina	7-1	1,050	8
9. Michigan St.	10-0	1,042	9
10. Indiana	8-2	966	10
11. Michigan	7-1	899	11
12. Seton Hall	7-1	850	12
13. Missouri	9-0	789	16
14. Oklahoma	8-0	771	14
15. Georgia Tech	8-2	741	13
16. Arkansas	9-2	719	15
17. Kentucky	8-2	690	17
18. St. John's	6-2	549	18
19. Alabama	10-1	478	20
20. Wake Forest	6-1	346	22
21. N.C. Charlotte	7-1	208	25
22. Georgetown	7-1	199	24
23. Syracuse	7-0	157	—
24. Louisville	6-1	132	21
25. Southern Cal	8-1	111	—

Other receiving votes: Utah 95, Iowa 83, Houston 69, South Florida 58, Washington St. 24, Wis.-Green Bay 23, Brigham Young 21, Ala.-Birmingham 18, Cincinnati 12, Louisiana Tech 12, Georgia 11, Temple 10, Florida St. 9, Nebraska 8, Virginia 8, N. Carolina St. 7, UNLV 7, Massachusetts 6, Boston College 5, Arizona St. 4, LSU 4, New Mexico St. 4, Pittsburgh 3, Princeton 3, Clemson 2, Minnesota 2, South Carolina 2, Stanford 2, Texas Christian 2, Wyoming 2, E. Tennessee St. 1, Rutgers 1, Tulane 1.

"We couldn't score. There were some things we thought we could work, but they didn't work so well. Football is a game of execution, and sometimes when the execution isn't there, you don't fare so well."

Harbaugh completed 22 of 44 passes for 213 yards but was intercepted twice and was sacked three times.

"We didn't capitalize on our opportunities," the Bears quarterback said. "We kept coming back, but we couldn't put it in the end zone."

They finally scored a touchdown with 2:42 left on a 6-yard pass from Harbaugh to Tom Waddle. But an attempt to regain the ball on the kickoff as both teams lined up for an on-side kick fizzled as Chris Gardocki kicked it

out of bounds.

Still, the Bears held and regained possession one more time. But Harbaugh was intercepted by Bill Bates. The Bears were done and the surging Cowboys were on their way to Detroit.

"We find ways to win," said Bates. "Our whole defense has character."

The Bears couldn't find ways to score. But Ditka wouldn't question his team's character.

"They played hard and never quit," Ditka said. "Regardless of the game, even last week."

That was in reference to the 52-14 beating suffered at San Francisco in the regular-season finale. It was an omen of things to come, and the Cowboys applied the finishing touches.

Houston advances with win over Jets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers beat the New York Jets and made points with their fans.

Ernest Givins caught two touchdown passes from Warren Moon and the defense made three impressive stands, two inside its 10-yard line, leading the Oilers to a 17-10 first-round playoff victory Sunday.

"I wouldn't say it was our best football game, but we overcame a lot of things, the disappointment of playing this week and a lot of controversy," Moon said. "We really needed this for a lot of reasons."

Houston's victory pushed the Oilers (12-5) into the second round of the playoffs Saturday against the AFC Western Division champion Denver Broncos and eased the fans' memories of three losses in their final five games.

"There had been a give-up attitude around town," Moon said.

NBA glance

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Utah	16	12	.571	1½
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Seattle	15	13	.536	4
LA Clippers	16	14	.533	4
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Washington 129, Charlotte 124
Atlanta 125, Minnesota 122, OT
Chicago 127, Sacramento 118
Denver 97, Boston 90
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Many Texans remember personal miracles

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is the season when people think of miracles. But miracles happen every day to ordinary people. Amarillo Globe-News staff writer Sonny Bohanan went in search of some.

by Sonny Bohanan
Amarillo Globe-News
DIMMITT, Texas — A room filled with people swam into Jack Miller's consciousness. He blinked and gazed at the faces around him before his mind flashed back to the events of that afternoon.

He'd been playing hide-and-seek with a friend in downtown Dimmitt, waiting for his father to close the hardware store for the day. Jack noticed an ice box in the bed of his dad's two-wheeled trailer — the perfect hiding place.

The 6-year-old boy climbed up into the trailer, opened the ice box door and crawled inside. As he hunched down, the door swung closed behind him and the clamp lock closed with a sickening click.

"There was no way to get out, and no room to move," said Miller, a district judge in Plainview now 55 years removed from that day in 1936. "The only way to get air was through a pin-hole drip that went through the top."

After his initial panic passed, Jack listened quietly and thought he heard someone walking past

the trailer on the street. He screamed and hollered to attract the person's attention, but the footsteps continued and disappeared in the distance.

He knew his dad would close the store at 4 o'clock and find him trapped inside the ice box. He settled down to wait.

Jack soon passed out from the lack of air. More than half a century later, he remembers that day's dreams with great clarity.

"One dream was that my cousin turned himself into a mouse," Miller said. "He came into the ice box and turned me into a mouse and we both got out."

"Then I dreamed that Daddy opened the door. I was nothing but a bag of bones, and my bones just fell out."

At 4 o'clock, Jack's dad closed the store and drove home, leaving the trailer and the ice box in the alley behind the Miller home. By this time family members had become worried about Jack's disappearance. The fire alarm was sounded and the whole town turned out for the search. They even dragged the local lake for fear the boy had drowned.

No one could find him. Four and a half to five hours had passed since the ice box door closed on Jack. He had been un-

conscious for some time.

"We had a next-door neighbor, Dr. Elmer Moore," Miller said. "He was a dentist and a close friend of the family. He happened to be going down the alley and saw the ice box and just wondered if I might be in there."

"Sure enough I was."

It took 30 minutes to revive the boy. "They told me if I hadn't been so dependent upon my dad, if I had thrashed around and hollered, I wouldn't have lasted any time," Miller said. "I just figured it was useless and decided to wait for my daddy to get me out."

DUMAS — Things were tough all over in 1934. The Great Depression had ravaged the country for almost five years. Money and food were scarce.

Lois Cook remembers it well. She was a 37-year-old mother of four, living in Socorro, N.M. Her oldest son worked on a ranch, leaving Lois to care for her three other children with no income.

Lois had a friend, B.J. "Granddad" Jones, who helped out when he could. But it still wasn't enough.

"I had been married, but I was single at the time," said Lois, a 93-year-old resident of Dumas Nursing Center. "I was having a rough time of it and trying to sup-

port three children on a dollar every two or three days. It was hard on me, but I kept trying."

One night, Lois dreamed of a handsome stranger whose kindness saved her family. She liked the dream and held onto it in times of despair.

Shortly afterward she was visiting with Granddad, who made his living as a hide-buyer. Nearby, a man was working on Granddad's truck, and he was introduced to Lois.

His name was Brady Cook.

"I recognized him instantly," Lois said. "I knew the minute I seen him that he was the one I dreamed of."

"He was tall and very kind, and we became good friends. He said he would marry me and help us through all our struggles, and he did."

"I think it was a miracle that God sent him to me."

DALHART — The rabbit hopped unhurriedly into the path of Maggie Schakel's Jeep Wagoneer, then stopped and looked nonchalantly at the oncoming vehicle.

Maggie, driving from Dalhart to Dumas on Highway 87 with her daughters Sarah Jane, 3, and Sophie, 1, hit the brakes and came to a stop a few feet in front of the rabbit. It sat there and looked at her before hopping back the way it had come.

She put the Jeep in gear and pulled forward as the road began

an upward slope.

Just then, two cars came speeding over the top of the hill, side by side, taking up both lanes. Maggie froze. The car in front of her was attempting to pass a pickup, and the two vehicles screamed down the hill, heading toward her at breakneck speed.

"Everything slowed down — I could see it like it was in slow motion," said Maggie, 30. "The guy in the pickup was terrified, too. He thought I was going to buy the farm."

"The guy who was trying to pass the pickup looked drunk. He was slack-jawed and his eyes were almost closed, and he was weaving all over the road. He was literally inches away from my car when he swerved back into the right-hand lane."

"We would have hit head-on at the top of the hill. That rabbit saved our lives."

SUNNYSIDE — Almost 60 years after leaving her childhood home of Georgia, an unmistakable Southern accent still rings in Rebecca Bridges' voice as she recalls Easter's approach in 1960.

It was April 12 and she and 12 women from the Baptist church had gathered at Rebecca's home in Sunnyside, 14 miles south of Dimmitt, to practice songs for Easter Sunday.

One of the women went into the bedroom to hang up her coat when a funnel-shaped cloud outside the window caught her attention. She wheeled around to warn the women in the living room, who, by this time, could hear the tornado's rumble.

"All we could do was get on the floor in the living room," said Rebecca, now an 84-year-old resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. "It sounded like a freight train or something."

Everyone hunkered down for safety as the tornado roared through Sunnyside with varying degrees of devastation. Two houses were blown away completely, and three men at an Associated Brotherhood meeting at the church were killed. Rebecca's husband Howard, who was at the church meeting, was hospitalized

35 days with a cracked pelvis and broken ribs.

The Bridges' home, which Howard and Rebecca had built only two years before, was destroyed.

"But none of us were hurt," Rebecca said. "The house was

torn up and we had to rebuild it. I don't know how we made it.

"I think of that every April 12."

AMARILLO — She'd been ill for weeks, but Darla Sanders had never felt so sick, achy and uncomfortable as she did the morning of Dec. 3. Her lower back and her insides burned. About 7 a.m., she thought her bladder had burst. She wondered if she were dying.

Darla called work and told her boss she would not be in that day, then went to Dr. Harry Cazzola's office. She was in the examining room for two hours before Cazzola discovered the problem.

"He told me I was going to have a baby," Darla said. "I said, 'No, I'm not,' and he said, 'Yes, you are. You better put your clothes on and go straight to labor and delivery on the third floor (of Northwest Texas Hospital). Don't stop for a wheelchair. Don't stop for anything.'"

A baby! Darla was flabbergasted. Cazzola had asked her from the outset if there were any possibility that she could be pregnant.

"I said no," Darla said. "I had been told a long time ago that I wouldn't have any children. They said I had endometriosis, or scarring of my ovaries, that prevents you from getting pregnant."

Other health problems helped mask the pregnancy. Thyroid and hormonal conditions made Darla

involved in the community."

When Gene was diagnosed with liver cancer, a doctor said he could expect to live just six months to a year. That was 21 1/2 years ago.

"I've outdone what they thought I'd ever do," Gene said. "At the time I retired, Dr. (Howard) Johnson said, 'Go ahead and do what you can do.'"

So Gene has remained as active as possible. He still spends two or three hours each morning at the high school, where he's completing his 23rd year as faculty adviser of the Key Club, an international service organization. But he can't devote the time and energy to the club that he once did.

"When I came to Hereford in 1966, we had 37 members in Key Club," said Gene, a 59-year-old native of Chillicothe. "We had 137 members two years ago. I would get out in the hallway and push those guys in. Now I'm not there to push them, and we seem to be down this year. It's hard to keep things going."

"When you help to organize a program, then get sick and not show up, that hurts the program. I think I've been the biggest fault of them not being as strong. For the good of Key Club, it might be best to turn loose of it."

Gene sometimes feels despondent. His hospital stays have grown more frequent, and he knows the disease will one day claim his life.

But the illness has given him a joy for living that few experience.

"You could have an accident any given day without warning, so maybe I'm blessed with having time to prepare and do the things I want to do," Gene said. "There are a lot of people with the same kind of story. They know they've got cancer, and they know it's terminal, and they just go on."

"If there's been any miracle, it's God that has created it. My family and I have just turned it over to him. I thank God every day for the sunrise."

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2707 28th-3-2-2CP, \$72T.
6A-3-2 1/2 -2&CP, Roundtop.
3113 Ave T-Owner Fin.
80A-with 3-2 home.
2807 Ave W-3-2, \$49,500.
2207 43rd-3-1-1CP, \$48T.
3405 44rd-3-2-2, \$50's.
1911 30th-2-1, \$19T.
3606 Irving-3-1 1/2 -1, \$32,500.
1800 39th-3-1 down \$17,900.
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NEW LISTING-2807 Ave W, 3-2-det gar.
LOVELY-3-2-2, 2605 28th, \$71,500.
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ASSUMABLE-3310 Ave V, 3-2-2, \$40's.
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2509 31st-3-2-2, 72T.
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3000 Depison-3-2-2-CP, 69.5T.
3100 Hill-3-2-2-CP, low 50's.
2512 Towle Pk Rd-3-2-2-CP.
3802 Noble-2-1-1-CP, mid 20's.
2807 Ave W-3-2-2, 49.5T.
Ira-3-3-2, 59.5T.
37th St.-Lg & Sm House, extra lot, 95T.
2802 Ave U-3-3-1, upper 40's.
Dbk Wide-3-2, 160 Acres, 80T.
Country West-3-2-5A-76.5T.
Country-3-2-2, 50 Acres, 68T.
404 32nd-3-2-2, extra lot, 48T.
3405 Houston-3-2-1, upper 30's.
2212 43rd-3-1, upper 30's.
2314 41st-3-1-1, upper 30's.
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Texas rivers climb toward record levels

Houston area threatened by Brazos, Trinity Rivers

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Residents carried feed to their cattle in row boats, pulled up carpets and put furniture up on sawhorses as the muddy, rain-swollen Brazos River climbed toward its highest levels in two decades today.

The Houston area was threatened on both sides — by the Brazos River on the west and by the Trinity River on the east. Both rivers come within about 35 miles of Houston on their journeys to the Gulf of Mexico.

Flooding caused by days of heavy rain that began the week before Christmas has killed at least 15 people across Texas, but none in the past week. The deluge has swamped farmland, drowned livestock and caused millions of dollars in damage.

"Everybody's seeing things they've never seen before. This is no river we're talking about. This is a floating lake," said Steve Williams, who on Sunday found 4 inches of water in his house in Simonton, 40 miles upstream from

Richmond.

The Brazos River was expected to crest in Richmond today at about 50 feet, or 2 feet above flood level, sending more murky water gushing into the town and pastures about 20 miles southwest of Houston.

At Liberty, 35 miles northeast of Houston, the Trinity River was at 29.03 feet, 5 feet above flood stage. Emergency coordinator Jim Mitchum said flood water was sitting in at least 50 homes.

Residents along the Trinity River were threatened by possible new releases of water from Lake Livingston Dam, about 50 miles north of Liberty. John Jadrosich of the Trinity River Authority headquarters in Arlington said officials expect to continue releasing about 81,400 cubic feet per second for the next seven days, before gradu-

ally cutting back.

A normal release is 15,000 cfs, he said. The anticipated release would keep the flood stage at Liberty at its present level, officials said.

"It's possible we may have to increase the level, but we don't anticipate doing that unless it rains. If that happens, then all bets are off," Jadrosich said.

Mitchum said:

"We had quite a few calls from people up and down the river asking when we can expect a crest, but we really can't say. We do expect it to rise six inches or more before there's a crest, but we can't predict when right now."

Workers at a county shelter in Liberty fed 40 people Sunday night, and 35 stayed overnight at the shelter, Mitchum said. He said he expects more people to use the shelter.

"We've had many calls this morning from people that are coming on out now. The water's getting a little bit higher today, and when they made the decision to ride it out they didn't see flood water near their homes. Now they do," Mitchum said today.

The Fort Bend County emergency coordinator, Mel Speed, said today that his office was so busy gathering data on areas flooded by the Brazos that he did not have time to talk about it.

Jack McCann, Brazoria County emergency coordinator, said his office did not have specific readings yet for flooding from Oyster Creek and the Brazos River.

"It's piling up in East Columbia. We are flooded there and we're expecting water (from the Brazos) to come down and crest here Thursday night," McCann said.

McCann said officials have called for a voluntary evacuation of some low-lying areas, but he did not have figures on how many people had left their homes. However, he said the county does not expect the need for a shelter for people displaced by flooding.

In Liberty County, Mitchum said city and county officials and State Rep. Mike Stiles were to tour flooded areas today as the first step in seeking federal assistance.

Mitchum said county officials have emphasized the importance of obtaining private flood insurance to residents, but he did not know how many of the flooded homes were covered.

Some residents along the Brazos carried feed in row boats and motorboats to cattle stranded on hills.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)			
	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	69	68 1/8	69 +1
AlliedSignal	42 1/4	41 1/8	41 3/4 +1/2
ALLTEL Cp	38 1/8	37 1/8	38 +1/4
AmStar	32 3/4	32 1/4	32 3/8 +1/4
Amer T&T	39 3/8	39	39 1/8 +1/8
AndarkPtr	63	62 5/8	62 5/8 -3/8
Amoco	48 5/8	48 3/8	48 1/2
AndarkPtr	23 1/2	23	23 1/8 +1/8
Arka	12 1/4	11 7/8	12 1/8 +3/4
Armolinc	5 3/8	5 1/8	5 3/8 +1/4
AtRichHd	103 1/8	102 3/8	102 5/8 -5/8
BakerHugh	19 1/8	18 3/4	18 7/8
BancTexas	3/8	3/8	3/8
BellAtl	47	46 5/8	46 5/8 -1/2
BellSouth	50 3/4	50 3/8	50 5/8 +1/4
Beth Steel	137 1/8	136 1/8	137 +1/8
Borden	32 5/8	32 1/4	32 1/2 +1/2
Caterpilr	42 5/8	41 3/4	41 7/8 -5/8
Centel	33	32 3/4	33 +1/8
CenSo West	53 7/8	53 5/8	53 3/4 -1/8
Chrysler	68 3/8	68 1/8	68 1/4
Chrysler	11 3/8	10 5/8	11 1/4 +1/4
Coastal	24 7/8	24 3/8	24 3/4 +3/8
CocaCola	80 1/2	79 3/4	79 3/4 -1/2
CocaCola	48 1/8	47 7/8	48 1/8
CongTelP	19 3/4	19 3/4	19 3/4 +3/8
CyprusMed	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 3/8
DallSecur	8 3/8	8 1/8	8 1/4 +1/4
DeltaAirl	64	63 3/4	63 7/8 +1/4
DigitalEq	54 3/8	53 1/2	53 1/2 -3/8
Dillard	122 3/8	121 1/2	122 1/4 -3/8
DowChem	52 1/2	51 5/8	52 -1/4
DresserInd	197 7/8	191 1/2	191 1/2 -1/8
duPont	46	45 1/2	46
EstKodak	46 3/4	46 3/8	46 3/4 +1/8
EljerdInd	63 1/4	61 1/2	61 1/2 -1/8
Emery	13 1/4	13	13 1/4 +1/4
Enton	58 5/8	58 1/4	58 3/8 -1/8
FltCityBcp	5 7/8	5 1/2	5 1/2 -1/4
FlowerInd	16 1/4	16	16 1/8 +1/8
FordMotor	27 5/8	27 1/8	27 3/8 -3/8
GTE Cp	34 1/2	34 1/8	34 3/8 -1/8
GenDynam	53 1/8	52 1/2	53 1/8 +1/4
GenElec	74 3/4	74	74 1/2 +1/2
GenMill	73 1/8	72 5/8	72 7/8 -3/8
GenMotors	28 3/8	27 3/4	28 3/8 +5/8
GenMotE	65	64 5/8	64 7/8 +1/4
GenPacif	55 3/4	55 1/8	55 1/8 -5/8
GlobMar	23 7/8	23 1/4	24 -1/8
Goodrich	41	40 7/8	41
Goodyear	50 3/4	50	50 5/8 +3/8
GrailPac	28 3/8	27 1/4	27 3/4 -5/8
Hallibur	10 1/8	10	10 -1/8
Haltwort	28 3/4	28 1/8	28 3/4 +5/8
Hanson	19 3/8	19 1/4	19 1/4 +1/4
HomeInd	44	43 3/4	43 7/8 +1/4
IBM	90 3/8	89 1/8	90 1/8 +3/4
IntlPaper	70	69 3/8	69 3/8 +3/8
JohnsHo	113 3/4	113 1/4	113 3/8 -3/8
K mart	46 5/8	45 7/8	46 1/8 -
Kroger	20	19 7/8	20 +1/8
vjLTV Cp	15-16	13-16	13-16-1-16
Liton Ind	88 1/4	87 3/8	87 3/8 -3/8
vJOneStar	35 3/8	31 1/2	31 1/2
Lowe	31 1/2	31	31 1/8 +1/2
Lubys	14	13 1/2	13 5/8 +3/8
Makus	7	6 3/4	6 3/4 -1/8
MayDSt	50 3/8	49 3/4	50 1/4 -1/8
Medtra	86 3/4	85 1/2	86 3/4 +1/8
Mobil	67 5/8	67	67 -1/4
Monsan	65 5/8	65 1/8	65 1/2 +3/4
Motorola	63 3/4	63 5/8	63 5/8 +1/8
NCNB Cp	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 3/8 -1/2
Navistar	23 1/4	23 3/8	23 5/8 -1/8
Nynex	78 7/8	78 3/4	78 3/4 -1/8
OxyEngy	26 3/4	25 3/4	25 3/4 +3/4
PacTelcus	42 7/8	42 1/4	42 3/8 -1/4
PanEP	15 1/4	15	15 1/4
Penney	50 1/2	49 3/4	49 7/8 -1/8
PeppBoys	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2 +1/4
Phelps Dod	67 1/2	67 1/4	67 1/4 -7/8
PhilipPet	23 1/8	22 7/8	23
Polaroid	24 1/4	23 3/4	23 7/8 -1/8
Porter	39 3/8	38 7/8	39 1/8 -1/4
Primerica	90 3/4	90	90 3/4 +3/8
ProcGamb	93 3/4	91 1/2	91 1/2 -1/4
PubS NwMx	13 1/4	12 7/8	13 1/4 +3/8
SFEPC	57	56 1/2	56 5/8 -1/8
SaraL	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 3/4 +1/8
SearsRoeb	27 3/4	27 1/8	27 1/8 -1/2
Shrinw S	80 3/4	79 3/4	80 1/4
SmithBch eq n	75	74 1/4	74 5/8 +3/8
Southern Co	34 1/8	33 7/8	33 7/8 -1/8
SwBell	34 3/4	34 3/8	34 1/2 -1/8
SterlingChm	63 3/8	62 7/8	62 7/8 -1/2
SunCo	4 1/4	4	4 1/4 +1/4
TNP Ent	28 1/8	27 3/8	27 7/8 -5/8
Tand	19	18 7/8	18 7/8 -1/8
Tampfil	28 3/8	28 1/4	28 1/4 +1/4
Tennaco	49 3/4	49 1/8	49 5/8 +3/4
Teneco	30 7/8	30 1/4	30 3/4 +1/2
TexasInd	59 1/2	58 7/8	59 3/8 +1/4
TexasInst	20 1/8	20 1/8	20 1/8 -1/8
Tex-Utl	31	30 1/2	30 3/4 -1/4
Textron	41 7/8	41 1/4	41 1/2 -3/8
Tyler	39 3/8	38 1/2	39 3/8 +7/8
Uster	27 7/8	27 3/4	27 7/8 +1/8
USX-MR n	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 3/4 +1/4
USX-SS n	23	22 1/2	22 3/4 +1/4
USX-UB n	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 3/8 -1/8
USX-UB n	20 5/8	20 3/8	20 5/8 +1/4
USX-UB n	50	49 1/2	49 7/8 +1/8
USX-UB n	52 3/4	52 1/4	52 1/4
UnifTech	23 3/8	23 1/8	23 1/8 -1/4
Unocal	22 1/4	22	22 +1/8
WalMart	57 7/8	56 1/4	57 3/8 +7/8
WestingE	17	16 3/4	16 7/8 -1/8
Wolweth	25 3/4	25 1/2	25 3/4 +1/4
Xerox Cp	68 1/4	68	68 1/8 +1/8
ZenithE	73 7/8	73	73 1/4 +

Police make arrest; work two burglaries

Snyder police worked two burglaries and made an unrelated felony arrest over the weekend.

At 1:36 p.m. Sunday, David Cunningham notified officers of a burglary at Key Brothers Lawn & Leisure. Taken from the business was an undetermined amount of currency and a tape player. Officers filed a report for burglary of a building and are continuing an investigation.

At 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Gerald Claxton notified police that someone had entered two company trucks at Line & Line, Inc., and taken radar detectors. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Police arrested 26-year-old Daniel Salazar for felony driving while intoxicated at 4:49 a.m. Sunday in the 3500 block of College Ave. The subject was transported to the county jail.

Officers made one other arrest over the weekend. At 9:57 a.m. Sunday they were called to a residence in the 700 block of North Ave. U where a woman complained that she had been assaulted. Officers took her 40-year-old husband into custody for Class C assault.

Police also worked cases of

theft and criminal mischief Saturday and Sunday. At 9:12 a.m. Saturday, Joe Valdez notified police that someone had stolen a wig from Dupree Motors. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A second Class B theft was filed at 5:39 p.m. Saturday when Mary Helen Luera came to the department to complain that a female subject had taken her dog and had not returned it.

Criminal mischief reports were taken at 10:06 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking into a dryer at the Eastridge Apartments laundry room and at 9:48 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone damaging a 1983 Buick owned by John Velasquez of 2804 Ave. F.

Police worked a minor accident at 9:08 a.m. Sunday in the 4400 block of Austin Ave. in which a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Wendy Wadkins of Rt. 3 struck a county owned chain link fence. No wrecker or ambulance was needed.

Officers also filed a report for family violence at 4:34 p.m. Sunday after a domestic disturbance was reported in the 3200 block of Ave. K.

Obituaries

John C. Portis

1915-1991

Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for John C. Portis, a life-long resident of Scurry County.

Mr. Portis, 76, died at 11:28 p.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Officiating at the service will be Dr. Tim Griffin, minister of the First Christian Church where Mr. Portis was a member. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Jan. 1, 1915 in Snyder, Mr. Portis worked for the U.S. Post Office and retired in 1972. He married Ethel Fern on Oct. 19, 1934 in Snyder.

Mr. Portis' grandparents, William T. and Cerena May Baze, came to Scurry County in 1896. He worked on farms and ranches before joining the U.S. Army during World War II. He served with Company G of the 36th Division, 142nd Infantry. He served four years and was discharged in 1944.

Survivors include his wife of the home, a daughter, Carla Diane Craig of Lubbock; one son, Herbert Don Portis of Allen; six sisters, Sarah McCullough of Midland, LaRuth Jordan of Snyder, Elgene Beane of Snyder, Beverly Ainsworth of Fluvanna, Frances Hughes of Alice and Marilyn Bradley of Sourlake; three brothers, Dale Johnston of St. George, Utah, and Tommy Johnston of Bryan.

Lela Williams

1896-1991

Services have been set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for former Dunn resident Lela Mae Williams, 95, who died at 6 p.m. Friday at Rosewood Hospital in Houston. Officiating will be Brent Phinney, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Willow Park, with burial to follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

A resident of Houston, Mrs. Williams was born on Sept. 30, 1896, in Dunn.

Her husband, Clyde Arthur Williams, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Vernell Moreland of Pleasanton, Calif.; three sons, Elvin Williams and Vernon Williams, both of Houston, and Allen Williams of Omaha, Neb.; and a brother, Ollie Richardson of Dunn.

Lloyd Jackson

1925-1991

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Military graveside rites are set for 2 p.m. Thursday for Lloyd R. Jackson, 66, who died Friday. Services are under the direction of Greenhill Mortuary in Rolling Hills, Calif.

Mr. Jackson was born on Feb. 23, 1925, in Hermleigh.

Survivors include his wife, Florene, of Manhattan Beach; a son, Gary Jackson, and a daughter, Sherry Jackson Dunlap, both of Manhattan Beach; a brother, O.B. Jackson of Hermleigh; a nephew, Joe Jackson of Snyder, and two cousins, Bob and Don Sealy of Snyder.

Higgins, Buckley services held

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — Two Americans who met squalid deaths at the hands of Lebanese captors arrived here today in flag-draped coffins and were honored by solemn and grateful leaders of the nation they served.

"Today the nation gathers into its arms two of its bravest sons ... patriot-warriors who died trying to bring peace to a faraway ravaged land," CIA director Robert Gates said of Marine Col. William Higgins and William Buckley of the CIA.

"Bill and Rich are at last home, now to be forever at rest in the soil of the land they love," Gates said.

Vice President Dan Quayle and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney were also on the list of dignitaries at a plane-side tribute for Higgins and Buckley, whose remains were flown here today from Dover Air Force Base, Del.

"It is impossible to ignore the fresh sorrow this homecoming brings," said Cheney. "But this is also a time when the healing can begin. An ugly chapter in terrorism is ending."

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geon for the hospital.

—The newly formed County Education District set a tax rate of 75.43 cents per \$100 valuation.

—It was learned that the City of Snyder faces possible fines from the Texas Water Commission. In an enforcement act received in late July, the water commission cited two violations at the city's sewage treatment facility.

—The city adopted a tax rate of 39.23 cents per \$100 and a \$5.6 million budget. The budget included a 20 percent hike in utility fees.

—Four people, including former Snyderite Neva Turner, were named in a two-count bank fraud charge filed in federal district court in Dallas.

—In September, a 32-year-old woman was killed by her 34-year-old former husband, who then shot himself during a domestic dispute on Ave. U.

—Tonya Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren, was named Snyder High School homecoming queen.

—Michell Payne was named homecoming queen, and Daniel Hermosillo was football hero at Hermleigh.

—United Way began its 1991-92 campaign with a goal of \$80,000.

—County addressing for 911 began.

—Snyder ISD trustees began working on a policy to implement random drug testing for bus drivers.

Bush departs on 12-day trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Japan is denying reports it will limit auto exports to decrease its trade imbalance with United States, as President Bush begins an Asia journey that he is billing as a way to reduce that deficit.

The president, setting off today for Australia and Asia, has portrayed his 12-day trip as a chance to boost the sluggish U.S. economy by pushing for more open markets in Japan and Korea.

But Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Koji Watanabe on Sunday denied last week's reports that his government was considering plans to limit exports of autos and auto parts.

"I categorically deny that is under consideration," Watanabe said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

However, he said Tokyo is studying ways to expand imports from the United States.

Beset by sinking popularity and economic woes at home, Bush has been underscoring the link between U.S. exports and creation of new jobs. The administration claims 20,000 jobs are created from each \$1 billion in new exports.

But Bush has steered clear of predicting he will be able to accomplish anything specific in the face of longstanding resistance by Korea and Japan.

The president was leaving this morning on Air Force One for

Australia, the first stop on his 12-day trip. He will arrive in time for New Year's Eve in Sydney.

After visiting the National Maritime Museum there and taking a cruise in the harbor, Bush will leave for the capital city of Canberra where he will hold his first presidential meeting with the new prime minister, Paul Keating.

He will meet with government ministers and address the Parliament, and stop in Melbourne before heading to his next stop, Singapore, on Friday.

While the four-nation trip has many diplomatic and symbolic stops, it is the trade component that the administration is emphasizing.

Bush's decision to bring along 21 chief executives of major U.S. corporations — including the heads of the Big Three automakers — has rattled Japanese officials, who would rather have the visit center on less tense topics, such as the broader U.S.-Japanese alliance.

Watanabe defended his country against complaints that the trade deficit with Japan has spurred the decline in the U.S. economy.

Last year, the trade imbalance was \$41 billion in Japan's favor.

Bush and his aides insist they are seeking a "level playing field" and fair trading practices, but Watanabe said, "It's not a matter of unfair trade."

Family leave-taking laws take effect in three states

by The Associated Press

While Congress and President Bush wrangle over family-leave legislation, three states are going ahead this week with their own laws letting workers take time off without pay to care for ailing relatives.

The family-leave measures in California, Oregon and Hawaii are among the hundreds of new state laws that take effect on New Year's Day.

Others include new restrictions on drivers, new and higher taxes on their vehicles and a new ethics law for scandal-plagued South Carolina.

In California, workers in companies with 50 or more employees will be allowed to take up to 16 weeks off without pay during a two-year period to care for a newborn or newly adopted or sick child or an ill spouse or parent.

Oregon, which already has a parental leave law, will let workers take up to 12 unpaid weeks every two years to care for ailing relatives.

Hawaii's family leave law will apply to state and county workers next year and private companies with at least 100 workers starting in 1994.

Congress is nearing final passage of a bill granting workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave. The president has threatened to veto it.

Drivers in some states could be

among the first to feel the effect of new laws.

In New Hampshire, anyone who drinks while driving to a New Year's Eve party had better finish before midnight, when a ban on open containers of alcohol in vehicles goes into effect. Fines range up to \$1,000.

Delaware drivers will have to buckle up at midnight, and motorcyclists and passengers will have to put on their helmets in California.

New Yorkers won't be able to bully other motorists out of the way with dazzling auxiliary headlights; they'll have to dim them just like regular headlights when approaching or following other cars.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Sylvester Milton, 1108 33rd; Melissa Gaona, 1702 Sam Houston St. in Sweetwater; Mariah Trammel, 2811 West Harris Street in San Angelo; Susie Wishert, Snyder Oaks.

DISMISSALS: Helen McEnaney, Michael O. Halloran, Ruth Roe, Twilla Durrett, Mariah Trammel, Melissa Gaona and baby boy.

Census (through Dec. 28): 43 (Med. 11, Long Term Care, 30, OB-1; Nursery, 1).

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onds to cover salary for a part-time employee used by the county treasurer's office early this year.

Approval of final bills for 1991 and the minutes of the Dec. 23 meeting were the only other items on the agenda.

Present were Doolittle and commissioners Gray, Morgan and Gannaway. Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom was absent.

Births

Vince and Melissa Gaona of Sweetwater are parents of a baby boy born at 8:48 a.m. on Dec. 28 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Houston mayor reflects on 5 terms in office

HOUSTON (AP) — Kathy Whitmire is proudest of helping to turn Houston's economy around during her 10 years as mayor and opening the door for other women to lead large cities in Texas. But she also made national news when she changed her hair

style after being compared to Hollywood's Tootsie. Mrs. Whitmire's tenure ends Thursday when wealthy developer Bob Lanier takes the oath of office. After four easy re-elections, Mrs. Whitmire, 45, finished third in a three-way race last November,

failing to make the runoff between Lanier and state Rep. Sylvester Turner.

During her tenure, Mrs. Whitmire presided over a city devastated by the oil bust of the mid-1980s, then took credit for Houston's subsequent economic turnaround. She also appointed the city's first black police chief and Houston's first female police chief.

Political analysts have praised her as a great administrative mayor who moved the city forward on issues such as efficient garbage collection and public transportation.

But during last fall's election, she came under fire for failing to react to increasing crime and for her insistence in promoting the moral project.

"Houston faced the most serious economic crisis that it's faced in a long time during the years that I've been mayor," Mrs. Whitmire said in a recent interview. "We found at that time that we really didn't have any kind of an ongoing marketing program, we didn't have a very diversified economic base. During my administration we were able to get that marketing program started."

Mrs. Whitmire was first elected in 1981, a 35-year-old widow. After two terms as city controller, she ran as a competent outsider seeking to oust the "good old boys."

"I feel that my commitment to careful money management and businesslike operation in city government is one of the unique things about me. The fact that I have a financial background and a business background and have applied it to city government is something that you don't always find in the political world, and so I do consider that unique," she said. While known as a business-

minded CPA with a technocratic touch, Mrs. Whitmire — Houston's first woman mayor and among the first to head a large Texas city — found herself at the center of much attention over her appearance and her reserved, personal style.

In 1982, the 5-foot-tall Houston native who favored serious business suits with bows at the neck was named to Mr. Blackwell's 10-worst-dressed list, tied with her supposed look-alike, the Dustin Hoffman character Tootsie from the hit movie of the same name who also sported big glasses and short curly hair.

Mrs. Whitmire says she didn't

elected (controller) in 1977, I felt like I was combining my work and my play," she has said.

"I never found this job boring, even for one minute," she said. "I was always excited about what could be done for Houston and excited about the progress we made."

"I think what I will miss the most is the opportunity to make a difference on so many issues at the same time."

Mrs. Whitmire says she has not decided what she will do after an at least month-long vacation, but has no plans to run again for mayor. She hasn't yet decided whether to accept an offer from

"The press is generally pretty hard on incumbent officeholders."

Perhaps her biggest disappointment is failing to achieve reform of the state's civil service system, a priority since her first term.

"The state civil service laws that control the operation of some 60 police departments and fire departments around the state are really archaic rules that should be changed, because ... they make it illegal to consider whether someone did a good job when it comes down to promotions and pay raises. That's a ridiculous system, and it needs to be changed," she said.

Mrs. Whitmire, a past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said she's also proud that during her tenure women have served in most high-profile public positions in Houston and as mayor of the state's largest seven cities, as well as being elected chief of many smaller town and as state governor.

She brushes off criticism that she stayed in office too long, taking whatever political stand necessary to ensure her own re-election.

"There were always new issues. The issues changed, and I felt that my administration had to change to keep up with them," Mrs. Whitmire said. "I think that's what you have to do. I think that's what the voters expect. They don't want to just elect somebody who is frozen in time and can only deal with the issues of 1982. They expect the mayor in 1991 to deal with the issues this year, and to be looking to the future."

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GS FESTIVITY — Kellie Dodson, member of Brownie Troop 42, gives Santa an affectionate hug after she gave him her Christmas wish. The Girl Scout Christmas party was held at the Scout Hut on Dec. 21. Cadette Troop 266 decorated a tree, donated by the Jaycees, and through the help of Gentle Dove they gave the tree to a local family. (SDN Staff Photo)

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mind the comparison, nor making news in The Wall Street Journal when she changed her hair style in 1985.

"I remember telling a reporter during the transition back in '81 that I had been elected by the voters to do a job for them at City Hall, not to provide public entertainment," she laughed.

"But I found out differently, and I suppose after about four years I concluded that public entertainment was part of my job."

Over the years, Mrs. Whitmire adapted to the loss of her privacy and evolved into a polished veteran politician known for her dedication to the job.

"From the time I was first

Harvard's Kennedy School of Government to teach this spring.

She says she may remain active in advancement of the arts in Houston and international trade issues.

"I think I certainly will be heard from in politics," she said. "I am very interested in public issues, and I'm very interested in Houston's future, so I do expect to still be around, and I'm sure that everyone will hear my views in the future, one way or the other."

What she won't miss is the press, and the possibility of regaining some of her privacy.

"Well, let me just say, perhaps a new relationship with the press will be better," she said, laughing.

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